



MAYFIELD CHURCH

a United Methodist Congregation

August 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.

OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"



Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

This vignette of Jesus and his disciples has stuck in my head. Up to this point in the book of Mark, Jesus was baptized by John and had been teaching the crowds. Jesus had been miraculously healing people, and now here he is controlling nature. And Jesus asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

I know that we have had a lot of changes in the life of the church, and some of you may feel like the disciples did at this moment. Tossed about and uncertain. But, when I hear Jesus' questions to the disciples, it reminds me of our faith in Christ.

I'm aware that change brings a fear of the unknown, but as followers of Christ, the center of our lives is love, not fear. The writer of First John reminds us that "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..." (1 John 4:18 NIV)

We are called to offer Christ, which is centered in the love Christ gave us in this world. The changes also bring opportunities for us to discover something new about ourselves and to grow more deeply rooted in our faith in Christ, whom we claim as the Savior and Redeemer of our lives of faith.

So let me fill you in on some details to move from uncertainty and also offer some invitations for you to participate in our mission at Mayfield Church. Here are some of the questions that I've been asked:

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CHURCH EVENTS

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

- **MON.-FRI., JULY 31 - AUG. 4**
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- **THURS., AUG. 10 @ 10:30 AM**
GOD'S CARING COMMUNITY
- **TUES., AUG. 15 @ 6 PM**
M.U.M.S. SCAVENGER HUNT
Contact: Sandy Pavick
- **WED., AUG. 16 @ 1 - 6 PM**
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SAT., AUG. 19 @ 8:30 AM**
MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SUN., AUG. 20 @ 9:30 & 11 AM**
HOLY DONUT DAY
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
- **MON., AUG. 21 @ 8:15 - 9 AM**
CHEER ON NEW STUDENTS
EAST DRIVEWAY
- **FRI., AUG. 25 @ 5 - 6:30 PM**
COMMUNITY DINNER
- **SUN., AUG. 27 @ 11 AM—6 PM**
WEST G UNITY DAY
PARKING LOT/PAVILION
- **SUN., AUG. 27 @ TBD**
CONFIRMATION MTG. & COOKOUT

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Question: What will Pastor Jill’s responsibilities be?

As our Associate Pastor, Pastor Jill will be responsible for many of the ministries Pastor Jan has been overseeing. She will oversee pastoral care and the home visitation team. She will also work with Adult discipleship, including LifeGroups and small groups. And, she will work with the Mission Outreach Council on our mission opportunities. Pastor Jill has had a busy start, as she has connected with several small groups this month to introduce herself and has begun to do pastoral visits and calls to the congregation. See her article about the plans for Adult Discipleship for this fall.

Question: What will we be doing for youth as we move toward the fall?

SPRC has posted a part-time (10-15 hours/week) youth position to lead Sunday School in the morning and youth fellowship on Sunday evenings. We believe that this position, partnered with faithful servant volunteers, can engage our youth in their faith journey. I will work with this person and the volunteers directly.

We believe that we have an excellent youth program. Adult mentors and parents have a huge ability to be a positive influence on youths’ faith and to help them be shaped by the way that we live our faith. As we move into the fall, we will continue to encourage our young people and hope to live our faith alongside them. For the fall, Adam Neff, Chelsea Stickley, Drew Sulzer, Kristy Nelson, Pastor Jill, and Pastor Beth plan to work together to make our program fun, engaging, and most importantly, help our youth grow in their walk with Christ.

Pastor Jill and I will take on the responsibility of the Confirmation program beginning this fall, where we again believe that the gift of our multi-generational congregation can build deep relationships with our youth as they develop in their faith. We will plan to have an informational meeting on Sunday, August 27.

Question: Will we continue to work with South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools?

Yes! We will continue our relationship with Rowland School. Before the end of the school year, I met with Shannon, who is the social worker at the SEL Schools, about our partnership with Rowland Elementary School. She, as well as Principal Lee and Assistant Principal Sylvia, have expressed the wonderful impact that this connection has made on their staff, students, and school community. Not every school district will let a faith community adopt and partner with them like SEL schools. It is a joy to make a difference in the world in this way. In August, SEL schools will be our “Hands that Serve.” Check out the article on the next page, and on Sunday, August 20, will be our *Holy Donut Day*, with the proceeds supporting this ministry throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of the team to lead this effort, please email me at beth@mayfieldchurch.org.

Question: An update on the bookstore.

In August, we will be winding down the Bookstore ministry, “Pages for All Ages.” This has been a wonderful asset in the life of the church. However, at this moment it is time to give thanks for the many people whom this ministry has impacted and move to a different system for purchasing our materials for studies. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Question: How can we offer Christ this summer?

As we seek to offer Christ in the community, we have joined the West Geauga Chamber of Commerce. On Sunday, Aug. 27, the Chamber will host a Community Unity Day at the West G High School for the community to see how we can all work together. We will participate with a tent from 11 AM to 6 PM, and invite the community to learn about our missions and participate in a hands-on mission project. If you would like to help, please sign up for a time slot on the Sign-up Genius.

I know that there is a lot going on, but I hope you can see that we are striving to continue to live our mission and reach new people, in new ways.

With much hope and faith in Christ, and keeping our eyes on our living God!

Grace and peace of Christ,
Rev. Beth Wilterdink





August "Hands That Serve" Rowland School



It's Back-to-School Time! The first day for students at our partner elementary school, Rowland, is Aug. 25. Our schools ministry is this month's "Hands That Serve" mission focus. Here's what we'll be doing for our students and staff:

• **School Supplies:** We are asking each Mayfield family to buy one of the following – crayons, markers, two-pocket paper folders, No. 2 pencils, glue or ear buds (see list below) and place in the gray bins at the three entrances during the month of August.

This year, Ohio will have a sales tax holiday from **Fri., Aug. 4, 2023, at 12 AM to Sun., Aug. 6, at 11:59 PM.** During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax: An item of clothing priced at \$75 or less. An item of school supplies priced at \$20 or less.

• **Holy Donut Day:** Our fundraiser for students is back! On Aug. 20, we'll enjoy delicious Patterson's donuts in Fellowship Hall where all proceeds will benefit our partner schools. In the past, more than 56,000 new books put into the hands of students! Sylvia Marshall, Assistant Principle of Rowland School, will attend this fun filled morning.

Crayons (24 Count; Crayola brand preferred)

Markers (8 Count, Broad Tip, Washable; Crayola brand preferred)

Two-Pocket Paper Folders (Blue, Yellow, Green, Red, Purple)

No. 2 Pencils (All-Wood, Yellow; Ticonderoga brand preferred)

Donation toward earbuds for students' computer use (Mayfield Church will purchase in bulk. You may give cash, check or give online. Please write on your envelope "earbuds")

ANDREW AWARDS

We, as the body of Christ, want to offer a word of thanks for Linda Smith and Nancy Dickerson. Both of these amazing women have served 'behind the scenes' for many years.

Nancy Dickerson has served as the primary librarian and historian for our church for over 20 years. She also organized "The Angel Tree" every December, to make sure children with incarcerated parents feel loved and have gifts on Christmas Day. Nancy Dickerson is retiring from these ministries, and we give thanks for her many years of faithful service.

Linda Smith has managed our bookstore since 2013. When the bookstore needed a new manager, she graciously accepted the position and kept the store efficiently running. If you have never visited "Pages for Ages Bookstore" before, take a look at the selection of books, gifts (and much more) in the coming weeks. Linda and Neil Smith will be moving closer to their family at the end of the August, and so we give thanks and pray many blessings on the next chapter of their journey.

For both Nancy and Linda, we say thank you and offer thanks to God that they said "yes" to serving and using their gifts in the body of Christ not only in our church, but to transform the world by offering Christ.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MESSAGES

9:30 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

In-person & Livestream

Series – Living Life on Purpose

August 6

Rev. Beth Wilterdink

VBS Sunday

9:30 AM Service Livestreamed

New Series – Esther

August 13

Rev. Dr. Peggy Streiff,

Guest Preacher

Three Services:

8, 9:30, 11 AM

Holy Communion

11 AM Service Livestreamed

August 20

Holy Donut Day

9:30 AM Service Livestreamed

August 27

Pastor Jill Scott

11 AM Service Livestreamed

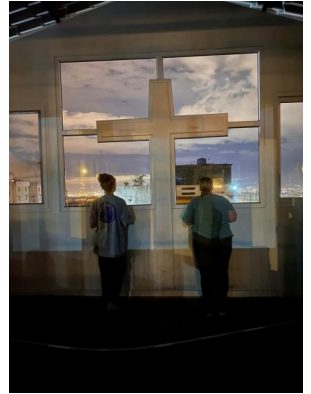
GUATEMALA MISSIONS REPORT

On Sunday, July 23, a few members of the Guatemala Mission Team shared their experiences during worship. These members, along with 15 others from Mayfield UMC and four from Chargin Falls UMC, had the opportunity to go to Guatemala for a week last month, to build four houses, put together fortified rice packets and play at an orphanage with some babies.

The trip was life giving and full of joy. It didn't come without some travel hardships along the way. If you didn't hear, they ended up in Honduras overnight, but once they made it to Guatemala, there was unexplainable peace that could only flow from God. Their team worked seamlessly together and the people they encountered will stay forever in their hearts.

To all of our amazing church family, THANK YOU! Thank you for supporting this team financially, for giving of your time and your talents and for covering them in prayer. Jess Martz, the Guatemala Team Lead, cannot thank you enough for supporting their team to joyfully be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Head over to our YouTube page [Mayfield Church], listen to their experiences that were livestreamed on July 23, and see the full slide show George Sassé created.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Sun., Aug. 13 @ 2 - 4 PM
DISTRICT YOUTH EVENT

Our youth and volunteers are invited to play cornhole with fellow youth in the UM conference.

Please RSVP to Rebecca Sulzer for both events at rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org.



Thurs., Aug. 17 @ 5:30 - 8 PM
LAKE PARTY

Youth are invited to the Nelson's home for a party at their lake!



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES

Mayfield United Methodist Church

For faithfully serving the Lord in words and actions and for sharing their gifts to end world hunger and poverty. This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agricultural training to help families become self-reliant.

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will reward him for what he has done."
PROVERBS 19:17

Beril Kimrey
Beril Kimrey
Director of Faith Communities

Presented this
July 2023





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VBS SUNDAY
AUGUST 6
9:30 AM AND 11 AM**



BACK PACK BLESSING & HOLY DONUT DAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Join us in worship as we bless our children, teens and adults before they head back to school. Then stay after the services to enjoy a donut (or several, we won't judge) to support Rowland School.



*Nurture and Nature
Family Community*



CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR HOMESCHOOL GROUP LAUNCHING THIS FALL!

We are thrilled to announce that our homeschool group, called Nurture & Nature Family Community, will start this fall on our church property behind the soccer fields. The ministry will be geared toward families with children who are between the ages of 3 to 8 but is open to families with children of all ages. Each week families will come together for a couple of hours to allow children to play together, parents to fellowship with one another and to come together for a Christian based lesson.

The nature area will be set up with different stations to experience, such as an art table, sensory table, water play, mud kitchen and manipulative play (trucks, animals, dinosaurs), etc. There will also be a meeting/prayer/reading area under our beautiful willow tree to close out our time together each week.

Families are invited to experience as much or as little as they like. If your family is interested in learning more about this new ministry, please reach out to Jess Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org. If you have a heart to teach young children about the Bible or have a background in education, especially outdoor education, we would also love to have you involved on this team!



SMALL GROUPS

As we enter a new season in the life of Mayfield Church, Rev. Beth and I are considering ways we can give individuals not involved in a small group, the opportunity to participate in some short-term group studies. Additionally, we are considering some options for groups that might be of interest to members of the community. In order to focus on this initiative, we will postpone our all-church study until the spring.

Not to worry, though! Existing LifeGroups are encouraged to choose a study that is of interest to them. LifeGroup facilitators should begin thinking about what to offer and let me know by the second or third week of August, so that materials can be approved and ordered in time for fall.

Last spring, Rev. Jan had you all fill out a Spiritual Formation Survey asking what types of studies would be most valuable to you. The top three topics from your surveys were the following:

- How to talk about your faith
- Effective prayer
- Offering forgiveness

In the next few weeks, we will be putting together a plan to address these areas of interest. We also feel that there is currently a need for a grief sharing group.

Although Rev. Beth and I will be facilitating some of these groups, it would be great if anyone feels a call to help lead a group or two. If you are interested, please let us know and we will gladly talk with you about it.

Stay tuned for the launch of these new groups in late August or early September. We can't wait for you to be involved!

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Jill



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On July 16 and July 30, we welcomed new members to Mayfield UMC! Take a moment next time you see them and introduce yourself and see where they are serving.



Al and Sharon Daviso
Open Circle Small Group
God's Caring Community



Sandy Stevenson
Greeter
Eve's Circle
Red Cross Volunteer



Rachel Chapman
Chancel Choir
Children's Ministry



Mark Eckman
Greeter



Kevin and Mirissa DeLiso
Children's Ministry

BAPTISM



On Sunday, July 16, we celebrated the baptism of **Liliana Vera Evangelista-Chapman** during the 11 AM service. Proud parents are Gonzalo Evangelista and Rachel Chapman.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

...to Carla Gentiluomo and family, on the passing of JoAnn Gentiluomo, on July 13.
...to Leslie and family, on the passing of her husband, Dave Schikowski, on July 28.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS



NEW SIGN ON PORTICO



SHIPLAP ON THE WELCOME DESK



A HUGE thank you goes out to member **Tim Stickley**, who volunteered his time by installing our welcome sign on the portico over the main entrance and remodeled the Welcome Desk! Also, thank you to **Gil** for painting the shiplap and **Steve Vegel** for making this happen.



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Willoughby, OH

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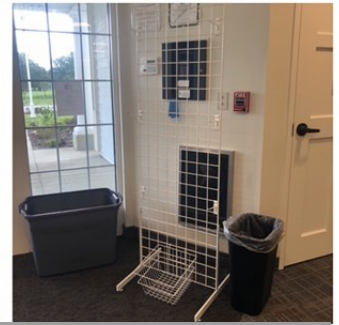
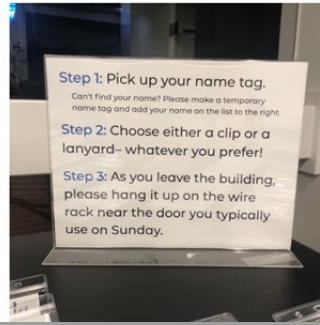
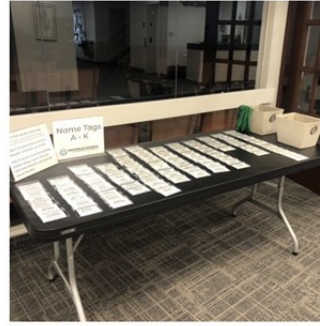
»» *Support* ««
Save the Date
Thursday, August 10th
3pm – 9:30pm



10% DONATION NIGHT

Support **Mayfield Church** by presenting or mentioning this flyer to the 6095 Commerce Circle Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases.

NAME TAGS



To help our new Associate Pastor, Jill Scott, and for us to get to know each other, we ask you wear a name tag! If you haven't already, please pick your tag up outside of the Worship Center, choose a clip or lanyard, and on your way out, hang it on the wire rack near the door you use on Sundays.

*Thank you,
Denny!*



We honored Denny Nelson on Sunday, July 30, after 10 years on staff as our Tweens Director and then Youth Director. Denny has accepted a fulltime teaching position and will continue volunteering with our youth ministries here at Mayfield Church.

A NOTE FROM REV. JAN

Dear Church: Thank you, thank you, for the lovely retirement celebration on June 25. Thanks to all who were able to come and join me on my last Sunday at Mayfield, as well as to those who participated in the service. I also am grateful for the luncheon, gifts, and many cards. It was a privilege to be part of Mayfield's pastoral staff and be part of your lives for 16 years. At the end of this month, I will become a chaplain resident with the Spiritual Care department at Hillcrest and may have the opportunity to see some of you when you visit a doctor at the hospital.

Gratefully, Rev. Jan



CHEER ON WEST G'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Did you know the West G Elementary School buses pass by our church every day full of students? We want to make it a fun first day for them on **Monday, Aug. 21, at 8:15 AM**, by waving our signs and cheering on students as they head into the 2023-24 school year. Let's have more of us join in the cheering!



IMPORTANT DATES

Care Team Zoom Mtg.	Tues., Aug. 1 @ 7 PM
SPRC Mtg.	Tues., Aug. 1 @ 7 PM
Safety Team Mtg.	Thurs., Aug. 3 @ 7 PM
God's Caring Community	Thurs., Aug. 10 @ 10:30 AM
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., Aug. 14 @ 10 AM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., Aug. 14 @ 7 PM
M.U.M.S.	Tues., Aug. 15 @ 6 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Tues., Aug. 15 @ 7 PM
Red Cross Blood Drive	Wed., Aug. 16 @ 1—6 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., Aug. 17 @ 2 PM
Rowland Team Mtg.	Sun., Aug. 20 @ 12:15 PM
Executive Mtg.	Tues., Aug. 22 @ 7 PM
Community Dinner	Fri., Aug. 25 @ 5—6:30 PM
S.A.M.I.	Wed., Aug. 30 @ 6 PM

YOUTH

Young Servants	<i>Not meeting this month</i>
Tweens	<i>Not meeting this month</i>
Youth Bible Study	<i>Resumes in September</i>
Youth Group (Middle/High)	<i>see schedule on page 4</i>
Youth Parent Mtg.	Sun., Aug. 6 @ 12:15 PM

MUSIC

Worship Planning Meeting	Wed., Aug. 2 @ 6:30 PM
9:30 Band Rehearsal	Wednesdays @ 7 PM
Hand Bell Rehearsal	<i>Rehearsals start Sept. 7 @ 6:15 PM</i>
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>Rehearsals start Sept. 7 @ 7:30 PM</i>

SMALL GROUPS

Senior Disciples	Thursdays @ 4 PM
The Early Birds	Sun., Aug. 13 & 27 @ 9:15 AM
Faith Builders (Zoom)	Mondays @ 9:30 AM
Holy Huddle	Wednesdays @ 10 AM

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Monday - Friday: 9 AM—1 PM
Closed on Sept. 4

Ways to Give

ONLINE OR EFT

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Give

IN-PERSON OR MAIL

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MOBILE



Collection for the
 Geauga County
 Food Bank:
 Laundry and cleaning
 supplies
 (in smaller packages)

Summer Movie Night

Bring your favorite lawn chair and meet us under the sparkling stars, and enjoy some popcorn! Also, we will put together health kits for the homeless.



Friday, Aug. 4, 2023



6 PM in the Pavilion

