

MAYFLOWER

News + Events

April 22, 2018

APRIL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

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.

Sudanese Food Sale and English Worship Service - Today



After worship this morning, 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.

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?

Family Bowling Event - April 29



Mayflower families, join us for a fun evening of bowling 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.

60th Anniversary Campaign Update

60TH ANNIVERSARY
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, May 6th, we will announce our official tally of gifts towards our 60th Anniversary Campaign. If you have not had a chance yet to be a part of the campaign, there is still time to help us improve security for our children, build a welcoming new entrance, renovate the music room in honor of Jonathan Tuuk and replace our boilers and parking lot. Pledge packets are available in the narthex or you can give online at www.mayflowerchurch.org/60th.

CHILDREN / YOUTH

Location of Children on Sunday

- **Bible Beginnings** (4 & 5 year olds)
Main floor classroom near the nursery
- **Bible Alive** (1st-4th graders)
Youth Room A on lower level
- **The Bridge** (5th graders)
Conference room across from the church office

Midweek @ Mayflower

Wednesday intergenerational church night

PLEASE NOTE schedule for this week:

- Child care for infants to 3 years from 4:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m.
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. Combined rehearsal for Kdg-2nd grade choirs
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Musical dress rehearsal for 3rd-8th graders
- Buffet supper served from 5:15-6:15 p.m. This week the menu includes pizza and salad.

ADULTS

Mother's Day Outreach Project

This Mother's Day we are honoring mothers who are in crisis and seeking shelter at the YWCA's Sojourner House by blessing these women with "welcome bags" upon their arrival. Please fill a gift bag or basket with the following items and drop off at the church (table in narthex) **by May 13:**

- Journal and pen
- Scented lotion
- Shower gel
- Full size shampoo and conditioner
- Encouraging note

69Up Event - May 17

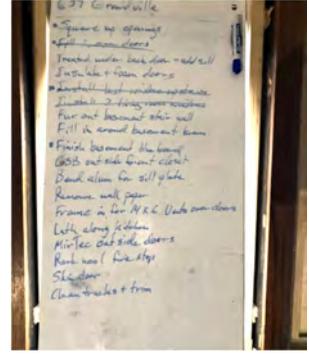
All those in the 69 and up age group, please join us for a Wine and Appetizer event at Larry and Sally Robson's home, 2765 Woodcliff SE, on Thursday, May 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. RSVP to Murry Idema at ridema58@gmail.com or 243-2764 with what you would like to bring.

PARTNERS IN HOUSING PROJECT



Mayflower is completing its first PIH house for 2018 and it looks fantastic! Through donations and hard work, a family of 5 will be welcomed into their very own home complete with new surfaces and beautiful furnishings. Look for more announcements this year about future PIH projects and how you can get involved!

HABITAT BUILD DAY - APRIL 14



Despite wild winter weather, Mayflower's faithful Habitat volunteers had a wonderful time working on the renovation of a historic home on Grandville Avenue. This particular house has a rich history of being a safe and welcoming place for children in the community, so preserving it has special meaning. The team worked saws (all kinds), hammers, glue guns, and ...a radio! It was a fun and meaningful day.