



MAYFLOWER

News + Events

January 7, 2018

Upcoming Events @ Mayflower

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10	Midweek Resumes - Our intergenerational church night, children's choirs and Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume their regular schedule.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14	New Member Inquiry Class - If you have been considering membership at Mayflower, please join Pastor Mark after worship in the Library/Conference Room. Confirmation Kick-Off Brunch - After worship in the Youth Room.
SUNDAYS, JAN. 21 - FEB. 11	The Feast: Faith & Fiction - Join us for an exciting new Adult Education opportunity immediately after church, offering food for thought!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4	Confirmation Class (9:15 a.m.) - All 8th graders are invited to participate in these classes about the Christian faith and to consider membership at Mayflower.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	Ash Wednesday Service - Join us for this 6:30 p.m. family service that marks the beginning of Lent.

New Member Inquiry Class - January 14, 2018



If you have been considering joining our church family, please join us after worship on Sunday, January 15 in the Library/Conference Room. Pastor Mark will lead the class.

Confirmation Kick-Off Brunch - January 14



All 8th graders are invited to prepare for church membership by being a part of the Confirmation Class. We will kick off the class with a brunch in the Youth Room immediately after worship on Sunday, January 14. After that we will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. beginning February 4. In addition to classes that will explore our Christian beliefs, there will also be opportunities for service and worship. The class will be confirmed on Sunday, March 18. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Barger Elliott.

Mayflower Budget - Second Appeal



On behalf of the Finance Committee we are pleased to share that we are approximately \$33,000 away from funding our 2017-2018 budget of slightly over a million dollars. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a pledge yet, we invite you to do so now or we will have to make cuts to our budget. If you have already made a pledge and would like to make an additional contribution, the Finance Committee and Church Council would appreciate it! Thank you for your generosity!

Midweek @ Mayflower

Our Wednesday intergenerational church night resumes **JANUARY 10!**

- Child care for infants to 3 years from 4:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m.
- Children's Choir rehearsals, beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- Children's supervised activities, 4:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m.
- Buffet supper served from 5:15-6:15 p.m. This week the menu includes Blimpie subs, chips and fruit.
- 3,4,5 youth group for 3rd through 5th graders with a variety of fun activities, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

SNL! Starts Up January 14

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for these Youth Group and Choir events:

MIDDLE SCHOOL	6:00	7:00
Sunday Nights	Youth Group	Choir
HIGH SCHOOL	6:00	7:00
Sunday Nights	Choir	Youth Group
Tuesday Mornings	Breakfast Club at Wolfgang's 6:30 a.m. (bring \$6 for breakfast!)	

"The Feast" Begins January 21

Join us for a new education offering as we meet over a light brunch after worship on Sundays, January 21 through February 11, and explore the connection between faith and fiction, reflecting on authors such as C.S. Lewis and Margaret Atwood.

High School Mission Trip

Save the date! All current 8th-12th graders are invited to participate in a mission trip to Boston, MA, **June 23-29, 2018**. Watch your mail for details!

Calendar

To view a 3 month calendar of upcoming Mayflower events and meeting dates go to:

www.mayflowerchurch.org/calendar.

Thank You for Mitten Tree Donations

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Priscilla Circle Mitten Tree project. All the mittens, gloves, caps and scarves were donated to In the Image.

Greeters / Cookie Providers Needed

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

49Up Winter Party - January 12

Ditch the after-holiday blues and join us for fun at the home of Mary and Bob Rosema, 7799 Harmony Cove SE in Byron Center. Bring an appetizer to share and your own libations. We'll gather from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, January 12. All Mayflower members and friends — singles and couples — in the 50-ish to 70-ish age group are warmly welcomed. To get to the Rosemas, take M6 and head south on Kalamazoo to 76th St. Turn right and continue to Harmony Cove (first street on the left). At the gate, keep to the right and look for the sixth house on the right. Please RSVP to Susan Jones at sjones9200@aol.com or 616-458-0305.

Preschool Community Open House

Mayflower Preschool will be hosting their **Community Open House on Thursday, January 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** If you are thinking about preschool for your child next school year (2018/2019) please join us to meet the teachers, see the classrooms and ask any questions that you might have. Enrollment for next year will begin online at www.mayflowerpreschool.org on Friday, January 12.

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.

Mayflower Partners In Housing Project - December, 2017

