

# MAYFIELD CHURCH

## February 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.

## REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM AND BE THANKFUL

By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

Offering Christ Prayer Guide: Day 17

**Meditation:** Baptism is our sacrament as Christians, to mark that we are a part of the body of Christ, that we are forgiven, and are given new life. In this moment we die to ourselves and are raised in the Spirit of Christ. This means that our will and lives are turned over to God.

**Scripture:** *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'*

- Hebrews 12:28-29 (NIV)

**Pray:** Offer a prayer today to turn your life over once again to God, and that you would allow your heart to overflow with Christ's humility, love, grace, and service.

This past month, I've been intentional about taking time to be quiet and still. However, I can tell you that I find it extremely hard to be quiet and be still. But when I do, lyrics of songs come to me and words of Scripture are spoken in the quiet. Phil Wickham's lyrics from *House of the Lord* keep returning to me:

"There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord, today. And, we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise!" Check out the worship video [here](#).

As we continue to pray over Mayfield UMC, our Mission Statement, and our living our mission, this song brings such amazing reminders of Christ's grace poured out for us that begins at our baptism- as we are claimed as a part of God's family and body of Christ. May our worship be an expression of our joy, thanksgiving, and praise for all that God does in our lives.

Let's continue to hold onto this joy and praise as we move into the season of Lent- a season of reflection and fasting. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22**, with the imposition of ashes, and worship service at 7 PM. **We will be reading *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton** this year and I pray that you will join us in reading John's gospel message of light and life. Studying scripture with others is really the best way to grasp the meaning and many of the LifeGroups will join in the study!

Interested in joining a LifeGroup? Look for the list of groups that will be participating in the Lenten study, or contact Rev. Jan at [jan@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jan@mayfieldchurch.org).

Grace and peace to each one of you,

Rev. Beth Wilterdink



## CHURCH EVENTS

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

- **SAT., FEB. 4 @ 6 PM**  
YOUTH GROUP PARENT APPRECIATION DINNER  
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SUN., FEB. 5 @ 12 PM**  
GUATEMALA MISSIONS MEETING  
Contact: [jessica@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jessica@mayfieldchurch.org)
- **THURS., FEB. 9 @ 10:30 AM**  
GOD'S CARING COMMUNITY  
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SAT., FEB. 11 @ 9 AM - 2 PM**  
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TRAINING  
RSVP BY FEB. 1.
- **SUN., FEB. 12, AFTER SERVICES**  
"HANDS THAT SERVE" BREAKFAST  
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SAT., FEB. 18 @ 8:30 AM**  
MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST  
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SAT., FEB. 18 @ 2 - 4 PM**  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY COOKIE DECORATING  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
Contact: [jenn81884@gmail.com](mailto:jenn81884@gmail.com)
- **TUES., FEB. 21 @ 6 PM**  
M.U.M.S.: PAINT-N-SIP HOT COCOA  
Contact: [sandyinnewbury@aol.com](mailto:sandyinnewbury@aol.com)
- **WED., FEB. 22 @ 12 - 5 PM**  
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **FRI., FEB. 24 @ 5 - 6:30 PM**  
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

## UPCOMING SUNDAY MESSAGES

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

### Series: Living Our Mission

**Feb. 5**

**"Cares for People"**

*The Rock Students in Worship*  
9:30 AM Service Livestreamed

**Feb. 12**

**"Equips Disciples"**

*Holy Communion*  
11 AM Service Livestreamed

**Feb. 19**

**"Works to Transform the World"**

9:30 AM Service Livestreamed

**New Series:**

**Gospel of John (Light & Life)**

**Feb. 26**

**"Intro to the Gospel of John"**

11 AM Service Livestreamed

## LENTEN STUDY BEGINS THIS MONTH!

The season of Lent is a few weeks away, and this year our church will be studying the book "John: The Gospel of Light and Life," by Rev.

Adam Hamilton. Hamilton, a United Methodist pastor in Leawood, Kansas, writes in his introduction:

"John is unique among the Gospels ... many of the events recorded in John are not found in the Synoptic Gospels [Matthew, Mark, and Luke].

"John's Gospel is largely set in and around Jerusalem, whereas the Synoptic Gospels record Jesus' ministry in the Galilee.

"Jesus *sounds* different in the Synoptic Gospels, where he speaks in parables and in a straightforward, plainspoken way. But in John, Jesus speaks in metaphors that are more obscure."

Should be a great study!

Our first message will be on Sunday, Feb. 26. You may buy your book (\$5) in the Bookstore after service on any Sunday in February. If you would like a book, but are not able to be in church, please email Pastor Jan at [jan@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jan@mayfieldchurch.org), or call the office, and she will make sure you receive one. You also can find the book at the library, or it is available digitally if you search in the Hoopla app for Clevnet users.

Many of our LifeGroups will take part in this study. A full list will be released later this month, along with a daily devotional (similar to last year's Lenten devotional about the Gospel of Luke).

## HANDS THAT SERVE: EMSIZINI



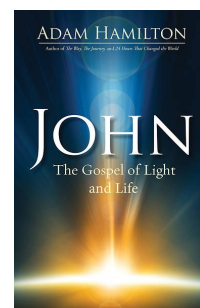
Mayfield Church has been in partnership with Bethel Church, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, since 2014 in supporting the Emsizini secondary school, located in Kensington Zimbabwe. In this partnership, Mayfield Church has supported many capital improvements including upgraded bathrooms, a science classroom building, a home for the school caretaker and his family, and the conversion of the teacher's cottage into a student boarding house. School programming has been supported with the purchase of administrator's computers, student desks and chairs, sewing machines, science classroom equipment, whiteboards, sports equipment, choir robes, and various teaching supplies. We have also supported the school with our presence, with five adults and nine college students visiting the school on six separate trips.

Most recently, Mayfield Church has supported the school with a solar system with panels, inverter, and batteries to power the water well and provide lighting in the boarding house. Other funds given in 2022 helped to provide for student examination materials and fees, school vehicle maintenance, firewood and food staples for the boarding students.

Some of the items we are focusing on in 2023 are painting and repairs in the classrooms, chaplain's house, and lavatory buildings. Also, floor tiling in the science laboratory and installation of security bars for the boarding house. Additionally, we would like to support the school with funds for personal protective equipment. Cost estimates for these projects is \$8,000.

Another opportunity for home groups and individuals is the Emsizini Teacher Partner Program. This program, which began three years ago, has been a way to show appreciation and love to the teachers and staff at Emsizini. Funds from this program help cover fuel for teacher commuting costs and provide a modest year-end bonus to the teachers and staff for a job well done. The teachers at Emsizini are dedicated to their students. This dedication is shown by working through strikes and working weekends to provide additional instruction to students that prepares them for exams.

Due to 2023 potentially being an election year in Zimbabwe there is not a firm date for our next visit to Emsizini. If you have interest in traveling to visit Emsizini, want to learn more about the school, or would like to help with this mission please contact John Parker at 330-289-4117 or [parkerja89@gmail.com](mailto:parkerja89@gmail.com).



## OUR PARTNER SCHOOL: ROWLAND

This year we will supply spring-break snack bags to nearly 450 students at Rowland Elementary in South Euclid. As some may recall, we had helped with the food bags for several years before COVID stopped the project. Now we're back ... *Yay God!*

We will pack the bags on Sunday, March 19, after each service. Pastor Jan needs help during the following times:

**Saturday, March 18, 3-5 PM:** Unload pallets of boxes and place food in bins on the tables in Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, March 19, after each service:** Stand behind the bins and replenish food as it becomes low.

**Sunday, March 19, after each service:** Take filled bags upstairs to the tables in the gym. (This needs to be a quiet transfer as service will be happening at 11.)

**Wednesday, March 22, 4 PM (tentative):** Deliver bags to the school. (We could use a truck or two to help with the delivery.)

If you can help, please let Pastor Jan know at [jan@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jan@mayfieldchurch.org)! Thank you!

## BULLETIN BLURBS

**The Collection for the Geauga County Food Bank** this month is napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, foil and baggies.

**Youth Group Student Ministries**— Hey, students 6-12 grade! Join us on the band app for up-to-date events such as service projects, events, and Bible studies. Touch base with Denny Nelson at [denny@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:denny@mayfieldchurch.org) to see how you can get connected to our youth ministry.

**God's Caring Community**, a ministry for our seniors, monthly meeting is on Thurs., Feb. 9, at 10:30 AM. Welcomed back will be Sylvia Wiggins, Chesterland Historian, who has written several books. A light lunch will be served.

**The Spiritual Depth Book Group** will meet on Friday, March 3 from 1 to 2:30 PM at the West Geauga Public Library in the Gilson Room. The book *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr will be discussed with Donna Gerber leading the conversation. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Karen Hansen at [khansen@kent.edu](mailto:khansen@kent.edu).

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

...to Bob Steinfurth on the death of his brother, Glenn, who passed away Sun., Jan. 15.

...to the family and friends of Carol Fisher, who passed away on Wed., Jan. 18.



### M.U.M.S. ANNUAL *Winter Ball* SATURDAY, MARCH 4 6-8 PM MAYFIELD CHURCH

Join the Mayfield United Methodist Stars, our special needs ministry, for a fun filled evening of dancing, food, drinks and more! Dress up in your formal attire (or however you feel comfortable).

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sandy Pavick at 440-429-5029.

We are hosting the  
Red Cross Blood Drive on

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**

**12—5 PM: By Appointment Only**

To sign up for an appointment:

1. Scan the QR code or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)
2. Enter Zip Code 44026
3. Scroll down to find Mayfield Church on Feb. 22.
4. Select the time you would like to donate.



**American  
Red Cross**



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 2023. Camp is open to those going into first grade this fall to high school. **Check out the various sessions:** [www.EOCSummercamps.org](http://www.EOCSummercamps.org).

# IMPORTANT DATES

## COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

PSPR Mtg.	Tues. Feb. 7 @ 7 PM
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., Feb. 13 @ 10 AM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., Feb. 13 @ 7 PM (Zoom)
Finance Mtg.	Tues., Feb. 14 @ 7 PM
God's Caring Community	Thurs., Feb. 9 @ 10:30—1 PM
Red Cross Blood Drive	Wed., Feb. 22 @ Noon—5 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Tues., Feb. 21 @ 7 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., Feb. 16 @ 2 PM
Executive Mtg.	Tues., Feb. 28 @ 7 PM
Community Dinner	Fri., Feb. 24 @ 5—6:30 PM
S.A.M.I., <i>Single Older Adults</i>	Wed., Feb. 22 @ 1 PM; Perky Kettle
M.U.M.S., <i>Special Needs</i>	Tues., Feb. 21 @ 6—7:30 PM

## YOUTH

Young Servants	Sun., Feb. 26 @ 11 AM
Tweens	Sat., Feb. 26 @ 2—4 PM, bowling offsite
Youth Bible Study/Fellowship	Sundays @ 11 AM—1:30 PM
Boy Scouts	Wed., Feb. 15 @ 7 PM
Karate	Thursdays @ 6:15 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](http://mayfieldchurch.org) for updates

# ASH WEDNESDAY



## DRIVE-THRU ASHES

7 - 9 AM

11 AM - 1 PM

**EVENING SERVICE**  
7 PM

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<b>MONDAY</b>	9 AM - 1 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9 AM - 1 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9 AM - 1 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9 AM - 1 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9 AM - 1 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	CLOSED
<b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b>	9:30 & 11 AM

We've learned a lot during Covid, and are encouraging our staff to work remotely out in the community during the afternoon. Outside of these posted hours, please reach out first and be sure the specific staff member you're looking for will be in the office. **We care about you, so don't hesitate to reach out.**

**Mon., Feb. 20: Presidents Day  
Church Office Closed**

## Ways to Give

### IN-PERSON OR MAIL

Contributions may be placed in the baskets near the exits after the service.

### MOBILE



### ONLINE OR EFT

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