

# Mayflower

Mayflower Congregational Church - January, 2010



## Dear Mayflower Members and Friends,

Our theme as we begin an exciting New Year at 2345 Robinson Road is:

### DISCOVER MAYFLOWER

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Mayflower

We invite you in 2010 to join us in worship, try a new program, participate in an Outreach initiative, join us for one of our many Bible studies, or even invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to come and discover Mayflower. We begin this New Year with a sermon series called *The 6 Faces of Christianity, Finding Your True Self in 2010*. The series will explore six unique ways that Christians have historically lived out their faith. During Midweek@Mayflower I will also be facilitating a class/workshop on the same subject.

See you in Church in 2010!

Mark Barger Elliott  
Senior Pastor

## Discoverers January Gathering

A New Year, A New Place  
and a New Resolution!

On January 13, join the seniors group of Mayflower for a luncheon at *Bud & Stanley's Grub and Pub* on 4 Mile Rd. Have fun with a little game on making resolutions for the year.

Meet in the Mayflower Parlor at 11:30 a.m. and travel on the church bus to *Bud & Stanley's* for a palette pleasing lunch and good conversation.

Call the church office (459-6255) by Monday, January 11, to make your reservation.

## Moms' Bible Study

The Moms' Bible Study, meeting on Monday mornings from 9:15-10:30 a.m., will be starting a new study on world religions beginning January 4.

All are welcome! Child care is available.

If you are interested in joining or just want more information, contact Paula Gaylord, 459-6255, ext. 20.

## January Blanket Drive



It's cold outside! There is always need among the folks of Dégagé and the Heartside area for blankets to keep them warm during the cold winter nights. To quote Dave Feder, a Mayflower member and Dégagé employee, "Dégagé will have a great need for blankets this year, new or used. We normally give five to ten blankets out a night—roughly, 250 a month. Whatever Mayflower can do will help and be deeply appreciated."

The Christian Outreach Committee would like to help meet this need by collecting blankets during the month of January.

Please consider helping if you can. Bring new or gently used blankets to the church and place them in the designated boxes in the lobby or near the office door. If you would like us to buy blankets in your behalf, send a check or drop one in the offering plate, designating "Dégagé Blankets" in the memo. This is your gift of warmth to those in need and bless you for giving.

Please note: **Sunday, January 24** is the last collection day.

## Kitchen Fund Update

The Priscilla Circle is happy to report that we are now close to having enough funds to purchase the new stove and ovens for the main kitchen downstairs. Any additional donations would be greatly appreciated!

Please make your check out to Mayflower Church and write "Priscilla Circle Kitchen Fund" on the memo line.

Thanks for your help in finalizing the purchase of these units!

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## Advent Alive!



Making paper Advent wreaths



Filling gift bags for Dégagé Ministries



Decorating Christmas cookies



Making angel ornaments



Enjoying the Advent Alive brunch



Making orange and clove air fresheners

What fun we had! Over 100 people gathered after worship on December 6 for brunch and Christmas crafts.

Special thanks to the Christian Education Committee and those helping with the crafts and in the kitchen.

## Discover the Book of Revelation

For most of us, the biblical book of Revelation is a mystery, hard to embrace. Then why not get into one of the Bible study groups that are tackling that section of Scripture in the new year. Here's the list of possibilities:

- ◆ Monday, January 11, 7:30 a.m.—Young Men's Group
- ◆ Monday, January 11, 5:00 p.m.—Business Men's Group
- ◆ Tuesday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.—Retired Men's Group
- ◆ Wednesday, January 6, 6:15 p.m.—Open Adult Study Group

All of these groups meet at the church in the Parlor or Library. You are always welcome.

## Church Family News

### *Congratulations to:*

- ◆ **Sarah Zadvinskis and Jonathan Alvarado**, who were married at Mayflower Church on December 26, 2009, and whose children, **Zoe Alexis** and **Ela Brooklyn**, were baptized on that date.
- ◆ **Mark and Tara Zadvinskis**, whose daughter, **Sophia Elizabeth**, was also baptized at Mayflower on December 26, 2009. (Sarah and Mark are the children of **Ivars and Sue Zadvinskis**.)

### *We express our sympathy to:*

- ◆ **Heidi Hertel and family**, on the death of her mother, **Peggy Hertel**, on December 6, 2010.
- ◆ **The family of Henry Jansma**, who passed away on December 26, 2009.
- ◆ **Susan Laffrey and family**, on the death of her mother, **Anne Hudson**, on December 27, 2009.

## Sunday Morning Children's Programs

In January, the 5th grade *Bridge* discussion group will be talking about Lent, Easter and Pentecost, and will be hearing about acolyting, ushering, and the role of music in worship.

*Bible Alive* (1st-4th graders) completed the story of Isaiah, the prophet who reminded the Israelites, and who reminds us, that God keeps God's promises with the Messiah, Jesus, who shows us the way out of darkness and into God's light.



In January they will begin a seven week unit on the story of *Daniel in the Lions' Den*.

Young 5's and Kindergartners, 4 year olds and preschoolers, as well as 2's and 3's will be hearing stories of Jesus as a boy, his baptism, and the beginning of his ministry.

## Thanks to November/December Fellowship Team

Many thanks to the following members who were on the November/December Fellowship Team:

Jeanette and Bob Aardema  
Jane and Dave Balkema  
Alana and Steve Bates  
Jann and Dan Bidwell  
Dorothy and Eric Britcher  
Jodi and David Cary  
Ann Marie Church  
Aina Clay and John English  
Chris and Doug Congdon  
Nancy and Pat Connor  
Joy and Jim DeBoer  
Carol and Dave Distel  
Carroll and Clark Elenbaas  
Judy and Tom Essenburg  
Jane Hondelink

Murry and Phil Idema  
Katie and Jason Israels  
Amy and Jim Keane  
Mary and Jeffrey Lawson  
Nancy and Ray Loeschner  
Amanda and Randy Millwood  
Becky and Don Nestor  
Courtenay and Doug Oosterman  
Sandy and Dave Sawinski  
Hylde Tuuk  
Joyce and Don VanArtsen  
Kris and Dave Wilson  
Lisa and Michael Winks  
Ginger and Bill Young

In addition to greeting before the service each Sunday and supplying goodies for the coffee reception afterward, they prepared many meals and sent notes or cards to those on the prayer list. We concluded the time period with a small potluck dinner for those who indicated an interest and were able to attend.

The participation on Mayflower's Fellowship Teams has been wonderful!

The next fellowship team will serve during January and February.

### Dégagé Christmas Party - December 7, 2009



Eighteen Mayflower folks celebrated Christmas at Dégagé Ministries on December 7 by distributing more than 200 gift bags, providing 175 free meals, playing Bingo with the patrons and awarding 10 Meijer gift certificates. We even had a carol sing and the patrons made many grateful comments the following day. It was a memorable holiday evening of giving!

## Will You Sponsor this Child?



Princess Ropafadzo Moyou arrived at Eden Children's Village on November 9, 2009. Princess was abandoned at a bus stop in Raffingora where she was found on July 30, 2009. The person who

found her took her to the local police station. She was then taken to the hospital where she stayed for her first four months.

Princess is a very healthy child and has been placed at Eden Village's Mhangura 4th Street house.

Hopefully there is a family at Mayflower who would start the new year by sponsoring Princess and providing her with the security, education and health she needs. If you are that family, please call (949-6356) or email (larks@i2k.com) Linda.

## Men's Hockey Outing

Sunday afternoon, January 17, let's form a group to attend the Griffin's game at 4:00 p.m. Perhaps in the Meijer Suite (not yet confirmed) or just in very good seats. It's just fun and an opportunity to make new friends.

Jess Larson is handling reservations. Tickets will cost between \$20 and \$25. The Griffins play the Toronto Marlies.

Contact Pastor Britcher if you would like more information, 459-6255, ext. 14.

## Preschool Enrollment Events

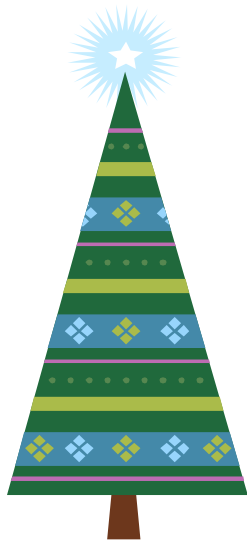
♦ **Early Enrollment**—Those who are eligible are children of families currently enrolled in the program and children or grandchildren of church members. It will begin **Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the lower level of the church.

♦ **Open Enrollment**—All others wishing to enroll children may appear in person on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the lower level of the church.

♦ **Community Open House**—There will be an opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about Mayflower Preschool to come visit the facilities, meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and view the many photos and exhibits of the program in action on **Thursday, January 7, 2010, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Enrollment brochures are available in the narthex. Please call, 459-7386, or email the preschool office for information.

**FAMILY PROMISE / INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK  
MAYFLOWER'S WINTER ROTATION — DECEMBER 6-13, 2009**



*"Christmas is a season of giving  
and giving is the key to living.  
So let us give ourselves away,  
not just at Christmas but every day  
And remember a kind and thoughtful deed  
or a hand outstretched in time of need  
Is the rarest of gifts for it is a part  
not of the purse but of a loving heart..."*

Helen Steiner Rice

**This rotation Mayflower served five families with eleven children under the age of ten! Thank you to the many volunteers who work to make this outreach ministry a huge success each rotation. You glorify God with your service.**

**GROCERY SUPPLIES**

Willa Bauer  
Diane Baxter  
Nancy Bernson  
Jann Bidwell  
Elizabeth Bogo  
Allison Bradshaw  
Kathleen Clark  
Cindy Cook  
Jan Cornelius  
Betty Godshall  
Carolyn Grin  
Sue Hoane  
Tom Hoane  
Barbara Hohman  
Murry Idema  
Melanie Jansen  
Deb Landman  
Judy Landman  
Betsey Linscott  
Shirley Mayer  
Tom Roth  
Candy Wilkes-Scheper  
Shirley VanderWilt  
June VanderZand  
Marian VanDore  
Ardythe Wickman  
Carroll Wiener  
Leah Zawodny

**SATURDAY BRUNCH**

Cindy Cook  
Heather VanHouten

**SET UP**

Geoff Evans  
Sue Hoane  
Tom Hoane  
Barbara Hohman  
David Smither  
Janet Smither  
Tolly Stiffler

**TAKE DOWN**

Bob Hammond  
Ellen Johnson  
Judy Landman  
Jon Lark  
Doug Mohrmann  
David Smither  
Janet Smither

**DINNER HOSTS**

Sue Bird  
Brian Farber  
Evan Farber  
Jamie Farber  
Gerry Hotchkiss  
Susan Jones  
Blair Lachman  
Henry Lachman  
Hugh Lachman  
James Lachman  
Sara Lachman  
Nancy Martin  
Janet McLelland  
Andy Schutt  
Kati Schutt

**PLAY VOLUNTEERS**

Bob Aardema  
Bobby Aardema  
Jan Aardema  
Barbara Brubaker  
Alex Clark  
Charlotte Doyal  
Elise  
Kevin Kalmbach  
William Laffrey  
Deb Larson  
Jess Larson  
Sydney Matthews  
Jay Paschall  
Laura Paschall  
Olivia Paschall  
Rachel Sawinski  
Sara Sawinski  
Andy Schutt  
Kati Schutt  
Anna Stephens  
Marian VanDore  
Ardythe Wickman  
Ella Wynsma  
Eric Wynsma  
Jenna Wynsma  
Kathy Wynsma  
Murphy Wynsma  
Daniel Zawodny  
Gabriela Zawodny

**DAY CAPTAINS**

Jodi Cary  
Sydney Edlund  
Shelley Kester  
Harry Matthews (2)  
Kim Peterson  
Sandy Sawinski

**OVERNIGHT HOSTS**

Mark Barger Elliott  
Clark Elenbaas  
Dave Hathaway  
Ingrid Nelson Timmer  
Judy Schneider (2)  
Sue Stoddard  
Greg Wegner

**TRANSPORTATION**

Dan Bidwell  
Martin Grin  
Brian Hotchkiss  
Jon Lark  
Peter Luce  
Doug Mohrmann

**LAUNDRY**

Susan Richards  
Jane Tornga  
Gwen Wallin



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR—MAYFLOWER'S NEXT ROTATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 21, 2010!**

# January 2010 BIRTHDAYS

# Mayflower



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Dick Stiffler Ellen De Haan Steven Buth	2 Don Chaffee, Jr Julie Hoogerhyde
3 Ray Lovell Mark Bernecker Jenny Riedel David Smither Kaela Theut	4 Bill Lundquist Joseph Gritter	5 Ivars Zadvinskis Dick Morrow Katie Tucker Samuel Sundman	6 Christian Van Patten	7 Ed Graf Ronda Geller	8 Julie Wolf Michael Roth, Jr	9 Oliver Haeberle
10 Jerry Reid Peter Meijer	11 Laurie Woods-Lyons Michael Barnes	12 Tom Evert John Morgan Avis Hewitt Dev Butler Molly Hunting	13 Ann Trost Shirley Mayer Bill Robson Jamie Farber	14 Sue Hoane Randy Lovell Cameo Johnson	15 MaryNell Baldwin Michael Cornelius Erin Ryan	16 Eleanor Wanroy Jane Hesselschwerdt Mary Buth Jennifer Vasiu Amy Wiener Sydney Barss Ben Nicholson Nina Dermody Gretchen Riedel
17 Frank Palmer George Wilson John Schneider Hanna Sanford Ian Masek	18 Michael Wilson	19 Sally Robson Jim Zevalkink Tom MacVicar Melanie Jansen	20 John Huff Jessica Mohrmann	21 Tony Barnes Katherine Peterson Natalie Koster	22 Cindy Papp Gretchen Trost	23 Jim Fleser Harold Montgomery Dan Conway Howard Uhl Joerg Picard Michael Huff
24 Nancy Bernson Nyal Deems Ingrid Nelson Timmer Brandon Bissell	25 Matthew Bissell	26 Pat Reid Barbara Hoekzema Jeffrey Vasiu	27 Joe DeHorn Andrea Scott Greta Bernecker	28 Betty Godshall Holly Deems	29 John Lawther Susan Butler Peter Stuursma	30 Virginia Wanty Maris Rosema Bob Coleman Jennifer Hendrick Ella Wynsma
31 Sue Taylor Dave Distel Jacob Boers						