# MAYFLOWER
## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 9, 2020 • 10:30 AM

**Welcome to God's house: where faith is a journey, God is good, Jesus saves, and the Spirit leads us towards faith, hope, and love as we honor the dignity of all God's children.**

PRELUDE "Takeda Rhapsody" Mayflower Handbells
*by Tomoko Kanzaki*

NEWS OF THE CHURCH Mark Barger Elliott,
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

**People: God is always nearer than our next breath.**

CHORAL INTROIT "Here I Stand" Chancel Choir
*by John Bell* Scott Bosscher, Director

Here I stand at the door and knock.
I will come and dwell with those who ask me in. (Rev.3:20)

Leader: As we gather this morning, let us have eyes to see and
Hearts to recognize God's presence with us.

**People: Come, let us open our lives, here and now, to God's abundant love for us. Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #14 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
MIT FREUDEN SART

*OPENING PRAYER Ruth Bell Olsson,
Pastoral Associate

Leader: Gracious God, we stand before You this morning,

**People: Knowing there were moments this past week of which we are not proud.**

Leader: There were words exchanged, drenched with anger and frustration.

**People: There were missed opportunities to encourage and to offer kind words.**

Leader: Instead of admitting mistakes, we offered excuses and blamed others.

**People: Capture our thoughts and words; transform our grievances into gratitude.**

Leader: Lift us out of our complaints and give to us a new voice,

**People: One that finds the joy and fullness of life in Your presence. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI #558

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

ANTHEMS "I Will Praise You" Cherub Choir (Grades 1 - 2)
"Seek Ye First" Abby Brooks, Director
Melia Colwell, Accompanist

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness.
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Andrea Koster,
FFJ Team

*(Children 4 years old through 5th grade leave for Church School)*

HYMN #390, Vs. 1 & 2 "It Is Well with My Soul"

*(Remain Seated)*

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Lay Reader

| Mark 3:13-17 | Luke 9:51-56 | 2 Timothy 3:16 | John 21:1-2 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pew Bible, Page 709 | Pew Bible, Page 734 | Pew Bible, Page 843 | Pew Bible, Page 769 |

SERMON **Seven Decisions—A Study of the Apostles James and John, Sons of Zebedee** Lynn Barger Elliott

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC Julia Brown,
Director of Music

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Kyrie" from Memorial Chancel Choir
*by Rene Clausen* Scott Bosscher, Director

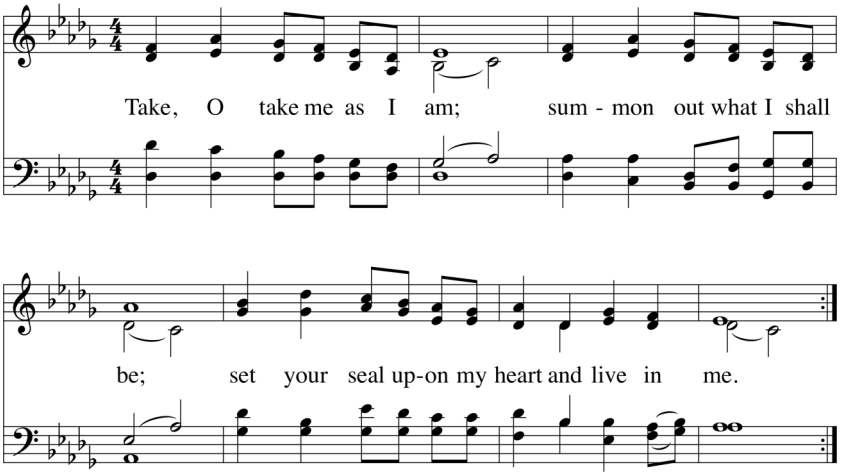
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Grant us peace.
Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #563 AND DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS Ruth Bell Olsson

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Mark Barger Elliott

PRAYER RESPONSE




*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*We invite you to extend the peace of Christ with your neighbor by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response is "Also with you."*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #578 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"
ASH GROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux" from Suite du Premier Ton *by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676-1749)* Julia Brown, Organ

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

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# MAYFLOWER News & Events

February 9, 2020

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP!**

## New Member Orientation

Are you interested in learning more about the mission and ministry of Mayflower? Join us for an information meeting immediately following worship in the Conference Room. We will welcome new members to the church on Sunday, February 23.

## ELEVATE Tonight!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to ELEVATE tonight!
We will continue our discussion of Faith in an Anxious World.
**Middle School: 6:00 Choir/7:00 ELEVATE High School: 6:00 ELEVATE/7:00 Choir**

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**FEBRUARY 13 - 5:00-7:00pm**

## 69UP Event!

Celebrate Valentine's Day early at the home of Sandy Armbruster, 6385 Thornhills Ct SE. Please RSVP to Murry Idema, ridema58@gmail.com or 243-2764 with what you plan to bring—an appetizer or a bottle of wine. Hope to see you there!

**FEBRUARY 19 - 12:30pm**

## Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for lunch at Watermark Country Club - Cork Grille, Cascade Rd.
All are welcome! RSVP to Maris Rosema 616-821-0413.

**FEBRUARY 23 - 1200pm**

## 49UP Brunch!

The Kitchen by Wolfgang Puck in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel at noon.
Brunch cost is approximately $35.00 per person plus tip. Valet park or park across the street in the Amway Grand lot; the restaurant validates.
Please RSVP to Susan Jones (sjones9200@aol.com) or by phone at (616) 458-0305.

**FEBRUARY 23-29**

## IHN Family Promise Hosting Rotation

Mayflower supports with friends and families IHN Family Promise hosting homeless families in our church facility. A sign-up is available online at mayflowerchurch.org/outreach.

# A Lenten Journey:

## Seven Stations to Resurrection

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| **March 1** | **Station of Mortality** |
| **March 8** | **Station of Healing** |
| **March 15** | **Station of A Name** |
| **March 22** | **Station of Trust** |
| **March 29** | **Station of a Colt** |
| **April 5** | **Station of Palms** |
| **April 12** | **Station of Easter** |

# SUDANESE GRACE CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

# 2019 YEAR END REPORT

## INCOME

| | 2019 actual | 2019 budget |
|---|---|---|
| Pledges | 983,358 | 1,005,000 |
| Other Contributions | 109,393 | 75,000 |
| Bldg/Grounds Use | 21,079 | 18,000 |
| Interest Income | 121,268 | 125,000 |
| **Total Income** | 1,235,098 | 1,223,000 |

## EXPENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Personnel | 678,140 | 731,056 |
| Administration | 57,159 | 60,189 |
| Christian Education | 24,415 | 24,793 |
| House and Grounds | 196,951 | 192,324 |
| Membership/Fellowship | 28,961 | 25,244 |
| Music and Worship | 57,539 | 56,693 |
| Outreach * | 163,913 | 110,154 |
| Youth | 25,701 | 22,548 |
| **Total Expenses** | 1,232,779 | 1,223,000 |
| **Total Income - Total Expenses** | 2,319 | 0 |

*** The Finance Committee is pleased to report we had budgeted 10.2% of our budget to be designated for Outreach, but with a wonderful surge of generosity in December and with lean expenditures and expenses we are able to allocate 15% of our income from 2019 to Outreach.**

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

1. **We attempt to be good stewards of our congregation's generosity. Please note our ratio of revenue to personnel costs has decreased over the past ten years.**

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| 2008/09 | Gross Revenue | $1,117,025 |
| | Personnel costs | $671,097 |
| | **Percentage of budget** | **60.1%** |
| 2013/14 | Gross Revenue | $1,119,661 |
| | Personnel costs | $650,152 |
| | **Percentage of budget** | **58.1%** |
| 2019 | Gross Revenue | $1,235,098 |
| | Personnel costs | $678,140 |
| | **Percentage of budget** | **54.9%** |

2. **We attempt to live into our mission "To love God and our neighbor as ourselves." Please note our Outreach giving over past ten years.**

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|---|---|
| 2008/09 | 10% of budget |
| 2010/11 | 8% of budget |
| 2013/14 | 11% of budget |
| 2017/18 | 15% of budget |
| 2019 | 15% of budget |

3. **Please note the total Outreach giving over the past ten years is $1,331,000.**

4. **Please note we have balanced our yearly budget for the past 11 years.**

# 2019 OUTREACH YEAR IN REVIEW!

**HOUSING**

10K Habitat for Humanity
12K IHN/Family Promise – 3 Rotations
20K Partners In Housing – 2 homes

**HEALTH**

10K Exalta Health – Eye Clinic
10K Baxter Community Center – Free clinic
2K Eden Children's Village – Mobile Clinic

**FOOD**

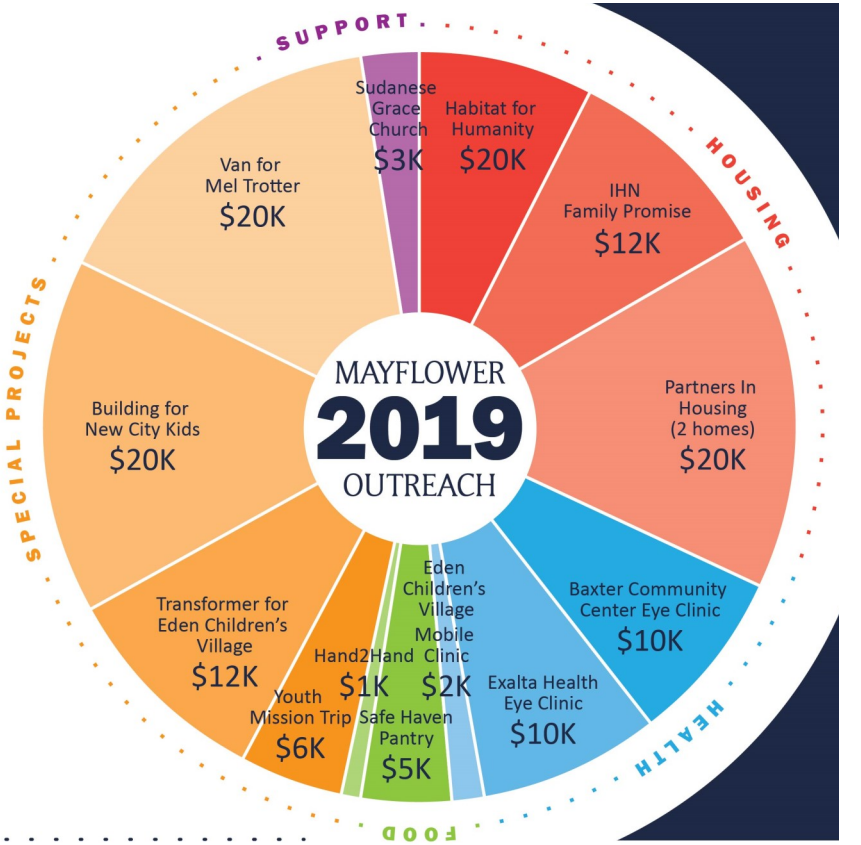
5K Safe Haven Food Pantry
1K Hand 2 Hand Weekend Hunger Project

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

6K Youth Mission trip
12K Transformer for Eden Village
20K Building for New City Kids
20K Van for Mel Trotter

**REFUGEE SUPPORT**

3K Sudanese Grace




## 131K Total in Mayflower Outreach Giving

# MAYFLOWER 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW!

## SPACE FOR NOTES AND REFLECTIONS DURING WORSHIP

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Family and friends of Robert Clay

Rosema and Rushman families

Family and friends of Marilyn DeHorn

Rudy Carlson and family

Family and friends of Matt Fouch

Axelle Pringalle Pelfrêne and family

Kathleen Heyboer and family

Vadah Cintorini

Nina Valdiserri

Stacy Trierweiler

Graydon

Ollie Grin

Thora White

Laurie Wood-Lyons

Tolly Stiffler

Tony and Punch Brace

Sue Ellyn Andrews

Virginia Vogel

Marcia and Jim DePree

Chip Wood

Leanne Reilly

Fran and Les

Sophia Minnavino

April Baker

Betty and Joel Soule

Dorothy Britcher

Debbie Haley

Lylah Gritter

Anne Hooker

Jen Kaczor

Gina VanderKolk

Jon

Jean Norris Miller

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Dick Bellows

Bill Petchauer

Rick Congdon

Joan Fleser

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Brenda Allen

Jon King