

# MAYFLOWER

## News + Events

March 3, 2019

### LENT @ MAYFLOWER



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

**Through the Eyes of Peter:** Join us for our Lenten sermon series as we reflect on the disciple Jesus called the “rock” and his remarkable journey from a Galilean fisherman to Jesus’ most well-known follower.

**Lenten Music and Meditation:** Give yourself the gift of silence and stillness in sacred space this Lent. Local musicians will provide gentle music to enable reflection and prayer.

**Mondays in Lent — Music and Meditation (6:30-7:00 p.m.) — Reception (7:00-7:30 p.m.)**

March 11	Julia Brown, piano	April 1	Pablo Mahave-Veglia, cello
March 18	Julia Brown, organ	April 8	Penny Kindraka and Stephanie Wiltse, handbells
March 25	Kathleen Gomez, oboe	April 15	Alison Reese, harp

### UPCOMING EVENTS @ MAYFLOWER

MAR. 3	<b>Foundations of Faith Silent Auction:</b> Please join us immediately after the service this morning for a light Italian lunch and a wonderful opportunity to support our Foundations of Faith Youth Mission Trip to Italy (June 17-23, 2019)! Auction items range from a coffee cake or a Mayflower private label bottle of wine you can take with you... to a week in an Airstream, dinner and spa packages, handcrafted jewelry and much, much more!
MAR. 10-17	<b>Mayflower IHN Rotation:</b> Please consider volunteering during this one week as we provide temporary shelter and warm hospitality for 5 homeless families in our community. Check out the sign up boards in the atrium to see where you can join in. Be a part of the journey to bring families home! If you would like more information about a particular volunteer opportunity, call Rachael at 616-706-4351.
MAR. 24	<b>Children’s Musical:</b> During the worship service our 3rd-8th grade choirs will present the musical <i>Elijah! God’s Faithful Prophet</i> . This superb children’s musical will capture your heart with memorable melodies while it tickles the funny bone with humorous dialogue. From Elijah’s confrontation with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel through his journey into the desert, the prophet shows faith in God for strength and deliverance.

## Stewardship Campaign Update

If you have not yet joined our annual campaign to fully fund our 2019 budget, we invite you to help us reach our goal of \$1.1 million by returning the card mailed to you or indicate your support online at [www.mayflowerchurch.org/support](http://www.mayflowerchurch.org/support). Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of **XL** and during this campaign **“Excel in the grace of giving.”** (2 Corinthians 8:7) Thank you!

### Stewardship Update as of February 24, 2019

Total Pledges Received	\$807,728
Percent of Goal	73%
Number of Pledges Received	202
Average Pledge (11% increase)	\$4,000

## CHILDREN

### Location of Children on Sunday

- **Bible Beginnings** (4 & 5 year olds)  
Main floor classroom near the nursery
- **Bible Alive** (1st-4th graders)  
Youth Room A on lower level
- **The Bridge** (5th graders)  
Library across from the church office

## FAMILIES

### Midweek @ Mayflower

#### Wednesday intergenerational church night

#### For Ash Wednesday the schedule is:

- Child care for infants to 3 years from 4:30 p.m. through 9:00 p.m.
- Children’s Choir (3 and 4 year olds) rehearsal from 4:30-5:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten-2nd grade **combined** choir rehearsal from 5:00-5:30 p.m.
- Buffet supper served from 5:15-6:15 p.m. The menu includes Crazy Charlie’s hot dogs and condiments, chips, veggies, and dessert.
- Carol Choir (3rd-5th grade) and Chancel Choir (adults) rehearse/robe at 6:00 p.m. for the Ash Wednesday Service.
- Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

## YOUTH

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	6:00	7:00
<b>Sunday Nights</b>	Choir	Youth Group
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	6:00	7:00
<b>Sunday Nights</b>	Youth Group	Choir
<b>Tuesday Mornings</b>	Breakfast Club at Wolfgang’s 6:30 a.m. (bring \$6 for breakfast!)	

## ADULTS

### 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.

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions for new committee members for the 2019-2020 church year. Please submit your names to [office@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:office@mayflowerchurch.org).

### Degage Ministry - March 4

Please meet in the church parking lot at **5:15 p.m., Monday, March 4**, to collectively ride to Degage where we will serve the meal and enjoy time with the patrons. New volunteers are always welcome. Contact Jon Lark at 949-6356 if you are interested in serving.

### Greeters / Cookie Providers Needed

**Are you willing to greet before a Sunday service or bring a treat for a Sunday coffee reception?** Please check out what dates are available during our March-April rotation and sign up on the board in the atrium.

### Calendar

To view a 3 month calendar of upcoming Mayflower events and meeting dates go to: [www.mayflowerchurch.org/news-events](http://www.mayflowerchurch.org/news-events).

## UPGROUP EVENTS IN FEBRUARY



The 69Up Group gathered at the home of Mark and Lynn Barger Elliott for wine and appetizers on Friday, February 22. Thanks Mark and Lynn for opening your home for our event!



Stalwart members of the 49Up Group met at Terra for brunch after church on Sunday, February 24 (in spite of fierce Michigan winds)!

## SUDANESE GRACE PRESENTATION - FEBRUARY 25



Mayflower and Sudanese Grace members enjoyed a dinner together and then a presentation about "What it is like to be a Refugee in Grand Rapids."