



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

A MONTHLY UPDATE

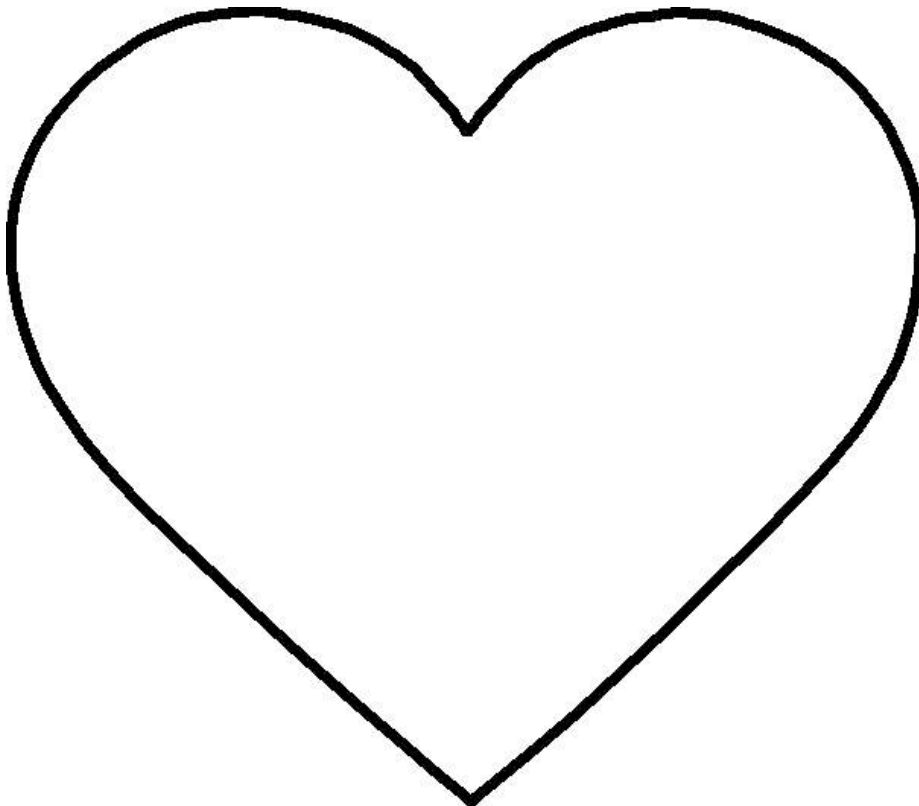
FEBRUARY 2012

Hearts of Thanks

This month, we will be saying thank you and sharing lots of love with all of our Children's Ministry Volunteers. It is our adult and youth volunteers giving of their time, energy and love that allows our children to have such wonderful opportunities to get to know God in such unique ways through our various ministries.

We know we love them, we know you love them, but we want to show them and we need your help. Through out the entire month of February, we are asking each child to make a valentine for a teacher, a leader, a child care provider or a youth assistant. Children are asked to post their valentine anywhere on the Children's Ministry bulletin board on the lower level. It can simply be a decorated heart or contain a short note of thanks to a specific teacher. It can be as simple or as unique as your child would like to make it. Two templates are available in this update, but children are welcome to make their own. Thank you for helping your children share HEARTS OF THANKS with all of our wonderful Children's Volunteers.

Please have your child, use this template or create their own HEARTS OF THANKS for a Children's Leader, Assistant, or Caregiver and post it on the Children's Ministry bulletin board on the lower level of the church anytime during the month of February.





The Children's Ministry Forum is conference for children's ministry leaders in large United Methodist congregations with over 250 in worship. The theme this year is "Ready for a New Song! Recreating Your Ministry" which will call children's leaders to think about their ministries with children and families in a different way. Based on Isaiah 42 and Psalm 96, this year's focus will be identifying ministry needs, learning new skills and information and preparing leaders to go home revitalized with a plan in hand. Megann Nyman & Stacy Becker will be out of the office Monday, February 20th - Thursday, February 23rd to attend this conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This conference will give children's leaders an opportunity to renew their energy, gain new skills and fresh understandings through various workshops and worship experiences. Stacy Becker and Patty Wenzel have attend this event in past years and have always received new ideas that they feel have lifted and benefited the children's ministries at Mayfield Church. Megann and Stacy are looking forward to returning home to Mayfield to weave their experiences and new ideas into the children's ministries at Mayfield Church.

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Children (0-5 yrs.old) & their caregivers gather together in B07 (the preschool classroom) along with the Heartland children to sing, listen to Bible stories, pray & have fun together as they travel through the Bible with Miss Stacy.

Preschool Storytime

This Month's Theme: God Loves Us

*Registration is Strongly Suggested to be notified of changes in the schedule
Children may register at any time during the year.*

**Date: Wednesdays
Time: 9:30 - 10 a.m.**

NO CLASS February 22nd

KIDS POSSIBLE



Children, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, train to become one of God's Special Agents. Children decode messages from God, hear Bible Stories and participate in science experiments, crafts and games.

**This Month's Focus:
Choose to Be Loyal**

**Date: Saturday, February 11th
Time: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Children may register at any time during the year.

Registration is Required



Thursdays 5p.m.

Questions?

Contact: Carol Neff
carol@mayfieldchurch.org

TWEENS

A Ministry for 4th, 5th & 6th Graders

This month's Tween Fabulous Friday activity will be a Night at the Movies on Friday, February 10th. Sign up by Wednesday, February 8th to be contacted with more details including time, location and the movie title. The movie will be rated G or PG.

This Month's Activity: Night at the Movies

Date: Friday, February 10th

Time: TBA

Transportation permission slips signed by parents may be required.

Reservations can be made through your evite from mayfieldchurch.ccbchurch.com - if you did not receive an evite, contact Stacy@mayfieldchurch.org to have one sent to you.

Details for the event will be emailed to the same address that the evite was sent.

To register for Children's Ministries or receive updates, email Stacy@mayfieldchurch.org or call 440-729-4006 ext. 105.



As stated in the scriptures, parents are the primary spiritual trainer of their children. As Mayfield Church, we will train you, equip you, encourage you and support you in the role as spiritual leader in your own home. Parents, along with their children of specific ages, are invited to these Faith@Home events as we use discussion and activities to focus on a particular spiritual area appropriate for a specific developmental stage.

Build A Faith@Home Focused Family

This month's Faith Skill is Family Prayer/Devotions. We intend to empower your family to develop the regular habit of prayer and have a consistent, effective, successful, positive devotional experience together, that will be a part of the child's life rhythm, continuing on for years and generations to come.

Sunday, February 12th 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Parents & their Kindergarteners
Faith Skill: Family Prayer/Devotions**

WINTER WEATHER CHALLENGE

Winter Weather is often challenging and unpredictable in Geauga County. We want to remind you of our policy for our Children & Family Ministries. If West Geauga Schools and activities are cancelled due to weather, children and family activities at Mayfield Church are also cancelled. An email cancellation notice will be sent to all children registered for a specific event as soon as the cancellation decision has been made. For added confirmation, cancellations will also be posted on Megann Nyman's voice mail message, 440-729-4006 ext 105.



Life with children is often busy and it can often be a challenge to juggle the family calendar. Give us an opportunity to help you. If there is a ministry or program that your children are interested in attending, register them for the program. Registering for a program is not a commitment to attend, but is an opportunity to receive email reminders 1-2 weeks prior to the event and receive special announcements and cancellations for the program. Being registered for a program also allows children and their parents to r.s.v.p. electronically which allows leaders to prepare materials ahead of time, allowing them more time to spend time with the children.

It is easy as 1-2-3 to register for a program. Email the following information to Stacy@mayfieldchurch.org

1. **Your child's first and last name.**
2. **Name of the program.**
3. **An email address to send the notifications.**

It is that simple. If additional information is needed, you will receive an email requesting further information.

Do you want to plan ahead for the entire month? Not a problem.

The Children & Family Ministry Update is issued at the beginning of each month and is posted on the church's website at: <http://www.mayfieldchurch.org/children/childrens-ministry-news>

*To be reminded when a new Children & Family Update is available,
follow the registration instructions above and insert Update as the program name.*

play -n- worship

9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.
for 3 Yrs. – Kindergarten
meet in classroom B07

Children, 3 years old and potty trained through 5 years old, learn about God through music, bible stories and a variety of activities that reinforce the bible story on the lower level in room B07. This class time also includes a small snack.

252 BASICS

9:30 a.m.
for 1st - 6th graders

Elementary-age kids are in a constant state of discovery. 252 BASICS invites kids to live out their new understanding of how to grow in relationship with God and with others.

Children begin by meeting in the front left section of the worship center and join the congregation in praise music, then follow the kids' Church leaders to their classroom on the lower level, B38.



11:00 a.m.
for 1st – 6th grade
meet in classroom B38

Kids dig into the Bible with creative activities, they'll soak up life-changing lessons that'll really stick. Plus, they'll build relationships with one another, watch for God with God Sightings, apply Bible truths to their daily lives, and even pray for each other!

Upcoming Training for Volunteers

Our Children's Ministry is about building hearts of faith. Our goal is to create an environment of acceptance and joy so that young people will be open to learn about Christ's love and ways. We offer a variety of trainings for anyone volunteering in Children's ministries. These trainings are beneficial and strongly encouraged for those who care about the kids in our church. To find out more about a specific training, please contact the Director of Children and Family Ministries.

Small Group Discipline/Management

Sunday, April 22nd at 11a.m. or 12p.m.

Leading Children to Christ

Sunday, June 17th at 11a.m. or 12p.m.

Safe Sanctuary and Children's Ministries Policies/Procedures

(Required for all new leaders/teachers and those up for renewal of BCI/SS)

Sunday, July 15th at 11a.m. or 12p.m.

New School Year Pow-Wow

(Update all teachers on new policy/procedures and allow them to meet and look at the new curriculum)

Sunday, August 19th at 9:30a.m.

OR

Sunday, August 26th at 11:00a.m.

Nursery Staff Meeting

Sunday, August 19th at 11:00a.m.

OR

Sunday, August 26th at 9:30a.m.

C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R Y C O U N C I L 2 0 1 2

In Children's Ministries planning and programming decisions are made by the Children's Ministry Council and the Director of Children and Family Ministries. Programs are designed to communicate Christian beliefs and share the good news of God's love in a manner that is meaningful to children birth through sixth grade. For more information about the Children's Ministry Council, please contact the Director of Children & Family Ministries.

Children's Ministry Council Meetings

*Meetings are held at the church
from 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.*

February 13th

Discussion Topics - Lent, Easter,
VBS Curriculum

April 16th

Discussion Topic - Summer Plans, Sunday
School Curriculum for Fall,
Faith@Home Debrief

August 13th

Discussion Topics - Fall Kick Off,
Christmas/Advent

Oct 15th

Discussion Topics - Plans for the New Year
(2013)

Children's Ministry Council Members

Director of Children & Family Ministries
Megann Nyman

Director of Heartland Childcare Center
Patty Wenzel

Children's Communication Coordinator
Stacy Becker

Members at Large

Kiersti- Critchfield-Carty

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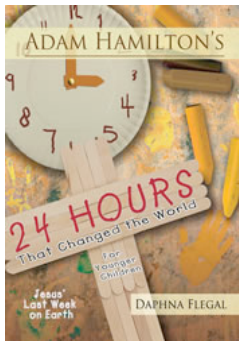
If you are not already participating in a Life Group, Megann Nyman, the Director of Children & Family Ministries, invites you to join her for an adult lenten study. Together participants of the class will learn and grow as they examine Jesus' last week on earth.



24 Hours That Changed the World
 Date: **Sundays, February 29th - April 1st**
 Time: **11 a.m.**
 Location: **Mayfield Church Lower Level**
 Room: **TBA**

If you are interested in participating, please contact Megann at 440-552-5760 or megann@mayfieldchurch.org by Sunday, February 19th.

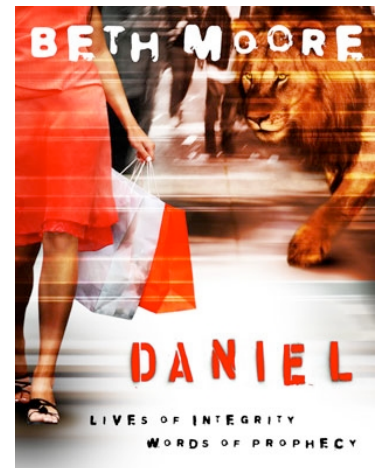
CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN ALL-CHURCH LENTEN STUDY



On Sundays during lent, children in 1st - 6th grade will have a special opportunity to participate in Adam Hamilton's acclaimed series *24 Hours That Changed the World* along with the rest of the congregation. Though children and adults will be learning about Jesus' final week in separate classes, studying the same lessons and material will be a great opportunity for conversations and learning together as a family.

Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and had to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers in Jesus Christ face many of the same trials. Beginning March 20, come together with other women to learn more about Daniel's life while having your own faith-building experience during a Tuesday mornings Beth Moore study of Daniel. This 11 week video based study of prophecy will teach women how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society.



Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy created by Beth Moore
 Date: **Tuesdays, March 20th - May, 29th**
 Time: **9:30-11 a.m.**
 Location: **Mayfield Church**
 Room: **TBA**

Sign Up is required March 5th for all childcare requests
 contact Kristy Nelson at kristynelson26@gmail.com with names and ages of children