

Mayflower Congregational Church



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May

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Pastor



Birthdays

- 5/1 Celia Snow (91)*
- 5/7 Linda Wheeler*
- 5/18 Roger Kennedy*
- 5/22 Tieson Graham*
- 5/26 Bob Felter*
- 5/28 Chrisann Lowe*

Anniversaries

- 5/4 Mike and Mary Rutledge*
- 5/15 Fred and Chrisann Lowe*
- 5/17 Ryan and Marcie Graham*
- 5/25 Chad and Liz Canfield*

Head Ushers

Naida Kenyon and Lois Ries

Outreach Focus

Food Bank



From the Pastor's Desk

April (Snow) Showers – May Flowers

I am writing this on April 15th – tax day, payday (for our church staff), and SNOW day. Yes! Between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, 25 days into Spring and after I have already been out golfing – snow. As I look out my church office window, it is presently snow covered ground and snowing. If I didn't know the truth, I would be depressed!

The truth is not always what we see and feel. It looks like winter, but it is truthfully spring. It feels like this winter will never end, but shortly we will feel the warmth and sunshine of summer. Many things in life look or feel like the truth, however, are in reality false or incorrect. Many times I have been asked, "How can this be so wrong if it feels so right?"

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

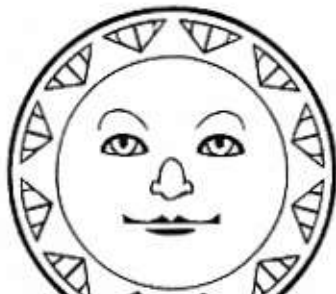
Be not dismayed, knowing the truth has actually been made available to us. God does not want us to live in ignorance, or guessing, or just wandering around in the dark. He has provided us with the truth. The person who has a working knowledge of the Word of God, the Bible, has the truth available to them. (Reading your Bible regularly, and putting it into practice daily, will give you a working knowledge of the Word of God).

John 8:32

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 17:17

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.



Howdy from the Fuller Farm!

I think I see some signs of spring around here. I certainly can hear them. The Red-winged Blackbirds are back at the feeder, singing their beautiful songs again and the snow piles have almost disappeared. By the time you read this I'm sure that Pastor Rick will have several games of golf behind him and we won't have to listen to him complain anymore.

This month I'd like to mention some things that the Prudential Council has been working on. Along with the typical facility maintenance issues (leaky roof, gutter overflows, and parking lot cracks) we've been talking about how to communicate better. Good communication skills include, for example, proper email etiquette and how to ask for help when you need it.

One thing we discovered was that our staff, at times, are unsure of whom they should report to. Recently, the Trustees have assumed the role of direct report. During a discussion with staff the Prudential Council concluded that for routine issues, reporting to one person is more effective. That person needs to be someone that is an integral part of the daily life of the Church and is able to make administrative decisions when needed. We all agreed that the obvious person is Pastor Rick. Should he need support in this task, the Trustees and ultimately the Prudential Council can provide that.

Of course every member of Mayflower Church is an integral part of its life whether you serve on a board or not. You are indispensable to this Body of Christ. Your opinions need to be communicated. Your talents and ideas are greatly valued. Your direct involvement in its mission is essential to its success.

Jerry Fuller
Lay Leader



The Mayonnaise Jar and the 2 Cups of Coffee



When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous yes.

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

Now, said the professor as the laughter subsided, I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things God, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else the small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first, he continued, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full



Musical Offerings

The daffodils are doing their best to emerge; isn't it amazing that they push through the snow and pop up as soon as they are able? There is a string of forsythia on Moores River Drive as you turn from Waverly; they are late but I look for them every year.

Almost everyone had to deal with debris in their yards from the terrible ice storm. There is still much to be done; and much dead wood on open plaits of land. But this will heal in time; and the wood may provide heat to others.

Spring will come; summer will come. We are blessed to know that Christ comes, and He comes to give us solace, peace, and a way to live. He is a strong rock to lean upon, an oak of knowledge, and a downy comforter of care.

I didn't use to think I was in any kind of need, but life got tougher. I was able to return to the faith I had known as a child, "the faith of a child." Let us be grateful that the doors to this church are open. We will not be "frozen chosen" but open and inviting. This is a great gift that we can give through Christ.

Music Sunday is May 18. Both choirs will play and sing extra anthems, and we will have a flute instrumentalist. Pastor Rick, we will be stealing your time!

Summer music is very important. There are many ringers who have indicated that they will continue to ring. We also have singers from here and elsewhere who will help us continue to have the most excellent music. If you also know of someone I can call upon, please let me know. Many thanks.

Chrisann

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.

Mayflower Financial News

Our March Second Saturday Supper netted \$520.48. Our Annual Corned Beef Dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. The dinner brought in \$579.50 after expenses. A couple other after church lunches such as the Pancake Brunch, Corned Beef, cabbage and potato soup meal added another \$108.30.

A more detailed report is available in the brochure rack near the church office.

A brief summary of our finances as of March 31, 2014:

Income:	\$ 11,336.81
Expenses:	9,300.00
	\$ 2,036.81

YTD for Three Months

Income:	\$ 24,531.92
Expenses:	24,262.27
	\$ 269.65

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 13,315.59
Bequest Funds Savings	4,009.24
Memorial Fund CD	5,492.66
CD Savings	22,300.21
	\$ 45,117.70

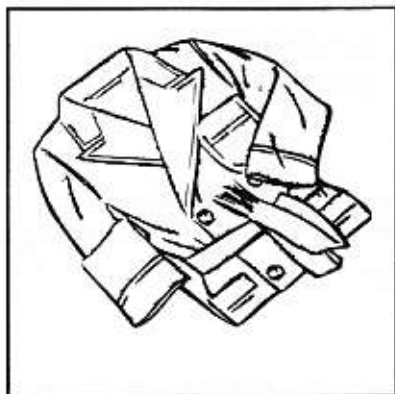


Linda Wheeler

Treasurer

Thrift Sale

Thanks to all who donated items for the thrift sale and/or worked in setting up, selling, and cleaning up! Proceeds will go to the church's general fund. We plan to continue having sales as we have been, so start saving up your items NOW! A good way to do it is to have a box or bag in a closet or a corner of your basement or garage, and as you see things you don't need or want any more, put them in the box or bag. Then you'll be ahead of the game when the time comes!



Thank you again...

I really, really, really appreciate all of the people from this church who have sent cards, emails, food and prayers. It makes the journey through cancer treatment much easier to accept. You are definitely my second family and I appreciate each and every one of you!!!

Meredith Kennedy





*Dates to remember in
May...*

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| <i>5/4</i> | <i>Food for Salvation
Army</i> |
| <i>5/10</i> | <i>Second Saturday
Supper</i> |
| <i>5/11</i> | <i>Mother's Day</i> |
| <i>5/13</i> | <i>Trustee's Meeting 10
am</i> |
| <i>5/15</i> | <i>Deadline June/July
Notes</i> |
| <i>5/18</i> | <i>Music Recognition
Sunday</i> |
| <i>5/26</i> | <i>Memorial Day</i> |



May-2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Handbells 5:50 pm Choir 7:30 pm	2	3
4 Food for Salvation Army	5	6	7	8 Handbells 5:50 pm Choir 7:30 pm	9	10 Second Saturday Supper 5 pm
11	12	13 Truster's 10 am	14	15 Deadline for Mayflower Notes Handbells 5:50 pm Choir 7:30 pm	16	17
18 Mother's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Music Sunday Prudential Council 12 pm	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 }	30	31

