



# MAYFLOWER

## *News + Events*

November 5, 2017

### Upcoming Fall Events @ Mayflower

TODAY	<b>Prayer Garden Dedication</b> - Join us as we celebrate our renovated Prayer Garden / Columbarium.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	<b>69Up Party</b> - 69Up Group will gather at the University Club from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11	<b>Habitat Build Day</b> - Please volunteer for Mayflower's Habitat building project! See below for details.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12	<b>Founder's and Endowment Sunday</b> - Celebrating Mayflower's 59th Anniversary and the launch of our Pilgrim Society!
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23	<b>Thanksgiving Day Service</b> - Join us for our 46th Annual Thanksgiving Day Service.

#### Prayer Garden Dedication



In 2004, Mayflower Congregational Church established a columbarium where family members could be interred as their final resting place. Today, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we dedicate our renovation of this sacred space as a Prayer Garden for reflection, contemplation, and the remembrance of loved ones.

#### Habitat for Humanity Build Day - November 11



Mayflower Church has partnered with Habitat for Humanity since 1989. This historic relationship includes a tremendous legacy:

- Gifts of over \$125,000
- 392 local families helped
- Over 100 Mayflower volunteers

We are excited to re-energize our partnership with a build day on November 11. Find out if there are spots available by contacting [ruth@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:ruth@mayflowerchurch.org).

#### Mayflower Church 46th Annual Thanksgiving Day Service



Plan to attend this service patterned after the 17th century Pilgrim tradition. The service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 23, 2017. Music will be provided by the Chancel Choir and a Thanksgiving offering will be received for the Greater Grand Rapids Family Promise/IHN. Child care provided for children under 5.

## 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. Next week the menu includes pasta with butter or marinara sauce, garlic bread, salad.
- 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.

## Yoga @ Mayflower

Join us for yoga in the Atrium during **the month of November** as we focus upon gratitude. Bring a yoga mat and water. Free of charge.

- Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- Thursdays, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

## Degage Ministry - November 6

Please meet in the church parking lot at **5:15 p.m., Monday, November 6**, to collectively ride to Degage where we will serve the meal and enjoy time with the patrons. New volunteers are always welcome. Contact Jon Lark at 949-6356 if you are interested in serving.

## 49Up Christmas Dinner - December 1

Let's kick off the holiday season with Mayflower friends at the **49Up Christmas Dinner** in the 1923 Room of The University Club of Grand Rapids (111 Lyon St. NW) on **Friday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.** A festive social hour will be followed by a delectable dinner. Cost is \$36 per person. **Please send a check made out to Gwen Wallin, 2538 Beechwood Dr. SE, GR, 49506 by November 27. Your check is your reservation.** Bring cash for social hour. Parking provided in Fifth Third Ramp (with validation ticket at University Club). For further information or questions, contact Gwen at gwenwallinis@gmail.com or 616-570-2814.

## SNL!

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for these Youth Group and Choir events:

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	6:00	7:00
<b>Sunday Nights</b>	Youth Group	Choir
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	6:00	7:00
<b>Sunday Nights</b>	Choir	Youth Group
<b>Tuesday Mornings</b>	Breakfast Club at Wolfgang's 6:30 a.m. (bring \$6 for breakfast!)	

## Director of Music Search

The Director of Music/Organist Search Committee is pleased to announce that we have been meeting since August and will soon be posting the availability of our position at Mayflower. This position will be available after the retirement of Jonathan Tuuk in June, 2018. If you would like to suggest a name for the Committee to consider, please contact us at [musicsearch@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:musicsearch@mayflowerchurch.org).

## Greeters / Cookie Providers Needed

If you are willing to greet or provide cookies for Sundays in November or December, please sign up on the board in the atrium.

## Up Groups - Save the Dates!

**69UP** (Mayflower members and friends age 69 and up) please save:

- **Thursday, December 14 — 5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
Christmas Party at the home of Barbara Hohman

**49UP** (Singles and couples in the 50ish to 70ish age group) save:

- **Friday, January 12, 2018 — 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Winter Party at the home of Mary and Bob Rosema

## Sermons

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

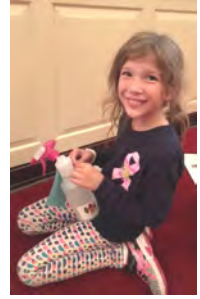
## Bible Alive @ Mayflower



The children in Bible Alive (1st-4th graders) had a blast creating their edible Ark of the Covenant.



## 3-4-5 Youth Group Helps Baxter Community Center!



The 3-4-5 Youth Group created 70 all-purpose cleaning bottles and donated the ingredients to Baxter Community Center as their October Outreach Project. Three sets were immediately given to customers at Baxter's Marketplace when they were delivered.