

MAYFLOWER

News + Events

April 1, 2018

APRIL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity Build Day - April 14



On **Saturday, April 14th**, Habitat Kent County is hosting a "Beloved Community Build Day." This will include painting, gardening, or carpentry as well as a lunch with inspirational speakers. The goal is to build **homes, community** and **hope**. Join the Mayflower team of volunteers for this special day. Child care will be provided at the church for children 13 and younger (14 and up can volunteer with a parent!). Contact ruth@mayflowerchurch.org for more details and to register. Please let Ruth know **by April 4** if you would like to help on the build day.

Baxter Lunch and Learn - April 18



Ever wonder what Baxter Community Center does? On Wednesday, April 18 from 11:45-1:00, you can find out! Join us as we have lunch and tour this inspiring organization that "leads the community in addressing emerging needs and providing solutions through community initiatives." For more information, contact ruth@mayflowerchurch.org.

Bethany Refugee Center Tour - April 27



What is it like to be a refugee in Grand Rapids? On March 18 Pastor Zachariah Char from Grace Sudanese Church shared his incredible refugee story at our Lenten Workshop. His journey of survival and hope is inspiring and challenging. There are many others who face similar circumstances and are served by Bethany Christian Services refugee programs. Join us on Friday, April 27 from 11:30-1:00 for a lunch and tour of Bethany's amazing refugee center. To register for this tour, contact ruth@mayflowerchurch.org.

Explorers Series Continues - April 18



Our spring series, *Finding Faith in the World: The Western Religions*, continues on **Wednesday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m.** with **Dr. Coeli Fitzpatrick**, Professor of Philosophy at the Frederik Meijer Honors College, GVSU. The topic will be *Introduction to the Islamic World*. Dr. Fitzpatrick is a nationally known scholar in Islamic philosophy. Her lecture will focus on the birth of Islam, basic tenants of the religion, the various practices in differing sects, Shariah, Islamic cultures, and the development of Islamic thought. All are welcome!

Children's Musical - April 29



The Prodigal Clown is a musical based on the biblical story of the prodigal son. Join us during worship on Sunday, April 29 as we introduce you to Antonio Parabalini, his dutiful eldest son Antonio Jr. (A.J.) and his rebellious young son, Giorgio. When Giorgio runs away to Lost Vegas, is he lost forever or will he find his way back to the circus and to his father's everlasting love?

CHILDREN / YOUTH

Location of Children on Sunday

All children (4 year - 5th grade) may be picked up in Youth Room A following worship this morning and on Sunday, April 8.

Midweek @ Mayflower

There will be no Midweek or choir rehearsals on Wednesday, April 4. We'll resume our regular schedule on April 11.

Upcoming Midweek menus:

- April 11 - Crazy Charlies hot dogs/toppings
- April 18 - Pizza and salad
- April 25 Blimpie subs

SNL!

All 6th-12th graders: No youth group or choir rehearsals today or next Sunday, April 8.

Save the Date - Family Bowling Event

Mayflower families, mark your calendars for a bowling event at Clique Lanes, 533 Stocking Ave. NW, on **Sunday, April 29**, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pizza and soda will be served. RSVP to Kate Schneider: katherinejschneider@gmail.com.

Acolyte Opportunity for 4th-8th Graders

We are looking for 4th-8th 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. If interested, please contact Rachael Cooley at rachael@mayflowerchurch.org..

ADULTS

Degage Ministry - April 2

Please meet in the church parking lot at **5:15 p.m., Monday, April 2**, 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.

Sudanese Church Food Sale - April 22

After worship on Sunday, April 22, the Grace Sudanese congregation which meets at Mayflower, will have Sudanese and American food dishes available for take out. \$10/plate donations will help with their Sunday worship and fellowship expenses. You are also invited to attend their worship service at 1:00 p.m. which will be conducted in English on April 22.

Sanctuary Flowers

Please consider underwriting the cost of flowers in honor or in memory of family members, or to mark a special occasion. The cost is \$50. You may sign up on the 2018 flower chart in the lobby or contact Beth in the church office, 459-6255.

Livestreaming in the Chapel

For worshippers who desire a more flexible worship setting, please join us in the chapel, where the service is live-streamed.

Sermons

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

UPCOMING EVENTS @ MAYFLOWER

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APRIL 29	Children's Musical - <i>The Prodigal Clown</i> during worship at 10:30 a.m.

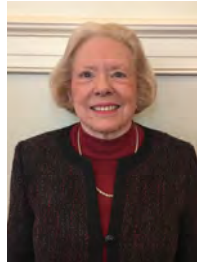
NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED IN MARCH



Katie Buck & Tyler Bekius



David & Diane Finney



Fran Hall



Carl & Sandra VerBeek



Confirmation Class of 2018



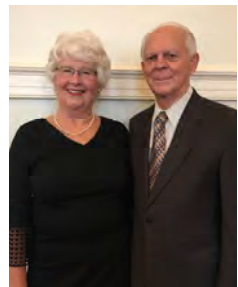
Brad, Allison, Giuliana
and Isabella Pignatello



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David Smith



Thora and Les White