



# The Mayflower "LOG"

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*We are a people of faith on a journey with Christ.*

*Sunday – In person and Virtual worship at 11:00 am  
Transformation Station – Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
April 20, 2024 – (9:00 – 10:00) Mayflower Church Community FoodShare*

## WHO ARE WE?

Mayflower opens its heart, faith, and building to a wide variety of community ministries. These include AA and NA support groups, City Elite and Sweethearts Dance teams, emergency shelter for neighboring Liberty School, Calico Kids Preschool, Girls Scouts, and shared space with another church. Mayflower is an Open and Affirming church that welcomes LGBTQIA+ to be a part of the church family. Mayflower's motto is: "We are a people of faith on a journey with Christ." We invite you to join the journey. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Mayflower has a dedicated belief that we need to connect with the community in helpful ways. The mission and outreach board supports a Mayflower Food Share one Saturday a month as well as appointments, free coat rack, Little Free Library and reading bench. The Sunday School organizes a variety of service projects. A multi-generation group supports the Siouxland Back Pack program by filling bags of weekend food for Sioux City school students

### *Do we see Mayflower in this quote?*

"Sunday morning is not my most important day. I don't want to pastor a church that only has church on Sunday and Bible study on Wednesday. I do Sunday morning to gather the troops for Monday."

Quote from Pastor Darius Pridgen 2-13-2023, Buffalo, New York. True Bethel Baptist Church. His church reaches out all week to the community doing God's work for those in need.

## REFLECTIONS FOR April 2024

### Prayers for Perseverance

by Rick Hamlin Prayer blogger

"I pray for patience," Mom said with a sigh. Seven paces behind, leaning on his walker, Dad muttered, "Well, that's a prayer God hasn't heard yet."

Sometimes the prayers we say are the same prayers over and over again. I think with a smile of what my mom said to a friend as she and Dad were walking to church not too many years ago, Dad at that point moving slowly behind her. "I pray and I pray for patience," she said with a sigh. Seven paces behind, leaning on his walker, Dad was heard to mutter, "Well, that's a prayer God hasn't heard yet."

Mom, don't worry. I saw that prayer answered many times. But truth to be told, I'm probably like her. I pray for the same things over and over again: patience, confidence, faith, openness, selflessness, understanding, gratitude. I have to trust that God doesn't mind hearing the same things over and over again from me. Perhaps the inner challenges I face are there to keep me talking to God.

I'm reminded of a story from my friend Joe Caldwell. For years he thought of his mother's virtues as something she was just born with, her goodness, patience, endurance, all her expressions of faith and hope. It was only after her death, when he had a chance to see her prayer book, that he got a glimpse of her inner spiritual life. He found in the book's pages cards, prayers for peace, prayers for missionaries, prayers for his father who had died 11 years earlier.

But leafing through the pages, he was most struck by one prayer in particular, the edges yellow and brown, the paper almost worn through. It was clearly the page she had turned to more often than any other. At the top of the page it said, "Prayer for Perseverance." As he said, "The prayer, the words, the page had been worn away by nothing more, nothing less, than perseverance itself."

Her prayer had indeed been answered.

***BIRTHDAYS -April 2024***



***APRIL BIRTHDAYS***

13	Levi Frerichs	25	Hope Gruis
20	Sally Powell	28	Brady Hill
21	JoAnne Johnson	29	Sean Warner
22	Cindi Gregg	30	Jessica Molden

***PRAYER REMEMBRANCES April 2024***



**Our Prayers are offered for each one remembered in celebration, and in sorrow.**

Prayers are always needed and welcome by all members and families of Mayflower.



To keep current, we will list any prayer requests that come in during the week, either by phone or email, and announce them during the Sunday worship service. We **ALWAYS** want to make sure your prayer requests are shared and addressed. We will ask that you keep previous prayer requests close to your heart from week to week, and we will list the most current ones.

\*We continue to remember our less mobile members and friends: Shirley, Dorothy M., Buddy, Barb, Kathy, Jeanette, and Joyce

*(Please send your prayer requests to: [Mayflowerucc@gmail.com](mailto:Mayflowerucc@gmail.com))*



***ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTES FROM OUR LEADERS – April 2024***

**Board of Trustees**

Trustees Deal with Building Repairs and Maintenance

With a 100 year old building, it is not surprising that our Trustees must deal with building repairs and maintenance constantly. There will be a new door from the basement to the alley. The door was damaged by a truck that backed into it. Insurance will cover those costs.

During the last ice/rain storm, there was a water leak in the sanctuary (south wall) and in the basement caused by an ice jam on the roof. New liners in the eaves will be put in to, hopefully, take care of that problem.

The remainder of the sanctuary painting and repair will be done sometime in May. In addition to a new fresh coat of paint, the cracks in the walls in several areas will be repaired.

Lawn and outside maintenance were discussed and the man who has done the snow removal will be mowing the yard this summer. Gardens need to be worked on - any volunteers would be appreciated.

Church Profile is Nearing Completion.

A profile of Mayflower Church (all 52 pages of it) is nearing completion and will soon be sent on to our Tristate conference for approval. This is the first step in securing a new pastor. Once this is finished and approved, the conference and the national offices of the UCC will post the opening for a pastor to fill both Mayflower and Whiting churches. We hope this process will generate interest for a new pastor. We will then charge a pastoral search committee to review applications and make recommendations. The search committee consists of 8 members plus the moderator of our church. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on this committee. We will continue to keep the congregation posted on any new developments.

### **IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!**

Did you know the Mayflower church building will be 100 years old this year! The construction of a "new" church building was started in 1923 and completed in 1924. On June 22 of 1924, the congregation marched from the "old" building on 14th and Myrtle to the new church on the hill at 19th and Rebecca. The first service in this building was on that Sunday.

We will be rededicating the building on June 23, 2024 with a special service at 11:00 a.m. We will be inviting all members and friends - old and new - to come and celebrate with us!

We will have historical displays of the church being constructed, photos of groups who have called Mayflower 'home', and artifacts of activities that have been in this building over the last 100 years. And there is a LOT of items to peruse.

We are also planning a luncheon for June 23. It will be a great time to sit and reminisce with friends and neighbors.

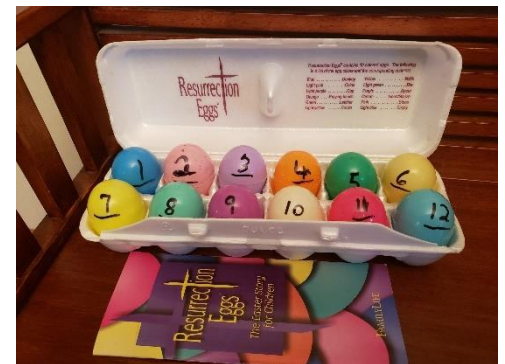
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for JUNE 23, 2024. Come and celebrate!**



## **Transformation Station AKA Sunday School**

### **Christian Education**

The Palm Sunday class has a fond tradition. They have a carton of plastic numbered eggs. The 12 eggs' contents tell a part of the week of Easter. The contents are a donkey, three coins, a cup, praying hands, leather strip, a crown of thorns, nails, one die, a spear, linen, a stone, and the best of all....an empty egg because Jesus arose. The students take turns hiding and finding the eggs. Each time 12 eggs are found; the students open an egg and tell a part of the story. This is a fun and educational activity. Check out the photo of the Resurrection Eggs.



### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

#### **WHO ARE THE CATALYSTS AND ACTIVISTS IN OUR CHURCH'S STORY?**

The Adult Group will be learning about that in April. If you'd like to try out a 4 P.M. Sunday zoom, please contact Bob Fritzmeier: bobfritzmeier@yahoo.com, subject line Adult Group; or (712) 899-6418, leave a voicemail with your contact information.



## Calico Kids Preschool

**PRESCHOOL**



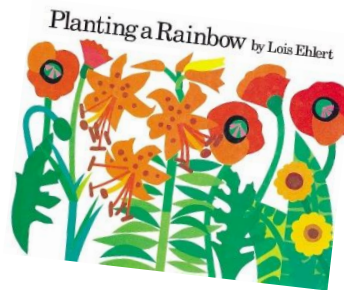
**Registration**

Lots going on in the preschool. They are registering new students for the 24-25 school year. Please spread the word to neighbors, friends, families about Calico Kids. The staff is top notch and teach with great creativity. The phone number for the preschool is 712-255-7441 and the email is [calicokidspreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:calicokidspreschool@hotmail.com). Three-, four-, and five-year-old children can attend. Children aged 4 by September 15 can come free to preschool. There also are scholarships that can be requested for 3s and 5s.

Time is rapidly approaching for the HyVee receipts to be turned into the Calico Kids Preschool or Mary Groen. This project helps the preschool budget. Thank you for your receipts. April 22nd is the last day we can accept Hy-Vee receipts for this school year!



Thank you to the Sioux City Public Library for coming and reading to us!



## Mayflower in the community

**Faces of Siouxland Multicultural Fair March 17**



This event was an exciting and well attended event at the Convention Center. The estimate is 3,000 people came. There were 90+ booths for people to see, day long entertainment, and tasty lunch choices. Mayflower had a booth that invited folks to learn about Mayflower Church. The new brochures from Julie Cunningham were a hit. Thanks to Danny, Jill, Tad, Mary, Linda for hosting the booth and greeting the public.

# Mayflower History

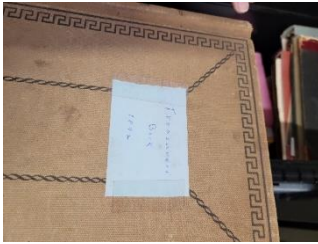
## **Peace Candle**

When Rev. Rayann Burnham Cummings was at Mayflower, a Peace Candle was put in front of the altar. So much was going on in the world at that time. Mayflower committed to pray for peace each Sunday. The tradition is still going on because there is so much unrest and war in our world. The current candle is the 4<sup>th</sup> peace candle. A 5<sup>th</sup> candle will soon be in front of the altar. Prayer will continue to bring peace in our world.

## **Passing of Rev. Rayan Cummings**

We have received a message from Rev. Rayan's son Stuart about his mother. She became ill and frail for a long time and recently died December 17, 2023. Stuart shared that Rev. Rayan lovingly talked about Mayflower Church. Mayflower was blessed when Rev. Rayan was our minister.

## **DRAWERS AND DRAWERS OF MAFLOWER DOCUMENTS**



## **ITEMS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE MAYFLOWER CONGREGATION**



**Interesting Facts** = The ashes from the burning of the church mortgage in 1946 are buried in the front lawn of the church.

In 1994, the women's circle from Mayflower made a quilt panel for the national AIDS quilt in honor of David Morgan (son of Alta & Merritt Morgan)

## **Board of Mission and Outreach**

**Mayflower Food Giveaway:** The Mayflower Food Giveaways continue to be our biggest outreach events. They take place on the third Saturday of each month. We are grateful to be able to help fight food insecurity in our community.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Sat., Apr. 20, 2024 (9:00 am -10:00 am) Mayflower Food Giveaway

### **REPORT FROM MARCH, 2024 Food Giveaway.**

<b>Mayflower Food Giveaway March 16, 2024</b>					
	<b>Vehicles/ transportation</b>	<b>Adults In families</b>	<b>Children In families</b>	<b>Families</b>	<b>Total people reached</b>
<b>Drive-ups</b>	<b>*60</b>	<b>*185</b>	<b>*180</b>	<b>*97</b>	<b>*365</b>
<b>Walk-ups</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Deliveries</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Totals #s</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Foods</b>	<b>bread and other baked goods, pork taco meat, chickens, canned pears, canned carrots, canned green beans, canned corn, canned peas, potato flakes, vegetable oil, peanut butter, squash, canned garbanzo beans, walnuts, lentils, and eggs</b>				
<b>Other notes</b>	<b>The day was cold and windy! Rod, from Zestos, brought eggs and bread the day of the Giveaway. A Zestos worker, Andrew, stayed and helped us at the giveaway. We had some bread left over, so Sheena took it to some of her clients who could use it.</b>				

Volunteers: 18

<b>Members</b>	<b>Friends of Mayflower</b>
Julie Linda Brad Bob Mary Karen Sheena Brooklyn Vicki Tyanne	Amber Anderson Hanna Anderson Andrew Deb Johnson Lucinda Kathy Gary Jackie Stellish

## CALENDAR LOG ENTRY –April 2024

- Sun. Apr. 7**      **Sunday School 9:45**  
**In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 am**
- Sun. Apr. 14**    **Sunday School 9:45**  
**In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 am**
- Wed. Apr. 17**   **Mission/Outreach ZOOM @7:00 pm**  
**Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm**
- Thurs. Apr. 18** **Deacons Mtg @ 6:30 PM**
- Sat. Apr. 20**   **Mayflower Food Giveaway 9:00 – 10:30 am**  
**LOG ARTICLES DUE**
- Sun. Apr. 21**   **Sunday School 9:45**  
**In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 am**
- Sun. Apr. 28**   **Sunday School 9:45**  
**In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 am**

### Remember

Remember the Good Friday service at 7pm on the 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a very moving service that will touch your heart.  
Remember the Easter Sunday worship service at 11am. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

