



MAYFLOWER

News + Events

February 4, 2018

Upcoming Events @ Mayflower

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 4 & 11	The Feast: Faith & Fiction - Join us as we continue our exciting new Adult Education opportunity immediately after church, offering food for thought!
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



Rhoda Janzen

Join us for “The Feast,” exploring the connection between Faith & Fiction over a light brunch after worship (11:45-12:30). This morning, **Rhoda Janzen**, English Professor at Hope College, speaks about her bestselling novel, *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress: A Memoir of Going Home*. On February 11, **Gary Schmidt**, English Professor at Calvin College, speaks about his Newbery Honor-winning book, *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*. We will meet in the Youth Room on the lower level.

Lent @ Mayflower



Ash Wednesday Family 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.

Lenten Workshops: 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*

CHILDREN / YOUTH

Location of Children on Sunday

- **Bible Beginnings** (4 & 5 year olds)
Main floor classroom near the nursery
- **Bible Alive** (1st-4th graders)
Fellowship Hall downstairs
- **The Bridge** (5th graders)
Conference room across from the church office

Confirmation Classes

All 8th graders are invited to prepare for church membership by being a part of the Confirmation Class. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. as we explore Christian beliefs with opportunities for service and worship. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Barger Elliott. Confirmation Sunday is March 18.

No SNL! Tonight

There will be no SNL youth group or choir rehearsals tonight for 6th-12th graders. Enjoy the Super Bowl!

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.

ADULTS

49Up Lunch - Sunday, 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 February 18 with a noon reservation. Join your fellow Mayflower members and friends in the 50-ish to 70-ish age group! RSVPs to Susan Jones at 458-0305 or (sjones9200@aol.com).

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*. All are welcome!

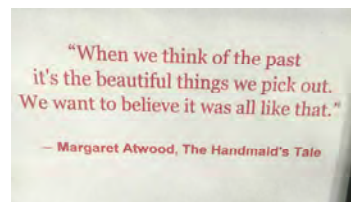
Director of Music Search

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.

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.

The "Feast"



Dr. Henry VanderGoot led a discussion on *The Handmaid's Tale*.

SNL Youth Group @ Mayflower



Sometimes life is like a large Jenga game — the pieces need to be moved around... very carefully!

Midweek 1st-2nd Grade Youth Group



1st and 2nd grade youth group competed in a Lego challenge on Wednesday night. Prizes were awarded for their creativity.