

# FLOURISH

FALL 2019



**NINE KEYS  
TO PRACTICING  
OUR FAITH**





## JOIN US THIS FALL

The Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University researched the impact religion and spirituality have on our physical and emotional health. They discovered that being involved in a church and regularly attending services and programs positively impacts our ability to avoid depression, substance abuse and risky behaviors.

We flourish, in other words, by aligning our lives with a faith community.

This fall, join us in worship to enjoy and be inspired by our sermon series, Sunday morning workshops, special music programs, outreach opportunities, and our wonderful children and youth programs: Faith Formation Journey (FFJ) and Elevate.

Come flourish with us at  
2345 Robinson Road!

*Blessings,*  
Mark Barger Elliott  
Senior Pastor









## SERMON SERIES

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 as we reflect on lessons the Bible offers regarding 9 Keys to Practicing our Faith.

**SEPT 1    The Rule of Faith**

**SEPT 8    The Study of Faith**

**SEPT 15   The Generosity of Faith**

**SEPT 22   The Prayer of Faith**

**SEPT 29   The Music of Faith**

**OCT 6    The Community of Faith**

**OCT 13   The Hospitality of Faith**

**OCT 20   The Discernment of Faith**

**OCT 27   The Pilgrimage of Faith**

## SUNDAY WORKSHOPS

11:45AM-12:30PM

SEPT 15 *Making Peace with Nazism in One's Family*

**Dr. Barbara Carvill**

Professor of German Languages and Literature Emerita, Calvin College; World War II Survivor.

SEPT 22 *"Be Ye One Even As I Am One"*

**Dr. Jeffrey Polet**

Professor of Political Science, Hope College.

SEPT 29 *Together Singing and Hearing the Word Through Music in the Church*

**Dr. Richard Plantinga**

Professor of Religion and Theology, Calvin College; author, *An Introduction to Christian Theology* and an upcoming book on Bach.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SEPT 18 *Baxter Community Center Tour and Lunch*

Learn more about this neighborhood partner.

SEPT 29 *New City Kids Concert*

Enjoy this all-ages concert with youth from urban Grand Rapids. (5:00pm)

## FFJ-FAITH FORMATION JOURNEY

(4 YRS-5TH GRADE)

The FFJ Sunday morning Christian Education classes teach children ages four through fifth grade about God's love and grace.

This fall we will explore how to flourish by practicing the 9 Keys to Faith through stories, crafts, and games.

## MIDWEEK INTERGENERATIONAL NIGHT

Join us for the “Best Night of the Week!” starting September 4 with food by our new caterers, our amazing children’s choirs, 3-4-5 youth group, and our NEW Midweek Academy.

## MIDWEEK ACADEMY FLOURISHING FOR LIFE!

Through the ages and stages of life, the tools we need to flourish change. Drop in for one or all of these brief presentations and discussions on strategies for creating environments for flourishing. (6:15-7:15pm)

SEPT 18 *The Inquisitive Child:*  
Nurturing Faith with Children

SEPT 25 *The Overscheduled Child:*  
Equipping or Exhausting?

OCT 2 *The Teenage Tango:*  
What’s the Right Amount  
of Freedom?

OCT 9 *The Empty Nest:*  
Starting Over or Resuming?

OCT 16 *Your Last Decade:*  
Preparing Your Family

## MAYFLOWER MUSIC

Mayflower’s repertoire spans the centuries from medieval chant to the music of today’s composers. Organist, choirs, handbells, and soloists provide musical leadership during worship on Sunday mornings.

Join us as we welcome our new Chancel Choir Director, Scott Bosscher. Our first rehearsal will be on September 4 at 7:30pm.

## MONDAYS AT MAYFLOWER

OCT 7 *Bach And The Cello*  
Pablo Mahave-Veglia,  
Cellist

OCT 14 *Clavichord In The Atrium*  
Gregory Crowell, Clavichord

OCT 21 *Gourmet French Colors:*  
*Widor And Franck*  
Wolfgang Rubsam,  
Organist

OCT 27 *GR Choir of Men and  
Boys in Concert*  
(Sunday night)  
Martin Neary,  
Guest Conductor






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# *Biscuits & Bluegrass*



**ANNUAL PICNIC  
SEPTEMBER 8**

*Join us following worship for an old-fashioned picnic with Cousin's fried chicken, live music, bounce houses and more!*