

MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 9, 2024 - 10:30am



Turn Ordinary
into
Extraordinary

Everyday Faith: Making the Ordinary Extraordinary
by Growing and Serving in Community

WE BELIEVE: Faith is a journey, God is good, Jesus saves, and the Spirit leads us to faith, hope, and love as we honor the dignity of all God's people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates *please stand if you are able*.

Bolded text or music score indicates congregational response. Please sign the friendship register located in your pew. Prayer request cards may be placed in the offering and will be added to our prayer list.

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to prepare your hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
by J.S. Bach, arr E. Power Biggs

Dr. Julia Brown

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Rev. Steve Armfield

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Robin Dhaseleer

Leader: O God, you are the gathering one

People: **who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.**

Leader: You are the gathering one

People: **who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.**

Leader: You are the gathering one

People: **who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.**

ALL: Let us worship the God who makes us one.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 22* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

OPENING PRAYER* Robin Dhaseleer

Leader: Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth, and teach us.

All: Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it.

Leader: Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.

All: Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose, and move us forward into your future. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI*

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12-17 Robin Dhaseleer

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *God’s Wardrobe* Rev. Armfield

HYMN 497* *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Armfield

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* All-Comer’s Choir
arr. Dale Wood

Please join the choir in singing the final verse:

**For Your church, that evermore lifts its holy hands above,
Off’ring up on ev’ry shore its pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

DOXOLOGY*

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION* Rev. Armfield

CALL TO PRAYER

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords.

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It begins with a measure rest for 5 measures, then continues with the same musical structure. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note G4 and a half note A4.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Armfield

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 353*

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Armfield

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Fred Bock

Dr. Brown

The sanctuary flowers are given by Marjie and Dan Gell in honor of Marjie's mother, Mary Anne Cameron, in celebration of her 89th birthday.

Please join us on the main Sanctuary floor for our annual meeting which will begin at the conclusion of the Postlude. We invite all to stay for the meeting. Only members will be able to participate in discussion and voting at the annual meeting.

Children will remain in the nursery and on the playground.

After the annual meeting concludes, there will be a brief 15 minute update on the proposed bylaw change on 6/16.

WELCOME! We are so glad you joined us today!

WELCOME! If this is your first time worshipping with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex outside the sanctuary if you have questions about our church. You are invited to join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship in the atrium.

HEARING ASSISTANCE is available on the main floor by using the T-switch on your hearing aid. Handheld receivers with earphones are also available from the ushers.

NURSERY is available for children birth through 3 years. Please sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children age 4 through 5th grade meet during the service following the Children's Message in the lower-level Youth Rooms. Children are asked to bring their Bibles. We will share "highs and lows" from the week, play Bible trivia, sing, have a Bible story lesson, and engage in a related activity.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

PRAYER

Rev. Armfield

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Moderator, Rachel Blair

MODERATOR REMARKS

FINANCIAL REPORT (pg. 7-8)

Treasurer, John Schneider

Congregational Acknowledgement of Receipt

NOMINATING REPORT (pg. 9)

Vice Moderator, Kateri Schutt

Congregational Vote to Receive

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

Rev. Armfield

Leader: Dear friends, you have been called by God and ...

Nominee: I do.

Leader: Will you commit yourself to the service of God in the world?

Nominee: I will.

Leader: Will you enable this church to be a people of faith, hope, love and joy?

Nominee: I will.

Leader: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been called by God?

Nominee: I will.

PRAYER FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Rev. Armfield

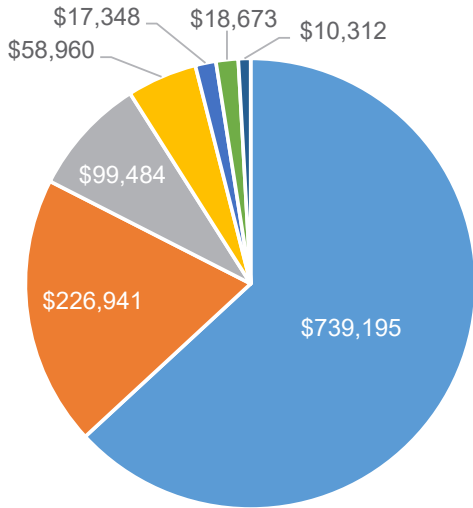
PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Blair

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

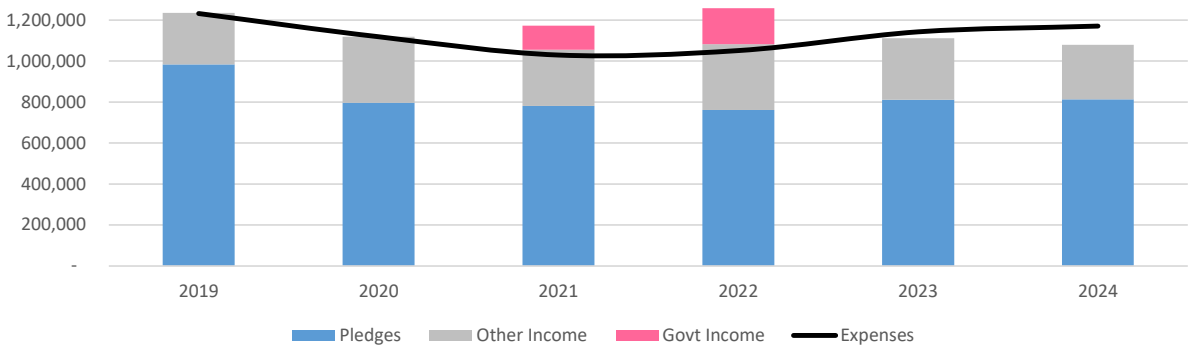
Amazing Grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

FINANCIAL REPORT - 2024 BUDGET



TOTAL \$1,170,914

- Personnel and Admin
- House & Grounds
- Christian Outreach
- Music & Worship
- Christian Education
- Membership
- Mayflower Youth



FINANCIAL REPORT - 2024 BUDGET Cont.

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
INCOME						
Current Pledges	983,358	796,565	781,471	761,225	811,438	813,576
Other Contributions	109,393	177,421	123,927	151,965	113,533	90,826
Bldg/Grounds Use	21,079	16,900	17,589	24,950	28,380	26,000
Endowment Income	121,268	128,030	132,284	144,873	145,830	140,098
Sub-Total - Operating Income	1,235,098	1,118,916	1,055,271	1,083,013	1,099,181	1,070,500
Paycheck Protection Program	-	-	117,548	-	-	-
Employee Retention Tax Credits	-	-	-	175,169	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	13,542	10,157
Total Income	1,235,098	1,118,916	1,172,819	1,258,183	1,112,723	1,080,657
EXPENSE						
Personnel & Administration	748,474	780,853	647,810	651,562	702,828	739,195
Christian Education	24,415	11,275	10,943	15,217	15,722	17,348
Christian Outreach **	163,913	97,399	135,810	91,319	96,855	99,484
Membership	15,682	13,135	9,223	14,967	19,888	18,673
Music & Worship	57,539	33,561	34,442	46,095	51,400	58,960
House & Grounds	196,951	177,241	180,812	225,692	246,484	226,941
Mayflower Youth	25,701	5,452	10,519	6,950	9,356	10,312
Total Expense	1,232,675	1,118,916	1,029,561	1,051,803	1,142,532	1,170,914
Net Income	2,423	0	143,258	206,379	(29,809)	(90,257)
	%	0%	12%	16%	-3%	

Planned Source and Use of 2022 \$206,379 Surplus

	29,809	90,257
<i>Surplus Remainder</i>	176,570	86,313

****Outreach %** 15.0% 10.0% 15.0% 10.0% 10.5% 11.0%

Avg COLA Inflation 0.0%

Avg Merit Inflation 0.0%

Annual Project Spend (% of Inc) 3.13% 3.00%

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OFFICERS, COUNCIL, COMMITTEES '24-'25

COUNCIL

MODERATOR

Kateri Schutt

VICE MODERATOR

Chris Yates

TREASURER

John P. Schneider

CLASS OF 2025

Amy Conway
Martin Grin
Patty Sienstra
Kris Wilson

CLASS OF 2026

Dan Poortenga
Susan Orban
Courtney Weiler
Kathy Wynsma

CLASS OF 2027

Peter Northouse
John VerMeulen
David Blair
Ingrid Nelson
Robin Dhaseleer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kateri Schutt, *Moderator*
Chris Yates, *Vice Moderator*
John P. Schneider, *Treasurer*
Barbara Hohman
Susan Laffrey
Janyce Huff

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Susan Orban, *Chair & CR* – 26
Theresa Sherman – 25
Robin Dhaseleer – 26
Barbara Gordon – 26
Doug Congdon – 27
Marjie Gell – 27
Justin Starnes – 27

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Kathy Wynsma,
Co-Chair, CR – 26
Ila Flo Barfuss, *Co-Chair* – 27
Barbara Hoekzema – 25
Sandy VerBeek – 25
Steve Miller – 26
Anneli Koets – 26
Wendy Jacobs – 26
Worth Hages – 27
Janna Melville – 27
Beth Wood – 27
Murry Idema – *Deacon Liaison*

MEMBERSHIP

Betsey Spayde, *Chair* – 25
Kris Wilson, *CR* – 25
Beth Brackenridge – 25
Marilyn Goodson – 25
Greg Rhodes – 25
Doug Oosterman – 26
Jessica Kempainen – 27

COMMITTEES

CONGREGATIONAL

EVENTS

Courtney Weiler,
Chair & CR – 26
Katherine Miller – 26
Doug Oosterman – 26
Susan Lovell – 27
Kristine Schwab – 27
Jess Ruppert – 27
Dawn Williams – 27
Dave Baker – 27
Susan Laffrey – 27
Elizabeth Bogo – 27
Patty Sienstra – 27

FINANCE

John P. Schneider, *Chair,*
CR & Treasurer – 27
Leah Sherman – 25
Patty Sienstra – 27
Matt Schwab – 27
John C. Schneider – 27

ENDOWMENT FUND

TRUSTEE SUBCOMMITTEE

Tom Kyros, *Chair* – 25
John P. Schneider, *CR* – 27
Max Barnes – 25
Scott Waite – 25
Brad Laffrey – 25
John Huff – 26
Peggy Francis Johnson – 26
Rob DeVilbiss – 27

HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Greg Scott, *Chair* – 25
Peter Northouse, *CR* – 27
John Stein – 25
John Mette – 25
Greg Conway – 26
Bert Sherman – 26
Tom Sherman – 26
Chris Krupp, *Safety Rep.* – 26
Clay Stiffler – 27
Karen Roth – 27

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chris Yates, *Chair* – 25
Ingrid Nelson – 26
Dan Poortenga – 26
Dave Baker – 26
Sue Stoddard – 27
Lisa Weaver – 27
Kris Wilson – 27

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Linda Edgar, *Co-chair* – 25
Cheryl Blair, *Co-chair* – 26
David Blair, *CR* – 27
Janice Yates – 25
Matt Dhaseleer – 26
Kay Scott – 26
Anne Marie Church – 27
Michelle Muza-Moons – 27
Janet Armfield – 27
Dave Baker – 27

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Amy Conway, *Chair & CR* – 25
Martin Grin – 26
Allison Houlihan – 26
Kate Schneider – 27
Meredith Starnes – 27
Kyle Morrison – 27

PERSONNEL

Chris Yates, *VM & CR* – 25
Chris Edgar – 25
Carl VerBeek – 26
Courtenay Oosterman – 28
Ken Goodson – 28

CR= Council Representative

COMMITTEE REPORTS from 2023-2024

Christian Outreach Committee

Outreach has had an amazing year supporting ministries that Mayflower has partnered with for many years as well as meeting with new organizations that are also doing amazing things.

A new outreach partner of Mayflower is Upcycle Bikes. Upcycle Bikes refurbishes adult bikes to provide an affordable and accessible transportation resource for financially constrained individuals. We also had the privilege to partner with the Salvation Army during the Christmas season.

Our long-standing outreach partners continued to receive financial support from Mayflower over the past year. These organizations include Mel Trotter, Baxter Community Center, Safe Haven Ministries, AYA Youth Collective, Eden Village, Kids Food Basket, New City Kids, Mulick Park School, Family Promise, and New City Neighbors. We also are discussing ways in which we can continue to support Energy for Missions (EFM). EFM is a global outreach partner that works with organizations to reduce their energy costs and then pass these cost savings on to the peace-making efforts in Africa and Asia.

These outreach partnerships are a privilege for Mayflower to be a part of as we experience the impact financial and spiritual support can have. Thank you for continuing to place Christian outreach as a cornerstone of Mayflower's mission.

Congregational Care Committee and Deacons

The Congregational Care Committee in conjunction with the Deacons facilitates in carrying out messages of hope, care, and love, in service to the congregation and modeling the love of Christ.

The Congregational Care Committee consisted of 3 ministries:

- Card Team: sends cards for joys, sorrows, health, and milestone birthdays. Cards to celebrate newborns and cards/care packages to college freshmen were added.
- Care Team: visits, calls, and provides meals to the homebound or challenged. This is also a Deacon's function, in coordination with the Pastor. This year a tea for those newly widowed was added.
- Hospitality Team: arranges volunteer greeters and treats on Sundays.

A prayer retreat was held May 8, 2024, led by Pastors Steve Armfield, Eric Britcher, and Ila Flo Barfuss. The Deacons and Council representatives helped with the planning and implementation.

The Deacons will continue to carry out the Care Team responsibilities as follows, and develop new ways to care for the congregation:

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- Visit, call, connect, and provide meals
- Conduct prayer-focused guidance and organize retreats
- Connect needs to resources, such as transportation pairing
- Create relational initiatives
- Serve as witnesses, following Jesus' examples
- Provide physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial guidance as needed
- Integrate church members who could help as well as outside agencies

Congregational Events Committee

We started with the Annual Picnic in September where we grilled out and enjoyed delicious lemonade, sides, and desserts. The children enjoyed numerous outside activities including a super-high climbing wall.

In October, 'Trunk or Treat' with great live music was fun for the adults and young adults with their festive trunks and the little ones went home with smiles and loads of treats.

In December, many church members and families enjoyed 'Advent Alive'. The children created adorable crafts to 'deck the halls' and the night was capped off with a carol sing in the Atrium.

In March, the children gave their best efforts at depicting Bible stories out of Easter candy for Peeps Prize 2024, and the Easter egg hunt held during Holy Week was enjoyed by all ages.

Membership Committee

A welcome table was created for new and current congregants to visit before or after the Sunday service to find information about what is happening at Mayflower: Bible studies, outreach opportunities, youth activities, etc. Members of the Membership Committee staffed the welcome table when it was first set up.

In the fall the Membership Committee was asked by the Council to seek feedback from congregants. We contacted congregants asking a variety of questions pre-determined by the committee.

Membership review from June 2023-present:

<u>June 2023</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Removed Members</u>	<u>May 31, 2024</u>
Membership: 545	November 2023: 7	Deaths: 16	Active Membership: 543
	March 2024: 7	By transfer: 6	Associate Membership: 3
	May 2024: 15	By request: 6	Inactive Membership: 0
	Total New Members: 29	Total Members Removed: 28	Total Membership: 546

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In the fall of 2023, Dr. Rev. Shawn Bawulski led a New Member class for four Sundays over the course of October and November with seven new members joining on November 19, Stewardship Sunday.

A new database, Elexio, was launched in the beginning of 2024. It includes a secure login for congregants, congregant information, and giving history. The Membership Committee assisted early in cleaning up the old data before having congregants log into it.

In the spring of 2024, Rev. Steve Armfield led a New Member class for four Sundays over the course of April and May with fifteen new members joining on May 19, Pentecost Sunday.

Finance Committee

See graphs on pages 7 and 8.

House and Grounds Committee

It has been a challenging year for this outstanding group of committee members who have led us to many successes within our facilities. These have positively affected our operating costs while creating a bright welcoming environment. Conversion to high-efficiency LED lighting in our classrooms, kitchen, and sanctuary were part of this effort. We were also delighted to add a fountain feature and new plant soil in the atrium thanks to Priscilla Circle. We have recently focused on long-term planning by applying for a FEMA grant to take our safety/security to another level and are researching long-term financial needs for future roof, windows, and pavement replacements.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee had a busy, full spring this year! The committee began meeting in March and worked diligently to consider multiple pathways by which congregants might be nominated to the incoming slate for 2024-2025. As part of our processes, we created pew cards, hosted a table in the atrium for 4 weeks with committee information and committee members to answer questions, had notices in the Sunday bulletin, took email nominations from existing committee members, connected with church staff and committee chairs, and encouraged all members of the congregation to come forward and/or email nominees to the church office.

Our committee met multiple times to review the incoming nominees and to discern where best to place these individuals based on expressed interest and/or committee needs. We also made multiple phone calls and sent emails to individuals to discuss committee needs and desires for service.

The committee worked very well together! Together, we are pleased to put forward a strong list of committee nominees, Council nominees, and church leaders for 2024-2025. We are

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grateful to everyone who came forward to serve on behalf of the church and we are eager to see the bright things God has in store for Mayflower this coming year!

Worship and Music Committee

The committee had a very active year planning for the many worship and music activities important for the life of our church. In October 2023 we began our “Mondays at Mayflower” Concert Series. This four concert series included Richard Elliott, principal organist of the Mormon Tabernacle, a Percussion Duo, the GV Piano Chamber Series and Grand Valley Baroque. Richard Elliot was very popular, with more than 400 people in attendance. The other concerts held in the atrium had more than 100 attendees. In addition, the Council approved creating a “Friends of Mondays at Mayflower” to encourage donors to support this community outreach. Over \$7,000 was donated.

Because of decreased attendance over the years, we did not have a Thanksgiving Day service in 2023.

Priscilla Circle decorated the church before the First Sunday of Advent on December 3. The four Advent services included a dramatic reading integrated with the message. Cantata Sunday was December 10, with Chancel and Youth Choirs singing Vivaldi’s Gloria with 11 instrumentalists from the symphony. Christmas Eve was on Sunday this year, so in addition to Sunday morning worship, services were held at 4pm, with the Salvation Army Band leading the carols, and 10pm, with harp, flute and Chancel Choir. A Live Nativity was organized outside at 5pm. No 7pm service was offered.

When Pastor Shawn arrived, Lay Readers were picked on a week-to-week basis. It was decided in January 2024 that we would move back to the previous pattern of having the Office Manager schedule Lay Readers three months in advance. When Pastor Shawn arrived we also added the Apostle’s Creed to every Sunday worship. It was recommended in January 2024 that we move to speaking it one time per month.

After a church service was canceled due to a blizzard in January, there was discussion centered around what to offer our congregation when this happens again. Some possibilities are postings of music videos or a pastoral message on social media.

Julia noted in the fall that there was a need to explore how to improve acoustics in our sanctuary. In February, an Acoustics Committee was formally created as a sub-committee of our Worship and Music Committee. David Blair and Greg Rhodes agreed to co-chair this committee. Members include Greg Scott (as representative of House and Grounds), Bill Potts, Scott Bosscher, Julia Brown, Cheryl Blair, and Linda Edgar. The purpose of this committee is to explore possibilities to enhance our acoustics. To date, this committee has met with the Music Directors of First United Methodist Church downtown, Plymouth Christian Reformed

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Church, and attended a concert at St. Adalbert Cathedral. It was noted that in the process of improving acoustics, the first two churches visited discovered the importance of increasing the accessibility and flexibility of their spaces. Work continues by this committee, with no recommendations yet finalized.

In February, Ash Wednesday and Lenten plans were finalized. 'Lent by Candlelight' was offered for six weeks on Monday evenings, providing both a candlelight soup supper and music by well-recognized musicians. Volunteers from our committee and others provided and served the soup and set up 200 LED candles in the Atrium. It was a lovely experience for those who attended, with many of the evening dinners having 75 or more church members and guests in attendance.

Confirmation Sunday was March 17, which was also a service led by all the children and youth, featuring children's vocal and bell choirs. This was in lieu of a musical.

A horn quartet participated in our Easter Sunday service and Janice Yates managed and assisted the decorating of the wooden cross with live flowers. This is quickly becoming a tradition for Easter Sunday at Mayflower.

Chancel Choir led worship from September through June 2 and Mayflower Bells rang every 6-8 weeks, ending their season on May 19, Pentecost Sunday. Combined anthems with adults/youth were featured occasionally throughout the year.

Each month Communion service set-up was managed by Linda Edgar, Shari Graham, Jim Meurs, and Ron Schaver.

Children and Youth Committee

Our Elevate middle and high school youth groups enjoyed spending time together this year by meeting most Sunday evenings from September through April. Each week we enjoyed "Sunday Suppers" provided by parent donations.

We celebrated holidays together with special evenings of food and games for Halloween, Christmas, and the Super Bowl. We continue to be creative including setting up inflatables in the Atrium, enjoying our outdoor space, and taking advantage of field trips to jump zones and escape rooms. The youth always bring the energy and we continue to try and keep up. Our Tuesday morning Breakfast Club continued to meet at Wolfgang's this year, and it continues to thrive and provide a unique ministry.

We served our community by packing sack suppers for Kids Food Basket, helping with IHN, and tutoring students at Mulick Park Elementary.

This spring, we held Confirmation classes and welcomed seven eighth-graders into membership at Mayflower. We also celebrated our amazing graduating high school seniors

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by recognizing them in a special April service. Our youth continue to keep us young and our committee is working on finding our next permanent youth leader.

Our Art Camp is heading into its third year. More than 55 children are currently registered. Twelve middle school students from Mayflower will be helping in leadership during the week. Two new workshop leaders have been added and will be creating more incredible art. We also have summer help in rotation for our summer Sunday school.

Personnel Committee

We focused on evaluating and discussing the Senior Pastor role description from July 2023-February 2024. Personnel processes were further developed. We created and used an exit interview process. We hired an outside leadership consultant that provided a report to the committee & 360 Feedback to the Pastor. The staff annual review process will now coincide with the church fiscal year beginning in 2025. A Senior Pastor review process was started.

Met with the staff. Received feedback on church operations from them and some members of the congregation. Looked at the current needs of the church for staffing including Youth leaders, Senior Pastor/Associate Pastor/Co-Pastor and Congregational Care. Based on feedback from prior Interim Pastors, created an Interim Pastor job description and started the recruiting process. Evaluated our wage structure and adjusted wages for those who have taken on additional responsibilities. Checked with an attorney to determine if our pay structure is compliant or needs to be compliant with FLSA and Michigan law. Explored hiring an HR Consultant to assist with the above and more. The Personnel Committee decided we could reach out for help on specific projects for HR & hired a Consultant to help with leadership coaching.

Preventing child abuse is a best practice for churches and other youth-oriented organizations. Several Youth Protection Plans were researched and reviewed. Safe Gatherings is the training platform we chose. They also run and keep all of the background checks. All staff and volunteers who have or may have contact with youth are required to take the training.

Summer Preaching Schedule



REV. KATHERINE LEE BAKER
JUNE 16 & JUNE 30

Rev. Lee Baker is an Interfaith Minister and DEI Consultant, ordained in the Reformed Church in America. Having served in various corporate, clinical, campus, and community-based settings,

she is passionate about community engagement, intersectionality, and all things cultivating emotional agility and spiritual resiliency. She is a trustee for the Foundation at Mary Free Bed, the incoming President for Grand Rapids Sister Cities International, and a member of the Master Planning Steering Committee for the City of Grand Rapids. revkatherineleebaker.com



REV. RUTH BELL OLSSON
JUNE 23, AUG. 11, & AUG. 25

Rev. Bell Olsson is an activist in spirit and an ally at heart. Her writings and teachings on a variety of subjects wrestle with the deep mysteries of living a life of faith in a complicated world. Ruth earned her BA in

philosophy from Wheaton College and her Masters in global leadership from Fuller Seminary. She was ordained at Mayflower Church in 2019.



REV. CHRISTY CARLIN KNETSCH
JULY 7

Inspiring others to know that *in Christ the past does not have to determine the future* is the mission statement that has guided the career of Rev. Carlin Knetsch. Each day she has lived this out as the Executive

Director of New City Kids and as a minister at Madison Church: South Hill Campus. A graduate of Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, she and her husband Brad are raising their four children.



REV. DR. JONATHAN WHITE
AUG. 4

Rev. Dr. White is a longtime member of Mayflower Church. Having served as interim senior pastor in 2019, Rev. Dr. White has a strong background in history and religion. He was fully ordained in 1992 and has served as a parish pastor around West Michigan. Having recently retired from GVSU as executive director of homeland security, he also served for the Department of Justice with his vast experience in the world of counter-terrorism.



REV. MAURICE A. FETTY
JULY 14

Rev. Fetty is a retired Congregational UCC Minister who has had pastorates in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Manhasset, NY; Grand Rapids, MI; and Edina, MN. He has degrees from Union Theological Seminary, Butler

University and Christian Theological Seminary, and Minnesota Bible College. He is the author of 13 books and does pulpit supply, lectures, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Widowed at age 30, he and his three daughters married widow Sara Melton and her children to form a “Brady Bunch.” They have 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and live in Grand Rapids, MI.



REV. RICARDO TAVÁREZ
JULY 21

Rev. Tavárez, the Executive Director of New City Neighbors, a non-profit ministry partner of Mayflower that empowers youth through urban farming while supplying healthy food to households and pantries in the

Grand Rapids area. He is also the founder and pastor of En Vivo Church, a growing church community in the Creston neighborhood. Rev. Tavárez uses storytelling to encourage and challenge his audience with new perspectives.



REV. JEFF MUNROE
JULY 28 & AUG. 18

Rev. Munroe is the author of *Telling Stories in the Dark*, editor of the *Reformed Journal*, and author of *Reading Buechner*. He is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church of America and retired as Executive Vice

President of Western Theological Seminary in 2020.

Announcements for June 9, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.

June 16 | Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching
June 23 | Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
June 30 | Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching
July 7 | Rev. Christy Knestch, preaching
Communion Sunday



PRAYER TIME: JUNE 9 | 9AM | CHAPEL

Join us as we pray over the Annual Meeting. This session will be led by Betsy Willey, a charter member of Mayflower and Spiritual Director who has published a book of spiritual practices.

ALL COMER'S INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR: SUNDAY, JUNE 9 | 9:30AM

Come join our All Comer's Intergenerational Choir for the Sunday, June 9 service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: JUNE 16

On June 16 there will be a meeting for a Bylaw Proposal & Pastor Search Committee.

PASTOR SEARCH NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the Pastor Search Committee. Please call or email the office with your nomination.

DONUTS FOR DADS: JUNE 16

We'll be celebrating the men in our lives with donuts during the coffee reception after the service on June 16.

59UP EVENT: JUNE 16

Come to Terra GR after church on June 16. RSVP to sjones9200@aol.com if you are available. The address is 1429 Lake Dr. SE. A brunch menu is available here: terraqr.com

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYS | 7AM

Join us this summer for an early morning Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays through Aug. 28 from 7am- 8am. We will be reading and discussing *Joyful* by Ingrid Fetell Lee. Bring your lawn chair and coffee. We will meet outside or in the Atrium as weather permits.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Consider volunteering to lead Sunday School this summer. A short lesson and activity will be planned for you as well as a freezer full of popsicles which are always a hit! This is a great time to be a part of the Christian education of the children at Mayflower and have some fun along the way. Once you have signed up for a date (or two), you will be sent a background check to fill out if the office does not have one already on file. Contact Rachael Cooley with any questions.

69UP EVENT: JUNE 20 | 5PM-7PM

Everyone age 69+ is invited to a social event at Sandy Armbruster's (6385 Thornhills Ct SE). RSVP to Murry Idema and indicate if you will bring an appetizer or white wine to share (616-901-3842 or murry@mayflowerchurch.org).

This Week

What's happening at Mayflower this week

Today, June 9

- 9am Prayer Time in the Chapel
- 9:30am All Comer's Choir rehearsal
- 10:30am Sunday Worship
Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching
- 11:30am Annual Meeting

Monday, June 10

- 9am Art Camp

Tuesday, June 11

- 9am Art Camp
- 10:30am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, June 12

- 7am Women's Summer Bible Study
- 9am Art Camp
- 7pm Al-Anon

Thursday, June 13

- 9am Art Camp
- 6pm Boy Scouts

Friday, June 14

- 7am Men's Bible Study

Looking Ahead

Upcoming dates to note

JUNE

- 16** Fathers' Day
Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching
Congregational Meeting | 11:30
59UP at Terra GR | 11:30am
- 19** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
Council Retreat | 5pm-8pm
- 20** 69UP at Sandy Arbruster's | 5pm
- 22** Bill Potts memorial service | 10am
- 23** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 25** Council Mtg | 6:30pm
- 26** Office Closed 8am-12pm | Staff Retreat
Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 30** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching

JULY

- 4** Office Closed | Independence Day
- 5** Office Closed | Independence Day obs.
- 7** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Christy Knetsch, preaching
- 10** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 14** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Maurice Fetty, preaching
- 17** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 21** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ricardo Alvarez, preaching
- 24** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 28** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Jeff Munroe, preaching

Praises and Prayers

Week of June 9, 2024

If you would like to receive, or make note of someone to be added to the weekly Prayer List, please contact the church office to be included on the list (616.459.6255 or office@mayflowerchurch.org.) Prayer Cards are also in the pews and collected during Sunday morning services.

PRAISE FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE

Maris Rosema feels lifted and encouraged by all the prayers. She is getting stronger everyday. (5/21)

We celebrate those who have recently joined Mayflower as **members and baptized** their children. (5/19)

PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Linda Edgar** who is recovering from surgery. (6/5)

Please pray for **Edy Lemke** who returned home following surgery for a broken leg. (6/5)

Please pray for **Nancy Miller** as she faces general and thoracic surgery on June 19. (5/21)

The family of **Jonathan Tuuk** asks for prayers for clarity regarding his health trajectory and care needs. (5/14)

PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Please pray for **Suzanne Shippy**, daughter-in-law of **Ron Shippy**, she has moved from ICU to rehab. (5/29)

Pray for **Paula Gaylord** who is struggling with health issues. (4/11)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Please pray for the Laham and Oosterman families for the passing of **Julie Laham** on May 23. Julie was Courtenay Oosterman's sister-in-law. (6/5)

We pray for the family of **Bill Potts** who passed away on May 20. A memorial service will be held at Mayflower on June 22 at 10am. (5/20)

Pray for former director of Children's Choirs, **Heidi Hertel**, and her family as they mourn the loss of her father, **Philip Hertel**, who died May 11. visitation will be held 4-7pm on June 7 at Metcalf and Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church on June 8 at 11am.

We pray for the family of **Dr. David Hammond**, who passed away May 2. A service was held at Mayflower on June 3. (5/7)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

We pray for peace and safety in the world amid ongoing turmoil, specifically in Haiti, the Middle East, and Ukraine.

Grant wisdom to world leaders, that they may see that common humanity makes us all brothers and sisters to one another. (5/7)

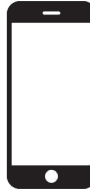
Prayers for dialogue and reconciliation on college campuses. (5/7)

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THE TRIUNE GOD

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry,
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing,
 4. Mor-tals, join the hap - py cho - rus, Which the morn-ing

Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee,
 flect Thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee,
 ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us,

O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
 Broth - er love binds man to man. Ev - er sing - ing,

sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Fourth verse: "Our God's love is reigning o'er us,
 binding us in one great plan."

HYMN TO JOY
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THE TRIUNE GOD

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness,
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,
Teach us how to love each oth - er,
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward

Fill us with the light of day!
Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Lift us to the joy di - vine.
In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

Good and gracious God, we come to You with thanksgiving for all Your many blessings. We are surrounded this day, and every day, with signs of Your truth and power. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to the glory of Your love. We thank You especially for:

The beauty and power of Your creation.

The gift of Christ, who brings peace and life.

The work of Your Holy Spirit, guiding us and bringing us insights to Your will.

The bright faith of new believers, the abiding devotion of Your loyal followers,
and all companions on our journeys of discipleship.

All relationships of love and caring, teaching us of Your love.

The satisfaction of work well done.

Opportunities, courage, and energy to serve You and share Your love.

The ministries of our church, reaching out in faithful service in Your name.

The gifts of our leaders, ministers, teachers, musicians, and administrators.

Each member of our church, created by You in special ways for faith and service.

And for all the particular blessings of this day.

God of joy, our hearts are filled to overflowing with the fullness of Your blessings. Give us the strength, courage, and power to live as You have created us, transformed according to Your holy will. We offer these prayers of praise in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

Rev. Susan LeFeber

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1740–1817

J. G. Nägeli, 1773–1836

Adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, Each oth - er's
4. When we are called to part It give us

Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of kin - dred
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are
bur - dens bear; And of - ten for each oth - er
in - ward pain, But we shall still be joined in

minds Is like to that a - bove.
one, Our com - forts and our cares.
flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A - men.

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Unity and Fellowship

THE CHURCH

Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish

Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

Traditional Irish Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my treas - ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

Second verse: "Thou my great Father, till life be done" or "Thy will be done"

Third verse: "nor this world's praise"

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