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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.

you're invited

THE GIFT OF INVITATION

By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

My Grandmother Brinkmann who lived in Memphis, TN told me a story that when she was a little girl, a neighbor invited her to St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The church was right across the street from her house. Her family were not regular attendees anywhere, so she and her sister went. That community of faith became the place where she claimed Christ, grew in faith, and was shaped by the grace of God until the day she died. My grandmother passed her faith to my mother, who passed it to me, and I pray to pass this to my children. It all started with an invitation from a neighbor!

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, charged the first Methodist missionaries to America to "Offer them Christ." Jesus offers the invitation to follow, in Mark 1:16-18 (NIV) where it says, "As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

Sometimes we don't know where an invitation will go or what will become of it, but we know that every day we encounter people in need of God's grace. An invitation to get to know someone and their story better could lead to offering them Christ. An invitation to something in the community could lead to them accepting the gift of God's grace. As a church, we should always be on the lookout for opportunities to offer Christ through our words, our actions, and our witness.

In May, I attended a conference where the topics of sermons and lectures were on trauma, and it reiterated something I knew. Throughout our communities, individuals have been through so many different experiences of trauma. It also reiterated for me something else—we don't always know what others have been through. When you think about Jesus' ministry, how many times do the scripture writers describe for us details of someone's life to help us understand what they've been through AND so we can see the difference that Jesus makes in moving them through their trauma? Knowing one another's stories allows us to offer Christ better, offer God's love through compassion and care, and recognize one another's need (and our own need) for God's grace.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

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I pray we will be a community of faith that reaches out to our neighbors, our friends, and our communities with the heart of Christ. I hope that we would live to understand, as Wesley said, *'the world in our parish'* and that our mission starts with an invitation to any and all to know Christ.

Who knows, maybe your gift of the invitation will open the door for someone to fall in love with Jesus, and it will grow to be able to pass that faith and the grace of God to others.

The grace and peace of Christ be with you,
Rev. Beth Wilterdink



**GRAB AN INVITE BROCHURE IN THE MAIN HALLWAY TO
HAND OUT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND TO JOIN US FOR
THESE EVENTS THIS SUMMER!**



*you're
invited*

There's a lot going on at
Mayfield Church this summer and we
would love for you to join in on the fun!

MENTOR HEADLANDS BEACH CLEAN UP
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022
9 AM-NOON

Join our Green Task Ministry at Mentor Headlands
to clean up our beaches! Gloves, a bucket and a
picker will be provided. Contact: Carol Mulhern at
mulbasket@aol.com.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS
EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
5-6:30 PM

Enjoy a delicious homemade meal in our Fellowship
Hall! On Friday, June 24, Pulled Pork and Baked
Beans will be served and on Friday, July 29, it's
Burgers and Brats! No need to RSVP and there is an
option to carryout.

Mayfield Church is hosting the
NORTH AMERICAN UNICYCLING
CHAMPIONSHIPS & CONVENTION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022
ALL DAY / EVENING

Everyone is invited to join us for this exciting event
to watch solo unicyclists and teams for a friendly
competition, educational opportunities and social
events! Cheer on the St. Helen Drill Team!

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ALL-CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022
AFTER THE 11 AM SERVICE

Grab your family and friends for an afternoon of
yard games, music and food at our pavilion.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 1-5, 2022
9 AM-NOON

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through
the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the
southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids
form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.
Register today for students 4 years old
through those entering grade 6, HERE →



TRUNK SALE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022
9 AM-2 PM

In lieu of the Rummage Sale, we are inviting anyone
from our community to rent a space in our parking
lot for \$25, or a table in our pavilion for \$40, to sell
their own items. If you would like to participate,
please contact Laurie Dye at dyelaurie@yahoo.com.



For more information about all of
our events, please visit our
website by scanning the QR code
or go to mayfieldchurch.org

Monthly Newsletter Update

Our current 12 page newsletter will be sent out on a quarterly basis: March, June, Sept., and Dec. For the other months (Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct., Nov.), we will have a two-sided abbreviated newsletter with links to ministry pages and highlighted events, similar to our January 2022 Newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to add your ministry to our website, please contact Rebecca Sulzer at rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A New Opportunity from Stephen Ministry

By Joy Clason, Stephen Minister



Are you thinking about getting involved in God's work in a new and different way? Are you looking for an activity that will bless others and yourself as well? There might be a special place for you in the Stephen Ministry program.

Do you have gifts in leadership, wisdom, administration, teaching, mercy, helping, and faith? Can you keep information confidential? Can you work with others on a team? The Stephen Ministry program is looking for one or more new Stephen Leaders.

What's the difference between a Stephen Minister and a Stephen Leader?

Stephen Ministers are on the front line. They are care givers who meet with their care receivers to support, encourage, pray, and walk with that person for as long as needed to get through a difficult time. Stephen Leaders are the administrative folks who publicize the program, recruit, select, and train Stephen Ministers, learn about needs for care, match care receivers with Stephen Ministers, and provide small group peer supervision to support the Stephen Ministers.

You do not have to be a Stephen Minister to be trained as a Stephen Leader although all of our current leaders have chosen to also be trained as Stephen Ministers. Currently, the Stephen Leader training is conducted on-line and participants can choose once weekly sessions for 10 weeks or twice weekly for 5 weeks. The Stephen Leaders meet once a month and are also part of the monthly supervision meetings with all of the Stephen Ministers.

We ask that you consider your spiritual gifts and think about joining this important and dynamic ministry of Mayfield Church as a Stephen Leader. If you would like more information about becoming a Stephen Leader, please contact Mardi Atkins at 4894atkins@gmail.com or 216-346-1273.

Formational/Spiritual Growth Program for Rev. Jan Fillmore

Under Paragraph 351.3 of the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, 2016, a "formational and spiritual growth program" is available to clergy who have held full-time appointments for at least six years.

Bishop John Hopkins appointed Rev. Jan to Mayfield UMC in June 2007. She is coming up on 15 years in pastoral ministry.

Based on that fact, Western Reserve District Superintendent Edgar Brady has recommended to the Mayfield PSPR that Jan take time away this year, and PSPR has granted that request.

According to the Alban Institute, clergy time-away should have four components:

- Spiritual renewal
- Physical rest and refreshment
- Emotional recharging and recreation
- Intellectual stimulation

Jan's plan is to focus on intellectual stimulation through the full-time summer session of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the Cleveland Clinic; spiritual renewal and writing with a local author; and physical rest/recharging through visits with friends and walks in the Metroparks.

CPE at the Clinic "takes persons who have completed, or are in the process of completing, a master's degree in divinity (M.Div.), or some equivalent field, and places them in a clinical context to practice interfaith work under supervision."

The summer session is May 31 - Aug. 12, and Jan has been accepted into the program. She will use her growth time, vacation time and continuing education time while she is away.

Jan will return to Mayfield in time to plan and be at church for the schools' Holy Donut Day fund-raiser on Sunday, Aug. 21!



SUNDAY MESSAGES

In-person & Livestream

9:30 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional

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YANCEY

WHAT'S SO
AMAZING
ABOUT GRACE?

June 5
Grace When We Disagree
Pentecost & Children's Moment

June 12
How to Not Cheapen Grace
Holy Communion
"Hands That Serve" Breakfast

June 19
Legalism Corrupts the Power of Grace
Father's Day

June 26
Dispensing Grace
Aldersgate Sunday

July 3
One Service @ 10 AM
Grace Set Loose in the World

grace

"HANDS THAT SERVE" TOOLS AND BLANKETS

For more than 60 years, congregations across the United States have been responding to Jesus' call to be a neighbor to those in need by participating in the Tools and Blanket Mission in partnership with Church World Service.

At home and around the world, our congregation and others are helping impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain themselves and their families.

Contributions to Tools and Blankets mean that Church World Service is there for the long haul as families recover from a disaster, re-establish, or struggle against grinding poverty, as they seek to develop viable, sustainable communities and livelihoods.

At its heart, Tools and Blankets means *you*. Each year, through your contributions, you and others in our congregation make this ministry of hope a reality for people in need. Please help support Tools and Blankets by placing a donation in the offering basket (checks written out to Mayfield Church with "Tools and Blankets" in the memo line). For more info about Church World Service, visit www.cwsglobal.org.



NEXTGEN: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

NextGEN Meal at FOCUS

On Sunday, June 5, from 8:30 AM to 1:15 PM, Adam Neff will help us prepare a meal at St. Herman's House-FOCUS Cleveland. St. Herman's shelters and supports homeless men on their path to well-being and independence.

Here's the schedule:

- Meet at 8:30 AM at the church (if you wish to carpool)
- St. Herman's, to prepare the meal.
- Serve the meal.

We will be back at church around 1:15 PM. Please bring \$20 to help pay for the food for the men. We can take seven people. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45aeab2aa6fc1-nextgen>

NextGEN Visit to Sobriety Farm

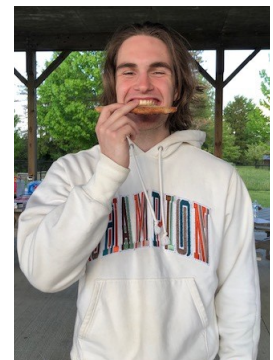
On Sunday, July 31, Adam Neff will take us on a visit to the FOCUS Cleveland's Sobriety Farm, which is being transformed into transitional housing for the men from St. Herman's House.

Here's the schedule:

- Meet at church at 10 AM
- Drive to the farm in Trumbull County to help with light construction work. You'll also get a tour of the farm, which will include seeing the beekeeping operation. This will be an all-day activity.

We can take 12 people. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45aeab2aa6fc1-nextgen1>

NextGEN enjoyed their first get together on May 16!



MISSION OUTREACH COUNCIL

Submitted by Phil David, Co-Chair

As a mission-oriented congregation, Mayfield Church offers many opportunities for mission and service. The Mission Outreach Committee helps to support and coordinate these activities, which are carried out by a variety of mission teams, LifeGroups and church organizations. This month, I would like to highlight the various programs which support mission work throughout our congregation.

“Hands That Serve”

Our “Hands That Serve” program highlights one mission activity each month, which provides an opportunity for mission teams to raise money as well as to educate the congregation on the mission work. “Hands That Serve” groups accept donations as well as sponsor fund-raising activities, such as Sunday breakfasts. Information tables, workshop announcements and newsletter articles all provide an opportunity for church members to learn more about the mission and also offers the opportunity to serve on the team. A few examples of our “Hands That Serve” missions this year include our Guatemala Mission Team, the Emsizini School (Zimbabwe), Rowland and Adrian Schools, Tools and Blankets, Heifer and a variety of local mission projects such as The Nehemiah Mission (which will be highlighted next month). We encourage all members to learn about and support our “Hands That Serve” activities!

Monthly Mission Activities

The Mission Outreach Council coordinates an activity each month that is open to anyone from our community and provides and opportunity for service. These activities provide opportunities for one-time service, fellowship and often and also to join an ongoing service team. There are several fun and interesting ways to get involved scheduled for June:

- End of the year cookout at Rowland School on Wednesday, June 1
- Lake Erie cleanup at Mentor Headlands Park on Wednesday, June 15
- NextGEN (young adult ministry) serving lunch at St. Herman House on Sunday, June 5
- Trials for Hope

Another form of service is donations. We sponsor various collections during the year, which provide opportunities to help out with much needed supplies. These projects are great activities for families and provide an opportunity to support our various missions. During a collection, gray bins are placed by each exit, along with the Geauga County Food Bank bin, that is always near the south entrance (see more information below). Our annual “Back to School” collection supports students and Rowland and Adrian Schools, coming up in August, and our “Reverse Advent” last year was an great opportunity to remember those in need during the holiday season.

Mustard Seed Mission Fund

The Mustard Seed Mission Fund provides a funding source to enable mission activities and support our various groups service work, monthly mission activities, and the Helping Hand Fund, which provides emergency funding. We encourage all members to make a small monthly contribution to our Mustard Seed fund which helps keep our mission activities moving forward!

You may also want to get involved by joining our Mission Outreach Council or otherwise assist us with our mission program. Most importantly, we fervently need everyone to join us in prayer that God might guide our efforts and touch those who are both givers and recipients of our mission service.



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 June, our collection for the Geauga County Food Bank will focus on:

**BOXED BAKING
MIXES
-COOKIES
-CAKES
-ALL-PURPOSE**



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 our office administrator, Marianne Cicirelli 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.



We are still looking for adult volunteers to help in a variety of roles for Vacation Bible School, August 1-5. If you are interested, please reach out to Jessica Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org.

CELEBRATING BRANDON FARMER'S MINISTRY

As you read in last month's newsletter, we learned that Brandon Farmer, our 9:30 Modern Worship Leader, and family, are moving to the Akron area.

Please join us next month on Sunday, July 24, to honor Brandon and his efforts at Mayfield Church. Cards and contributions for a Love Offering will be accepted in the church office. Brandon, Emily, Madeline and Laurel will be greatly missed.

If you know someone interested in the role of Modern Worship Leader, visit our website to view the job description under the "Leadership" tab.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

- ...to Jay and Carol Braden and family, on the passing of their son-in-law, Timothy Limbert. He passed away on Thursday, May 19.
- ...to Rachel Chapman and Lato Evangelista, on the passing of Lato's father, Miguel Evangelista. He passed away on Friday, May 20.
- ...to Chris Guthrie, family and friends, on the passing of Harlan "Bud" Guthrie. He passed away on Sunday, May 22.
- ...to Kathy and Tony Battiato, on the passing of Kathy's father, Richard Adams. He passed away on Tuesday, May 24.

EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: JUNE 9-11, 2022

Your pastors will attend this gathering [Clergy Executive Session on Wednesday, June 8 and Annual Conference on Thursday, June 9 through Saturday, June 11] in-person at the John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron. We give thanks for our lay delegates, Linnea Bubnow and Ted Diadiun, who will also attend.

All worship services, celebrations, and business sessions of Annual Conference will be livestreamed on the Conference website, eocumc.com. Keynote speakers this year are Bishop Tracy S. Malone, Bishop Laura Barbins of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA, East Ohio clergy Pastor Sheena Cameron and the Rev. Ed Fashbaugh, and Rev. Dr. Michael Beck of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church.



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)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

High School

7 - 9 PM: Room B26 (Youth Room)

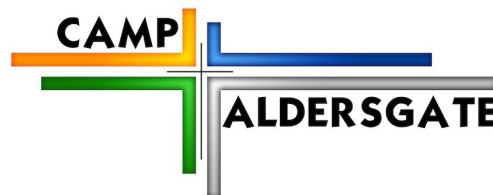


The Uprising (6th-12th)

REGISTER 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



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SAVE THE DATE

All-Church Picnic
Sunday, July 17



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 1-5, 2022
9 AM-NOON

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Register today for students 4 years old through those entering grade 6, HERE →



SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

STEPPING STONES SUNDAY SCHOOL
Pre-School to Kindergarten
THE ROCK WORSHIP SERVICE
Grades 1 - 5



YOUNG SERVANTS' MINISTRY

Our Young Servants' Ministry is taking a break for the summer and we will start back up serving with one another this fall. Thank you for all of the families who have helped this school year! You and your children are a blessing to this church and our community!

TWEENS

RESCHEDULED MINIATURE GOLF

Saturday, July 16 @ 2 PM

We hope all fourth and fifth graders will join us in our last tweens event of the school year at Chip's Clubhouse in Chardon! Please RSVP to Jessica Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org.

OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS: ROWLAND AND ADRIAN



We will host an Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 3, from 1-2 PM, for our hardworking staff on their last day. The East Coast Custard Truck will be in front of the school to provide ice cream cones and cups as we wish everyone a good – and restful – summer!



As you do your spring-cleaning, please save your books, CDs and DVDs for the Book/Media Giveaway, our fund-raiser Sunday, Aug. 30 through Sunday, Sept. 4. You may drop off your items at the main entrance and mark them "Book Giveaway" and we'll store them upstairs until the giveaway.

HEARTLAND CHILDCARE

WELCOME SUMMER!!

We are all ready for a bright, sunny, and fun summer.

This past month, we were thrilled to end this school year by graduating 19 preschoolers to kindergarten. That is 50% more than we had with last year's restrictions!

We take our hats off to all of the teachers that have stayed strong though these past two years, as well as to our new teachers, and appreciate their dedication and commitment to serving God through the Heartland ministry. We are all leaning on Him through this and trust in His plan because it's bigger and better than any of our plans. We pray that more strong, loving, and compassionate people are called to join us in this ministry.

Also, we are truly thankful for the Mayfield Church ministries that continuously give back and support us through prayer and donations. Thank you to the Men's Group, Community Dinner, and "Hands That Serve" for the generous food donations and for thinking of us.

We are blessed beyond measure and look forward to a fun, relaxing summer, and growing Heartland back to full capacity in the 2022-2023 school year!

We have a few spots in the Pre-K classroom for the fall. Please call 440-729-4006 ext. 116 or email heartland@mayfieldchurch.org for more information.



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH:

"He who started a good work in you will carry it to completion."

Philippians 1:6



MEN'S MINISTRY

"MANAGING YOURSELF"

PATRICK MORLEY

Saturday, June 18

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

"DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS"

JOHN KOLAR, GUEST SPEAKER

Thursday, June 9

10:30 AM—1 PM

Fellowship Hall

Have you ever wondered how the National Parks were developed and how they came to be? John Kolar, from Geauga County Parks, will be speaking about naturalist John Muir, the Father of National Parks. He was an early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States, which helped to preserve the Yosemite Valley and Sequoia National Park and many others.

Learn more about John Muir the naturalist, 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.

GREEN TASK MINISTRY

Here is your **Green Tip** of the month...

Thanks to everyone who has been donating prescription pill bottles for underdeveloped countries. Before we can give these bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries, all bottles must have labels and glue removed by washing it in hot soapy water. Please mark 'CLEAN' on the bag.

MENTOR HEADLANDS BEACH CLEAN UP

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

9 AM—Noon

Join our Green Task Ministry at Mentor Headlands to clean up our beaches! Gloves, a bucket and a picker will be provided. Contact: Carol Mulhern at mulbasket@aol.com. Rain date is Wednesday, June 22.

MOM'S SUPPORT GROUP

MOM'S POOL DAY

Tuesday, June 7

10 AM—3 PM

Katie Davis' Home

Mom's are invited to a relaxing day at Katie's house (weather permitted). If you would like to join, please call Katie at 440-552-3415 to RSVP and get the address.

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

SLYMAN'S TAVERN

Wednesday, June 29

6 PM

4009 Orange Place, 44122

S.A.M.I. meets the last Wednesday of every month for dinner. Please RSVP to Sally Matthews at sylsal703@gmail.com.

M.U.M.S. SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

THE PRODIGAL STEPSONS SING-A-LONG, PLUS ICE CREAM TRUCK

Saturday, June 11

2—4 PM

Pavilion

Everyone from the congregation (especially families) are invited to attend this fun event! Bring a lawn chair and come sing along to your favorite songs through the years.

BINGO

Tuesday, June 21

6—7:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Join the M.U.M.S. Ministry for Bingo night and win some prizes! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sandy Pavick at sandyinnewbury@aol.com.

FOOD TIDINGS MINISTRY

If you love to help prepare meals for those who need support, please Jamie Galiardi at mello_jello22@yahoo.com to get more information on how it works or to be added to the meal train email list. We currently have two members who are on the list for meals.

EBLAST FROM FRIDAY, MAY 27

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Memorial Day weekend, where we honor and remember the men and women who have given their lives, we give thanks for all of their service and sacrifice that allows us to have the ultimate gift of freedom in our nation; may we not take that for granted.

However, my heart is again very heavy this week, as the breaking news out of Texas scrolled the screen as I arrived home Tuesday evening. I am sure that I am not alone. Whether we are gun owners or not, the last two weeks are just a continuation of the plague of violence that continues to touch innocent lives throughout our communities and country. We are called in this week of deep pain to pray for those who have lost loved ones to hatred and violence throughout our country, and to pray for those who have caused that pain. I know we continue to have questions about why this continues to happen, but as the scripture continues to speak to us about God’s grace - something has to change.

At the church, our safety team continues to work on our Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for many different emergencies we may encounter, and how we can best address them, and keep our congregation and the community safe while maintaining a high level of hospitality. This spring, a group of about 30 attended the ALICE Training put on by our Sheriff’s office, and we give thanks for their continued work with and for us.

Our goal is to continue to offer Christ in this world, and at this moment means we need to teach peace and grace to lead our young men and young women, children, and adults toward something that is life-giving and good, rather than harmful and causes more pain in this world.

As a church, we can continue to use our resources to minister to children and youth, and for the deep need for us as a church to help build strong, healthy, and Christ-loving relationships that nourish the soul for God’s good. I give thanks to Jess Martz (our Director of Children’s Ministry) and Denny Nelson (our Director of Youth Ministry), and all of our servant volunteers - the men and women who mentor and pour into our children and youth here at Mayfield UMC. May we continue to teach our children to talk about their pains and fears, and also to pray for both their friends and enemies - as Christ taught us.

I am attaching a PDF [right] that was sent home to parents, to help us talk in age-appropriate ways to our children. I found it helpful, and pray it may be helpful for others. We as parents have to find the right time to talk with our children about tough topics, and not ignore the pain or hurt of the world. However, I know that is different for each family and each child.

May our hearts not be hardened to the pain of this world, but may we be agents of God’s transformation, seeing one another with sacred worth.

Rev. Beth Wilterdink

SCHOOL SAFETY AND CRISIS

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT VIOLENCE: TIPS FOR FAMILIES AND EDUCATORS

Families and school personnel play a critical role in helping to reestablish a sense of normalcy and security for children after an act of violence occurs. Follow these key reminders and visit www.nasponline.org/children-and-violence to learn more.

<div>KEEP EXPLANATIONS DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE</div> <div>Early Elementary Provide simple information and concrete examples balanced by assurance of safety.</div> <div>Upper Elementary and Early Middle School Answer questions and assist in separating reality from fantasy.</div> <div>Upper Middle & High School Emphasize students' role in safety & how to access support.</div>	<div>REAFFIRM SAFETY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Emphasize that schools are very safe.Let children speak about their feelings and validate reactions to the event.Support the appropriate expression of their feelings and help to put them in perspective.</div> <div>MAKE TIME TO TALK <ul style="list-style-type: none">Let children's questions guide the information provided. Be patient and look for clues that a child wants to talk.Young children may need concrete activities (e.g., imaginative play) while some older children may prefer writing or playing music.</div> <div>REVIEW SAFETY PROCEDURES <ul style="list-style-type: none">Help children identify an adult at school and in the community that they can go to if they feel threatened or at risk.Review procedures and safeguards in school and home settings.</div> <div>MONITOR EMOTIONAL STATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Some children will not express themselves verbally but changes in behavior, appetite, or sleep patterns can indicate anxiety or stress.Seek help from a mental health professional for those with more intense reactions that last more than 2 weeks.</div> <div>MAINTAIN A NORMAL ROUTINE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep a regular schedule and healthy nutrition, sleep and exercise to promote physical and mental health.Encourage maintenance of school work and extracurricular activities but do not push children who seem overwhelmed.Limit exposure to images or graphic reference to the event (e.g., TV and social media)..</div>
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For additional guidance, visit www.nasponline.org/safety-and-crisis.
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**MAYFIELD CHURCH &
HEARTLAND:
CAPTAINS GAME**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022
GAME STARTS @ 1 PM**

Preordered tickets are available at Will Call at the Captains Stadium. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Cicirelli at marianne@mayfieldchurch.org.



**American
Red Cross**

We are hosting the
Red Cross Blood Drive on

**Wednesday, June 22
2 - 7 PM: By Appointment Only**

To sign up for an appointment:

1. Scan the QR code or go to redcrossblood.org
2. Enter Zip Code 44026
3. Scroll down to find Mayfield Church on June 22.
4. Select the time you would like to donate.



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

**KIDS HAVE YOU RUNNING FROM ONE ACTIVITY TO THE NEXT?
NO TIME FOR A HOME-COOKED MEAL?
JUST NEED TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR A COUPLE HOURS?**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
FROM 5 TO 6:30 PM ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR A
FREE, NO-PREP, NO-STRESS MEAL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**Friday, June 24 – Pulled Pork & Baked Beans
Friday, July 29 – Burgers & Brats**

No need to RSVP and carry-out is also available.
Questions? Call the church office at 440-729-4006



**TRUNK SALE
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 27
9 AM–2 PM**

In lieu of the Rummage Sale, we are inviting anyone from our community to rent a space in our parking lot for \$25, or a table in our pavilion for \$40, to sell their own items. If you would like to participate, please contact Laurie Dye at dyelaurie@yahoo.com.

**LAWN MOWING
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Do you like to mow? Great!! We have many opportunities this summer for you to serve by mowing our church grounds. Please contact Steve Vogel by calling the church office or emailing him at steve@mayfieldchurch.org



**EAST
OHIO
CAMPS**

**Summer
Camp 2022**

ALDERSGATE | ASBURY | WANAKE
CYF | REACHOUT | INSTITUTE

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

PSPR Mtg.	Tues., June 7 @ 7 PM
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., June 13 @ 10 AM
Finance Mtg.	<i>not meeting this month</i>
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., June 16 @ 2 PM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., June 13 @ 7 PM
M.U.M.S.	Tues., June 21 @ 6 PM
S.A.M.I.	Wed., June 29 @ 6 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Wed., June 22 @ 7 PM
Executive Mtg. @ Valley Villa	Tues., June 28 @ 7 PM
God's Caring Community	Thurs., June 9 @ 10:30 AM
Men's Breakfast	Sat., June 18 @ 8:30 AM
NextGEN	Sun., June 5 @ 8:30 AM
Moms' Support Group	Tues., June 7 @ 10 AM

YOUTH

Young Servants	<i>no meetings this summer</i>
Tweens	Sat., July 16 @ 2—4 PM
Elevate (Middle School)	Sundays @ 11 AM
Dedicate (High School)	Wednesdays @ 7 PM
Uprising (Middle/High School)	Sundays @ 7 PM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Girl Scouts	Tues., June 7 & 21 @ 6 PM
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MUSIC

9:30 Band Rehearsal	Wednesdays @ 7 PM
Hand Bell Rehearsal	<i>no rehearsals this summer</i>
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>no rehearsals this summer</i>

**Check our Google calendar at [mayfieldchurch.org](https://www.mayfieldchurch.org) for updates*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM—4 PM
 Friday: 9 AM—Noon
 Closed on Independence Day

Ways to Give

IN-PERSON OR MAIL

Contributions may be placed
 in the baskets near the exits

MOBILE



ONLINE OR EFT

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Join us Sunday, June 19, as we honor the men in our lives and in our congregation who have influenced us. After the 9:30 service, head over to Fellowship Hall for a photo op!