



MAYFLOWER

News + Events

December 24, 2017

Upcoming Events @ Mayflower

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 at Jose Babushka's.
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.

Christmas Eve Services at Mayflower



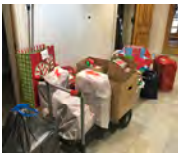
Join us for worship this Christmas Eve as we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth!

5:00 p.m. Family Service with Mayflower children participating. An offering of 100% juice boxes and/or a monetary gift for Kids' Food Basket will be collected.

7:30 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols featuring Alfrelynn Roberts, Soprano and Edward Clifford, Saxophone. The offering received will benefit St. John's Home.

11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Chancel Choir, Organ and Harp. The offering received will go to St. John's Home.

Mayflower Spreads Hope this Christmas!



Many thanks to the Mayflower community for generously supporting families at the YWCA crisis shelter and students at St. John's Home. We had 58 envelopes with opportunities to be a blessing to someone in need... and all envelopes (plus additional items for the YWCA shelter) were taken—from roller skates to bath towels. Merry Christmas!

Mayflower Budget - Second Appeal



On behalf of the Finance Committee we are pleased to share that we are approximately \$??,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 before January 1st 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 will not be held on Wednesday, December 27, or on January 3. We will resume our regular schedule on January 10. Have a Merry Christmas. See you in 2018!

The Chancel Choir will not meet on December 27 or January 4. They will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 10.

Church Office Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed this week (December 25 - January 1) and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 8:30 a.m.

New Member Inquiry Class - January 14

If you have been considering membership at Mayflower, please join us after worship on Sunday, January 14 in the Library/Conference Room. Pastor Mark will lead the class.

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. 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.

Mitten Tree

Priscilla Circle is collecting mittens, hats and scarves for all ages. Items may be placed on the Mitten Tree in the narthex **until January 3** when they will be given to In the Image.

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. 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.

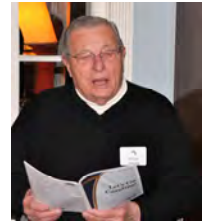
Livestreaming in the Chapel

For worshippers who desire a more flexible worship setting, please join us in the chapel, where the service is live-streamed.

Thursday Women's Bible Study Christmas Lunch - December 14



69Up Christmas Party on December 14



49Up Group Celebrates Christmas - December 1

