



# Mayflower Messenger

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Congregation,

I do not know if it is true for other parts of Florida, but around where I live, we get a short reprieve a few times a year from all the traffic. It happens when most of the kids are in school and the snowbirds are away. When I go to Walmart or a local grocery store, it almost seems vacant in comparison to the crowds that inhabited the place before. There is a stillness in the air. And then..., right when I was just starting to enjoy the peace and quiet, WHAM! They're back!

I can't complain too much, although I can always complain about something. People, vacationers, snowbirders, you name it, they are the driving force behind Florida's economy. The thing that concerns me is the increase in the rate of accidents during these times of transition. They seem to skyrocket. I live close to Highway 44. I can tell when these transitions occur simply by the number of sirens I hear on a daily basis. I hate to even think about the situation they are enroute to. And yes, I am one of those people who utter a small prayer when I hear the whine of the sirens go off.

I can't emphasize this enough, our first responders play a vital role in the wellbeing of our community. So, as much as I love to anticipate the Summer months, that negative side of me thinks, how many people this Summer will befall a difficult time and need emergency services? In some cases, it is something one cannot avoid. We

can follow all the correct driving proceeds and still end up in a serious accident. Today, I was driving behind a delivery van and through the back window could see the driver eating his lunch. The sub the driver held in one hand was so big, I could almost tell what he had on it from where I sat, a full car length and some behind him. Being that he was going my way, I followed him for a while and observed him eating away and driving through town at the same time. How much do you want to bet he was talking on the phone and listening to the radio as well? There is no way he had control over his vehicle. Folks, we are our brother and sisters' keeper. We take care of those around us, known or unknown. Rather than giving in to tempting habits, whether it be multitasking while driving, road rage, or pulling in front of others, let's err on the side of caution and ensure we, all of us, arrive safe and sound. But if you are out and about, I hope one of your stops during the week is at church.

We have accomplished a lot already this year! The projects done in the Chapel in the Pines have turned out amazing. Our Bible Study wrapped up their study of Revelation in May, great job folks! It is a challenging book. We will resume in the Fall. We are planning to meet a few times over the Summer as a Book Club. If you are interested let me know. Otherwise...

Be Safe and God's Peace,  
Pastor Brian

**Please remember to pray for...** Bill Browne; Brian & Maureen Winger; Joan Noel; Sue Unsworth; the men and women serving our country in the military; first responders and police officers.

### June Birthdays

03 June Hunte	23 Brenda Naylor
08 Don Beck20	24 Maureen Carlson

### June Anniversaries

08 Susi & Wick Taylor  
 25 Mary & Jim Prenaveau  
 26 Harriet & Richard Lamond  
 30 Anne & Marvin Chapman

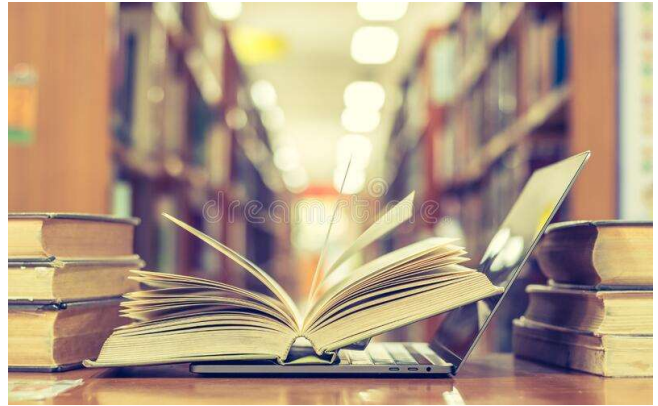
**Church Finances:** As of April 30, 2022 the church has taken in \$24,925.17 in the General Fund and have spent \$30,180.02. We are maintaining a balance of \$129,678.39 in all accounts (checking, CD's, and savings).

### Notes to the Church:

*Dear CCCC, Thank you for your recent gift to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) in the amount of \$943.00. The NACCC will apply your contribution to Ukraine refugee relief efforts. Gifts made to the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal enable the NACCC to extend the love of Christ around the globe. As war ravages in Ukraine, we see extraordinary human need. And we observe individuals and organizations responding with courage, compassion, and tangible resources. Your generosity is part of a collective effort to be a force for good in a sorrow-filled world. We appreciate your gift to this vital funding source and know that it will have an impact. Thank you for supporting the NACCC as we strive on behalf of local churches to be bearers of peace in the name of Christ. Grace and peace, Rev. Dr. Shley Cleere, Executive Director, NACCC.*

### Church Outreach:

In the month of May our church donated \$100.00 to Mission in Citrus Homeless Shelters. "We are very unique. We take those that others won't. The elderly, amputees, those on life saving medications, disabled, and so forth. We do not take those who have harmed woman and children, or violent offenders. We are always full as we take those most vulnerable and in need."



**Library News:** Did you know we have a church library? It is at the far end of the hallway on the right. The ladies have done a fabulous job rearranging books and getting them into bookshelves so that they are easy to browse through. You'll find books of fiction, mysteries, faith, and much more. Please feel free to borrow any book and return as soon as you finish. If you'd like to donate books to the library, you can do that as well.

### Please visit our new website!

<https://www.citruspringscongregational.org/> You can catch the latest sermon, announcements, and the latest issue of the Mayflower Messenger.

**Deacons' Corner:**

Hello Church Family,  
 I have been in Florida 10 years. I attended several churches in the area, but none felt "right" for me until I came to a service here at CCCC. I was so graciously greeted. I felt immediately the love from this church family. I had found the right place for me. As most of you know I lead our choir. They don't need much "leading" as they are a great group of singers who are very faithful to this choir. I recently was asked to join the deacon board. After a lot of praying I decided to accept this position. Our goal is to help this church to be what God intends for it to be - what he expects it to be. We need your prayers and God's guidance to help us do this. We will always strive to do what is best for this church and God's will. We all love this church family. God bless you all. In His love, Carol Baadte.

**Friday Night Dinners at the Citrus Springs**

**VFW!!** Friday dinners are from 5 PM to 6:30 PM (but I recommend you come early). The price is now **\$12.00** per person, but that includes dinner, salad or coleslaw, dessert, and free coffee. You will not leave hungry!

Jun 03	Fish Fry
Jun 10	Roast Chicken
Jun 17	Fried Shrimp
Jun 24	Stuffed Shells

Sunday morning brunch is also being served at the VFW the first and third Sunday from 11:00am until 12:30pm and is **\$10.00** per person. All you can eat biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, desserts and various casseroles.

**Trustees News:** The Trustees have been busy working on projects around the church. Here is a list of some of the things they are working on:

1. In May they had our Surface Water Management System inspected. This is something that needs to be done every 5 years.
2. Interviewed and hired a new individual to maintain our lawns and his name is Ray Elliott.
3. One of the air conditioning units in Fellowship Hall has quit and they are working to have that replaced.
4. Work is being done to renovate the sign in front of the church.
5. Parts are on order to fix the lock on the door to Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Fellowship:**

Women's Fellowship is done meeting for the summer. They ended with a lovely luncheon at Wallace's Greenhouse in Homasassa. Meetings will start again in September. Please consider coming to the meetings as they do lots of wonderful and fun things.

