



# MAYFIELD CHURCH

*a United Methodist Congregation*

## September 2023 Newsletter



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Our mission is to offer Christ through an *inclusive community of faith* that *worships God, cares for people, equips disciples, and works to transform the world.*

### NOTICING GOD IN OUR MIDST

By Rev. Beth Wilterdink



In the lower level of Mayfield Church, I sat with a group of four, sharing our stories of how we got to where we are today. The stories weren't about how we'd moved to the area, or what route we'd taken to the church. We shared about pivotal moments in life that drew us to the heart of Christ. We shared about moments where God's grace had become real for us. We shared about being aware of and deciding to follow Jesus Christ with our lives.

It has been two years since I began hearing these stories from so many of you. Your lives that have been touched by God through other people. Hearts that have been transformed by God through the community. Hands that have served God. Beyond each of these stories there are backstories of people who have prayed for one another, and sat with one another to walk through life.

If you haven't asked someone recently, "how did you get here in your walk with God?" — try it. And then listen. Listen and discover the ways that God has been at work in our midst. But, also discover that none of our stories happened in a vacuum. Each one of these stories have people who loved, prayed for, and supported someone to come to know Jesus Christ. Each of these stories have a moment when someone was invited to make a decision to follow Jesus.

I've continued to come back to our mission. And truthfully, if we boil it down, our mission is to offer Christ. That may be enough. Because in order to offer Christ, we have to know Christ well enough to share. In order to offer Christ, our hearts have to be transformed to give beyond what we think we can give. In order to offer Christ, we have to take action and invite someone else.

Our mission is never going to be done until everyone has come to know the love of Christ. How have you invited someone to come along with you on your journey of faith? Will you be the catalyst for those people to see Jesus Christ in their life?



### CHURCH EVENTS

See where you can invite a friend or neighbor to join in our community of faith!

- **SUN., SEPT. 10 @ 6 PM**  
YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT  
YOUTH ROOM
- **THURS., SEPT. 14 @ 10:30 AM**  
GOD'S CARING COMMUNITY  
FELLOWSHIP HALL
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COMMUNITY DINNER  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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## SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to sign up for any of these small groups or would like more info, please contact Pastor Jill Scott at [jill@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jill@mayfieldchurch.org).

**The Early Birds** will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, at 9:15 AM in room B30. They will continue their study of the book *Saving God from Religion* by Robin R. Meyers. This is a relatively new group and is open and encouraging of new members.

**Faith and Food on Fincherie**, aka "The Finches," will begin meeting after summer break on Sunday, Sept. 10. Meetings begin with fellowship and conversation at 6:15 PM, with a meal at 6:30, and followed by Bible study at 7 PM. Topic to be determined.

**Anxious for Nothing by Max Lucado**, a five-week study, will begin on Mon., Sept. 18, from 6 to 7:30 PM. This study will continue on Mondays through Oct. 16. Childcare will be available. Led by Rev. Beth.

**Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go by Adam Hamilton**, a four-week study, will begin on Wed., Sept. 20, from 6:30 to 8 PM. This study is on Wednesdays through Oct. 18 (omitting Sept. 27). This study utilizes a book and video, led by Pastor Jill.

**The One: Reaching the Lost with the Love of Christ by Jim and Jennifer Cowert**, a four-week study, will begin on Wed., Oct. 25, from 6:30 to 8 PM. This study will continue on Wednesdays through Nov. 15. This study utilizes a book and video, led by Pastor Jill.

**Women's Ministry**— We are looking forward to kicking off our first meeting of the season on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 6:15 to 7:15 PM in Fellowship Hall! Every second Thursday of the month, we will study *When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers In the Bible*. The study books will be available at the meeting. If you need childcare, please email Pastor Jill and let her know how many children. Please feel free to invite along another friend!

**Men's Ministry**— Mark your calendars for Saturday Breakfast and Fellowship on Sept. 16, from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, in Fellowship Hall, and every third Saturday of the month.

## MAYFIELD UMC CHARGE CONFERENCE

Save the date of our upcoming Charge Conference on **Sat., Oct. 14, at 10:30 AM**. This year, it will be held at **Middlefield First UMC**.



## GREEN TASK FORCE MINISTRY

Bimbo Bakeries will accept paper packaging and flexible plastic packaging for their brands shown below. The plastic and paper packaging do not have to be washed, just shake out the crumbs before bringing the packaging to church. There is a plastic bin in the recycle closet near the church office with a "Bimbo Bakeries Recycling" label. Please put your packaging items in the bin and close the lid.

As an additional incentive, our church has an opportunity to earn rewards depending on the volume of recyclables we collect. For any questions, please contact Carol Mulhern at [mulbasket@aol.com](mailto:mulbasket@aol.com).

Thank you in advance for helping us to reduce trash in our landfills.



## Flower Cart on Sundays

Take home a beautiful bouquet of flowers homegrown flowers and support the Garden Ministry. Bouquets will be available through the fall near the bookstore. Mason jar vases can be returned in the following weeks, if preferred, and a suggested donation of \$10 will help our church grounds stay beautiful. If you have any questions, contact Sue Steigerwald at [sue2811@roadrunner.com](mailto:sue2811@roadrunner.com).



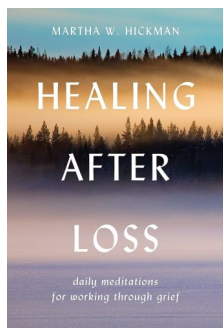
## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We are planning a celebration for "All Saints Day" on Sunday, Nov. 5, during our Sunday morning services. All Saints Day comes six months after Easter in the Christian calendar. It is a day for remembering those in our families and faith community who left us for the loving arms of Jesus during this past year, but who continue to be present with us in our hearts.

All Saints Day has a long history in the Christian Church. It is a celebration that helps us remember that our lives, our faith, and our actions are not simply our own creations. Instead, they are dependent on all we have been given by God, family members and friends who came before us— their stories, their love, their influence, and their witness.

We will read names, light candles, and remember the lives of those who graced our path and journeyed with us as a gift from God.

If you have a loved one whom you lost since November 2022, we would like to remember and celebrate that person's life during this service. Please contact Sally Matthews at [sylsal703@gmail.com](mailto:sylsal703@gmail.com).



### Grief Support Group

Join leaders from Stephen Ministry and our church for a 7-week journey to healing.

Thursdays, Sept. 21 - Nov. 2  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Sign up by emailing Mardi Atkins at [4894atkins@gmail.com](mailto:4894atkins@gmail.com) to order your free devotional book, "Healing After Loss."



## UPCOMING SUNDAY MESSAGES

9:30 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

In-person & Livestream



Sept. 10:

**"James: The Power of Our Words"**

HOLY COMMUNION  
11 AM SERVICE LIVESTREAMED

Sept. 17:

**"Even the Demons Believe— and Shudder!"**

9:30 AM SERVICE LIVESTREAMED

Sept. 24:

**"Pride and Partiality, or Pure Religion?"**

11 AM SERVICE LIVESTREAMED

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

...to Jan Atterholt, friends and family, on the passing of her husband, Jim Atterholt, on August 9.

...to the family and friends of Patty Sustar, who passed away on Sunday, Aug. 27.



### Bookstore: Everything 50% Off

Mayfield Church has been blessed to have the "Pages For All Ages" Bookstore to help us dive deeper in our faith. Though it is challenging to say goodbye to this ministry, we are hopeful to use this space to gather and meet. We would like to thank many people who ran the bookstore by planning, ordering, organizing,

and spending hours running it. Visit the Bookstore on Sundays through September and receive 50% off each item. Cash and checks (written out to Mayfield Church with "bookstore" in the memo) will be accepted.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

# FALL 2023 YOUTH CALENDAR

**GRADES  
6 - 12**

## SEPTEMBER

**SUN., SEPT. 3**  
No Youth\*

\*support fellow youth group members who are participating at the Geauga County Fair

**SUN., SEPT. 10**  
@ 6 - 8 PM

Outdoor Movie Pavilion

**SAT., SEPT. 16**  
@ 9 AM - 9:30 PM  
Cedar Point Day\*

\*sign up by Aug. 27

**SUN., SEPT. 24**  
@ 6 - 8 PM

Photo Scavenger Hunt Church/Chesterland

**FRI., SEPT. 29**  
@ 7 - 10:30 PM  
West G Football Game & 5th-quarter West G & Church

## OCTOBER

**SUN., OCT. 8**  
@ 6 - 8 PM

Ice Cream Sundaes, Mario Cart & Games Church

**SUN., OCT. 15**  
@ 6 - 8 PM

Bonfire and Kickball Church

**SAT., OCT. 21**  
@ 9 AM - 12 PM  
Service Project: Trials for Hope Food Pantry Meet at church

**SUN., OCT. 29**  
@ 6 - 8 PM

Patterson Hayride (with glow-in-the-dark games, hotdogs and s'mores) 8765 Mulberry Rd. Chesterland

## SAVE THE DATES:

**SUNDAYS, NOV. 5 & 12**  
Youth Group at the church

**SUN., NOV. 19**  
Service Project: St. Herman's Lunch & Dinner

**SUN., NOV. 26**  
No Youth; Happy Thanksgiving!

**SUNDAYS, DEC. 3 & 10**  
Youth Group at the church

**SUN., DEC. 17**  
Christmas Caroling with Carol

**SUN., DEC. 31**  
New Years Eve Party

Mayfield UMC

## YOUTH CEDAR POINT DAY

**SAT., SEPT. 16 @ 9 AM - 9:30 PM**

Cost: **\$65**

**Bring a friend and your ticket is free!\***

Cost includes transportation, park ticket, all-day drink wristband, & dinner.

If you have a season pass, the cost is \$15. It does not include food at the park or a drink wristband if you have a season pass.

Please RSVP by Sunday, Aug. 27 to Adam Neff at 216-849-1275  
Group Size Limit: 25 people.

\*Max of 1 free ticket per friend, and friend needs to be brand new to youth group

## TWEENS MINISTRY

We are excited to kick off another year of our Tweens Ministry at Chip's Clubhouse on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2 PM. If you have a child or grandchild who is starting fourth or fifth grade school year and would like to be on the email list for our fun monthly tweens events, please email Jessica Martz at [jessica@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jessica@mayfieldchurch.org) to stay up to date on our events.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

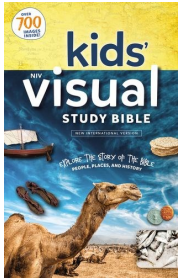
## Sunday School

Our Children's Ministry team is eager to start another school year with the children of Mayfield Church! Our 9:30 AM Sunday School classes are the **Nursery** (infants to 2 year olds), **Stepping Stones** (3 year olds to Kindergarteners) and **The Rock** (grades 1 to 5). We also have childcare available for children of all ages at the 11 AM service.

Children in Grade 6 have now graduated from The Rock to Middle School, and children in Grade 1 they are now invited to attend The Rock for Sunday School! It's also that time of year where we need an updated form from each family with important information for each child. If you have not received this form or have any questions about Sunday School, please contact Jess Martz at [jessica@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jessica@mayfieldchurch.org).



## Bible Presentation



Third graders are invited to join us in worship at either service on Sunday, Oct. 1, to receive a Bible! (If your child did not receive a Bible in third grade, please reach out to Jess Martz to be added to the list).



## 2023 VBS VOLUNTEERS

Veronica Bellay  
Linnea Bubnow  
Dana Clark  
Mirissa DeLisio  
Campbell DiCillo  
River DiCillio  
Melissa Hensel  
Bryan Javorek  
Jessica Javorek  
Justin  
Jennifer Kaye  
Sue Ketz  
Stephen Larrick  
Brandon Martz  
Jessica Martz  
Amanda Matthews  
Dominic Matthews  
Andrea Milnar  
Denny Nelson  
Dennis Nelson  
Eliza Nelson  
Kylie Nelson  
Nancy Nelson  
Alex Oklander  
Ethan Oklander  
Mary Oklander  
Anne Parker  
Grady Pattison  
Kelly Pattison  
Ariana Ross  
George Sassé  
Heather Sassé  
Pastor Jill Scott  
Ava Simmelink  
Katelyn Simmelink  
Kristy Simmelink  
Mary Slifka  
Bart Steigerwald  
Georgie Steigerwald  
Sue Steigerwald  
Chelsea Stickley  
Rebecca Sulzer  
Rev. Beth Wilterdink



## Vacation Bible School

We welcomed about 100 children into our doors last month for VBS, many of which were from the community! Thank you to the 45 volunteers who gave up one week of their time to make VBS such a success. We are so grateful for their willingness to serve the children of our church and community to shine Jesus' light! Children enjoyed different stations each day such as games, Bible adventures, snacks, crafts and KidVid Cinema - each recapping the Bible story of the day in a unique, fun way. During VBS week I shared my lanyard from "Lava Lava Island" with the kids which was our VBS theme that took place in 2004. You may remember the volcano that Tim Stickley created as the focal point for the stage that year. My mom, Sue Steigerwald, saved my VBS lanyard and Bible buddies from that memorable year and now my children play with my nearly 20 year old Bible buddies. VBS is important in the lives of many children and their faith formation. Thank you, sincerely, to each and every person who played a role in VBS from set-up to tear-down and we hope to see you all there next year for VBS 2024 in July!

-Jess Martz

# KARATE

The fall session class taught by Master Charles Fazio, 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt, will resume on Thurs., Oct. 19. This class is a combination of Karate, Jiu-jitsu, Judo and Savate. It is self-defense in nature, and we strive to teach respect for others, discipline, self-confidence and self-worth for children over the age of 6.



## SCHEDULE FOR KARATE Class @ 6:15 - 7:15 PM

**Oct. 12: Registration Night**

**Oct. 19: First Class**

Oct. 26: Class

Nov. 2: Class

**Nov. 9: No Class**

Nov. 16: Class

**Nov. 23: No Class**

Nov. 30: Class

Dec. 7: Class

Dec. 14: Class

**Dec. 21: No Class**

**Christmas & New Year's Break**

Jan. 4: Class

Jan. 11: Class

Jan. 18: Class

Jan. 25: Class

Feb. 1: Class

Feb. 8: Class

Feb. 15: Class

**Feb. 22: Demonstration Class**

Returning and New Students must sign up on

Registration Night, Thurs., Oct. 12, from 6:15 to 7:15 PM.

If students do not register on Oct. 12, they might lose their spot.

Cost: \$7/class

*Collected at each class. Checks made out to Mayfield Church with "Karate" in the memo.*

If you have questions, please call Rebecca Sulzer in the church office at 440-729-4006 x104.

Mayfield Church invites you to....

# Truck Night



**Tuesday, Sept. 19  
6 - 7:30 PM**

Fire Trucks, Police Vehicles, Water Truck, Apple Truck, Mr. Excavator, Tractors, Semis, Food Truck, Ice Cream Truck and more!

## NEW THIS YEAR: **CRAM THE RAM!**

Please bring a non-perishable food item to our Ram truck to donate to a local food bank!



Mayfield United Methodist Church  
7747 Mayfield Road  
Chesterland, OH 44026

Hosted by our Special Needs Ministry, M.U.M.S.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023  
2 - 4 PM**

HAYRIDES, CRAFTS, GAMES, FOOD,  
FACE PAINTING

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our Children's Ministry and M.U.M.S., special needs ministry, are partnering in another fun event for our community.

This year, we are looking for 20 volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out treats. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Jess Martz at [jessica@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jessica@mayfieldchurch.org) or Sandy Pavick [sandyinnewbury@aol.com](mailto:sandyinnewbury@aol.com) to sign up.





**Holy Donut Day-** On Sun., Aug. 20, we sold out of Patterson's delicious donuts to raise money for our ministry at Rowland School. Thank you to the Patterson Family for waking up to bake at 3 AM and serving the congregation! *Pictured left: Nancy Patterson serving Marge Eisenberg. Pictured right: Assistant Principal of Rowland, Sylvia Marshall.*

## "WORKING TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD"



**Summer Movie Night-** We enjoyed the outdoors, popcorn and a movie in the pavilion on Fri., Aug. 4.



**Cheering on Heartland and West G Students-** Several of us waved, cheered and held up signs for students and families on the first day of school, Mon., Aug. 21, at the end of our driveway.



**First Responders Family Picnic-** Our church hosted a picnic in appreciation for our firefighters, police and dispatch in our community on Sun., Aug. 20, at Chesterland Park.



**Happy Birthday to Louise Mikita (left) and Anne Baird (right)!!** Mayfield UMC members, Louise celebrated her 105th birthday and Anne celebrated her 101st birthday this past month!



**Free Community Dinner-** Join members of the church and community for dinner on the last Friday of every month from 5 to 6:30 PM.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Care Team Zoom Mtg.	Tues., Sept. 5 @ 7 PM
SPRC Mtg.	Tues., Sept. 5 @ 7 PM
God's Caring Community	Thurs., Sept. 14 @ 10:30 AM
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., Sept. 11 @ 10 AM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., Sept. 12 @ 6 PM
M.U.M.S. Truck Night	Tues., Sept. 19 @ 6 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Tues., Sept. 19 @ 7 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fri., Sept. 22 @ 1 PM
Executive Mtg.	Tues., Sept. 26 @ 7 PM
Community Dinner	Fri., Sept. 29 @ 5—6:30 PM
S.A.M.I.	Wed., Sept. 27 @ 6 PM

### YOUTH

Young Servants	<i>Not meeting this month</i>
Tweens: Putt-Putt	Sun., Sept. 24 @ 2 PM
Youth Bible Study	Sundays @ 11 AM
Youth Group (Middle/High)	<i>see schedule on page 4</i>

### MUSIC

9:30 Band Rehearsal	Wednesdays @ 7 PM
Hand Bell Rehearsal	<i>Rehearsals start Sept. 14 @ 6:15 PM</i>
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM

### SMALL GROUPS (SEE MORE ON PAGE 2)

Senior Disciples	Thursdays @ 4 PM
The Early Birds	Sun., Sept. 10 & 24 @ 9:15 AM
Faith Builders (Zoom)	Mondays @ 9:30 AM
Holy Huddle	Wednesdays @ 10 AM



## UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.



Please consider donating to the disaster relief in Hawaii by scanning the QR code or by check with "UMCOR #901670" written in the memo.



September Collection for the  
Geauga County Food Bank:  
Canned soup, broth, crackers,



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**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday - Friday: 9 AM—1 PM**

## Ways to Give

### ONLINE OR EFT

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### IN-PERSON OR MAIL

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