

Mayflower Congregational Church



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**May
2016**

Dr. Rick Martin

Pastor

May



Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

5/1 - Celia Snow (93)

5/7 - Linda Wheeler

5/18 - Roger Kennedy

5/22 - Tieson Graham

5/26 - Bob Felter

ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 - Mike & Mary Rutledge

5/25 - Chad & Liz Canfield



Head Usher

Lois Ries

Outreach Focus

Foodbank

From The Pastor's Desk

**As Sand in the Hour Glass,
so are The Days Of Our Lives.**

Some will recognize the title, it is my mother-in-law's "*cannot miss*" show; along with Survivor. Lately, with physical therapy and multiple trips to doctors and dentists, the 1-2pm time slot has been violated with appointments. Thus we record both shows. I've had to start her show for her several times the past couple of months (technically challenged). I've never seen the show, but during the past couple of years, I've seen the beginning of the show several times – which got me thinking about our life in God.

Psalm 90:10

Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Psalm 90:12

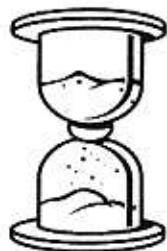
Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Summary: Life goes by in a hurry. It is filled with good and bad days, much of which we cannot control; except to respond in a godly manner. Obviously, (from the context), "*a heart of wisdom*" is a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ and daily walking in the fear of God. We cannot do much about the past (repent, forgive, let go) but we have *some control* over the present (our attitude/behavior) and God has our future in hand.

Conclusion: Relax, love God, love people, and enjoy life. In Christ, eternity is a guarantee.

Psalm 90:14

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**



Lay Leader's Message

When I think of spring, I think of flowers budding, me sneezing and spring cleaning. If our houses get dusty from being closed and the furnace running all winter, what about our minds, hearts and souls. It is time to shake out the cobwebs, let new ideas into our lives, reaffirm our faith, maybe do something you've never done before, volunteer somewhere, learn to not write run-on sentences. If you feel good about yourself and give off a happy aura, then you will make others happy. It's a good feeling. As the words to a song read "There is sunshine in my soul today. Happy Spring!!

Ann McClelland



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 have another sale as usual in late October, 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!



Memorial Day Quotes and Thoughts

These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor - and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.

Michael N. Castle

Memorial Day isn't just about honoring veterans, its honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it.

Pete Hegseth

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.

Mark Twain



I have long believed that sacrifice is the pinnacle of patriotism.

Bob Riley

I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.

Nathan Hale

My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.

John F. Kennedy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day		Trustees Meeting 10:30 am		Handbells 3:45 Choir 5:30		Second Saturday Supper 5 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Notes Deadline Prudential Council - noon				Handbells 3:45 Choir 5:30		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Music Sunday Picnic						
29	30	31				
Advent Lunches	Memorial Day Office closed					

Mayflower Financial News



The 2nd Saturday Suppers continue to be a huge success. Our year to-date profit of three months is \$1806.56. Our Corned Beef Dinner netted us \$ 608.62.

A brief summary of our finances as of March 31, 2016:

Income:	\$ 8,692.38
Expenses:	6,356.57
	\$ 2,335.81

YTD for Three Months

Income:	\$ 25,612.14
Expenses:	20,101.19
	\$ 5,510.95

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 20,123.37
Bequest Funds Savings	11,015.62
Heat Funds Savings	8,000.19
Memorial Fund CD	5,497.26
CD Savings	22,313.41
	\$ 66,949.85

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

Linda Wheeler
Treasurer

Christian Education

The adult Sunday School "Lunch and Learn" will continue with a class on Sunday, May 1, at noon. We have been studying Isaiah and will be continuing this month, finishing at our June lesson. The studies are completely self-contained, so please feel free to attend even if you missed a previous class. The discussions have been good and more voices add more to think about!

Our Ronald McDonald House dinner will be on Tuesday, May 10th. There will be a planning meeting on Sunday, April 29, immediately following coffee hour. Please come even if you aren't free on the 10th – many hands make light work!

Liz Canfield



Yard Clean-up

The Trustees have set Saturday, May 21st as outdoor clean-up/spruce-up day. We need all able-bodied folks to come out and help to keep your church property looking well cared for.

We plan to work from 9:30 to 12:30. Bring yard tools that you like. We will also be spreading donated mulch.

Many hands make light work. If you have questions call Roger.



Thank you!

Music Notes
From Barb Fuller



Webster's Dictionary defines the word "sacred" as "pertaining to or connected with religion." Normally I look to the words in sacred music as speaking of God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit. However, there is music where there are no words and yet it touches me at an emotional level that makes me feel closer to God. There are also compositions whose words wouldn't be considered "sacred," but they as well as the music move me deeply and do feel sacred to me.

One such piece of music is an "anthem" the choir will be singing on May 22nd, Music Sunday. The words for "Michigan Morn" were written by John Jennings and the music was composed by H. Owen Reed who taught at Michigan State University from 1939 – 1976. The piece came from the folk opera "Michigan Dream," and our own Warren Emrick sang the solo in "Michigan Morn" when it was first performed at M.S.U. It is the combination of the hauntingly beautiful music and the text painting that make hearing "Michigan Morn" a truly spiritual, if not religious, experience for me.

*There is gold in the eye of the morning, in Michigan where I was
born;*

*There is gold in the sky and the lakes and the trees, For a man with a
will to believe what he sees;*

There is gold in the eye of the morn.

*There is gold in the sound of the morning, in Michigan where I was
born;*

*There is gold in the song and wherever it rings, The land where I
stand shines with fine golden things;*

There is gold in the sound of the morn.

*There is gold in the touch of the morning, in Michigan where I was
born;*

*There is gold in the seed as it flows from my hand, In the honey and
milk and the fruit of my land;*

There is gold in the touch of the morn.

*There is gold in the heart of the morning, in Michigan where I was
born;*

*There is gold in the smile of wild roses that grow At the roadside
where I and my true lover go;*

There is gold in the heart of the morn.

It's happening in May...

- 5/8 Mother's Day*
- 5/10 Trustees Meeting - 10:30 a.m.*
- 5/14 Second Saturday Supper
5 p.m.*
- 5/15 Deadline for Mayflower Notes*
- 5/15 Prudential Council - Noon*
- 5/22 Music Sunday and Picnic*
- 5/29 Advent Lunches*
- 5/30 Memorial Day - Office closed*

