



# MAYFLOWER

*News + Events*

February 11, 2018

## Upcoming Events @ Mayflower

TODAY	<b>The Feast: Faith &amp; Fiction</b> - Join us as we continue our exciting new Adult Education opportunity immediately after church, offering food for thought!
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> - Join us for this 6:30 p.m. family service that marks the beginning of Lent.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18	<b>Portraits of Lent Workshop:</b> After worship, enjoy a light brunch as we explore how <i>Centering Prayer and Mindfulness</i> help us on our spiritual journey. <b>49Up Lunch Event</b> - 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	<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” 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, **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. Child care and a light brunch will be provided during the workshops featuring:

- *How to be Present: Centering Prayer and Mindfulness*
- *How Gratitude Changes Our City: Healing, Housing, and Habitat*
- *Realities for “Little Children” In Grand Rapids and Around the World: From Baxter to Eden*
- *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 on lower level
- **The Bridge** (5th graders)  
Conference room across from the church office

### SNL!

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for these Youth Group and Choir events. Tonight's topic will be *Lent: Take the Fruit Challenge!*

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

### High School Mission Trip

All youth in 8th-12th grades are invited to go on the mission trip this summer to Boston, **June 23-29**. Send a \$50 deposit by March 1 and your cost will be \$450. After that date, the cost goes to \$500. Check your mail for a flier or contact Lynn for more information. Act fast! Only 15 spots left!

### Midweek

The menu will include pizza and salad this week. The schedule will be adapted to the 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service.

### 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 if you are interested.

## 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).

### Mom's Night Out!

All moms are invited to meet on **Tuesday, February 20** at 7:00 in the upstairs room at Olive's. Contact Rachel Haddad (rachelblair07@gmail.com) or Allison Houlihan (allison@allisonhoulihan.com) with any questions.

### 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!

### Ladies Lunch

Join us on **Wednesday, February 21 at 12:30** for lunch at Walker Roadhouse (between Leonard St. and Remembrance Rd.) All are welcome. Please call Maris (616-821-0413) or the church office to make a reservation.

### Sacred Dimensions @ Mayflower

The Grand Rapids Symphony presents this year's "Sacred Dimensions" program at Mayflower on **Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.** The program will feature the Mendelssohn "Hymn of Praise" with the Chancel Choir and The Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony with Jonathan Tuuk, organist. The program is open to the public without charge.

### 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.

## Confirmation @ Mayflower



Last Sunday 19 eighth graders (5 not pictured here) met to begin the Confirmation journey. We will learn about our faith as we study the Lord's Prayer and "Voices of Faith" as members come speak to the class. They will join on Sunday, March 18. Please keep them in your prayers.

## The "Feast"



Last Sunday, Rhoda Janzen, English Professor at Hope College, spoke about her bestselling novel, *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress: A Memoir of Going Home*.