

MAYFLOWER

News + Events

March 17, 2019

TODAY @ MAYFLOWER



Confirmation Sunday: During worship this morning we will receive the largest Confirmation Class in Mayflower history! Since February, twenty-two young people have been meeting Sunday mornings to discuss and explore their faith, attend worship, volunteer through Mayflower outreach events and enjoy congregational fellowship activities. Please help us welcome them into our membership!



We welcome Julian Wachner to Mayflower this morning. He is the newly appointed Artistic Director of the Grand Rapids Bach Festival. Named one of New York City's "10 Imagination-Grabbing, Trailblazing Artists of 2014," Wachner oversees an annual season of hundreds of events at the historic Trinity Church Wall Street. Mayflower is a part of "Bach in Sacred Spaces" with musicians performing throughout the week in worship services across the community.

LENT @ MAYFLOWER



Through the Eyes of Peter: Join us for our Lenten sermon series as we reflect on the disciple Jesus called the "rock" and his remarkable journey from a Galilean fisherman to Jesus' most well-known follower.

Lenten Music and Meditation: Give yourself the gift of silence and stillness in sacred space this Lent. Local musicians will provide gentle music to enable reflection and prayer.

Mondays in Lent — Music and Meditation (6:30-7:00 p.m.) — Reception (7:00-7:30 p.m.)



March 18 Julia Brown, organ
Olivier Messiaen, Samuel Barber
and 20th century mysticism

March 25 Kathleen Gomez, oboe

April 8 Penny Kindraka and
Stephanie Wiltse, handbells

April 15 Alison Reese, harp

NEXT SUNDAY @ MAYFLOWER

Children's Musical: During the worship service on **March 24**, our 3rd-8th grade choirs will present the musical *Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet*. This superb children's musical will capture your heart with memorable melodies while it tickles the funny bone with humorous dialogue. From Elijah's confrontation with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel through his journey into the desert, the prophet shows faith in God for strength and deliverance. After the service, all choir families are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for the Pizza Party and Cross Award Celebration.

Stewardship Campaign Update

If you have not yet joined our annual campaign to fully fund our 2019 budget, we invite you to help us reach our goal of \$1.1 million by returning the card mailed to you or indicate your support online at www.mayflowerchurch.org/support. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of **XL** and during this campaign “**Excel in the grace of giving.**” (2 Corinthians 8:7) Thank you!

Stewardship Update as of March 10, 2019

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| Total Pledges Received | \$836,623 |
| Percent of Goal | 76% |
| Number of Pledges Received | 212 |
| Average Pledge (10% increase) | \$3,946 |

CHILDREN

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)
Library across from the church office

FAMILIES

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 9:00 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 Blimpie subs.

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.

YOUTH

Today:

Middle School youth will have a musical dress rehearsal from 6:00-8:00 p.m. No ELEVATE.

High School youth will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Eastbrook Lanes for a night of bowling!!! Bring \$5 and socks to wear!

Tuesday Morning:

High School Breakfast Club, 6:30 at Wolfgangs

Next Week:

Let's celebrate the coming of spring at Jersey Junction! Middle School will meet at 6:00 and High School at 7:00 (note time flip!)

ADULTS

Moms Night Out - March 19

All Mayflower moms are invited to a time of fellowship at The Cheese Lady (315 Fuller Ave.) on Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will sample cheeses and create a fabulous cheese platter to take home. Cost: \$35. Seats are limited. RSVP to Lynn Barger Elliott.

Church Ladies Lunch - March 20

Please join us at 12:30 on Wednesday, March 20 for lunch at Pietro's Restaurant (2780 Birchcrest Dr. SE). All ages are welcome! RSVP to Sharon Montgomery at 616-262-9983 or the church office.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions for new committee members for the 2019-2020 church year. Please submit your names to office@mayflowerchurch.org.

49Up Spring Fling - April 12

Singles and couples in the 50ish to 70ish age group, join us at the home of Marilyn and Ken Goodson (1084 Balsam Hill Ave. SE, GR), 6:30-9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, for fun and fellowship! Plan to bring an appetizer to share and your own libations. RSVP to Susan Jones at sjones9200@aol.com or call 616-458-0305.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SILENT AUCTION!



Thanks to those who donated over 200 items to auction and to those who came out to bid on so many fabulous items! We are thrilled to say we achieved our goal of making \$15,000!!!

Thanks to everyone for your support of youth missions at Mayflower!

If you need to pick up the items you won, please see Lynn after the service.

BIBLE ALIVE KIDS WELCOME IHN GUESTS!



The Bible Alive kids (1st-4th graders) had so much fun making welcome signs for our IHN guests!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Members of the Monday morning Women's Bible Study Group gathered this past week and made 20 pans of lasagna for the Congregational Care Committee to deliver when needed.

Thank you!