



MAYFIELD CHURCH

a United Methodist Congregation

November 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.*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

Give thanks to God! As our congregation grows in the Word of God, sings and worships together each Sunday, and works to transform the world- I give thanks to God!

I give thanks to God for each member of our congregation, but I want to highlight and particularly give thanks for our leadership. No body of Christ, no organization is able to function, flourish, and grow without the development and direction of leadership.

Every church needs good leaders. Not just on the pastoral level, but throughout the staff that is hired. And, of course the congregation needs good leaders who are members of the congregation and who can fully invest in the mission and vision of the church. I'm so grateful for the leaders who have said, "yes" to serving our community, it is vital to the health of our congregation. **On the following page, you'll see our list of leadership- please offer your thanks to them.**

One of my concerns for the church, Mayfield Church and beyond, is that of leadership- pastoral, staff, and laity- we need good leadership. But, it is not easy. It has not been easy. One article on church staff burnout:

Pastors and church staff often succumb to burnout. Long hours, high expectations, lower pay, being "on" 24/7, and stress all bring a higher work load to staff. (By Alan Rudnick. Find the whole article here: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4310/underestimating-staff-burnout>)

I don't share this to startle anyone, but to encourage you to rally behind our clergy, staff, and lay leadership, and join their efforts to build the kingdom of God and grow the work of the kingdom of God through Mayfield UMC. I understand that church leadership and roles are not the only challenging ones in our world today, but I ask you to think about how you can be a part of moving out of your comfort zone to serve Christ.

I'm grateful for Mayfield UMC, and look forward to serving this congregation alongside of our faithful and dedicated staff and lay leadership!



Grace and peace of Christ,
Rev. Beth Wilterdink



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

-Colossians 3:16-17 (NRSVUV)

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“Christian leadership is a dead-end street when nothing new is expected, when everything sounds familiar and when ministry has regressed to the level of routine.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, [The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society](#)



On Sunday, Oct. 8, we celebrated the baptism of

Riley Sue Fortney

Daughter of Adam and Kim (Shepler) Fortney.

Welcome to the world



Congratulations on the birth of

Jesse Myles Fredrickson

Proud parents are Alicia and Eric Fredrickson.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS: HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

It's time for our annual Heifer Drive!

Mayfield UMC has been including Heifer International in its holiday gift-giving for about four decades, and we know that many of you look forward to this annual opportunity to make a gift that helps a family become self-sustaining.

A Heifer gift is the perfect way to remember and honor those on your gift list for whom a traditional gift does not quite hit the mark.

Why? Because Heifer gifts change lives.

For those not familiar with Heifer, families receive an animal gift (or, where appropriate, other resources). These gifts help families, and the communities in which they live, become self-sufficient by providing sustainable resources that continue to support their needs year after year.

For example, a dairy cow can produce up to 4 gallons of milk a day — enough for a family to drink, share with neighbors, and still have enough left over to sell. Protein-rich milk can transform sick, malnourished children into healthy boys and girls. The sale of surplus milk provides income for school fees, medicine, clothing and home improvements.

But the gift doesn't stop there. Heifer-recipient families all agree to "pay it forward" by passing on the offspring to another family in need. And because a cow can produce a calf every year, it can eventually benefit an entire community.

Cows are not the only animals provided by Heifer. Sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits, llamas and water buffalo are just a few of the many gifts available in the Heifer gift catalog. Heifer also provides tools and training to better the lives of families and to help them become self-sustaining. Water projects help to ensure that communities have safe drinking water.

Our goal as a church is to provide the gift of an Ark each year by raising at least \$5,000. We have done it in the past, and with your help, we will do it again. (If you are curious, an Ark contains 2 cows, 2 sheep, 2 oxen, 2 water buffalo, 2 pigs, 2 beehives, 2 goats, a community veterinarian kit, 2 trios each of ducks, rabbits and guinea pigs, 2 flocks of geese and chickens, 2 llamas and 2 schools of fish.)



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

Berit Kimrey
Berit Kimrey
Director of Faith Communities

Presented this
July 2023



Quite a way to change lives in a community in need!

If you give a Heifer gift, we have a supply of greeting cards available for you to send to the person you are honoring with this gift. Stop by our Heifer table in Fellowship Hall on any Sunday in November to look through the gift catalog and buy your gift/make your donation. If you are not attending worship in person, you may give online off the website (select "Hands That Serve" and specify Heifer). We will provide Christmas cards for our remote givers. Just tell us your need on the order form and we'll get the cards to you.

Thank you for your support.

-Phil David

SUNDAY SERIES:



9:30 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional

Nov. 5

Give Thanks to the Lord
ALL SAINTS DAY (BOTH SERVICES)
9:30 AM SERVICE LIVESTREAMED

Nov. 12

More Blessed to Give Than to Receive
VETERAN'S DAY
11 AM SERVICE LIVESTREAMED

Nov. 19

Where Joy is Found
we will celebrate as we give thanks for all that God has provided for our church and our ministries and as we look forward to supporting God's work in 2024.

9:30 AM SERVICE LIVESTREAMED

Nov. 26*

Christ the King Sunday
ONE SERVICE SUNDAY @ 10 AM
SERVICE LIVESTREAMED

*Enjoy Patterson's Pies afterwards



ADVENT 2023
MAYFIELD CHURCH BOOK STUDY

SEE THE LAST PAGE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible

Thurs., Nov. 9 @ 6:15 - 7:15 PM

All women are invited the second Thursday of the month for an hour of fellowship and conversation at church. Childcare is provided.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Breakfast, Fellowship & Discussion

Sat., Nov. 18 @ 8:30 - 9:30 AM

All men are invited the third Saturday of the month for eggs, potatoes, and bacon. For more info, email Jon at jwilterdink@gmail.com

SENIORS' MINISTRIES

God's Caring Community: Christmas Craft

Thurs., Nov. 9 @ 10:30 AM - 1 PM

All seniors are invited every second Thursday of the month for fellowship, a program and lunch in Fellowship Hall. This month, participants will be working on a Christmas craft with Jan Glove! Cost of lunch is \$6/pp. To RSVP, please contact Wil Steigerwald or call the church office.

S.A.M.I. Dinner: Arrabiata's Italian Restaurant

Wed., Nov. 29 @ 1 PM

Our singles ministry for those ages 60 years and older, meet for lunch the last Wednesday of the month at a restaurant in the community. If you are interested in attending this wonderful Italian restaurant at 6169 Mayfield Rd. in Mayfield Heights, please contact Sally Matthews at sylsal703@gmail.com.

M.U.M.S. SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Cookie Decorating

Tues., Nov. 21

6 - 7:30 PM

Fellowship Hall



Learn to decorate sugar cookies and take home your creations!

Birthday Party for Jesus

Tues., Dec. 19

6 - 7:30 PM

Fellowship Hall



Enjoy cake, ice cream and fun!

It's back!

SPECIAL NEEDS WORSHIP SERVICE

Every first Tuesday of the month
6:30 PM
Worship Center

For more information, contact
Sandy Pavick at 440.429.5029 or
SandyinNewbury@aol.com



NOTICE

ELEVATOR TEMPORARILY OUT OF SERVICE

WE ARE WAITING FOR REPLACEMENT PARTS
THAT MAY TAKE UP TO 4-6 WEEKS. IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO MOVE YOUR GROUP MEETING TO
THE FIRST FLOOR, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY/ STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care for those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mardi Atkins at 4894atkins@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

For more information, please contact Pastor Jill Scott, at jill@mayfieldchurch.org

The Early Birds

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Knitting and Crochet Meeting

Fri., Nov. 17 @ 1 - 2 PM

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Join this meeting every third Friday of the month in the Conference Room to create shawls and blankets for those in need.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

For more information or to sign up for an event, please contact Jessica Martz, Children's Ministry Director, at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org

Children & Youth Special Christmas Music Sundays at 9:30 and/or 11 AM, during advent

Would you like to play a selection of Christmas music during our advent worship services? Please contact Carol Neff, carol@mayfieldchurch.org, to schedule your music to share with our church family.

Tweens Making Pita Pizzas at Church

Fri., Nov. 17 @ 6 - 7:30 PM

Children in grades 4 and 5 are invited to make their own pizzas in the kitchen with Miss Jess! Please RSVP by Mon., Nov. 13 to Jessica Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 6 to 12. For more information, please contact Pastor Beth at beth@mayfieldchurch.org

Youth Sunday School

11 AM in the Youth Room

Don't forget digging into your journey with Christ! Denny Nelson and Pastor Jill will be leading Sunday School at 11 AM in the Youth Room. If you are interested in serving and helping facilitate conversation for Middle School and High School students, please reach out to one of our pastors!



Movie Night

Sun., Nov. 5 @ 6 - 8 PM

Location: Youth Room.

Adrenaline Monkey

Sun., Nov. 12 @ 4 - 7 PM

Location: 26800 Renaissance Pkwy, Warrensville Hts. America Ninja Warrior type Gym. \$25/per person-kids, teens & adults participating. Non participating adults can come for free. Everyone has to sign a waiver, regardless whether they are participating or not. Open to families. RSVP and payment needed by Nov. 7 to Adam Neff (call church office for info).

Service Project

Sun., Nov. 19 @ 6 - 8 PM

Stay posted to see how we can serve the community!

Thanksgiving Weekend

No Youth Meeting

Happy Thanksgiving! Do something kind for someone this weekend.



FALL BACK
REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S "RESTORE" TRUCK TAKING DONATIONS SAT., NOV. 11 @ 9 AM - 2 PM MAYFIELD CHURCH PARKING LOT

The ReStore accepts new, used, discontinued or surplus building materials, appliances and home furnishings from companies, contractors, retailers and individuals. All donated items must be in good, clean, and working condition.

Items We Accept:

Appliances (Large & Small)
10 yrs. old or newer
Brick, Block and Hardscaping
Cabinets
Doors
Door Knobs and Lock Sets
Electronics
Flooring
Furniture and Home Accents
Handicap Bath Tubs
Hardware
Home Furnishings & Decor
Lighting/Ceiling Fans
Lumber
Metal bed Frames
Patio Furniture
Plumbing
Roofing (packaged), Siding, Gutters
Sheet Goods (in half sheets or larger)
Tools (indoor/outdoor)

Items We DO NOT Accept:

Area Rugs with stains or pet odors
Baby Gear
Broken items
Cast Iron Tubs (Claw Foot Accepted)
Children's Toys
China cabinets, Hutches, Breakfronts
Clothing and Bedding
Commercial or Industrial Doors
Curtains, Blinds / Shades, Drapes
Damaged Building Materials
Doors with scratches or holes
Furniture with rips, stains, or odors
Glass shower doors
Hazardous Chemicals
Large Entertainment Center / Wall Units
Large desks (over 5')
Lumber (old or less than 4')
Mattresses and Box Springs
Molding or Trim (less than 4')
Paint/Stain/Thinner/Turpentine
Propane Tanks

GREEN TASK FORCE MINISTRY

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

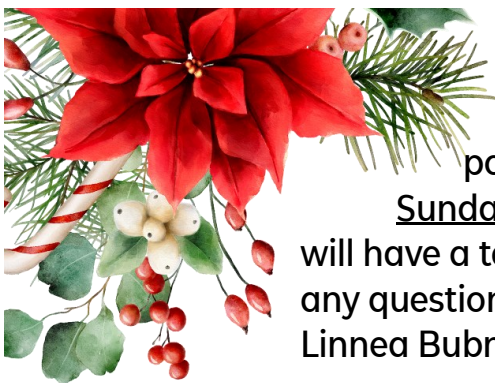
As an additional incentive, our church has an opportunity to earn rewards depending on the volume of recyclables we collect. For any questions, please contact Carol Mulhern at mulbasket@aol.com.

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



GARDEN MINISTRY

We LOVE when the Worship Center is filled with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas! Orders for Christmas plants and poinsettias for the church, your home, or as a gift, are due by Sunday, Dec. 17. On Sundays Dec. 3, 10, and 17, the Garden Ministry will have a table available to purchase plants and poinsettias. If you have any questions or would like to place an order directly, please contact Linnea Bubnow at 440-729-2424 or linneabubnow@hotmail.com.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

...to the family and friends of Robert Stabile, who passed away on Sept. 26. His memorial service is on Sat., Nov. 4, at 11:30 AM in the Worship Center.

...to the family and friends of Richard Moeller, who passed away on Sunday, Oct. 1.

...to the family and friends of Evelyn Stevenson, who passed away on Oct. 13. Her memorial service will be held on Sat., Nov. 4, at 1 PM, at Faith Covenant Church, 3607 Dempsey Rd. in Westerville, OH.

...to the family and friends of Sally Phillips, who passed away on Oct. 24.

... to the family and friends of Elaine Van Vliet, who passed away on Oct. 29. There will be a small service for close relatives this month.

"WORKING TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD"



Tweens Ministry Dinner & Movie Night- Tweens in grades 4 and 5 attended the Free Community Dinner and watched the movie, "The Prince of Egypt"



Our Fall Harvest and "Trunk" or Treat hosted by the Children's Ministry and M.U.M.S. (special needs) Ministry moved inside Fellowship Hall due to cold and rainy weather, but was still loads of fun!



Members Stephanie and Gabe Wright passed out candy on behalf of Mayfield Church on Oct. 28. Here's a thank you from the event coordinator, Anne Vidmar:

"We want to extend a huge WGRC thank you to all of you. What an incredible 3rd Annual Trick or Treat Street with approximately 700 kids/families! The feeling of community and neighborhood is exactly what we hope for, and you all brought it. We appreciate that you chose to give your time and talents into being a part of this event, helping to make Chesterland a wonderful place to be.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

IMPORTANT DATES

Care Team Zoom Mtg.	Tues., Nov. 7 @ 7 PM
Finance Committee Mtg.	Tues., Nov. 14 @ 7 PM
God's Caring Community	Thurs., Nov. 9 @ 10:30 AM
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., Nov. 13 @ 10 AM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Tues., Nov. 14 @ 6 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fri., Nov. 17 @ 1 PM
M.U.M.S., Special Needs	Tues., Nov. 21 @ 6 - 7:30 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Tues., Nov. 21 @ 7 PM
Executive Committee Mtg.	Tues., Nov. 28 @ 7 PM
Free Community Dinner	Fri., Nov. 24 @ 5—6:30 PM
S.A.M.I.	Wed., Nov. 29 @ 1 PM

YOUTH

Young Servants	<i>Not meeting this month</i>
Tweens: Pizza Making Night	Fri., Nov. 17 @ 6 PM
Youth Bible Study	Sundays @ 11 AM
Youth Group (Middle/High)	<i>see schedule on page 5</i>

MUSIC

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

SMALL GROUPS

Senior Disciples	Thursdays @ 4 PM
The Early Birds	Sun., Nov. 12 & 26 @ 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

Ways to Give

ONLINE OR EFT

mayfieldchurch.org →
 Give

IN-PERSON OR MAIL

Mayfield UMC
 7747 Mayfield Rd.
 Chesterland, OH 44026
 440-729-4006

MOBILE



It's a privilege to vote— please vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7! Mayfield Church appreciates the opportunity to serve our community as a polling place for the upcoming general election. You may find signage placed by candidates on our property. Please be aware that election law allows signs to be placed at polling places on election day. In accordance with IRS rules, Mayfield Church does not endorse any candidate.

THE
Star
 A JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

**JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT
 MAYFIELD CHURCH!**

10 AM: TRADITIONAL ADVENT SERVICE
 Sunday Morning Service

4 PM: CHILDREN & FAMILIES*
 with Worship Band

8 PM: TRADITIONAL*
 Lessons, Carols, Candlelight with
 Choir & Handbells

11 PM: A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND CAROLS
 Candlelight & Holy Communion

**Livestream is available*

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