



# MAYFLOWER

*News + Events*

September 10, 2017

## Upcoming Fall Events @ Mayflower

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	<b>Midweek Remixed</b> - Same night, same place! Different spaces, different faces! Enter through the Portico doors and join us for choirs, youth groups, child care, dinner and conversation — all on the first level of the church!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	<b>FFJ Sunday</b> - During worship the 2nd graders will be presented with Bibles and families will learn more about Mayflower's <b>Faith Formation Journey!</b>
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	<b>Outreach Sunday</b> - Pick 2: Choose from a menu of 7 ways to <i>Invest in Hope, Act in Love.</i>

### Fiesta Sunday – Today!



Join us for Mayflower's Fiesta Sunday Picnic on the front lawn immediately after worship this morning. We will enjoy tacos from Donkey Taqueria, live music, face painting and balloon art!

No reservations required! Cost: \$5/person or \$20/family.

### Youth Groups Kick Off with a Block Party Tonight!



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a Block Party tonight. Come to enjoy a Qdoba taco bar, connect with other Mayflower youth, hear about the year ahead and get a sneak peek at the newly renovated youth rooms!

6:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Group      7:00 p.m.—High School Youth Group

### New Member Inquiry Class - September 24, 2017



If you have been considering membership at Mayflower, please join us after worship on Sunday, September 24 in the Library/Conference Room. Those who wish to join will be welcomed on Sunday, October 1. There is no obligation to join if you attend. Pastor Mark will lead the class.

### 69Up Event - September 28



The next 69Up Wine and Appetizer Event will be on **Thursday, September 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Don and Ann Kelley will host the party at their home, 833 Cascade Hills East SE. Please indicate if you're willing to provide a bottle of wine or an appetizer when you RSVP to Murry Idema at [ridema58@gmail.com](mailto:ridema58@gmail.com) or 243-2764.

## **Interim Outreach Coordinator**

Please extend a warm welcome to Ruth Bell Olsson. Ruth has been involved in local outreach and global activism for twenty years. She holds a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College and a master's degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. Ruth and her husband Jeff are longtime residents of East Grand Rapids and have three children: Zinnia, Oskar and Kagiso.

## **Nolan Wolffis Resignation**

In August Nolan accepted a position at a church in Byron Center. The Personnel Committee has asked Lynn Barger Elliott if she might coordinate the youth program on an interim capacity as she did two years ago. Plans are well under way for an exciting fall SNL!

## **Midweek @ Mayflower**

### **Wednesday intergenerational church night**

- Child care for infants to 3 years from 4:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m.
- Children's Choir rehearsals, beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- Children's supervised activities, 4:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m.
- Buffet supper served from 5:15-6:15 p.m. This week the menu includes a taco and salad bar, birthday cake!
- 3,4,5 youth group for 3rd through 5th graders with a variety of fun activities, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

## **Tutoring GRPS Elementary Students**

Do you have 30 minutes a week to spend reading with an elementary student? Mayflower partners with a few GRPS schools to provide tutors. Please see Lynn Barger Elliott or Susan Haun if interested.

## **Hurricane Relief Donations**

In response to the urgent needs of the communities hit by the recent hurricanes, the Outreach Committee has made an initial donation of \$10,000 to the Salvation Army. Options for giving can be found at [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org).

## **49Up Save the Dates 2017-2018**

We are pleased to offer the following fellowship opportunities for fall and early winter for Mayflower family and friends in the 50ish to 70ish age group. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more details! Questions? Contact Gwen at [gwenwallinis@gmail.com](mailto:gwenwallinis@gmail.com) or Susan at [sjones9200@aol.com](mailto:sjones9200@aol.com).

- **Friday, October 20, 2017 — 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Fall Gathering at the home of MaryAnn and George Coroneos
- **Friday, December 1, 2017 — 6:30-9:30 p.m.**  
Christmas Celebration at The University Club of Grand Rapids
- **Friday, January 12, 2018 — 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Winter Party at the home of Mary and Bob Rosema

## **Boys Between the Ages of 11 and 17**

Do you enjoy trying new things, learning important life skills, and hanging out in the Great Outdoors? Consider joining the Boy Scouts! Mayflower sponsors Boy Scout Troop 271 which meets in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30. You are welcome to come to any of the Thursday night meetings, beginning September 7. Contact Doug Oosterman at [oosterman@comcast.net](mailto:oosterman@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

## **Acolyte Opportunity for 3rd-7th Graders**

We are looking for 4th-7th grade students to participate in the Sunday services as acolytes, the role of lighting the candles in the front of the church, symbolizing the presence of God being with us. Please contact Rachael Cooley at [rachael@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:rachael@mayflowerchurch.org) if you are interested.

## **Calendar**

To view a 3 month calendar of upcoming Mayflower events and meeting dates go to: [www.mayflowerchurch.org/calendar](http://www.mayflowerchurch.org/calendar).

## **Sermons**

Printed copies of Mayflower sermons are available in the narthex racks.

## Choir Opportunities @ Mayflower

From the adult's presentation of their annual Cantata in December to the playfulness of the youth choir musical, we have a place for you in our program. Children's choirs begin at age 4 and continue through high school. Our adult choir is open to all skill levels and abilities.

If you have been considering participating in one of the choirs at Mayflower, rehearsals begin the second and third week of September. All are welcome! Please join us!

<b>CHILDREN'S CHOIRS</b>	
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, <b>beginning September 13</b>	
Children's Choir (4 year olds)	4:30-5:00 p.m.
Cantus Choir (Kindergarten)	5:00-5:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir (1st & 2nd graders)	6:00-6:30 p.m.
Carol Choir (3rd-5th graders)	6:30-7:15 p.m.

<b>YOUTH CHOIRS</b>	
Rehearsals on Sundays, <b>beginning September 17</b>	
Chapel Choir (6th-8th graders)	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Christman Choir (9th-12th graders)	6:00-7:00 p.m.

  

<b>ADULT CHOIR</b>	
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, <b>beginning September 6</b>	
Chancel Choir	7:30-9:00 p.m.

## MidWeek @ Mayflower Begins September 13



**Opening Night: September 13**

**Choir Tracks: 4:30-7:15 p.m.**  
(See playlist for individual choir time)

**Dinner Spinning: 5:15-6:15 p.m.**

Child care is provided. All are welcome!

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- Children's Choir rehearsals, beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- Children's supervised activities, 4:30 p.m. through 7:15 p.m.
- Catered buffet supper, served from 5:15-6:15 p.m. (Suggested cost: \$3/child, \$4/adult)
- 3rd-5th grade youth group, with a variety of fun activities (6:00-6:30).
- Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.