

## MAYFLOWER WEEKLY

### From The Pastor

Dear People of Mayflower,

I hope you have felt a sense of growth with your spirit over the summer, as we have worshipped through our theme, "A Future with Hope." Growth happens in spurts, but growth is also continuous throughout life. This week I invite you to reflect on how you are sustaining your health and wholeness. And I invite you to ponder on the reciprocity of creation, the interdependence we have on each other and on the earth. We use the beautiful image offered by Jesus in the Gospel of John where Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches."

Providing us with beautiful music this Sunday will be Kate Hauck, offering a flute solo written by G.F. Handel.

Blessings,

Amy

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### **Youth & Families**

We have a few sign ups for the congregation.

The first one is a volunteer sign up for VBS: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3gQDRSwl-pk4wZWrDjCdbYbepG5ufvNI4C1-GaKpMNcllVA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3gQDRSwl-pk4wZWrDjCdbYbepG5ufvNI4C1-GaKpMNcllVA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We are having VBS August 10-12 and are looking for some of our adults from the church to sign up to come help! There are lots of opportunities to help out. Come help lead music, tell the bible story and lead the daily lesson, help with daily crafts and mini service projects, lead outdoor games and activities, guide the children in end of day movement and yoga. All of the plans and supplies and training will be provided for you. We are just looking for members from the congregation to come and spend time with our children and forge some of those intergenerational relationships. You can sign up for all three days or just one, for all the activities or just one that interests you! Thank you for coming to hang out with our children!

The second sign up is a sign up for next program year. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNR\\_Yn9vEGzj4zPDv8sdg-drdAnBdE1QBZro6NfMm\\_m6To-A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNR_Yn9vEGzj4zPDv8sdg-drdAnBdE1QBZro6NfMm_m6To-A/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We are starting to form our calendar for the upcoming 2021-2022 program year for our Children, Youth and Families. Our program year is jam-packed for these different groups and we have many, many opportunities (big and small) for many members from the congregations of all ages to volunteer with our

children and youth! Please visit the link above and check all that you might be interested in helping with. It does not mean you will be locked in to helping with everything you check, but once your response is turned in, Kim will contact you to have a conversation about what you would like to do and when! Our many programs for our children, youth and families can not happen without the help of everyone! This is also a great opportunity to get to know some of our youngest members and form lasting intergenerational relationships! Thank you again for volunteering to spend time with our youngest!

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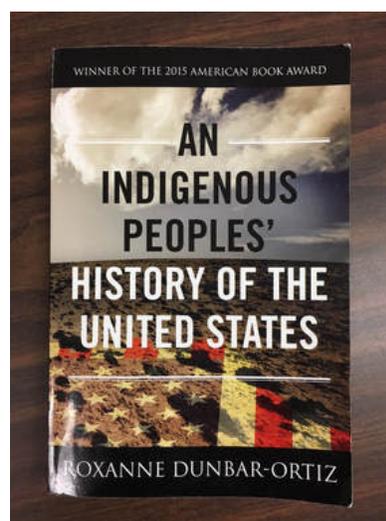
### **Volunteers Needed for Audio Visual Ministry**

You can now attend worship on Sunday mornings on Zoom. Carl Hansen has set up our AV booth with new AV equipment in order for us to live stream and record our worship services. Now we need several people to help us run the AV booth during Sunday services. If you can volunteer in that regard, please contact the church office or Carl Hansen. Carl is happy to train anyone interested in this volunteer effort.

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### **Zoom Book Club**

The Zoom Book Club will finish "An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States." They will meet on Zoom to discuss the book on August 9 at 7 pm.



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### **Mayflower Family Promise Coordinators Needed**

Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley has a higher than 95% success rate, helping homeless families to financial independence, home ownership, and successful parenting techniques, and works with more than 30 local churches to accomplish this.

Each church has one or more Coordinators to run their program. At Mayflower, Bob Murphy, Mary Helgeson and Sally Phillips have served as co-coordinators for four years and have resigned their positions. The Mayflower program has utilized over 40 volunteers each hosting week. **In order to continue our commitment to the Family Promise program, we need volunteers to be Coordinators, dinner providers and overnights, as well as the usual grocery shoppers and launderers.**

**The Council plans to seek a decision from the congregation at the Annual Meeting, July 25, about continuing with Family Promise. To prepare for that meeting we need to know the interest and willingness of the members of the congregation to be involved in the program.**

Please let Sally Phillips or Mary Helgeson know your response.

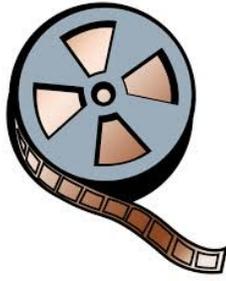
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### **Mayflower Singles**

Mayflower singles will gather for a potluck at June Genger's (1033 Avenue D) on July 28th at 5:00. Please join us!

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### **Mayflower Movie Time!**



## **Other Side of the Hill**

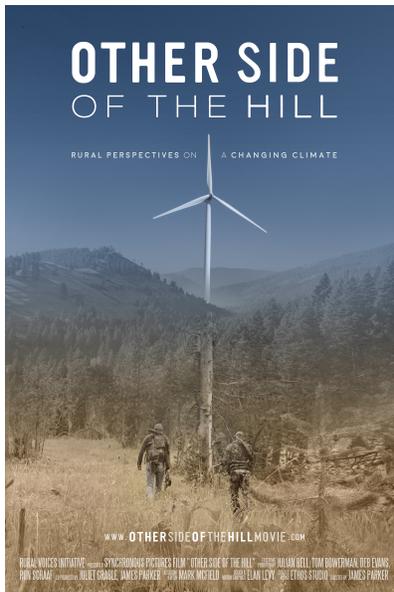
Sunday, July 18 (Fifteen minutes after the service ends)

Sanctuary

(51 minutes plus brief discussion)

*Other Side of the Hill* is a "hopeful inspiring look at local leaders on the ground in rural America who are leading climate action in their communities. It's about finding common ground and new climate frameworks."

Here is a link for the trailer. <https://vimeo.com/403409317>



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## **Mayflower seeks a Childcare Provider for the Fall**

We are looking for someone to provide childcare in our nursery at Mayflower during the school year. The tentative contract would be September - May and it would be approx. 9:30 - 11:30 am each Sunday. It is a paid position. Each Sunday we have anywhere from 1-5 kids in the nursery who are infant-4/5 years old. We will also be having teens volunteering each week to be a helper in

the nursery. We have a fully stocked nursery with lots of toys and a wonderful playground for when it's nice weather.

If you can think of anyone that might be a good fit, please let either Mike Devous, Pastor Amy Carter, or Kim Harris know.

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### **Congregational Annual Meeting**

Join us on Sunday, July 25 right after worship for our Annual Meeting. As part of the Congregational tradition, these congregational meetings are part of the essence of our identity. Hear reports from our various committees and help elect new officers and leaders for the ministry of our church. We will meet in person and online through Zoom right after our morning worship service.

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### **Camping Ministry Update**

#### **About Camp Mimanagish**

Just to keep everyone up to date, the Montana Northern Wyoming Conference sold Camp Mimanagish to Singing Waters, a nonprofit organization, formed by people who have been campers, counselors, and staff at Mimanagish, who want to give it new life by hosting transformative events. You can find more information [here: https://www.campmimanagish.com/](https://www.campmimanagish.com/)

#### **Outdoor camping opportunities**

At the same time, the Montana Northern Wyoming Conference is partnering with Christikon Lutheran Camp, just nine miles down the road from Mimanagish. There are intergenerational camps for those who like to be creative, for those who enjoy fly fishing, and for those who want to take up the practice of yoga. You can find more information about these camps here: <https://www.mnwcucc.org/>

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### **Global Ministries**

Join the UCC's Global Ministries virtual Pilgrimage to Puerto Rico. This virtual pilgrimage will explore the effects of climate change in this Caribbean island through the lens of Hurricane María, a hurricane that devastated Puerto Rico in

2017. Participants will learn about how colonialism and racism play important roles in the current socio-political situation of the island, further aggravating disaster response and recovery efforts. Through a series of sessions of pre-recorded materials and live interactions and discussions, participants will immerse themselves in the work, witness, and hope of AMANESER 2025 and other partner organizations in Puerto Rico and discover opportunities for further engagement and support. You can register for this pilgrimage [here](#).

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**One Community, Many Long Roads,**  
**An Offering in Appreciation for the Montana-Northern Wyoming**  
**Conference**

Take a look at this video on the Conference website to learn about things going on in our Conference!

<https://www.mnwcucc.org/>

This past journey has been unlike any other year in my pastoral career. And I would not have made it without the connections we have through the Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference. I am so appreciative for the pastoral presence given to me by our Conference Minister, the Rev. Marc Stewart, and for the ways in which he helped those of us in parish ministry to connect with each other during a time when physical connection was unavailable. In appreciation of the ministry of the Conference, I am inviting us all to participate in an offering in support of the Conference. There will be a collection box in the Narthex for you to make either cash or check donations to the Conference. Or you can go to their website to donate. We will be collecting donations for this offering through the month of July.

[website https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/MNWC/donate](https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/MNWC/donate)

Thank you.

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**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.

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We offer prayers of joy, to you, O God.  
Joy in the celebration of Darryl and Suzn  
Gehring's 42nd wedding anniversary,  
Joy in the birth of a new grandbaby for  
Clarence Sally.

And we offer you prayers of healing for  
members of Betty Ranney's family as they live  
with and recover from various ailments.  
For Clarence's daughter finding restoration  
for her health.

And we send our prayers across our nation, O  
God, especially to the people in South Florida,  
who continue to mourn the collapse of the  
Champlain Towers two weeks ago. Be with  
the families of people who are yet to be  
accounted for. And provide stamina and  
courage for those who are working to clear the  
rubble.

O God of healing and comfort, be with us in  
our joy and sorrow. Guide us as we work with  
you to build a future with hope. And urge us  
to lay foundations that support compassion  
and kindness. We pray in the name of Jesus,  
Amen.

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

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## CHURCH EVENTS

### **Wed., July 14**

7:00 PM -- Pre-Council Meeting

### **Thurs., July 15**

10:00 AM -- WOM at Salvation Army

11:00 AM -- Yellowstone Quilt Guild

5:30 PM -- Women's AA

7:00 PM -- Council meeting

### **Sat., July 17**

11:00 AM -- Peace in Every Step

### **Sun., July 18**

General Synod 33 Online last day

10:00 AM -- Worship

11:00 AM -- *Other Side of the Hill* viewing

### **Tues., July 20**

LOG Deadline

11:30 AM -- Lydia's Prayer Group

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Gratitude Journal



Thank you so much to all the people who came out to move mulch and continue to work on our songbird habitat! It is so wonderful to see this habitat come to fruition. So thank you for your hard work!

And thank you to the Women of Mayflower who provided set-up, clean-up, food, and beverages for a memorial service we had last week. Their attentiveness to the details of the reception allowed people to come together to offer each other comfort at a time of grief.



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