

The Log

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

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Thank you for my recent sabbatical experience. Although it didn't go completely as planned, it was a very meaningful time.

Every day allowed for a time of spiritual refreshment. The value of being able to rest, meditate, exercise or read, most often without having something to prepare or to be at an appointment, was such a good feeling. We had some time to be close to nature in Yellowstone Park and Hayden Lake. We hiked and spent time with children and Grandchildren.

I found quite a good number of books that I hope to share over time -- one that became a devotional I read every morning, others that related to spirituality, and some on the changing demographics of the church. I hope a couple readings will serve as Adult Education Studies.

I also began drawing hummingbirds which was relaxing and symbolic to me. The beautiful little birds symbolize the enjoyment and sweetness of life and lightness of being. Some also say hummingbirds represent energy, vitality and Joy toward life. They make me feel good when I see them!

Yes, my sabbatical was a blessing!

Upon returning, I am excited about the great energy at Mayflower and all the events the future holds in our shared ministry in the coming month and years together.

In Christ's Love,

Steve

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Upcoming Event Highlights:

- Oct. 1** – World Communion Sunday
 - Adult Education
 - Garden Potluck & Clean-up
- Oct. 3** – Lydia’s Prayer Circle
- Oct. 4** – Older Youth at First Church
- Oct. 8** – Adult Education
 - Resource & Operations Meeting
 - Neighbors in Need Offering
 - Mission & Outreach Meeting
 - RMC Band & Choir Concert
- Oct. 10** – Lydia’s Prayer Circle
- Oct. 11** – Older Youth at Mayflower
- Oct. 13** – Fellowship Fun Night at The Maize at Grandpa’s Farm
- Oct. 14** – Mayflower Fall Clean-up
- Oct. 15** – Adult Education
 - Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off
 - Blessing of the Pets
- Oct. 16** – Youth Event Parent Meeting
- Oct. 17** – Lydia’s Prayer Circle
- Oct. 18** – Older Youth at First Ch.
- Oct. 19** – Council Meeting
 - Older Youth Retreat in Camp Mimanagish begins
 - WoM Sandwich Making Mission
- Oct. 20** – **Log Deadline!**
- Oct. 21** – Men of Mayflower meet
- Oct. 22** – Adult Education
 - Family Promise Hosting begins
- Oct. 24** – Lydia’s Prayer Circle
- Oct. 25** – Women of Mayflower
 - Older Youth Group at Mayflower
- Oct. 26** – Worship Meets
- Oct. 29** – Adult Education
 - Soup & Salad Luncheon & Halloween Mini-Carnival
- Oct.31** – Lydia’s Prayer Circle

COME JOIN US FOR THIS OCTOBER'S FELLOWSHIP FUN NIGHT on October 13 at the Maize at Grandpa's Farm from 6-8 pm. The cost is \$10/person and includes maze and hot chocolate or cider. Children 3 and under are free. Come join us for an evening of fun in the maize and other games and activities for all ages! Please RSVP by Thursday, October 13 to Kim at 406-855-4317.

Thank You So Much! Over the last two weeks, the Office has been working to reach out to the friends and family of Mayflower as we update the listings in our Directory. Your prompt and attentive replies have been appreciated.

SAVE THESE DATES!!! Our Family Promise guests will be back at Mayflower in **October**, staying with us from the **22nd to the 29th**. We will need volunteers to bring dinner, stay overnight, shop and do laundry, so please plan on signing your name to the Board when it is up in the Narthex.



MEN OF MAYFLOWER meets Saturday, 7:15 am, October 21 at Aspen Meadows to cook and serve breakfast. New members, first time visitors, sons, grandsons & friends are always encouraged to join. Please sign-up in the Narthex or ask Rev. Steve for more information.

Women of Mayflower Join us on **Wednesday, Oct. 25 at noon.** Ann Hanson will give an informative Presentation on the Our Whole Lives Program. More information about this gathering will be available soon.



Keep Informed about what's happening

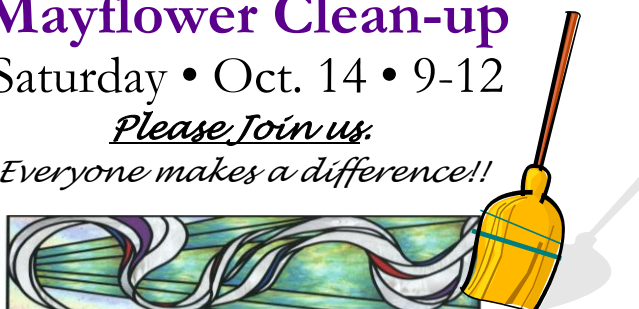
in Mayflower's church committees by checking out the new "Committee News and Needs" bulletin next to the big bulletin board across from the drinking fountains. You'll find updates from Committees posted and there may be some needs posted that you could help fulfill. You also could post your important notes or church needs and our committees will respond.

Mayflower Clean-up

Saturday • Oct. 14 • 9-12

Please Join us.

Everyone makes a difference!!





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS is a special event that will again take place at Mayflower, **October 15, 1 pm**, on the lawn. **We have hosted this event for over 10 years and welcome the community to join us.** Bring your pet and or pets and have them blessed. For safety, please be sure your pets are on leashes, in crates or otherwise restrained. If your pet cannot attend, feel free to bring a picture or collar and don't forget supplies to clean up after your pet!



October 30 is our annual "Soup and Salad" luncheon fundraiser. This is a free will offering fundraiser for the youth. We will also have some Halloween games/activities to coincide with the meal and kids/adults are encouraged to wear costumes if they like.

Mayflower hosts the Rocky Mountain College Music

Department Fall Concert, Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 pm We are delighted to welcome Travis Hale as he makes his debut as our new Director of Bands. The Concert Band performs Centuria by James Swearingen, Yorkshire Ballad by James Barnes, and West Highlands Sojourn by Robert Sheldon. Sheldon is one of the most performed composers of wind band music today. A recipient of numerous awards from the American School Band Director's Association, Phi Beta Mu and the American Society of Composers. His compositions embody a level of expression that resonate with ensembles and audiences alike. His music is performed around the world.

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Steven Hart, performs Circa Mea by Mark Burrows, The Kiss by David Childs, and Vom Bebirge by Johannes Brahms. While Circa Mea is a raucous love song from the 11th century about desire, The Kiss is tender and poignant finishing with phrases from Corinthians 13. Featured soloists include Geneva Copeland from Billings, Montana and Kerrie Pepos from Great Falls, Montana.

You're Invited to Taize. Services began again this fall on Saturday, September 16 at 6 p.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 180 24th Street West. This meditative time of silence, chanting, and words of wisdom started after WWII in Taize, France by Roman Catholic brothers wanting to bring all faiths together to promote healing for Jews and others deeply harmed from the war. You can experience Taize every third Saturday at 6 p.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. - Betty Whiting, Pianist/Organist

FOOD BANK SUNDAY –

Oct. 1

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

If you desire peace, cultivate justice, but at the same time cultivate the fields to produce more bread; otherwise there will be no peace.

- Norman Borlaug



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YOUTH Happenings

We had a great first month of the program year and we aren't slowing down for October! We will have a parent/guardian meeting for our upcoming 4-6 grade Our Whole Lives class on Monday, October 9 at 6:30 pm at Mayflower! We will decide dates and times for the class as that time. All families that are interested in having a child in this class please attend this meeting. We have Fellowship Fun Night Friday, October 13 at The Maize and pumpkin patch from 6-8 pm. Cost is \$10 per person, please Rsvp to the office or to Kim, 855-4317 or kharris4317@gmail.com by Thursday, October 12. Everyone of all ages are welcome! We will have an informational parent meeting for any youth 7-12 grade interested in attending the Western Regional Youth Event in Hawaii this summer on Monday, October 16 at 6:30 pm at Mayflower. We have our first fundraiser of the year on Sunday, October 29 right after church. We will be having the annual Soup and Salad fundraiser available for free will offering along with the Halloween carnival with tickets 4 for \$1! Come and have an afternoon of great food and Halloween fun! I'm still looking for people to provide dinners on Wednesday evenings, please let Kim know if you are able!