



MAYFLOWER

News + Events

January 28, 2018

Upcoming Events @ Mayflower

SUNDAYS, JAN. 21 - FEB. 11	The Feast: Faith & Fiction - Join us as we continue our 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.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18	49Up Lunch Event - Those in the 50-ish to 70-ish age range are invited to join us for lunch after worship at The Kitchen by Wolfgang Puck (Amway Grand Plaza).
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	Explorers Spring Series - 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” Continues Today



Join us for “The Feast,” exploring the connection between Faith & Fiction over a light brunch after worship (11:45-12:30). This morning we reflect on the work of Margaret Atwood, the author of *The Handmaid’s Tale*. We will meet in the Youth Room on the lower level.

Lent @ Mayflower



Family Ash Wednesday Service: Please join us at **6:30 p.m. on February 14** for our Ash Wednesday Service which includes the imposition of ashes, with the Carol Choir (3rd-5th grade) and Chancel Choir (adults) participating.

Lenten Sermon Series: Join us for “**Portraits of Lent**” as we reflect on Biblical characters Jesus encounters on the way to the cross.

After worship you are invited to explore how these encounters can help us on our own inward and outward journey. We will offer “**workshops**” over a light brunch featuring:

- *How to be Present: Centering Prayer and Mindfulness*
- *How Gratitude Changes Our City*
- *Walking with God: The Labyrinth Life*
- *The Importance of a Tree: The Sudanese Journey*

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 includes chicken fingers, mac and cheese.
- 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.

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.

49Up Lunch - February 18

We'll gather for lunch after church at **The Kitchen by Wolfgang Puck** (187 Monroe NW, inside the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel) on Sunday, February 18. We have a reservation for noon. Valet parking is validated with your restaurant receipt. Join your fellow Mayflower members and friends in the 50-ish to 70-ish age group for lunch and fellowship! RSVPs to Susan Jones at 458-0305 or (sjones9200@aol.com).

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.

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.

SNL!

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for these Youth Group and Choir events. In SNL tonight we begin the discussion series, "What If?"

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

Explorers Spring Series Begins

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!

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.

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!

Mayflower Preschool Enrollment

Mayflower Preschool is now enrolling for the 2018/2019 school year. Please visit our website at www.mayflowerpreschool.org for more information.

Sermons

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

3-4-5 Youth Group @ Mayflower



3-4-5 Youth Group made tracings of themselves and labeled how they can use the parts of their bodies to serve God and others. Their creations can be seen along the hallway near the church office.