

# MAYFLOWER

## News + Events

April 29, 2018

### Children's Musical - Today!



**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 - Today!



**Mayflower families**, join us for a fun evening of bowling at Clique Lanes, 533 Stocking Ave. NW, today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pizza and soda will be served. RSVP to Kate Schneider: [katherinejschneider@gmail.com](mailto:katherinejschneider@gmail.com).

### 60th Anniversary Campaign Update



**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](http://www.mayflowerchurch.org/60th).

### Explorers Series Continues - May 16



Our spring series, *Finding Faith in the World: The Western Religions*, continues on **Wednesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m.** with **Dr. Sheldon Kopperl**, Professor Emeritus at the Frederik Meijer Honors College, GVSU. The topic will be *Introduction to the Jewish World*, focusing on the emergence of Judaism, the development of differing practices in the religion, Judaism's affinity with Christianity and Islam, and Jewish spirituality in the modern world. All are welcome!

## MOTHER'S DAY @ MAYFLOWER



Join us for a special Mother's Day service on May 13! All the wonderful women of Mayflower are invited to pick up a flowering plant in the narthex following the service, potted by the loving hands of our Mayflower children.

### 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 & pen — Scented lotion — Full size shampoo & conditioner — Shower gel — Encouraging note

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## CHILDREN / YOUTH

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### Location of Children on Sunday

All children (4 year - 5th grade) will remain in the worship service this morning to enjoy the children's musical.

### Youth Sunday - May 20

Join us on Sunday, May 20 for a service led by our graduating high school seniors!

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## ADULTS

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### 49Up Dinner - Friday, May 11

Join your fellow Mayflower members and friends in the 50ish to 70ish age group — singles and couples — for dinner at Palio (545 Michigan St. NE) at 6:30 p.m. This restaurant is known for its fresh and unique Italian dishes, extensive wine list, and amazing tiramisu. There is street parking as well as free validated parking at the Hampton Inn lot just down the street. Please RSVP to Susan Jones, sjones9200@aol.com or 616-458-0305.

### 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.

### 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.

### Degage Ministry - May 7

Please meet in the church parking lot at **5:15 p.m., Monday, May 7**, 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.

### Moms Night Out - May 24

Mark your calendars for our next Moms Night Out event at the home of Worth Hages (130 Glenview Dr.) on Thursday, May 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### Greeters / Cookie Providers Needed

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

### Sermons

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

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## EXPLORERS SERIES - APRIL 18

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On April 18, Dr. Coeli Fitzpatrick, Professor of Philosophy at Frederik Meijer Honors College, GVSU, presented the third topic, *Introduction to the Islamic World*, in the Explorers spring series, *Finding Faith in the World: The Western Religions*.

## PARTNERS IN HOUSING PROJECT



Mayflower just completed its first PIH house for 2018 and it looks fantastic! Through donations and hard work, a family of 5 was welcomed into their very own home complete with new surfaces and beautiful furnishings. When they walked into their new home these were some of their comments:

***"It's amazing in here! There is so much more than I expected."***

***"I am trying not to cry. I am so thankful!"***