

The Log

April, 2017

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are Welcome here.

What a lovely Spring we are journeying into! With April this year comes Palm Sunday, Family Promise, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Earth Day, Spud Sunday, and so many more wonderful ways to share in the life of Mayflower!

Lenten & Holy Week Opportunities 2017



Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers –
Wednesdays through April 5 at
6:00 pm. Our Wednesday Evening Dinner Study will be a shared Lenten experience with First Church. • **Apr. 5 at Mayflower**

Lenten Thursdays at Noon – Bring your lunch and join us for a lunchtime Adult Education series presented by Rev. Steve.

Join us for either program with or without a book!!!

April 9, Palm Sunday – don't forget to **bring coats, jackets or sweaters!**



April 13, Maundy Thursday –
Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm

April 14, Good Friday – Noon, Stations of the Cross:
a Downtown Experience in solidarity with immigrants & refugees

April 16, EASTER!

8:30 am – Easter Breakfast by the Relay for Life Team

10:00 am – Easter Worship

10:15 am – Adventure Hour Easter Egg Hunt

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Upcoming Event Highlights:

Apr. 2 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

– Commun. & Food Bank Sunday

– Adult Education

Apr. 4 – Lydia’s Prayer Group

– Hap Gilliland Memorial

– K-1 Our Whole Lives Class

Apr. 5 – All Youth at First Church

– Lenten Soup Supper **at Mayflower**

Apr. 6 – Brown Bag Adult Ed.

Apr. 9 – Palm Sunday!!!

– Family Promise Hosting begins

– Adult Education

– Resource & Operations Meet

– Christian Education Committee Meet

– Mission & Outreach Meet

– Confirmation Class

– Con Spirito Concert for Mayflower

Apr. 11 – Lydia’s Prayer Circle

Apr. 12 – Youth at First Church

Apr. 13 – Maundy Thursday

– Tenebrae Service

Apr. 14 – Good Friday, Downtown

Apr. 15 – Men of Mayflower

Apr. 16 – Easter!

– Easter Breakfast by Relay for Life

– Adventure Hour Easter Egg Hunt

Apr. 18 – Lydia’s Prayer Group

Apr. 19 – Youth at Mayflower

Apr. 20 – WoM Sandwich Making

– Brown Bag Adult Ed.

– Council Meeting

Apr. 21 – LOG Deadline!!!

– Institute for Peace Studies’ *Spring*

Fling Dinner at Mayflower!!!

Apr. 22 – Mayflower Spring Cleaning

Apr. 23 – Adult Education

– Confirmation Class

Apr. 25 – Lydia’s Prayer Group

– 4-6 Our Whole Lives

Apr. 26 – WoM Luncheon

– All Youth at Mayflower

Apr. 29 – Youth Mental Health First Aid

Class partnered with RiverStone Health

Apr. 30 – Spud Sunday



MEN OF MAYFLOWER are meeting at Aspen Meadows on **Saturday, 7:15 am, April 15** at Aspen Meadows to cook and serve breakfast.

New members, sons, grandsons & friends are always encouraged to attend. Please sign-up in the Narthex or ask Rev. Steve for more information.

WOMEN OF MAYFLOWER (WOM)

Invite You to a Lovely Lunch

on Wednesday, April 26 at 12:00,

followed by a fascinating program

about flowers and herbs for with

special guest **Katie Bennett** of Mac’s Floral.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend, so bring your friends and join us for this fun Spring get-together!



APRIL 30TH IS SPUD SUNDAY! Please join us for this fun & filling annual fundraiser Free will offering. Spuds and all the fixin’s served after worship.

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY. Purchase a lily in memory of a loved one for \$13; help us provide lilies for the Easter Sunday service, and take the lily home following Worship. The Sanctuary Committee will take your order after church on April 2nd & 9th. Please make your purchase with correct change or a check made out to Mayflower Church. We will publish the memoriam list on Easter Sunday.

MAYFLOWER SPRING CLEANUP –

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 – JOIN IN!

Please mark your calendar to lend a

hand from 9 to Noon. Coffee & rolls

will be available. Resources and

Operations is asking for your help in a

successful spring cleanup. If each of us

does a little it won’t take long to

complete the list. Thank you. –R & O



RMC’s Peace Institute “Spring Fling” is set for **Friday, April 21**, here at Mayflower beginning at **5:30**, with entertainment at 7:00. This is an evening with different ethnic foods and entertainment. Check upcoming Bulletins for more information.

FAMILY PROMISE guests return to Mayflower April 9-15!
Please watch for the sign-up board in the Narthex. We need evening dinner hosts and two people each night to spend the night at the church. Overnight hosts are especially needed. Many who have spent the night have said this is the easiest way to help. **If you have any questions call the Office at 656-5414 and "Thank You."**

BETTY BISHOP SCHOLARSHIP 2017 A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a High School senior that is a member of Mayflower Church. The deadline for submitting applications is **April 21**. Please return the completed essay questions to the Mayflower office. The Scholarship will be presented to the winner on graduation Sunday in May and paid directly to the college.

CON SPIRITO
Mayflower Church Appreciation Concert
– April 9, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Julie Bishop, Nancy Downing, and the women of Con Spirito invite you to a **free concert in the Mayflower Sanctuary, Sunday evening, April 9, at 7 p.m.** For two years, the vocal ensemble has enjoyed the use of Mayflower Church for rehearsing and for storing their music library, and are presenting this concert in appreciation to the church for this kindness. The a cappella concert will feature a variety of sacred and secular music including spirituals; French, Irish, and African folk songs; and a pop tune from the '20's.

Con Spirito ("with spirit") is celebrating its 13th year as a vocal ensemble. Since 2004, the group has presented several concerts and liturgical season recitals; performed at the regional American Guild of Organists convention; sung for numerous holiday celebrations, appreciation gatherings, along with church and memorial services; made guest appearances with *bellissimo!* and the Yellowstone Chamber Players, and participated in the Billings Symphony's Holiday Tour of Homes. Also, on behalf of the Billings Symphony, the group has brought holiday music to the Montana Women's Prison and traveled the region to bring a variety of music to school children and rural communities.

Current members are Rosalie Foster, Lesley Jorden, and Martha Rowe, sopranos; Julie Bishop, Jennine Budge, and Megan Carling, mezzo sopranos; and Kathleen Cochrane, Nancy Downing, and Bonnie Warne, altos.

In addition to singing with Con Spirito, members of the group are active elsewhere in the Billings' musical community. Several sing with the Billings Symphony Chorale and the High Plains Chamber Singers. Also represented are church choir directors, bell ringers, voice teachers, soloists for community events, and church choir members.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

– April 2

Please remember to bring donations of non-perishable items - spread a little love.

Here are two facts that should not both be true:

- There is sufficient food produced in the world every year to feed every human being on the planet.

- Nearly 800 million people literally go hungry every day, with more than a third of the earth's population -- 2 billion men and women -- malnourished one way or another, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

— Michael Dorris,



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Anna Nentwig

Worship every Sunday at 10:00 am

YOUTH Happenings

We have another busy month ahead of us for the Youth in April! We are helping with moving the Youth Room at First Church on April 1. We will be finishing K-2 Our Whole Lives and starting our 4-6 Our Whole Lives Class. **If you are interested in having a child in the 4-6 class please contact Kimmie or Anna in the church office.** We will continue with Confirmation Class from 4:30-6 pm on Sunday, April 9 and April 23. We will be visiting All Nations Church for their worship service on April 23. **Family Fun Night this month will be on Friday, April 21 because of Holy Week, so on we will be going bowling at Sunset Lanes at 7 pm.** Cost is \$5/person which includes shoe rental. Bumpers will be available for anyone under 8 who would like them! All ages and families 1-50 are welcome!! Please RSVP to Kimmie or the church office by Thursday, April 20.

We have partnered with Riverstone Health to offer a **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training on Saturday, April 22 at Mayflower, 10 am - 4 pm, cost is \$10/person.** The class is limited to 30 so please sign up early! This is a great class for anyone that works with youth or is involved in a youth's life ages 12-18 especially parents and grandparents! Please contact Kimmie or the office to register!

We are still looking for people to provide dinner for the Youth on Wednesday nights for April and May, please let Kimmie know if you are willing. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Youth at the Oscars Night through donations, participation or help with the planning and implementing! The youth and myself are so very blessed to have such great support in the members of this congregation and the CE committee.