



# MAYFLOWER

## News + Events

January 21, 2018

### Upcoming Events @ Mayflower

SUNDAYS, JAN. 21 - FEB. 11	<b>The Feast: Faith &amp; Fiction</b> - Join us for an exciting new Adult Education opportunity immediately after church, offering food for thought!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4	<b>Confirmation Class (9:15 a.m.)</b> - All 8th graders are invited to participate in these classes about the Christian faith and to consider membership at Mayflower.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> - Join us for this 6:30 p.m. family service that marks the beginning of Lent.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	<b>Explorers Spring Series</b> - Dr. Jonathan White will present <i>Introduction to the Christian World</i> as part of our spring series, <i>Finding Faith in the World: The Western Religions</i> . Join us at 10:00 a.m.

### “The Feast” Begins Today



Join us for “The Feast,” exploring the connection between Faith & Fiction over a light brunch after worship (11:45-12:30). We begin this morning, reflecting on the work of F. Scott Fitzgerald and *The Great Gatsby*. On January 28 our topic will be Margaret Atwood, the author of *The Handmaid’s Tale*. We will meet in the Youth Room on the lower level.

### Confirmation Classes Begin February 4



All 8th graders are invited to prepare for church membership by being a part of the Confirmation Class. 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.

### Explorers Spring Series Begins February 21



Please join us as we kick off our spring series, *Finding Faith in the World: The Western Religions*, on **Wednesday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m.** with **Dr. Jonathan White**, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Frederik Meijer Honors College, GVSU. The topic will be *Introduction to the Christian World*. The lecture will focus on the birth of Christianity, early multiple versions of Christianity, the formation of doctrines in the East and West, Augustine, Boethius, and Medieval Christianity. All are welcome!

## Mayflower Budget Update

The Finance Committee is pleased to share that due to the extraordinary generosity of our members and friends, we have reduced the gap between our pledges and budget and therefore are able to fully fund our 2017-2018 budget. Thank you!

## Midweek @ Mayflower

### Wednesday intergenerational church night

- 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 will be breakfast for dinner!
- 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.

## 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.

## 49Up Lunch - February 18

**Save the Date** - We'll gather for lunch after church at **The Kitchen by Wolfgang Puck** at the Amway Grand Plaza. Join your fellow Mayflower members and friends in the 50-ish to 70-ish age group for lunch and fellowship on **Sunday, February 18**. Details to come, but save the date now! Questions and RSVPs to Susan Jones (sjones9200@aol.com) or 458-0305.

## Calendar

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

[www.mayflowerchurch.org/calendar](http://www.mayflowerchurch.org/calendar).

## Director of Music Search

The Director of Music/Organist Search Committee is pleased to announce that we have been meeting since August and if you would like to suggest a name for the Committee to consider, please contact us at [musicsearch@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:musicsearch@mayflowerchurch.org).

## SNL!

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

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL Sunday Night</b>	6:00 Youth Group	7:00 Choir
<b>HIGH SCHOOL Sunday Night</b>	6:00 - 9:00 Study Hall	
<b>Tuesday Morning 6:30 a.m.</b>	Breakfast Club at Wolfgangs (bring \$6 for breakfast!)	

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## Sermons

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

## Acolyte Opportunity for 4th-7th Graders

We are looking for 4th-7th grade students to participate in the Sunday services as acolytes, the role of lighting the candles in the front of the church, symbolizing the presence of God being with us. Please contact Rachael Cooley at [rachael@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:rachael@mayflowerchurch.org) if you are interested.

### 3-4-5 Youth Group @ Mayflower



3-4-5 Youth Group celebrated the Christmas season with a sock exchange. Students brought extra socks to donate to the YWCA.