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MAYFLOWER WEEKLY

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From The Pastor

Dear People of Mayflower,

After focusing on the prophets for the month of July, we turn back to the Gospels to focus once again on Jesus. This year we are focusing on the Gospel of Luke. We can break down the assigned Gospel readings for each Sunday into two portions for the year. The Sundays from Advent to Ascension (the Sunday before Pentecost) is often called the Season of Christ. This is when we ask and answer the question, "Who is Christ?"

From Pentecost to the Reign of Christ (the Sunday before Advent) is often called the Season of the Church. This is when we ask, "What does it mean to follow Jesus?" In this Sunday's Gospel reading (Luke 12:32-40), Jesus gives his disciples lots of instructions about how to follow him.

This passage is filled with pithy statements about important ways to follow Jesus. Some of these statements make a lot of sense, "Wherever your treasure is, that's where your heart will be." Others are more confusing - "Be dressed and ready, and keep your lamps lit."

This Sunday, we will also celebrate the sacrament of communion, and given that we will be fed at Christ's table, let's not forget others in our community who need food. I invite you to bring a non-perishable food item for us to share with the Billings Food Bank.

Blessings,

Amy

The Minister's Discretionary Fund is a fund used by Pastor Amy to help people in need with gas and groceries. The fund has now been depleted. Pastor Amy buys gas and grocery cards and gives them to people when they come to the church seeking assistance. If you can donate to this fund, that would be greatly appreciated!!

Songbird Habitat Maintenance

Weeding is ALWAYS needed and can be done any day of the week - whenever it works with your schedule.

We greatly appreciate your past work and hope you'll be willing to join us in our efforts this season, as your schedule allows.

Remember to bring gloves, weeding tool, shovel, rake and water.

Online Giving

Joyfully we are able to give knowing that our gifts will help others to see the blessed miracle of God's creative joy. We invite you to donate to Mayflower church, so that our ministry may continue. You can donate [here](#). Thank you for your support of Mayflower.



We know, O Holy One, your words do not return to you empty. They take root deep within us, blossoming into gentleness which can comfort a broken heart,

transform a cold shoulder into an embrace and change a curmudgeon to break into laughter.

You move into our lives, quietly taking those fears which trip us in the night hours and put them out in the trash. And you gently water the seeds planted in our souls until they become bushels of grace.

Receive our prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of the 26 United Church of Christ churches across Montana and Northern Wyoming and for the ministry of our Conference Minister, the Rev. Marc Stewart.

We ask for the graceful presence of all those in need of healing from injuries of the body and the mind.

Hear the cries of those who are mourning. Receive their tears as an expression of love for the one who has passed.

Aid those in troubling situations that their decisions may help them move toward a place of grace and faithfulness.

Ease the pain and suffering of those enduring the COVID virus, give strength and stamina to those receiving treatment for cancer, and offer your everlasting presence to those who are still struggling to understand the ailments they experience.

We join all in coming to you - God in Community, and we offer you our prayers in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

If you have Prayer Requests or Visitation Needs, please email or call them into the office. Please notify the office of any necessary removals from or changes to the current prayer list. Thanks.



Wed., Aug. 3

6:30 PM -- Songbird Habitat Workday

7:00 PM --Worship Meeting

Thurs., Aug. 4

5:30 PM -- Women's AA

7:00 PM -- Creation Justice Meeting

Sun., Aug. 7

Communion & Food Donation Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship

Mon., Aug. 8

4:00 PM -- Audubon Board Meeting

7:00 PM -- Land Use Meeting

Wed., Aug. 10

6:30 PM -- Songbird Habitat Workday



Gratitude Journal

A special thanks to all who attended last week's Annual Meeting. During our Congregational Meetings, I am always grateful for all the incredible ministry that is going on at Mayflower and for the breadth and depth of the leadership we have at our church.

And words of gratitude and celebration for Luci Farmer, who celebrated her 98th birthday last Thursday. I encourage you to send her a birthday card. Her address is:
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