

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.



Last Supper Oil Painting
by Philip Smeeton

OFFERING CHRIST WITH GRACE

By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

April will be a busy month of celebration with Holy Week, Easter, and Confirmation Sunday. Each of these are a moment to invite someone to know Christ in their lives, and through worship to celebrate our faith lived out in our daily experience.

In a recent email with Don Cummings, he shared about the mission and strategy that the church had adopted under his leadership. When it came to offering Christ, this means opening the door for individuals to be a part of, “A transformative fellowship that both welcomed and challenged everyone to feel God’s loving acceptance as well as to respond to God’s call to spiritual maturity.”

As I’ve re-read Luke’s gospel, I am seeing Jesus’ ministry come to life through so many of you and throughout our congregation. It jumped off the page at me the number of times that Jesus eats with others and the ministry that God’s grace is offered through Christ around the table.

In Chapter 14, Jesus tells the parable of the banquet and ends with this:

Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (Luke 14:12-14, NIV)

We are being called to share God’s grace through invitations to the heavenly banquet, which really happens in our ordinary meals. Christ is being offered through transformative fellowship at our monthly Community Dinner, M.U.M.S. events, God’s Caring Community, S.A.M.I., “Hands That Serve” Breakfast, and meals that happen throughout our LifeGroups.

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CHURCH EVENTS

See where you can invite a friend or neighbor to join in our community of faith. More ministry opportunities on page 9.

- **TUES., APRIL 5 @ 6 PM**
WOMEN'S MINISTRY CRAFT NIGHT
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- **SUN., APRIL 10**
PALM SUNDAY
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- **THURS., APRIL 14 @ 7 PM**
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
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- **FRI., APRIL 15 @ NOON & 7 PM**
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
SEE PAGE 2
- **FRI., APRIL 22 @ 5—6:30 PM**
COMMUNITY DINNER
SEE PAGE 10
- **SAT., APRIL 30 @ 4—6 PM**
FOSTER THANK YOU DINNER
SEE PAGE 2 & 4



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As we enter Holy Week, we will remember Jesus sitting at table with his disciples, and be reminded of Jesus’ love and sacrifice for each of us. We recognize God’s grace in that meal. As we offer “grace” at our tables, I pray that you will continue to keep up the invitations to everyone to feel God’s loving acceptance both at the table in worship, in our small groups, and in and through our ministries at Mayfield UMC.

Following Easter, we will enter a series on God’s grace, which I think is at the heart of how we live as followers of Christ and offer Christ’s love to others. More to come in May.



The Grace and peace of Christ be with you,

Rev. Beth Wilterdink

SEE PAGE 4 FOR WAYS YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS EVENT!

FOSTER & KINSHIP THANK YOU DINNER

Saturday April 30, 2022
4pm-6pm
Childcare Provided

- 📍 Mayfield Church
7747 Mayfield Rd, Chesterland, OH 44026
- 📞 RSVP Required by April 16, 2022
440-552-3415 call/text
MayfieldMoms@gmail.com

Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 14:

7 PM: EVENING SERVICE, *in-person & livestream*

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15:

NOON: TIME OF REFLECTION & HOLY COMMUNION, *in-person*

7 PM: EVENING SERVICE, *in-person & livestream*

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17:

6:30 AM: SUNRISE SERVICE, *in-person*

9:30 AM: MODERN SERVICE, *in-person & livestream*

11 AM: TRADITIONAL SERVICE, *in-person & livestream*

MISSION OUTREACH COUNCIL

Submitted by Phil David, Co-Chair

We can all take time to celebrate all the ways that Mayfield continues to establish itself as a mission-oriented church!

The response to our fall study of “Get Off Your Donkey! Help Somebody and Help Yourself” has been amazing. Of course, Mayfield has been a mission-oriented church for many years, but we are seeing more and more instances of groups planning and carrying out service projects in our community. Additionally, our ongoing mission activities are healthy and growing.

Many LifeGroups have responded to the “LifeGroup Challenge” to “get off your donkey” with a variety of activities, including the re-establishment of our monthly community dinners by the Married with Children LifeGroup and the dinner preparation for Ronald McDonald House by The Least of These LifeGroup.

We celebrated the return of the “Hands That Serve” mission breakfasts in March with the in-person meal that benefitted the Emsizini School in Zimbabwe.

We continue to pursue our series of activities that church members and families can sign up and participate in. A few of these that we hope to make reality in the coming months include:

- * St. Herman’s House Dinner Service
- * Assisting Trials for Hope homeless ministry
- * Tailgate party at New Freedom Ministries
- * “Team up 2 Clean up” service project at the men’s shelter
- * Angel Tree Project

Other projects being considered are working with the Nehemiah Mission, supporting “Doors of Hope,” a homeless shelter opening in Geauga County, leaf raking for the elderly, and Christmas letter-writing. There also are opportunities for service at Adrian and Rowland schools and the Emsizini Mission.

Watch for information on how to sign up for these service opportunities. If your group is interested in sponsoring/hosting a service opportunity, please let us know. You may contact the Mission Outreach Council by email at missions@mayfieldchurch.org.

We encourage groups to apply for Mustard Seed Fund dollars to finance your projects. I also remind you that we are accepting applications for “Hands that Serve” months throughout the year. See the application forms for “Hands That Serve” and “Mustard Seed” on the display board in the main hallway, or email us at the above email for electronic copies.

SUNDAY MESSAGES DURING LENT In-person & Livestream

9:30 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional



April 3
The Homeless Beggars

April 10 (Palm Sunday)
The Thief on the Cross
9:30 AM: Children’s Palm Parade
Holy Communion

April 17 (Easter Sunday)
*The Worst Thing is Never
the Last Thing*
*see page 2 for times

April 24 (Confirmation Sunday)
The Joy and Amazement of Belief

GARDEN MINISTRY

Easter Lilies, Azaleas & Hydrangeas Sale: You may place your orders until Sunday, April 3, at the Garden Ministry Table in Fellowship Hall, or by contacting Linnea Bubnow at linneabubnow@hotmail.com or 440-729-2424. Additional order forms will be on the display board in the main hallway. Flowers displayed in the Worship Center on Easter may be picked up after the 11 AM service or between April 19—22 during church office hours. Plants for home may be picked up on Wed., April 13 from 2 until 8 PM at the church.

Adopt-a-Garden: Keep our 20+ gardens around the church grounds looking beautiful! Pick out your garden on Sunday, April 3 in Fellowship Hall to help celebrate Earth Day.

All-Church Cleanup: This date is to be determined, but stay tuned on when you can help with the spring clean up around the church.

Mother’s Day Hanging Basket Sale: Sunday, May 8 from 9 AM to 2 PM outside of the church main entrance or garage (dependent on weather).

Spring Flower Sale: Sat., May 21 from 9 AM to 4 PM and Sun., May 22 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

"HANDS THAT SERVE" FOSTER AND KINSHIP FAMILIES

By Mary Oklander



We are the Moms' Group at Mayfield Church! Our goal is to provide support and growth together in fellowship of Christ. We focus on growing our faith, encouraging one another in motherhood, and serving our community. In 2020, we began serving the community through foster and kinship family ministries.

Statistics show that nationally, 50 percent of the homeless population had spent time in the foster care system. Only 50 percent of those who age out of care will obtain a high school diploma. Ninety-seven percent of children in foster care will not graduate from college, despite the fact that as wards of the state, they receive a full-ride to any state school of their choice. We hope to help change these statistics through one of our key initiatives for 2022—The Cleveland Angels Love Box Program, through which we will be able to walk alongside children in the foster care system and their caretakers, offering consistent support through intentional giving and relationship building.

Throughout 2021, along with household necessities, clothing, and other items, we were able to bless our foster family with outings such as roller skating, pottery painting, and a trip to the Asian Lantern Festival at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. We plan to continue to build the relationship with our family and provide needed items and fun trips, and with your help, we will be able to do so!

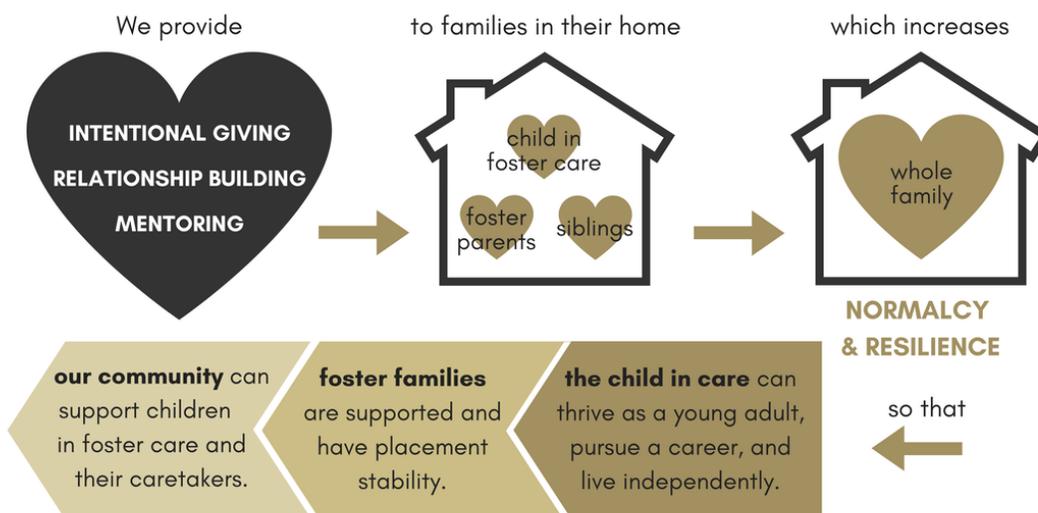


In lieu of a breakfast this year, the Moms' Group, with the help of children and youth in the church, will be hosting a Bake Sale on April 10 after both services. Be sure to stop by and pick up a sweet treat to take home to support our ministry!

Looking for an opportunity to serve? We will be hosting a Foster & Kinship Family Thank-You Dinner on April 30, giving foster parents the opportunity to get to know each other as well as "shop" for items collected throughout the month of April. *See page 2 for the ad.* Check out the Sign-Up Genius link for ways to serve: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aca928abfe3-foster>.

Please reach out to Mary Oklander at maryoklander@yahoo.com with any questions or to find out more ways to give and serve!

LOVE BOX PROGRAM LOGIC MODEL



OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS: ROWLAND AND ADRIAN

By Rev. Jan Fillmore

A *Zoup!* dinner ... On Wed., March 16, the evening of parent-teacher conferences at Rowland School, Mayfield Church sponsored a dinner of salad and soup ... along with cookies from Casa Dolce bakery ... for the staff.



Some 55 of the 70 staff members participated.

Becky Corr, a kindergarten teacher at Rowland, send the following note:

Dear Mayfield United Methodist Church: Thank you so much for the soup and salad from Zoup! before our conferences. It was so delicious! Thanks for taking such good care of us! We love you!

During that afternoon, Sylvia Marshall, Rowland's assistant principal, showed off the new staff lounge, which was the former copier room on the main floor. It is a place where staff can rest and decompress.

Look closely: See the table at the far right of the photo? On the bottom shelf you will see a yellow square – one of our prayer squares!



The lounge is stocked with, among other items, soda, water, juice, trail mix, goldfish, dried fruit, chocolate, beef jerky, crackers, chips and popcorn.



Marshall also shared about a program that she and Principal Lee Fuller developed to encourage the staff ... The Lucky Ducks!

Each educator was asked to come to the principal's office and pick a small yellow plastic duck with a number written on the bottom. Throughout the week, a number is drawn and announced, and the person with that numbered duck can stop by the office and pick a prize. Our congregation is donating gift cards and other small gifts to help with this program.

As the poster says:

As educators at Rowland Elementary School, you have become expert ducks! You remain calm, cool, and collected on the surface while paddling like crazy underneath! Our school is LUCKY to have you! Keep on paddling, but remember to take a break when those 'feet' of yours get tired! Thank you for ALL you do to keep us afloat!!!

This month we also are shipping books to both Adrian and Rowland School. Cathy Stang, who writes the grants for the books, recently wrote a grant for two titles for kindergarteners – both touch-and-feel books about animals. "The students usually love those!" Stang says.



It's definitely looking like spring ... take a look at the photo of our flower garden at the entrance to the kindergarten wing at Rowland ... yes, the daffodils, tulips and grape hyacinths are coming up!

As you do your spring-cleaning, please save your books, CDs and DVDs for the Book/Media Giveaway, our fund-raiser in August. You can drop off your items at the main entrance and we'll store them upstairs until the giveaway. Thank you!



GEAUGA FOOD BANK

Every month, we will have a different focus on collecting food for the Geauga County Food Bank. We will still collect any nonperishables, though for the month of March, our collection for the Geauga County Food Bank will focus on:

CANNED OR DRY BEANS

CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES



LIFEGROUPS

By Rev. Jan Fillmore



My thanks to all of our LifeGroups that took part in our 2022 LifeGroups Challenge! In January, we gave each ongoing Life-Group \$100 and challenged those groups to make a difference in the life of one person, family or community group. In last month's newsletter, I wrote about several groups and how they used their money to make a difference. Here is information about the other groups.

Married With Children: Their \$100 will go toward something "fruitful" (literally and metaphorically) toward the Community Dinner, which this group recently re-started. "We may put the money toward an edible garden," says leader Stephanie Wright. "Herbs at first, maybe something more substantial down the road like a larger vegetable garden space or fruit trees (with the blessing of the Garden Ministry, of course). The intent is to be able to harvest some seasonal produce that can be used in our meals."

The Moms Group: This group will use its \$100 to help with its Foster & Kinship Ministry "Thank You" Dinner on April 30 at Mayfield UMC. The dinner is a time for local foster families to get together, enjoy a meal and hear a speaker or two while their children are cared for in The Rock. ... At this dinner, the plan is for the foster families to pick up items collected during Mayfield's Reverse Advent Collection. *See page 4 for more information.*

Faith and Food on Fincherie (the Finches): Leaders Lori and Chris Black suggested the World Central Kitchen (WCK), which helps feed refugees from Ukraine. Why? The Finches always enjoy a communal meal at their meetings. The Blacks were drawn toward the way WCK's Chef Relief Team, when disaster strikes, uses fresh local food "to nourish communities and strengthen economies in times of crisis and beyond." Their group added to the \$100 challenge money for a donation of \$1,898.

Wednesday Evening: The group reports that "about 600 refugees, many Afghan families, have relocated to Cleveland. Because of their religious beliefs and the uncertainty of ingredients in our boxed or canned food, they prepare all of their food from scratch. We learned that most of their meals contain rice and beans along with fresh fruits and vegetables. Our group heard about Nehemiah Mission, a facility on the West Side that is dedicated to temporarily hosting refugee families relocating to the our area. We have sent our \$100 to the Mission House to help cover food costs while the Mission staff helps the families find housing."

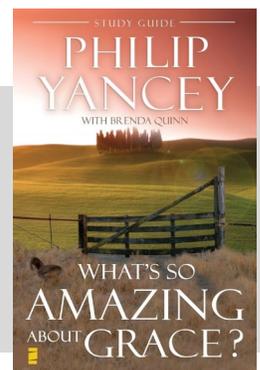
The Least of These: This group donated its \$100 to Ronald McDonald House Charities. Several members traveled to the Cleveland facility, where families can stay together and near their hospitalized children, on Friday, March 18, and made dinner for the families. Member Amy Metzger suggested RMH, and planned the dinner, as she had participated in such dinners through her workplace, Parker Hannifin.

Senior Disciples: Next Step, a program of Family and Community Services Inc. of Chardon, was the beneficiary of the Disciples' \$100. "Next Step helps young adults coming out of foster care to become independent and learn life skills," says leader Linnea Bubnow. It supports adults ages 18-24 in Geauga and Portage counties in various ways, including helping them to secure stable housing and learn skills to become self-reliant.



Friday Fun Group: This group donated its \$100 to the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland to use as needed. Several members attended the March 12 "State of the Mission" breakfast with Executive Director Alison Klocker to learn of the Mission's plans and the ways donors and volunteers can help. The group is exploring ways it can support the Mission in the future, as well as Trials for Hope. The group is planning to do hands-on mission monthly, rotating between these two outward facing missions.

The Worship Team decided at its March meeting that our next message series will be based on Philip Yancey's book "What's So Amazing About Grace?" LifeGroups may wish to study this book; a DVD, book and study guide are available. More information to come!



THE UPRISING STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GATHERINGS

Middle School & High School

11 AM - Noon: Middle School Bible Study with Denny in B26 & Zoom

7 - 8:30 PM: The Uprising in the Youth Room (MS and HS)



The Uprising (6th-12th)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

High School

7 - 9 PM: Room B26 (Youth Room)

SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP ALDERSGATE!

JUNE 19-24

Our yearly summer camp is quickly approaching and we want you to join us! Whether you're a Middle School or High School student, or an adult who can volunteer to help, we would love to have you for lessons, games, lake activities, and more. Registration is now open! To register, contact Denny Nelson at denny@mayfieldchurch.org



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Applications for the Don and Bonnie Cummings Scholarship and the John Gerber Scholarship Fund* are now available. Any student who is a member of Mayfield Church may apply for these scholarships. Applications can be found on the display board in the main hallway or you may request a digital copy from Denny Nelson at denny@mayfieldchurch.org. The deadline is Mon., April 18, and award letters will go out in mid-May.

*Mayfield United Methodist Church has established the *John Gerber Scholarship Fund* in memory of John Gerber, a long-time member of the church, who believed strongly in the value of education and the virtue of work. The scholarship was established in 2021 and will provide \$1,000 annually for five years, with the potential for continuing funding after the initial five year period.



POOL PARTY!!

Sunday, April 10

1:30—3:30 PM

Geauga Family YMCA

12460 Bass Lake Rd, Chardon

Cost is \$10. Please RSVP to Denny Nelson at denny@mayfieldchurch.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



APRIL 3 @ 9:30 & 11 AM

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

STEPPING STONES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-S to Kindergarten

THE ROCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Grades 1 - 5



YOUNG SERVANTS' MINISTRY

STUFF AND HIDE EASTER EGGS

Tuesday, April 19

4:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Children will stuff and hide Easter eggs on the first floor for the M.U.M.S. Ministry to find later that night during their monthly meeting. If your child would like to attend this event, please RSVP to Jennifer Kaye at jenn81884@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!
AUGUST 1-5



East Ohio Camps want every kid to have summer story full of fun, faith formation, adventure, and growth! Their hope is that when your child tells the story of what he or she did this last summer they include a week of camp where, "I connected with great friends and great counselors, had fun adventures, learned new things, experienced God in nature and now my faith is soaring!" And that is what they are planning for summer 2022. Check out the various sessions at www.EOCsummercamps.org.

Camp is open to those going into first grade this fall to high school.

What do you need this Summer?

- Friendship and Laughter
- Challenge and Skills
- Praise and Worship
- Fun and Adventure
- Exploring and Relaxing
- Campfire and Prayer
- Fun in Nature
- Swimming and Canoeing
- Spiritual Growth
- Leadership Development

HEARTLAND CHILDCARE

Did spring seem to take a lot longer to arrive this year?? We are more than ready to be outdoors more and enjoy the gifts He has given us!

Heartland has been blessed with federal stabilization grant funds!!! The money has allowed us to show appreciation to our staff, spruce up our space, and boost our curriculum with technology. There will be additional grant funds allocated to us through the rest of the year to make improvements in other areas as well. We also look forward to adding new teaching staff in the fall as we grow back to the strong, stable program we were two years ago!

"Happy Campers" Heartland Summer Camp registration is now open for kids 2 ½ years old (potty trained) through kids entering First grade in the fall!!! The first day of camp will be June 13 and will only run for 8 weeks this year to align with the school district's calendar. We are looking forward to a summer filled with outdoor fun and enrichment. If you have a special interest or skill that you would like to share with our kids, let us know! We are thrilled to be able to have visitors again!!

Thank you all for your prayers and support, please continue to hold us in your hearts as we begin planning a fresh new school year!

Contact us with questions and to register for Summer Camp OR Fall Preschool by calling 440-729-4006 ext. 116 or emailing heartland@mayfieldchurch.org for details.



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH:

"The mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants."

Matthew 13:31



MEN'S MINISTRY

"HOW TO HANDLE CRITICISM"

CRAIG GROSCHEL

Saturday, April 16

8:30—9:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

All men are invited to join this morning of breakfast, conversation and prayer.

Please email Jon Wilterdink at jwilterdink@gmail.com or call him at 440-321-5521 to RSVP or for more information.

GOD'S CARING COMMUNITY

"GODSPEED, JOHN GLENN!"

JANN GLOVE, GUEST SPEAKER

Thursday, March 10

10:30 AM—1 PM

Fellowship Hall

Did you know that this traditional "blast-off blessing" was never heard by John Glenn prior to his 1962 launch?! Join us for a fun and fact-filled, in-depth review of one of this country's greatest heroes as we honor this incredible man and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of America's first orbital space flight with Jann Glove, Naturalist at Lake Metroparks.

God's Caring Community, a ministry for our senior citizens, meets every second Thursday of the month for a presentation, discussion and lunch. Cost: \$5 for lunch.

Contact: Cyndi Nicholson at 440-729-4006 or cyndi@mayfieldchurch.org.

M.U.M.S. SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



EASTER EGG HUNT

Tuesday, April 19

6—7:30 PM

Fellowship Hall/First Floor of Church

The Young Servants' Ministry will be stuffing and hiding eggs for the M.U.M.S. Ministry this year! Everyone is invited to join the fun.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sandy Pavick at sandyinnewbury@aol.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CRAFT NIGHT

Tuesday, April 5

6—8 PM

Fellowship Hall

Childcare will be available. If you would like, bring a snack to share. Please email Jennifer Kaye at jenn81884@gmail.com to RSVP or for more info.

S.A.M.I. OVER-50 SINGLES MINISTRY

BROWN BARN TAVERN

Wednesday, April 27 @ 5:15 PM*

10700 Mayfield Rd., Chardon

S.A.M.I. meets the last Wednesday of every month for dinner. *Note the time is earlier this month.

Please RSVP to Sally Matthews at sylsal703@gmail.com.

GREEN TASK MINISTRY

Celebrating Earth Day: Sunday, April 3

We are gearing up for Earth Day, which is celebrated throughout our world on April 22!

Please join the Green Task Force Ministry in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate God's Creation! There will be recycling displays and you will learn about the Rust Belt Riders, a local composting service. In addition, you can enjoy some healthy snacks...yogurt, granola, veggies and fruit.

Also, Chris Hartman, from the Cuyahoga County Sewer District, will help us understand how we can help minimize litter in Lake Erie.

Save the Date

Mentor Headlands Beach Clean Up

Wed., June 15

Sign up on April 3 in Fellowship Hall or email Carol Mulhern at mulbasket@aol.com



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MAYFIELD CHURCH

Welcome New Members!

Please greet new members of Mayfield Church, Gil Lowry, Eric and Cheryl Wittine, and Gayle Storme.



Community Dinner

On Friday, March 25, we started our first in-person meals since the pandemic. We had around 55 people enjoy dinner in Fellowship Hall, along with many take-out meals. Our next dinner is Friday, April 22. Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to serve.



Cub Scouts

Congratulations to Dominic Matthews and Tyler Wierzbicki on their Arrow of Light Graduation. Both scouts joined Munson Troop 91.



M.U.M.S., Ministry

This past month, Leprechaun Will Steigerwald (below) volunteered to be the lucky storyteller during the M.U.M.S. monthly meeting!



David & Jerry
Working on a St. Patrick's Day craft



IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY

...to Carol and Dan Frenz, on the passing of Carol's sister, Lois Neubauer, on Thursday, March 3.

...to Greg and Patti Smith, on the passing of Greg's mother, Vera "Leona" Thompson Smith, on March 24.

How Long, O Lord?

Life has been difficult these past few years. You may be wondering, “How long is this going to go on?”

David asks the same kind of question in Psalm 13: “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? ...How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?” But even though David clearly doesn’t feel it in that moment, he knows deep down that God is with him. A little later he says, “But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.” The phrase “unfailing love” comes from the Hebrew word *hesed*, which refers to God’s persistent, unconditional, tender love. Because of this love, David knows he can honestly express his deepest feelings, trusting that God will listen and care.

During these difficult times, be assured that your prayers are heard because of God’s love for you. We can have hope in the midst of our pain because we know of Jesus’ love for us and that he is with us every step of the way. We are encouraged as we face challenges in our lives, and know it’s possible to faithfully care for others. Stephen Ministers provide such care. Care receivers are able to pour out their pain to their Stephen Ministers who, through consistent, compassionate presence, reflect Christ’s light into the dark places of their care receivers’ lives, connecting them to the hope of God’s unfailing love.

Stephen Ministry can make a powerful difference, ensuring people in our congregation and community who may have sorrow in their heart that they do not have to struggle alone. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about receiving the services of a Stephen Minister, please contact referrals coordinator, Cyndi Nicholson, Rev. Beth Wilterdink, or Rev. Jan Fillmore at 440-729-4006.

These thoughts were based on a Stephen Ministry Devotion on Psalm 13 originally written by Rev. Justin Schlueter, Stephen Ministries, St. Louis.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27: UMCOR SUNDAY



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit UMC.org/yourimpact

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UMCOR?

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change.

SERVANT VOLUNTEERS IN NEED

Fellowship Hour: Would you like to help by preparing healthy options and helping during Fellowship Hour after the 9:30 or 11 AM services? If so, please contact the church office through Marianne Cicerelli at marianne@mayfieldchurch.org.

Nursery and Childcare: Do you love to take care of babies and children? This ministry is so helpful for young parents and their children. Contact Mary Oklander at mary@mayfieldchurch.org if you would like to help!

The Rock Sunday Worship @ 9:30 AM: Please contact Jessica Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org to help with lessons or leading small groups for first through fifth graders.

The Uprising Youth Group: If you want to feel young again, our youth have plenty of energy to help! Contact Denny Nelson at denny@mayfieldchurch.org if you would like to volunteer during youth events or Bible studies.

HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 1 @ 4:30 PM

Federated Church

76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls

MUSIC MINISTRY

This free-will offering program will be led by talented organist and conductor, Tom Trenney, who was originally from Painesville UMC. Bring a friend and be inspired by this exciting program that will lift your spirits and feed your soul!

-From Carol Neff, Mayfield Church Organist and Dean of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

IMPORTANT DATES

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

PSPR Zoom Mtg.	Tues., April 5 @ 7 PM
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., April 11 @ 10 AM
Finance Mtg.	Wed., April 13 @ 6:30 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., April 21 @ 2 PM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., April 11 @ 7 PM
M.U.M.S.	Tues., April 19 @ 6 PM
S.A.M.I.	Wed., April 27 @ 5:15 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Wed., April 20 @ 7 PM
Executive Team Mtg.	Tues., April 26 @ 7 PM
God's Caring Community	Thurs., April 14 @ 10:30 AM
Men's Breakfast	Sat., April 16 @ 8:30 AM
Grief Group	Thursdays @ 1:30 PM
Moms' Support Group	Wed., April 6 & 13 @ 10 AM Tues., April 12 & 26 @ 6 PM

YOUTH

Young Servants	Tues., April 19 @ 4:30 PM
Tweens	Sat., April 9 @ 2—4 PM
Elevate (Middle School)	Sundays @ 11 AM
Dedicate (High School)	Wednesdays @ 7 PM
Uprising (Middle/High School)	Sundays @ 7 PM
Confirmation Banquet	Sat. April 23 @ 6—8 PM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Girl Scouts	Tues., April 5 & 19 @ 6 PM
Cub Scouts #3104	Wed., April 13 @ 7 PM

MUSIC

9:30 Band Rehearsal	Wednesdays @ 7 PM
Hand Bell Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 6:15 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM

*Check our Google calendar at mayfieldchurch.org for updates

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM—4 PM

Friday: 9 AM—Noon

Closed on Monday, April 18

Ways to Give

IN-PERSON

Contributions may be placed in the baskets near the exits after the 9:30 and 11 AM services.

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