



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.***

Adult Bible Study by Zoom @ 2:00 pm

January 20, 2024 – (9:00 – 10:00) Mayflower Food Giveaway

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 Giveaway 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 JANUARY 2024

Finding Direction

Jan Willson Towne (Virginia, USA)

From Guideposts 2023

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor.

Psalms 73:24 (NRSVUE)

As a freshman in college, I enrolled in a physical education course titled “Winter Survival Skills.” One activity was to learn how to use a compass. One afternoon, the entire class took a bus to a wilderness area with a large lake. We were paired up, told to navigate around the lake using only our compass and a rudimentary map, and to meet the bus on the other side in three hours. Unfortunately, my teammate knew less than I did about how to read and use a compass. We got thoroughly lost. The only reason we finally found the bus was because the bus driver turned on the headlights in the darkness and started honking the horn. Imagine how embarrassed we were when we finally made it back! The rest of the class had been waiting over an hour.

A compass is simply a device that determines direction. I never did learn how to use one. But many years later, with the use of a Bible reading plan and a good study Bible, I started reading, using, and understanding a different kind of compass — the Bible. The wisdom in scripture guides us in our daily decisions, directs our steps, and leads us safely to

our destination — on earth and toward heaven. Every day can be a glorious adventure when we begin by soaking up God's wisdom from scripture!

Lord God, thank you for your grace, guidance, and instruction. Help us to seek your direction and follow the path Jesus has set for us. In his name. Amen.



BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 2024

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06	Marcia Albeck	20	Lori Kamradt
10	Bob Fritzmeier	22	Linda Glorfield
11	Nathan Hultquist	23	Misty Campbell
12	Kayla Hultquist		Melissa Mesner
17	Amanda Forth	28	Nicholas Hultquist



PRAYER REMEMBRANCES – JANUARY 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.

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

(Please send your prayer requests to: Mayflowerucc@gmail.com)



ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTES FROM OUR LEADERS – JANUARY 2024

Board of Trustees

The stewardship campaign was successfully completed by the Trustees in November. The Budget committee met in December to review the income and expenses of the church for the coming year. Many of the line items were adjusted to match increases or decreases in funds from this past year. For example, the heating costs have gone down slightly and have been helped by the warm Fall weather. Donations and facility use have increased this year. Our pastoral costs will go down, at least for the months we are searching for new leadership. Insurance of the building is going up.

The committee presented the proposed budget to the Trustees and it was approved at the December meeting. This budget will then be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in January.

A big THANK YOU to all made pledges and gave donations to the church this past year and for 2024.

REMINDER: Please try to attend the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

Mayflower Church will turn 100 years!

On the first Sunday in April, 1924 the Mayflower Congregation walked from the old church on Geneva Street to the brand new, larger building at 18th and Rebecca. One hundred years later we are still worshipping in this building. We will celebrate our building's birthday in April 2024. Are you interested in helping with the planning of this celebration? Let us know!



Calico Kids Preschool

The preschool is an exciting place to be. Songs, art, games, books, discovery play, and much more keep the preschoolers loving learning. December was a busy month!



We made reindeer in December and did some finger art!



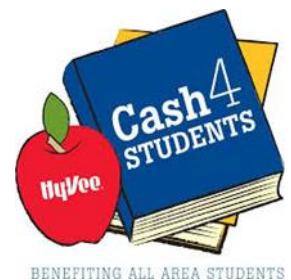
Thank you Jodi from [Adam's Nature Preserve](#) for coming out and teaching us about hibernation!



And remember.....save those HyVee receipts for the preschool.

Calico Kids Preschool is asking you to join the preschool project of saving HyVee receipts. This is an easy fundraiser for you and the school. Here are the rules:

Receipts must be dated August 1, 2023 to April 23, 2024. (Fuel, postal, money orders, Western Union, lottery, Quest, Mid-American or gift card receipts CANNOT be turned in to the school) Receipts for all other items are acceptable. *Please put your receipts in the container in the entryway.* Ask your friends and family to join you in the support of Calico Kids Preschool. We thank you.



Transformation Station AKA Sunday School

Some pictures of the Children’s Christmas Program. Thank you to ALL who helped and participated.



ADULT GROUP LEARNINGS

The Adult Group will continue to explore “Christian Artists and Innovators.” We listen online to historian Diana Butler Bass. Along the way we’re able to ask questions, engage in lively discussion, and grow in our faith. If you’d like to sit in and see and hear what there is for you, contact bobfritzmeier@yahoo.com, or call him at (712) 899-6418 and leave a voicemail.



Board of Mission and Outreach

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We begin 2024 with a renewed focus on reaching out to help others. Mayflower has deep connections within our community, and we have many partnerships that are vital to our mission work. Zestos, Inc., The Siouxland Food Bank, Aetna, The Human Rights Commission, Briar Cliff University, and The Dollar Store are some of our partners who assist us in many ways. Other UCC churches have offered various kinds of support. Many neighbors and friends help at our events. We are grateful to have formed a wide network of volunteers to help us continue our mission work. Thank you to all the Mayflower members and friends for the ongoing support!

Upcoming Dates:

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

Mayflower Food Giveaway December 16, 2023					
	Vehicles/ transportation	Adults In families	Children In families	Families	Total people reached
Drive-ups	*56	*185	*146	*99	*331
Walk-ups	*3	*6	*6	*3	*12
Deliveries	*7	*15	*9	*11	*24
Totals #s	*66	*206	*161	*113	*367



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



CALENDAR LOG ENTRY – JANUARY 2024

Sun. Jan. 7	Sunday School 9:45 In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 am
Sun. Jan. 14	Sunday School 9:45- practice for program In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 a
Wed. Jan 17	Trustees Mtg @ 6:00 Pm
Thurs. Jan. 18	Deacons Mtg. @4:30 PM
Sat. Jan. 20	Foodshare @ 8:00 -10:00 am
Sun. Jan.21	Sunday School 9:45 In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 am
	LOG ARTICLES DUE
Mon. Jan. 22	Mission/Outreach ZOOM 6:00 PM
	Sun. Jan. 28 Sunday School 9:45
	In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 am
Sun. Jan.28	Sunday School 9:45 In-Person AND Virtual Worship on Facebook @ 11:00 am

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Updated/ additional events will be emailed to everyone.

