

Mayflower Notes...



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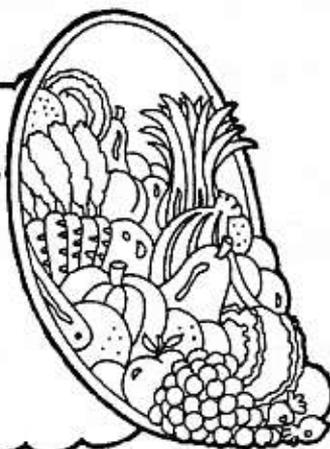
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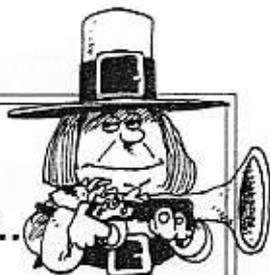
**November
2013**



Dr. Rick Martin

Pastor

*Dates to remember in
November..*



November 3

Food for Salvation Army

November 9

Second Saturday Supper

November 10

Mission Sunday

November 11

Veteran's Day - Office Closed

November 15

Deadline for Mayflower Notes

November 17

Prudential Council

November 24

Walter Ellis Harvest Festival

September 16

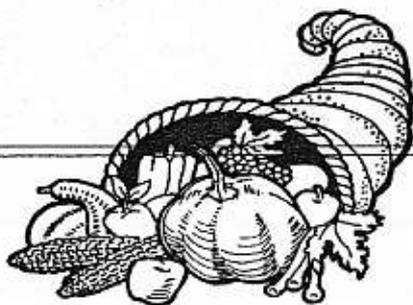
Prudential Council

November 24

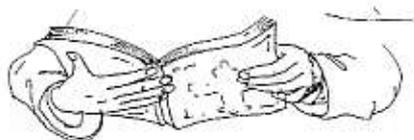
Poinsettia orders begin

November 28

Thanksgiving



From The Pastor's Desk



Way To Go Pilgrims!

In 1620 the Pilgrims landed in the New World and founded the Plymouth colony. Religious persecution in England and later in Holland had driven most of them to seek a new life in the Americas. Many didn't survive. We mostly remember those who lived and celebrated a feast day of thanksgiving with the Native Americans (who brought most of the food, or it wouldn't have been much of a party).

While fame and fortune drew many to America, the Pilgrims saw an opportunity for religious freedom and to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. Of course, this will not truly happen on all the earth until Jesus returns and establishes His 1000 years of peace. However, the Pilgrims did kind of experience it for themselves and affected even generations to come.

The Pilgrims goal was to live in relationship with God through Jesus Christ, always seeking and following His will in everything. They lived in harmony (as much as was in their control) with the Native Americans, with the other colonists, with other faiths, and with one another. When natural disasters struck, they sought God with prayers and fasting and repentance and thanksgiving. When times were good, they did the same. They were instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the inhabitants of the land. They were noted as serious, yet loving, happy people who enjoyed family and life and were thankful to God for what they had. They later became known as Congregationalists. 60% of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Congregationalists.

Can we make a difference in our world today? Yes we can, in relationship with God through Jesus, seeking and following His will.

Colossians 3:12-15

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Lay Leader's Message

THANKS to Mayflower members for GIVING so much.

As the holiday season approaches, we at Mayflower again have a full calendar of church events to celebrate the privilege of giving to others in need.

As Pastor Rick continues to express his support and gratitude to the members of Mayflower, we continue to do what is necessary to meet our commitment to the community. With God's blessing our most recent events of the Advent House lunches and Crop Walk along with the upcoming Shoebox Gifts, Mitten Tree, Walter Ellis Harvest Festival and the newly created Salvation Army Food Donation, with boxes available by the church office, We will again provide for those less fortunate.

I personally want to thank the members of Mayflower Church for their continued dedication toward giving to others.



Praise be to God, Ameng
Terry Graham
Lay Leader

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 at this point, but specific projects may be chosen, depending on the final total.

We are planning another sale for next April or May, 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!





Music Department...

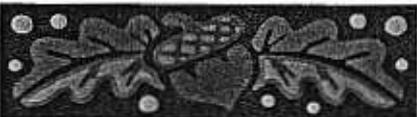
What blessings we know as we sing and play and learn together. There is fellowship there, and I pray that there is comfort there also. We have already sung quite a variety of music this Fall, from "Ain't Got Time to Die" (Spiritual) to "Panis Angelicus" (Franck, 19th century French with English or Latin text) to "The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee," (Berger, new 20th century art music). The Bells played a buoyant composition by Sherman, "Gloria," and a lovely Appalachian tune, "The Beautiful Treasures of Heaven."

We will share a new piece, "Ubi Caritas". The Latin text translates to:
Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

This piece sounds like ancient Gregorian chant, yet it soon expands into modern harmony using, Major 2nds and 7ths. There are also harmonic shifts to adjacent yet fresh keys. It then returns to the first section and ends with an "Amen" that blossoms and recedes. It is a juxtaposition of ancient and modern choral writing, expertly done by the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978, Norway).

Are we not privileged to have a place and a heart to sing to the Lord? There will always be sorrow in this world; every living thing must grow and thrive and yet again fade. But lean on each other, lean on God, lean on God's scripture, lean with prayer and with faith. God will uphold us, God bless us all.

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Sunday School Update

Sunday School is off to a good start. It's hard to believe it is almost time for our annual pageant! Kids that are interested need to be available to rehearse during class time the last two weeks in November, and the beginning of December. There will also be a mandatory dress rehearsal the Saturday before the performance. Please let me know as soon as possible if you know children who would like to participate!

Since our church calendar is jam packed for the end of 2013, I have decided to delay the Confirmation ceremony for Morgan and Maggie until 2014. The girls have studied very hard and deserve a service that is about them. More information will be coming at the end of the year.

Shoebboxes will be out soon for Operation Christmas Child. I am happy to make boxes for anyone who doesn't want to shop. I estimate it costs around \$15 a box. A big part of that is the shipping costs, which are \$7. The power of mass buying allows me to do more with less, so I appreciate those who are willing to kick in! The Prudential Council voted this year to have a "Dollar Drive" to purchase plastic shoe boxes, which can be used for storage by the recipient. I am pleased to say we raised \$25, and I am in discussions with my local Dollar General to donate some more. If you would like to do more to help, I urge you to go to your local Dollar Store and ask them to donate a few. They are Sterlite plastic shoe boxes and the simple snap lid variety sells for \$1. There is a fancier version with locking handles for \$2, but those are more difficult to wrap.

I appreciate the donations towards the camp funds, and I hope to wind the campaign up soon. Please return your donation or pledges as soon as possible. Thank you for all you do to keep our program running!



Liz Canfield

Mayflower Financial News

The September 2nd Saturday Supper was successful with a profit of \$522.59.

A brief summary of our finances for the month of September:

Income:	\$ 9,662.79
Expenses:	<u>8,145.21</u>
	\$ 1,517.58

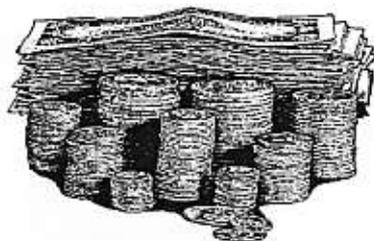
Year to Date

Income:	\$ 62,635.10
Expenses:	<u>70,178.08</u>
	- \$ 7,542.98

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 9,967.22
Bequest Funds Savings	4,008.64
Memorial Fund CD	5,491.30
12 Month CD	<u>22,296.91</u>
	\$ 41,764.07

A more detailed report is available in the church's brochure rack.

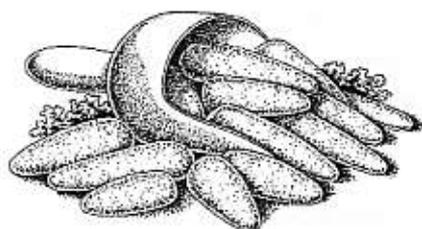


Walter Ellis Harvest Festival

The Walter Ellis Harvest Festival will occur on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 24th this year.

Many of us never met Walter Ellis. He was a member of Mayflower and he strongly believed in giving back to his community. He started the Harvest Festival as a way to feed people who were hungry in the Lansing area.

We will be collecting canned goods and donations for this worthwhile yearly event. Please designate your checks for the Harvest Festival.



Month for Missions

We will once again celebrate our November outreach projects as "A Month for Missions".

During Pastor's absence Tom and Lisa Seward, our supported missionaries, will be here on November 3; then a representative from the Lansing Rescue Mission will be in the pulpit on November 10. Roger Adams (our third Sunday cookie baker) plans to greet us on November 17th. Also on that date we will have a freewill lunch made up of leftovers, etc. from our refrigerators. I promise it will be good!

The Mitten Tree will also be available during the latter part of the month.

So many projects in so little time; but many joyous opportunities for us to reach out.

Any questions, please see Roger Kennedy.



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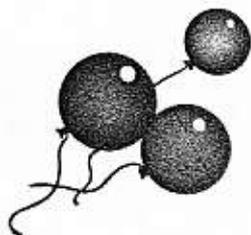
Birtbdays

- 11/1 Ann McClelland
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- 11/2 Frank Wheeler
- 11/5 Bob Mott
- 11/5 Morgan McClelland
- 11/9 Blanche Samobovetz (94)
- 11/11 Cozette Oxley
- 11/15 Barbara Fuller
- 11/19 Fred Lowe
- 11/20 Ina Martin
- 11/28 Jaxson Grabam
- 11/29 Mike Rutledge



Anniversaries

- 11/25 Roger and Meredith Kennedy



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Salvation Army Food				Handbells 5:50 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.		Second Saturday Supper
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Handbells 5:50 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Deadline for Mayflower Notes	
Mission Sunday	Veteran's Day Office Closed			21	22	23
17	18	19	20			
Prudential Council - Noon				Handbells 5:50 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Walter Ellis Harvest Festival Order Potatoes				Thanksgiving		