

Coats Wanted

There are several coat drives in the area going on. Anyone wishing to donate may bring any clean, gently used fall or winter coats or jackets to the church.

Betty Briggs has volunteered to take them to the proper organization by November 17th.

CROP Walk for Hunger

Don't forget to support our "Walkers". The deadline is October 13th. Participants are needed to walk individually or in teams.

Anyone who is planning to walk please contact Lorraine, Betty or Roger.

Checks should be payable to CWS/CROP and cash is also accepted. All donations should be turned in to the office by November 3rd.

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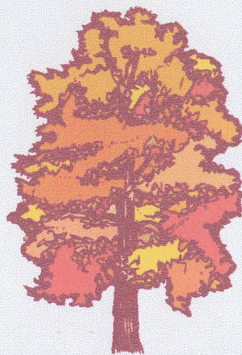
It's happening in October...

CALENDAR

- 10/6 - World-wide Communion Sunday
- 10/13 - CROP Walk
- 10/15 - Deadline for November Mayflower Notes
- 10/15 - Ministry Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 10/20 - Mexican Potluck Lunch - after church
- 10/27 - Consecration Sunday

Weekly Events:

- Fellowship/Education Hour - Sundays after church
- Women's Bible Study - Wed. - 10:30 a.m.
- Exercise - Tues., Wed., Thurs. - 8:00 a.m. on Zoom
- Handbell Choir - Thurs. - 4:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir - Thurs. - 5:30 p.m.



October

BIRTHDAYS

- 10/2 - Lockie Champlin
- 10/2 - Daun Ketcheson
- 10/3 - Justin Stephens
- 10/5 - Maryanna Foster
- 10/5 - Marian Korroch (94)
- 10/11 - Lois Chain
- 10/12 - David Mandra
- 10/14 - Marsha Hacker
- 10/16 - Eugene Livingston
- 10/19 - Char Heiss
- 10/25 - Nancy Wells
- 10/28 - Tom Hacker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/1 - Mark and DeeAnn McCormick (13 years)
- 10/4 - Tom and Barb Rich (44 years)
- 10/13 - Eugene and Carole Livingston (51 years)
- 10/23 - Kim and Lorraine Finison (30 years)
- 10/24 - Randy and Charmain Hull (42 years)

OUTREACH FOCUS - CROP WALK



Pastor Mark's Musings

Ministry Council Highlights for September 2024

Each of the departments of the Church are hard at work as witnessed in our September 17 meeting. Present were Pastor Mark, Music Director Barb Fuller, co-chairs of Missions and Outreach Roger Kennedy and Betty Briggs, Gail Sawyer represented Deacons chair Jen Hall along with Christian Education chair and Treasurer Ruth Pasch. Others present were Church Clerk Lorraine Finison, Vice Moderator Tom Hacker and Moderator Jerry Fuller.

Missions and Outreach: Roger and Betty reported that Crop Walk is October 13 and a sign-up sheet for sponsors will be forthcoming. The Mexican potluck lunch scheduled for October 20 will be a fund-raising event for those who will be traveling to the Amigos en Cristo mission in November. Budget requests are being prepared for Harvest Festival, Mission Meals and the mission trip. They are planning a month-long campaign to collect tissues and wipes and explore other needs through the Lewton School contact.

Deacons: Interim chair Jen Hall reports that the Deacons partnered with Missions and Outreach for the ice cream social and will do the same for the Mexican potluck lunch. For social hour the Deacons are now providing simple snacks. Other attendees are asked to help with setup and cleanup. Some have asked if they can bring snacks to share. The Deacons may also do something special once a quarter, like pie day, soup/bread, chili cook-off, or salad lunch. The budget item requests are communion supplies and social hour snacks and paper products.

Christian Education: Ruth reported that Dave Bandfield will continue with his series for several Sundays after the worship service in the Friendship Center and other speakers will follow all the way to Christmas, including an Advent series by Pastoral Intern Rachel Gehres.

Jerry Fuller, Moderator



Barry Manilow wrote and sang a song entitled "When October Goes." It is one of my favorites. It ends with the lyrics, "Oh how I hate to see October go." My sentiments exactly. October is a wonderful month, especially here in Michigan when the weather is crisp, the skies are often blue, the temperatures are usually cool but nice, the colors are brilliant, and life seems good.

October also brings vibrant church life as vacations are over, people have not yet fled to the warmer states of Florida or Arizona, the snow is a few weeks away, and church attendance is near its best.

At Mayflower, October is also Consecration Month, culminating in Consecration Sunday on October 27th. For many people, a month emphasizing stewardship can be dreadful or even painful. That has not been my experience at Mayflower. In past years and expected to be similar this year with a possible twist, we have celebrated what our church means to us, and have made our commitments to it that go far beyond our financial contributions. We even celebrate those who cannot contribute financially.

Last year was a good year for Mayflower in many ways, including our giving. I expect this year to be even better, with God's help and yours. While we may hate to see October go, it will prepare us for wonderful things which lie ahead.

Pastor Mark





Newer Members

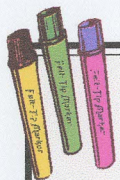
This month I interviewed Tom and Marcia Cornell. They came to Mayflower after attending Plymouth Congregational Church for many years. Tom and Marcia say attending Mayflower felt like coming home. Friends and the Congregation affiliation were a strong attraction.

Tom was raised in several places; Clarkston, Oscoda and Alpena. Marcia was raised in Alma. Tom started his college education at Delta College. He attended the MSU band camp in the summer and was recruited for the flag corps. He finished his degree at MSU. Marcia attended Lansing Business University. To attain her degree she had to be able to type 110 words per minute. She worked for the State of Michigan in Human Resources for many years..

Marcia is a very talented gardener, she also enjoys decorating and entertaining. She is currently a Human Resources Teaching Consultant and provides classes in various areas of the state.

Tom has worked at Marshall Music and has gone to different schools in Michigan to get students with instruments. He is currently a permanent substitute for the Waverly School District. For anyone who has ever subbed, it is a job that needs a definite personality and calm patience. Tom also plays percussion in the Grand Ledge Community Band.

The Cornell's have five grandchildren; 4 girls and a boy. They would like to see Mayflower adopt a curriculum for children and provide Sunday School classes. They would love to see more children attend Mayflower.



Lewton School

We have been asked to collect tissues, antiseptic wipes and spray for our neighborhood school teachers.

They have also requested brightly colored dry-erase markers to be used by the students. There will be a collection container in the office area.

Please bring items by October 20th. Thank you!

Music Notes from Barb Fuller



If you attended the Rally Day ice cream social in September and stayed to listen to The Wacoustics, the musical group (of which I am one) that several of our church members and their family members are a part of, you may remember that our parting song was "The Twist". If you're like me, you may have thought that "The Twist" was originally sung by Chubby Checker, but it peaked at No. 16 on the Billboard rhythm and blues chart in 1959 when it was recorded by its author, Hank Ballard, whose band The Midnighters performed it on stage.

Chubby Checker, born Ernest Evans, was born on October 1941 in Spring Gully, South Carolina. He was raised in the projects of South Philadelphia, where he lived with his parents and two brothers. By the time he was eleven he had formed a street-corner harmony group, and by the time he entered high school, he had learned to play the piano. He entertained his classmates by performing vocal impressions of popular entertainers such as Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley and Fats Domino.

Checker's version of "The Twist" became a nationwide hit in 1960 due to his many appearances on Dick Clark's American Bandstand due, in great part, to the teenagers on the show who enjoyed dancing the Twist. Unfortunately, Checker felt that his critics thought he could only succeed as a dance demonstrator and is quoted as saying, "The Twist really ruined my life. I was on my way to becoming a big nightclub performer, and The Twist just wiped it out ... It got so out of proportion. No one ever believes I have talent." By 1965 alone "The Twist" had sold over 15 million copies and was awarded multiple gold discs.

Despite his concerns, Checker found more success with other up-tempo songs including "The Hucklebuck," "The Fly," "Dance the Mess Around," and "Pony Time," which became his second No. 1 single. Checker's follow-up single, "Let's Twist Again" won the 1962 Grammy Award for Best Rock and Roll Recording, and he continued to experience more success with subsequent songs.

Chubby Checker is still alive today. As of 2015, he joined forces with Howard Perl Entertainment to produce live events, such as "Rock and Roll to The Rescue," a tour designed to raise funds for rescue animals in need nationwide. Good old Chubby Checker. "Let's twist again, like we did last summer!"