

Mayflower

Mayflower Congregational Church - July, 2010



Dear Mayflower Members and Friends,

We are off to a wonderful summer here at 2345 Robinson Road!

Hopefully you have been able to worship with us, participate in our Bible Studies, and enjoy some of our fellowship opportunities.

I also want to pass along information concerning Eric Britcher's retirement this fall.

On behalf of the Church Council I would like to invite you to circle October 3rd as the official date of Eric's retirement. Along with various festivities during morning worship that day, there will also be a special worship service at 4:00 p.m. with a reception for Eric and Dorothy to follow.

I am also pleased to announce that the Personnel Committee has set up a fund in gratitude for Eric's service and to express our appreciation for all that he has shared with our Mayflower family. A letter will be sent out soon with specific information on how to contribute to this fund if you feel so led.

There is nothing like a Michigan summer.

Wishing you glorious days of rest and renewal.

Blessings,

Mark Barger Elliott
Senior Pastor

Summer Bible Study Continues

The study of *The Case For Christ*, with DVDs by Lee Strobel, continues on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., June 30, July 7, and 21; Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., July 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Discovering the evidence, external to the Bible, that confirms the resurrection is a genuine brain challenge - not because it's very exciting. Come and join the study.

Session 3	<i>Evidence Outside the Bible</i>	June 30 and July 4
Session 4	<i>Analyzing Jesus</i>	July 7 and 11
Session 5	<i>Evidence for the Resurrection</i>	July 14 and 18
Session 6	<i>Reaching the Verdict</i>	July 21 and 25

A Saugatuck Day Trip

You are cordially invited to join with the Discoverers and friends to take a relaxing day trip to Saugatuck, via Fennville, on Wednesday, July 14.

Leaving from Mayflower at 11:00 a.m. on the church bus, lunch stop is at Crane's Pie Restaurant in Fennville. After a delectable hour and half, the group moves to Saugatuck for strolling through the downtown boutiques or sitting near the water.

Supper will be at Butler Restaurant on the waterfront, followed by a concert in Wicks Park at 7:00 p.m. Bring a folding chair for the concert. Arrive home about 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for transportation plus your lunch and supper.

Make your reservation with the church office, 459-6255, not later than July 9, but earlier is better to confirm your seat on the 14 passenger bus!

A Family Baseball Outing



On Saturday, July 24, Mayflower has leased a Suite at Fifth Third Ball Park for the game at 7:00 p.m. with fireworks to conclude the evening.

Cost is \$8 adult, \$5 child and maximum of \$25 for a family. Food can be purchased in the suite, or on the concourse.

Purchase tickets after church on Sundays in July or in the office during the week. Only 40 tickets are available for the suite.

Thanks to Our Acolytes



Each year several 6th and 7th graders participate in the worship service as acolytes. The acolytes process and recess with the ministers and lay reader, lighting and extinguishing the altar candles. Our thanks to these Mayflower youth for enhancing our worship experience over the past year.

A request will go out in mid-August to next year's 6th and 7th graders asking them to be a part of the acolyte team during September 2010 to May 2011.

Church Family News

Congratulations to:

♦ **Sarah (Griswold) and Michael Hall**, on the birth of a son, **Isaac Dutton**, born May 29, 2010. Proud grandparents are Tish and Boyd Griswold.

Baptisms at Mayflower on June 13:

♦ **Evelyn Rose and Lukas Russell Wing**, children of **Matthew and Amy Wing**.

♦ **Emma Grace Nista**, daughter of **Rob and Andrea Nista**.

Baptisms at Mayflower on June 27:

♦ **Elizabeth Steele Stein**, daughter of **John and Katie Stein**.

♦ **Kathryn Eva Oliver**, daughter of **Christopher and Dawn Oliver**.

We express our sympathy to:

♦ **Tim and Kris Wondergem and family**, on the death of Tim's father, **Casey Wondergem** on June 2, 2010.

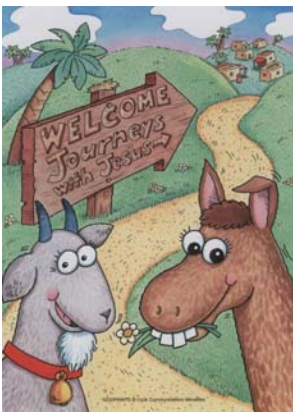
♦ **Pat Hasenyager and family**, on the recent death of her son.

Education Opportunities for Children This Summer

Our **nursery** (Room 114) opens at 10:00 a.m. in the summer for children who were 2 and younger during this past year.

Our **2 year old** room (Room 217) opens at 10:15 a.m. to children who were 2 years old this past year and children may be taken directly there by their parents. Children have time to play, hear a Bible story, say a prayer, and have a snack. A craft is available for those who are interested. In July 2 year olds will be hearing the story of Daniel and the Lions.

Our **3 year old** room (Room 216) opens at 10:15 a.m. for children who were 3 years old this past year and children may be taken directly there by their parents. Children have time to play, hear a Bible story, say a prayer, have a snack, and do a craft. In July 3 year olds will be hearing stories of the prophet Samuel and King David as a boy.



Children who have **completed preschool through children who have completed 3rd grade** are invited to begin Sunday mornings in the sanctuary and then may leave with their teachers after the Children's Message.

We will have two classes for these children. We will meet together in Youth Room A for a brief opening with a song, offering, prayer, and a puppet show. Children who have completed 1st-3rd grade will move with a teacher to Youth Room B to hear the story of the week and to do an activity. Children who have completed preschool, young 5's and kindergarten will remain in Youth Room A with their teacher to hear the Bible story and do an activity.

This summer's curriculum is *Journeys With Jesus* and both classes will "journey" to the Holy Land to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Older children are invited to sign up as puppeteers and helpers. For more information on the content and curriculum of the educational programs at Mayflower, we invite you to call our office at (616) 459-6255 or email Paula Gaylord, Director of Christian Education (pgaylord@mayflowerchurch.org).

Would you be willing to help with the nursery or be a teacher or helper in our Summer Sunday School? Call Paula Gaylord at 459-6255, ext. 20 or sign up on the chart outside Paula's office.

Mission Trip to Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe is a land of incredible beauty and resources. It is also a land where you can be imprisoned for speaking against the government or taking a photograph in the capital city, the airport, of a policeman or a member of the military. It is a land where hunger and disease are rampant, where 85% of the population in the Doma region is HIV positive and safe drinking water is a luxury. A corrupt government has destroyed the economy and the Bread Basket of Africa no longer has productive farms and mines.

The culture of this country holds the orphan in contempt. They are considered of no value, treated as less than slaves, and are often abused, starved, and without hope.

Amid all of this, in the bush and away from the bustle of Harare, sits a miracle. Eden Children's Village is truly held in the hands of God. It is a place of joy, music, laughter, love and above all an undaunted faith in the protection of the Father.

Children without hope are provided a home with nutritious food, medical care, schooling, and a trust in Jesus and His love.

Jon, Jessica and I were blessed with the opportunity to be a part of a mission trip to Eden. We went with the intention of giving of ourselves for others and came back with so much more than we gave. Our lives have been changed and we look forward to sharing our experiences.

Mayflower Church can be very proud of the role they play in the lives of those at Eden. We saw the hand of your love in the faces of the children—your gift of sponsorship, the brick-making machine, clothing and Outreach support cannot be measured.

This coming year will be a very difficult one for all of Zimbabwe as they once again are in the midst of elections. Horrendous acts of violence will once again take place. Eden will need our unending support and prayers for God's protection.

—written by Linda Lark, who participated in the May-June Mission Trip—



Eden Village Mission Team flying out of O'Hare, Chicago for Harare, Zimbabwe



Zimbabwe orphans have no future without your help



Children of Cottage #3 at Eden Children's Village

Tatenda! (Thank You!)



Tatenda to the **Kalmbach family**—Kevin, Debb, Marla and Kayla—for answering the call for a sponsor for Tariro Makosa.

Tariro's future is now blessed with nutritious food, education and health care, surrounded by love.

Tariro is the second child to be blessed with sponsorship by the Kalmbachs and so a double Tatenda to them! If you would like to sponsor a child of Eden Village (\$30 per month), please contact Linda at larks@i2k.com or 949-6356.

High School Mission Trip to Denver, Colorado

38 Mayflower youth and adult leaders will be working in Denver, Colorado from July 10-18. Please support them with your prayers. Pray for those they serve, that God will work through them, that they will grow closer to God, and for their safety.

Bobby Aardema
Anna Bauer
Holly Bogo
Eddie Clarkin
Katie Clarkin
John Congdon
Lauren Congdon
Amy Conway*
Terri Conway
Daniel Cornelius
Alex Dermody
Nina Dermody
Chandler Filion

Claire Heinzmann
Brian Hotchkiss*
Mark Jones
Nick Judson
James Keane
Claire Ludlow
Molly Lundquist
Barbara Mohrmann
Madi Morgan
Taylor Morgan
Chelsea Peterson
Katie Peterson
Sammy Peterson

Chris Slamp
Ken Slamp*
Sabine Slamp*
Sophie Slamp
Betsy Strong
Ben Trube
Rob Trube*
Paul VanderWeele
Claire Wittkowski
Austin Woodruff
Jason Zawodny*
Leah Zawodny*
*adult leaders

Middle School Mission Trip in Grand Rapids — June 20-25, 2010

Four Middle School Youth along with Youth Director, Leah Zawodny, participated in a mission trip here in Grand Rapids. Several Teams worked in various locations including Potters House Christian School in the Roosevelt Park neighborhood, the homes of elderly residents in the Baxter and Prospect neighborhoods, North Kent Service Center and Mel Trotter Ministries. Tasks included painting, cleaning homes or facilities, weeding, planting, etc.

Mayflower Grand Rapids Mission Team: Margot Adams, Zoe Macartney, Elliott Rieth, Owen Trube and Leah Zawodny

GREAT JOB!



Preschool Sunday School Class

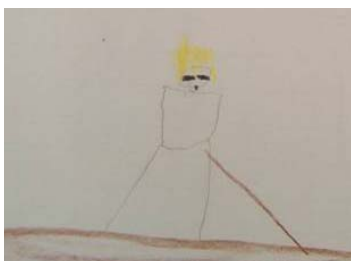
In June the 4 year old/preschool Sunday School class heard the story of Saul's conversion and drew pictures to illustrate the drama of God and Saul/Paul.



Saul is on the way from Jerusalem to Damascus to persecute Christians



A light from heaven knocked him down and God spoke to him



When God finished, Saul was blind



Friends helped him to Damascus where he was baptized, could see again, and was named Paul

House and Grounds Update

On Friday, July 9, all the carpeting at Mayflower including the Christian Education building, worship areas and parlor, will be cleaned using a deep cleaning method.

Perhaps you've also noticed new planting of flowers and shrubs along the main front stairway and near the portico. Several dead trees have been removed and mulch was replaced around all the trees and plantings.

The Bride's Room has been transformed too, a delightful gift of Kay Collins and June VanderZand.

Bridge Discussion Group

The Bridge discussion group for students entering 5th-7th grades in the fall will meet on **Sunday, July 25**.

Plan to come directly to the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. We will come into worship just before the sermon that morning.

July 2010 BIRTHDAYS

Mayflower



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jeff Schreur Elizabeth Cary	2	3 Anabel Mason Dan VanSkiver Sean Geller
4 Hugh Brenneman	5 Dale DeHaan Michael Nicholson	6 Tom Doyal Andrea Nista Ruth Shira Lukas Wing	7 Charlotte Ansorge Harry Matthews Don Chaffee, III	8 Barbara Carlson Bill Dickinson Tom Hoane Marley Haeberle Logan Hall	9 Chuck Law Amy Keane Cola Mehney	10 Jacque Smith David Hollis
11 Deb Landman Taylor Morgan Rachel Wolfe	12 Marcia White Katie Michell Patrick Morgan	13 Gwen Wallin Shelley Kester	14 Courtney Tucker Olivia Masek Alexander VanHouten	15 Connie Robinson Ruth Muir Ann Debes	16 Margaret O'Byrne	17 Charles Henry Judy McCabe Patricia Sienstra-Bensted Leslie Drueke
18 Morgan Bissell Harrison Cook	19 Sally Kyros Jeff Pyper Samuel Smith Gabriel Betz	20 Bill Currie Matthew Sexton	21 Jim Keane	22 Marilyn Goodson Denise Sherwood Christine Congdon Spencer Millwood Kinsley Timmer	23	24 Dave Feder Mark Barger Elliott Sarah Hall Jessie Michell
25 Linda Biggs	26 Elaine Mitchell Peggy Hoogerhyde Wendy Zieger	27 Bob Kimball Brad Laffrey Jason Daunis Sam DeVries	28 Allison Houlihan Kent Vana Jane Henderson Kasey Wondergem Madison Machala	29 Anna Stephens	30 Laurie Dermody	31 Dawn Krupp Sandy Sawinski Laurie Wilson Andrea Wolfe Sarah Edwards

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Mayflower Church Calendar

August 2010
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00a Women's Bible Study 11:15a Tai Chi Class 6:00p Boy Scout Leaders 7:00p Boy Scouts	2 11:00a Military Funeral 5:00p Hoogerhyde/Holt, Jr. Rehearsal	3 4:00p Hoogerhyde/Holt, Jr. Wedding
4 <i>Independence Day Communion</i> 9:30a Summer Bible Study 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee Reception 12:00p Baptism-Buth	5 <i>Church Office is Closed</i> 5:45p Degage Ministry	6 9:00a Staff Meeting	7 7:30a Summer Bible Study	8 9:30a Friendly Visitors 10:00a Women's Bible Study 11:15a Tai Chi Class 6:00p Boy Scout Leaders 7:00p Boy Scouts	9 <i>Carpet Cleaning (entire facility)</i> 11:00a Memorial Service-Daniel Cornell 6:30p Youth Mission Prep	10 <div style="background-color: yellow; text-align: right; padding: 2px;"><i>High School Mission ...</i></div>
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