

MAYFIELD CHURCH

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Our Mission:

“To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world...”

Who We Are:

Mayfield Church is a community of believers GROWING in faith, SHARING God's light and LOVING the world.



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

It's a joy to look around and see that the Good News of Christ is bringing hope and healing to people, friendship and care to people, and food and clothing to people.

As our Executive Team has met in the last few months, our desire has been to create a way for us to stand together with one spirit and one purpose to share the Good News. To fight together for the faith, and the Good News, we've determined goals for our church.

Two five-year goals:

1. To equip more, new disciples, to transform the world.
2. To build new contagious Christian communities throughout Mayfield UMC.

Two one-year goals:

1. To build bridges from one generation to another throughout our congregational life.
2. To identify the places in our congregation and community where we can build a new Christian community.

In the coming months, we will build our plan around putting these goals into action, so that we can share this common vision and shared purpose. Our heart's desire is that each one of you, each person in the community of Mayfield Church, will choose to be a part of sharing the Good News. Be encouraged, and may we seek together the ways in which we can all be of one spirit and one purpose for the sake of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH EVENTS

- **SUN, NOV. 6 @ 2 PM**
ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE
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- **TUES., NOV. 8**
ELECTION DAY
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **THURS., NOV. 10 @ 10:30 AM**
GOD'S CARING COMMUNITY
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **TUES., NOV. 15 @ 6 PM**
M.U.M.S. THANKSGIVING
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **FRI., NOV. 18 @ 6 PM**
TWEENS PIZZA NIGHT
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SAT., NOV. 19 @ 8:30 AM**
MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **THURS., NOV. 24 & FRI., NOV. 25**
OFFICE & HEARTLAND ARE
CLOSED

FOR MORE DETAILS ON EVENTS, VISIT

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By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.

- Philippians 1:27 (NLT)

Philippians may just be my new favorite book of the Bible. Paul has some great instructions for us, followers of Christ. As I read these words from Philippians, I thought about the fact that at Mayfield Church, altogether, there is Good News for us to come together around because we each have come to know Christ. And, we have a deep desire that others would know the Good News we have discovered in our lives.

As Paul wrote, he knew that he was not going to be able to go to Philippi to see the ministry, but he knew that he would hear about it. Word of mouth continues to be one of the most powerful ways that people come to find out about people, places, and things in life. Our actions speak volumes to the world as we 'conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News of Christ.'

SUNDAY SERIES:



9:30 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional

Nov. 6

Modern Service Livestreamed
Joy in the Midst of Conflict
Family Sunday
All Saint's Day Service @ 2 PM

Nov. 13

Traditional Service Livestreamed
Straining Towards the Goal

Nov. 20

Modern Service Livestreamed
Rejoice in the Lord Always



ADVENT 2022

MAYFIELD CHURCH BOOK STUDY

Nov. 27*

Traditional Service Livestreamed
*Enjoy Patterson's Pies after the
9:30 AM or 11 AM service!
The Hidden Light (Chapter 1)
Week 1 of Advent

Dec. 4

Modern Service Livestreamed
The Mothers of Christmas (Chapter 2)
Week 2 of Advent: Family Sunday

Dec. 11

Traditional Service Livestreamed
The Fathers of Christmas (Chapter 3)
Week 3 of Advent: Holy Communion

Dec. 18

Traditional Service Livestreamed
Mary's Faith (Chapter 5)
Week 4 of Advent

**SEE THE LAST PAGE FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

"HANDS THAT SERVE": HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

It's time for our annual Heifer Drive!

Mayfield UMC has been including Heifer International in its holiday gift-giving for about four decades, and we know that many of you look forward to this annual opportunity to make a gift that helps a family become self-sustaining.

A Heifer gift is the perfect way to remember and honor those on your gift list for whom a traditional gift does not quite hit the mark.

Why? Because Heifer gifts change lives. And this year even more lives will be changed as Heifer will match our gifts.

For those not familiar with Heifer, families receive an animal gift (or, where appropriate, other resources). These gifts help families, and the communities in which they live, become self-sufficient by providing sustainable resources that continue to support their needs year after year.

For example, a dairy cow can produce up to 4 gallons of milk a day — enough for a family to drink, share with neighbors, and still have enough left over to sell. Protein-rich milk can transform sick, malnourished children into healthy boys and girls. The sale of surplus milk provides income for school fees, medicine, clothing and home improvements.

But the gift doesn't stop there. Heifer-recipient families all agree to "pay it forward" by passing on the offspring to another family in need. And because a cow can produce a calf every year, it will eventually benefit an entire community.

Heifers are not the only animals provided by Heifer; sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits, llamas and water buffalo are just a few of the many gifts available in the Heifer gift catalog. Heifer also provides tools and training to better the lives of families and to help them become self-sustaining. Water projects help to ensure that communities have safe drinking water.

Our goal as a church is to provide the gift of an Ark each year by raising at least \$5,000. We have done it in the past, and with your help, we will do it again. (If you are curious, an Ark contains 2 cows, 2 sheep, 2 oxen, 2 water buffalo, 2 pigs, 2 beehives, 2 goats, a community veterinarian kit, 2 trios each of ducks, rabbits and guinea pigs, 2 flocks of geese and chickens, 2 llamas and 2 schools of fish.)

Quite a way to change lives in a community in need!

If you give a Heifer gift, we have a supply of greeting cards available for you to send to the person you are honoring with this gift. Stop by our Heifer table in Fellowship Hall on any Sunday in December to look through the gift catalog and buy your gift/make your donation. If you are not attending worship in person, you may give online off the web site (select "Hands That Serve" and specify Heifer). We will provide Christmas cards for our remote givers. Just tell us your need on the order form and we'll get the cards to you.

Thank you for your support.

BULLETIN BLURBS

The Collection for the Geauga County Food Bank this month is rice, grains and canned or boxed potatoes.

Our all-church Advent study of the book "Hidden Christmas" begins on Nov. 27- Buy your book in the Bookstore on Sunday, Nov. 6, or at the tables in front of the Bookstore the remaining Sundays of November.

Women's Ministry Annual Ornament Exchange— On Saturday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 7 PM, at the home of Amanda Matthew, enjoy a potluck style dinner and fellowship! Please bring a dish to share for 10 people and a wrapped ornament. Email Jennifer Kaye at jenn81884@gmail.com to RSVP and get more information.

All Saints Sunday— On Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 PM, we will celebrate the lives of family and friends in our faith community who have passed away this past year.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies...

...to the Carson family, on the death of Mike's mother, Frances Carson, on Oct. 6.

...to the Decker family, on the death of their wife and mother, Jennifer. Jen's "Celebration of Life" service was held on Oct. 22.

...to the family and friends of Hope Tumidandki, who passed away recently.

...to the family and friends of Bill Brust, a former member of Mayfield Church, who died October 21. A family service will be held at a later date.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Patterson Youth Hayride— Thank you Patterson family for hosting again ... and for the new benches! Gio Luciano shared his testimony, *Keeping Your Faith at College* and reminded us, “You have all the time in the world but many more responsibilities than ever before. What you do with that time is up to you. Choose wisely.”



Young Servants' Ministry— Our children (and volunteers) made cards and stained glass window crafts for our Mayfield Church family shut ins.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT MAYFIELD UMC!

Christmas is coming!
**STUDENT
CHRISTMAS MUSIC**



Our youth are invited to play one Christmas piece during any Sunday Service in Advent or on Christmas morning at 10 AM.

Any instrumental solo is welcome or you may sing a solo. Carol Neff is happy to accompany if needed. Please contact her to schedule by email, carol@mayfieldchurch.org or call her at 216-970-5654.



**SING WITH THE
CHOIR FOR
*Christmas!***

Please consider joining our marvelous Chancel Choir for the Christmas season! We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 10 AM to sing at the 11 AM Traditional Service.

Contact our Choir Director, Joel Logan, at joel@mayfieldchurch.org for info.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?



Our Partner School: Rowland- Would you like to be a tutor or teacher's assistant at Rowland Elementary School? Pick up an application on the display board in the main hallway. Our tutors will be sponsoring a Pie Fellowship for the staff on Nov. 21. Want to be a part of this local ministry? Contact Pastor Jan at 440.729.4006 or jan@mayfieldchurch.org.

Trials for Hope, an organization to help support the homeless in Cleveland, hosts a small group from our congregation the first Saturday of every month to help organize and clean their food pantry on the west side. They get a lot of food and toiletry donations and do not have the staff to go through them and put on the shelves. Join us on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9:30 AM to Noon, if you would like to help!



Also, mark your calendar for Trials for Hope's annual fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, or help clean-up from 1 to 2:30 PM at Lakewood UMC. For more information, go to trials4hope.org or contact Pastor Beth at beth@mayfieldchurch.org.

Nehemiah Mission invites us on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, to help them decorate their mission house for those who are staying there. Afterwards, enjoy a dinner prepared by the women of the Congolese congregation that worships at Nehemiah. Please RSVP to the church office by calling 440.729.4006.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAYFIELD STAFF

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., Nov. 14 @ 10 AM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., Nov. 14 @ 7 PM <i>via Zoom</i>
Finance Mtg.	Wed., Nov. 9 @ 6:30 PM
God's Caring Community	Thurs., Nov. 10 @ 10:30 AM
M.U.M.S.	Tues., Nov. 15 @ 6 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Wed., Nov. 16 @ 7 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., Nov. 17 @ 2 PM
Executive Mtg.	Tues., Nov. 22 @ 7 PM
Community Dinner	Fri., Nov. 25 @ 5—6:30 PM
S.A.M.I. (Singles over 50)	Wed., Nov. 30 @ 1 PM

YOUTH

Elevate (Middle School)	Sundays @ 11 AM
Dedicate (High School)	Bible Study starts in the fall
Uprising (Middle/High School)	<i>see schedule on band app</i> →
Karate	Thursdays @ 6:15 PM <i>except Thanksgiving</i>



MUSIC

9:30 Band Rehearsal	Wednesdays @ 7 PM
Hand Bell Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 6:16 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM

*Check our Google calendar at mayfieldchurch.org for updates

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**JOIN US FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT
MAYFIELD CHURCH!**

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NOON: TRADITIONAL
Lessons, Carols & Candlelight

4 PM: CHILDREN & FAMILIES*
with Worship Band

8 PM: TRADITIONAL*
Lessons, Carols, Candlelight with Choir & Handbells

11 PM: A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE
Candlelight & Holy Communion
**Livestream is available*

10 AM: CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE
Wear your jammies and enjoy Christmas breakfast for an informal service in Fellowship Hall

Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9 AM—4 PM
Friday: 9 AM—Noon

IN-PERSON OR MAIL
Contributions may be placed in the baskets near the exits

Ways to Give

MOBILE

ONLINE OR EFT
mayfieldchurch.org →
Give

Church Cancellation Notices

It's that time of year in NEO when we never know when weather conditions may warrant cancellations. If you are in doubt, there are several ways to find out if your activity will go on as scheduled if the church office is closed. If West Geauga Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we are also closed. Please check our phone message or website.