



MAYFIELD CHURCH

a United Methodist Congregation

May 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.

OFFER CHRIST IN THE SUNSHINE!



By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:1-5 (NRSVA, italics by Pastor Beth)

I listened to a fellow preacher share about hope and she asked, “What would bring together such a huge crowd to experience something?” She responded, “I believe that the hope of Christ would!” AMEN! YES!

The hope of Christ is what each of us need. And the hope of Christ is what the world needs. And hope is key to how we can participate in offering Christ to others.

Though, sometime we struggle with offering Christ beyond our Sunday mornings, so I want to challenge you to join each other in offering Christ in this season of sunshine throughout the summer.

Summer is a wonderful time to either tell that story of what God is doing in your life, even in the simple moments of life, or through your actions of service to share what God is doing in your life. This summer, I want to invite you to be a part of the joy of sharing (even boasting) your witness for Christ.

Several months ago, I heard about one of our children who invited her teachers to the Community Dinner with a handwritten note. The past two months, they have shown up! What a wonderful invitation and witness to her school. If one of our fourth-graders can do this, so can you!

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CHURCH EVENTS

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

- **SUN., MAY 7, AFTER SERVICES**
“HANDS THAT SERVE” BREAKFAST
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SUN., MAY 7, AFTER SERVICES**
ALL-CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP
CHURCH GROUNDS
- **THURS., MAY 11 @ 10:30 AM**
SENIOR MINISTRY: GCC
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **TUES., MAY 16 @ 6 PM**
SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY: M.U.M.S.
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **FRI., MAY 19 @ 7 PM**
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: NEXTGEN
PAVILION
- **SAT., MAY 20 @ 8:30 AM**
MEN’S MINISTRY BREAKFAST
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **FRI., MAY 26 @ 5 - 6:30 PM**
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **MON., MAY 29**
OFFICE CLOSED: MEMORIAL DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 25
12 - 2 PM

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship in our backyard! This will also give you an opportunity to welcome Aldersgate campers back from camp and hear about their experiences.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you like to mow? We have an opportunity for you to serve by mowing our church grounds. Please contact Steve Vegel by calling the church office or email: steve@mayfieldchurch.org



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UPCOMING SUNDAY MESSAGES

9:30 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional
In-person & Livestream

New Series – Jonah: Whales, Worms & Wisdom



May 7:

*"Hands That Serve" Breakfast
The Rock Students in Worship
9:30 AM Service Livestreamed*

May 14:

*8 AM Monthly Service
Mother's Day
Holy Communion
11 AM Service Livestreamed*

May 21:

*Graduation Sunday
9:30 AM Service Livestreamed*

May 28:

*One Service Sunday @ 10 AM
Service Livestreamed*

I have a vision of how we can offer Christ, but it will take each of us to tell the story that is big enough of what God is doing.

I would like for us to think about what is already happening around our church and around our community- where we can be present and where we can serve?

Did you know that we have both soccer and softball teams using our fields this spring and summer? If you're at the church to walk around the parking lot in the evenings or for a meeting, could you go introduce yourself and ask the parents if they need anything? Offer the gift of a water fountain and bathrooms if the building is open. You can help put a face to our congregation, and offer Christ with this simple gesture.

Or, have you thought about "adopting" a youth from the church for the summer? Ask one of our children or youth about the sports they are playing. Could you be a cheerleader for them on the sidelines? It is a great way to show our community how we are an intergenerational church and we care for one another.

Or, watch for dates coming up that you can help at the community day events throughout the area. Adopt an older adult to go and visit, or invite them to attend with you. Think about these: Mayfield Village Cruise Night on June 10, Chesterland 4th of July Parade, Highland Heights Community Days, Mayfield Heights Community Days, and Lyndhurst Unity Days. What could you do to show your Mayfield UMC spirit at one of these events? Or more- maybe you are doing a 5K run this summer? In a golf outing? Headed to Cedar Point or the baseball game? Or maybe you are just meeting up with friends at the pool, the park, or for a walk?

As disciples, we don't tell our stories only within the walls of the church, but we are witness to what God is doing as we live our lives in the world. We strive to be a part of our community, because we want to show our community the love of Christ.

Rebecca Sulzer, our Office and Communications Director, is working on t-shirts for us to be able to wear in our everyday life, to be able to take the message of Christ with us into the community all summer- rain or shine. And so, our witness to others can come through loving words or action- through an invitation, or from serving someone in the community for the sake of Christ.



How will you offer Christ to someone this summer?

Grace and peace,
Pastor Beth

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NEW Monthly Service at 8 AM

Starting on Mother's Day, we will offer a service every second Sunday of the month at 8 AM, which will include communion. Save these upcoming Sundays:

- May 14 (Mother's Day)
- June 11
- July 9



**Saturdays @ 9 - 10:30 AM
May 20, 27 & June 3**

Have you been attending Mayfield UMC and interested in joining the full life of the community? Pastor Beth is leading a 3-week class about the life of the church, our Christian life together, and getting connected. Please contact Pastor Beth if you would like to join!

HANDS THAT SERVE: FOSTER AND KINSHIP FAMILIES

The Foster & Kinship Family Ministry at Mayfield Church believes all children deserve a strong foundation and healthy adult relationships. Unfortunately, that can be a challenge for children in the foster care system. Statistics show nationally, **fifty percent of the homeless population has spent time in the foster care system. Only fifty 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 our partnership with Cleveland Angels by showing up on a regular basis and offering a healthy, consistent adult relationship with each foster child in the family.



We have teamed up once again with Cleveland Angels for 2023 through their Love Box program, which allows us to walk alongside children in the foster care system and their caretakers, by offering consistent support through intentional giving and relationship building. Each month, we will deliver a Love Box to our family with needed (or sometimes just fun!) items or take the family on an outing. Throughout 2022, we were able to bless our foster family with Easter baskets, Christmas packages, household necessities, grocery gift cards, and much more, as well outings such as Sky Zone and “Country Lights” at Lake Farmpark. 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!



We will be hosting a parfait breakfast on Sunday, May 7, after both services. Be sure to stop by to build your own parfait and support our ministry! Currently, our foster mother is in need of an exercise bike due to medical complications and we would love to be able to provide her with one soon through your generosity as well. **Visit our info table in Fellowship Hall throughout the month of May or reach out to Mary Oklander at maryoklander@yahoo.com with any questions or to find out more ways to give and serve!**

April “Hands That Serve” Update:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Guatemala Mission** fundraising efforts by eating at our burrito breakfast, buying a “Hope” shirt, purchasing a flower bouquet, as well as chocolates. There is a golf tournament taking place on Sat., June 17 at Pleasant Hill Golf Course. The cost of registration is \$75 which includes 9 holes, a cart & lunch. If you would like to play in this tournament, please contact Jess Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org at your earliest convenience.

GEAUGA COUNTY FOOD BANK



The green collection bin near the main entrance for the Geauga County Food Bank is collecting **cereal (hot and cold), pancake mix and syrup** this month.

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 21, “SECOND OFFERING”

On May 21, we will celebrate our Mayfield UMC graduates and scholarship recipients. As we have done in the past, we will have a “second offering” that Sunday to be able to continue to fund the Cummings Scholarship into the future. Please consider a special gift on that Sunday as we support the future endeavors and callings of our students from Mayfield UMC.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER THE LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

5 - 6:30 PM



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday mornings from 11 AM to Noon. We gather for large group in B26 (the Youth Room) for announcements and devotions and then split off into small groups to participate in a service project/craft or play games/watch videos for discussion. We will not meet on May 14 and May 28.

Our small groups currently meeting will be finishing up in June. Some only meet once or twice a month, but if you're interested in joining a group, please contact Denny to start a new one this summer. Also, we will add some fun and schedule a few bonfires and lake parties at students homes, so keep an eye out for some dates!

SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP ALDERSGATE! JUNE 18-23

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. The cost is \$350 per camper (\$325 for siblings). Please turn in a \$100 deposit by May 18 to reserve your spot. *Please do not let cost deter you from attending. If you need financial assistance, scholarships are available.* Contact Denny Nelson for more info!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TWEENS Our fourth and fifth graders are going to Camp Asbury on Sat., May 13, to further their faith and have a time of fellowship with their peers. This event will take place 9 AM—4 PM and there is still room available for tweens to join! Please RSVP to Jess Martz at your earliest convenience if your tween is interested in attending.

YOUNG SERVANTS We are done meeting for the school year but keep an eye open in the fall for more service opportunities! Thank you to our great helpers over this past year who helped with M.U.M.S. events, organizing items from the reverse advent, making stained glass art for local nursing home residents and more! We are proud and grateful that the children of our church have servants hearts.



VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON OUR WEBSITE!

July 31—Aug. 4

VBS is open to children 4 years old [potty-trained] through tweens who have completed grade 5. Keep an eye out in the upcoming months for registration both for children and volunteers. I'm grateful for the way Mayfield Church shows up for this event as we welcome over 100 children from our community every year.

Graduation Sunday: May 21

In preparation for Graduation Sunday, we are asking that any person graduating from high school, college, or graduate school submit their information to be recognized in service and in our publications. Please send the following info by May 14 to Denny Nelson at denny@mayfieldchurch.org:

1. Name
2. School
3. Degree you are receiving
4. Future plans
5. Baby photo and a current photo of the graduate



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CHECK OUT THE VARIOUS
SESSIONS FOR SUMMER CAMP!
WWW.EOCSUMMERCAMPS.ORG



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GARDEN MINISTRY

Adopt-A-Garden: Do you want to help maintain different gardens on the property? The Garden Ministry still has gardens available! Please prayerfully consider adopting one and reach out to Linnea Bubnow any Sunday morning before or after service or call Rebecca Sulzer in the office during the week.

Mother's Day Plant Sale: On Sunday, May 14 from 9 AM to 2 PM, the Garden Ministry will sell hanging baskets and geraniums in the main entrance lobby or outside.

Annual Spring Plant Sale: On Sat., May 20, from 8 AM to 4 PM and Sun., May 21, from 8 AM to 3 PM, the Garden Ministry will be selling annuals, bedding plants and hanging baskets at church (exact location TBD). Remaining plants will be sold the following weekend.

EARTH DAY RECAP: GREEN TASK FORCE MINISTRY

Thank you to all who participated in our Earth Day celebration on April 23. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Carol Mulhern or Rebecca Sulzer.

- **Sunday, May 7, Mayfield Church Cleanup Day (Rescheduled date):** After the 9:30 and 11 AM services, we will walk around the property and clean up litter, cobwebs, etc. Bring your boots and work clothes.
- **Wed., June 28, around 9:30 AM, will be our third Annual Mentor Headlands Beach Cleanup.** Help clean up plastics and litter found in Lake Erie. You never know what treasures you will find!



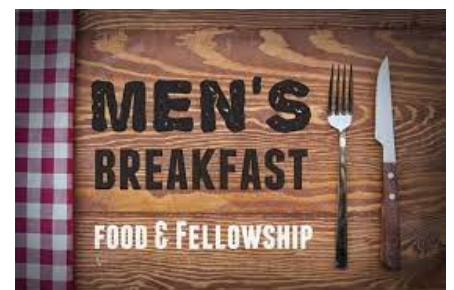
**PLEASE JOIN MAYFIELD CHURCH & HEARTLAND
AT THE LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS GAME**

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023 @ 1 PM



You may order your tickets beginning Sunday, May 7. Tickets are \$12/each and order forms can be found on the display board in the main hallway.

Please return your ticket order form and payment (cash or check) to the Church Office by Friday, May 19. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Sulzer at rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org.



MEN'S MINISTRY

SAT., MAY 20

8:30—9:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Contact Jon Wilterdink with any questions at

jwilterdink@gmail.com

M.U.M.S. SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Everyone had a great time at last month's Polka Dance Party!



**SAVE THE DATE:
ST. HELEN'S DRILL
TEAM
TUES., JUNE 20
6 PM**

PARTNER SCHOOLS MINISTRY



Zoup! Dinner for the staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 23

UPCOMING:

Monday, May 15, 3:30-4:45 PM at Rowland: East Coast Custard Truck will be there to give the staff a well-deserved treat.



Tuesday, May 23, at Rowland: The school and its students will celebrate its volunteers and community partners on this date (time to come). Mayfield tutors and *our congregation* are invited.

GOD'S CARING COMMUNITY

SERVICE PROJECT CLEANING FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIRS

Thursday, May 11
10:30 AM—1 PM
Fellowship Hall

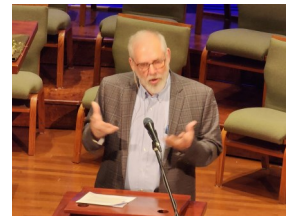
Cost: \$6/person for Pulled Pork Sliders, Salad & Dessert

Join God's Caring Community, a ministry for our senior citizens, and help make our Fellowship Hall sparkle by spraying and lightly scrubbing chairs. This is a sit down job that requires no heavy lifting. Please bring a scrub brush and an appetite!

God's Caring Community meets every second Thursday of the month for a presentation, discussion and lunch.

Thank you...

On April 30, we welcomed Rev. Bill Graham, Trustee of Portage Park District Foundation and Director Emeritus at Camp Asbury, as our guest preacher.



We also welcomed V Brass: members are Steve Ingrassia and Bob Sitkberg on trumpet, Greg Hillis on horn, Jim Vinciguerra on baritone, and Joel Logan on tuba, to the 11 AM service.



BAPTISMS

On April 23, we celebrated the baptism of Jackson **Alan Schafman** and **Samuel Ayden Jay Schafman**, sons of Mark and Carol (Jacob) Schafman, during the 9:30 AM service.



On April 16, we celebrated the baptism of **Preslie Ross Berg**, daughter of Joshua Berg and Kassidy Krause, during the 9:30 AM service.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

...to the Chapman family on the passing of Lawrence "Mike" Leroy Chapman, on March 25.

...to friends and family of former member Rita Fonticella, who passed away on April 23. Her service, officiated by Rev. Jan, was held on Friday, April 28.

...to Nancy and Jerry Dickerson, on the loss of their son-in-law, Harry "Bud" Weaver, who passed away on April 16. His service was held on Friday, April 28.



LifeGroups

LifeGroups are a wonderful way to experience God with other believers outside of a weekly church service and gives you the opportunity to go deeper in your faith—all while socializing and having a good time! You are welcome to join. If you are interested in more information, please email Rev. Jan.

The Wednesday Morning LifeGroup will begin a six-week study of Melissa Spoelstra's book "Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World" on May 17th. The group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in B-30, and new members are welcome. For more information, or to order the book, please contact group facilitator Linda Smith.

The Least of These LifeGroup is reading "The Universal Christ," by Richard Rohr, next month, led by Joyce Gordon. This group meets on Sunday evenings at 7 PM.

The Early Birds LifeGroup is reading "Saving God from Religion - A Minister's Search for Faith in a Skeptical Age," by Robin R. Meyers, led by Kathleen Slater. This group meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, the second and fourth weeks of the month.

We're collecting your "John: The Gospel of Light and Life" books and leader guides to give to churches in our district who could use them for Bible study. If you would like to donate your book or leader guide, please leave them in the bin in front of Rev. Jan's office. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

Care Team Zoom Mtg.	Mon., May 1 @ 7 PM
SPRC Mtg.	Wed., May 3 @ 7 PM
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., May 8 @ 10 AM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., May 8 @ 7 PM (Zoom & Conf. Room)
God's Caring Community	Thurs., May 11 @ 10:30—1 PM
M.U.M.S., <i>Special Needs</i>	Tues., May 16 @ 6—7:30 PM
Finance Committee Mtg.	Tues., May 16 @ 6 PM
Trustees Committee Mtg.	Tues., May 16 @ 7 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., May 18 @ 1 PM
NextGEN Bonfire	Fri., May 19 @ 7 PM
Executive Committee Mtg.	Tues., May 23 @ 7 PM
Community Dinner	Fri., May 26 @ 5—6:30 PM
S.A.M.I., <i>Single Older Adults</i>	Wed., May 31 @ 6 PM

YOUTH

Young Servants	
Tweens Retreat	Sat., May 13, All Day
Youth Bible Study/Fellowship	Sundays @ 11 AM—Noon

MUSIC

Modern 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

MAKE A SIGN FOR WEST G STUDENTS FOR THEIR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Last year, some members of the congregation and staff stood near the east entrance driveway to cheer on West G students on their first day of school with encouraging signs. Well, we want to make it a fun LAST day for them on **Friday, June 2, at 7:30 AM**, by waving our signs and praising these students for a job well done this past school year.

We will have posters and markers available at the end of our 10 AM service on Sunday, May 28...so grab one and decorate it during fellowship hour or take it home and join us on Friday!



Ways to Give

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

MOBILE

ONLINE OR EFT
mayfieldchurch.org →
Give

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY—FRIDAY
9 AM - 1 PM
CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY

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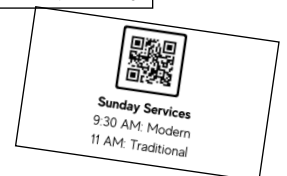
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Take a few cards and share them with your friends, family or neighbors to invite them to our church! *Thank you, Wittines, for the idea!*