

# MAYFIELD CHURCH

## July 2022 Newsletter

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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.

## MAYFIELD at the MOVIES



By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

What do movies have to do with God's love?

This month, our sermon series will be “*Mayfield Goes to the Movies.*” I know that the church has done something like this before, but why? Why should we talk about secular movies? Do they have anything to do with the gospel of Jesus Christ?

The answer is simple- nope! They have absolutely nothing to do with the gospel of Jesus Christ. They do, however, have everything to do with our neighbors and offering Christ. I know that the pandemic changed all of our viewing of movies and maybe some of you haven't been back to a movie theater lately. Movies, like many works of art, are something that we can gather around and that speak to issues of the human condition. Every year, movies are released with much excitement and fans seek opportunities to find themselves in the story alongside their heroes. Movies are shared through specific product placement, to make sure we know what we should want to buy. Every year, movies trend to the cultural significance or set a new standard for entertainment. Should these works of art matter to us as we strive to offer Christ?

I am suggesting that, yes, we as Christians in the world should be aware of what content and entertainment is relevant to our neighbors, friends, and family because this content at times points out the brokenness of humanity and where there is brokenness there is an opportunity to offer Christ. We are spending some time on Sunday “at the movies” so that we can more effectively connect Christ to those we love, those we want to relate to, and those we should offer Christ to so they know they DO matter!

Doing a series like “Mayfield Goes to the Movies” isn't about us, and it isn't about the movie itself (although some are fun and entertaining). A series like this is about recognizing the world that we live in and that we are called to shine God's light into that world. It is about being a part of a church where Christ never stays within the walls or church property- but, where we are always called to love and serve into the world and beyond our own lives.

I know that many of you serve others through non-profits, schools, and throughout our community. How are you allowing those places of serving to be places of invitation to offer Christ to someone who needs to know God's love and acceptance?

## CHURCH EVENTS

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

- **SUN., JULY 3 @ 10 AM**  
ONE SERVICE SUNDAY
- **SUN., JULY 10, AFTER SERVICES**  
“HANDS THAT SERVE” BREAKFAST
- **SUN., JULY 10 @ 4 PM**  
ZOOM WITH REV. BETH  
Contact: [beth@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:beth@mayfieldchurch.org)
- **SAT., JULY 16 @ 8:30 AM**  
MEN'S BREAKFAST  
Contact: [jwilterdink@gmail.com](mailto:jwilterdink@gmail.com)
- **SAT., JULY 16 @ 2 PM**  
TWEENS MINIATURE GOLF  
Contact: [jessica@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jessica@mayfieldchurch.org)
- **SUN., JULY 17**  
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC  
PAVILION
- **FRI., JULY 29 @ 5—6:30 PM**  
COMMUNITY DINNER
- **SUN., JULY 31 @ 4—5 PM**  
YOGA DONATION CLASS  
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# MAYFIELD goes to the MOVIES



## SUNDAY SERIES

9:30 AM Modern  
11 AM Traditional

July 10

Traditional Service Livestreamed\*

*The Wingman*  
*"Top Gun"*

Holy Communion

July 17

Modern Service Livestreamed\*

*Dominion Over What?*  
*"Jurassic World Dominion"*

July 24

Traditional Service Livestreamed\*

*Who's Got Your Back?*  
*"Minions: The Rise of Gru"*

July 31

Modern Service Livestreamed\*

*The Cycles of Life*  
*"Elvis"*

\* **Livestreaming Changes:** We will continue to livestream every Sunday, though we will only stream one service. On the first, third and fifth Sunday, we will livestream the 9:30 AM Modern Service. On the second and fourth Sunday, we will livestream the 11 AM Traditional Service. As always, our past services are on our YouTube channel, "Mayfield Church."

## "HANDS THAT SERVE"

### THE NEHEMIAH MISSION OF CLEVELAND

The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland serves low-income persons and neighborhoods by providing community enhancement home maintenance and targeted program for refugees elderly disabled in those without shelter food & clothing.

Here are a few ways Mayfield Church can support Nehemiah!

1. **Help fund the sanctuary improvements** (paint, carpet, or recommendations for contractors and companies). You may place any donations in the offering baskets, online, or mailed in. Please write "Nehemiah Mission HTS" in the memo.

2. **Donate items listed below.** There are gray bins near our entrances.

Diapers	Baby formula
Pull-ups	Ladies undergarments
Wipes	\$10 gift card for food or gas
Pillows	Fabric (for Sewing Ministry)

3. **Attend the Donation-Based Yoga Class on Sunday, July 31, from 4 to 5 PM** at Flow Yoga Studio, 6673 Wilson Mills Rd, Mayfield Village. This basics yoga class will be taught by Rebecca Sulzer. To secure your spot, please email her at [rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org)

4. **Join us for a Yogurt Parfait Breakfast Bar on Sunday, July 10, in Fellowship Hall.**



## BULLETIN BLURBS

**The Collection for the Geauga County Food Bank** this month is canned chili, beef stew, canned meat and fish.

**Fellowship Hour** seeks volunteers to host after the 9:30 or 11 AM services. Please email Marianne at [marianne@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:marianne@mayfieldchurch.org) to sign-up.

**All-Church Picnic**— Our picnic is Sunday, July 17! Please let us know if you are attending and/or if you are available to prep food, serve, or cleanup on your Connection Card on Sunday, July 10. If you have any question, contact our office manager, Marianne Cicirelli, at [marianne@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:marianne@mayfieldchurch.org).

**"It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" Book Discussion**— Whether we are dealing with daily disappointments or life-altering loss, we can find unexpected strength as we learn what it is to wrestle well between our faith and our feelings. Join Debbie Diadiun, as she facilitates this 12-week Sunday study, which starts Sunday, July 17 through October 2, at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$25 for the book and study guide. Please contact Cyndi Nicholson at [cyndi@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:cyndi@mayfieldchurch.org) to sign up.

**Honoring Brandon Farmer**— Our 9:30 Worship Leader, Brandon Farmer, and family are moving to Akron next month. Please help us celebrate all of his efforts here at Mayfield Church on Sunday, July 24! Cards and contributions for a Love Offering will be accepted in the church office. Brandon, Emily, Madeline and Laurel will be greatly missed.

**The Uprising Student Ministries**— Hey, students 6-12 grade! Join us on the band app for up-to-date events such as service projects, bonfires, and Bible studies. Scan the QR code or touch base with Denny Nelson ([denny@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:denny@mayfieldchurch.org)).

**We Celebrated in the Baptism of** Cora Elizabeth Wilterdink, daughter of Rev. Beth (Streiff) and Jonathan Wilterdink, sister of Robert and Clayton, on Sunday, July 3.

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

...to the Pattison Family on the passing of Steve's father, Donald Melvin "Mel" Pattison, on June 22.

...to the friends and family of Edward Paul Cordone. He was a member of M.U.M.S. Ministry and passed away on June 25.

...to the Sulzer Family on the passing of Tom Sulzer's mother, Loretta Sulzer, on June 28.

...to Sandy and David Seiz on the passing of Sandy's brother-in-law, Stan Torstenson. He passed away on Tuesday, July 5.



## 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 on our website, [mayfieldchurch.org](http://mayfieldchurch.org)

# EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For the first time since 2019, clergy and lay were able to gather in person for the East Ohio Annual Conference. And even though the venue had been changed from the iconic Hoover Auditorium in Lakeside to the John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron, it was as usual a renewing and enriching experience for Rev. Beth Wilterdink and delegates Linnea Bubnow, Sarah Dixon and Ted Diadiun.



This year’s theme was “Let Us Live Love,” taken from the message in John 4:7-13, and love was indeed in the air over the three-day conference June 9-11.

“Let us live love is moving beyond the doors and walls of our buildings, getting outside of the pews ... we are called to let our love spill out into the streets,” said East Ohio Bishop Tracy S. Malone, who in November was elected president-designate of the national United Methodist Council of Bishops.

“The church is not ours. We have the privilege to be a part of God’s church,” she said. “We are more than all these labels we place on each other – conservatives,

progressives, liberals, centrists, Republicans, Democrats, gay, straight, black, brown, white, young, old. There are no box seats in the kingdom of heaven, and we dare not box each other in.”

As always, the conference was a mixture of business and inspiration, and this year’s had more than its share of inspiration.

Rev. Bill Liming of Zion UMC in Montrose lost his son, Ethan, to a fatal beating on a school playground in Akron only the week before the conference, but he bravely carried out his leadership duties and then gave a moving testimony about how his faith carried him through the tragedy. “I’ve seen God moving in our lives and I know that we have a Savior who walks with us through hell,” he said.

Rev. Ed Fashbaugh, who is the Executive Director of Connectional Ministries for the East Ohio Conference, preached passionately Saturday morning on the 100 days he spent in the hospital with COVID beginning last September, including 38 days on a ventilator. He spoke of God pulling him back from the edge of eternity and said “it’s that transformational, eternal love that God wants me to continue to share with every breath I have left within me ... the love of Jesus lifted me. And the love of Jesus can lift us.”

And Pastor Sheena Cameron of Mount Pleasant UMC spoke stirringly in the Friday morning service of the need to continue the fight against domestic violence. “We can’t just stop at just loving Jesus,” she said. “We must love one another.”

On the business side, the 448 clergy and 467 laity in attendance voted to acknowledge runaway inflation by raising the minimum salary for fulltime pastors by 10 percent, to \$46,700.

The finance committee announced that the conference budget for 2023 had been reduced by 5.3 percent, and noted that health care premiums had risen 12 percent.

The conference celebrated two clergy being commissioned and welcomed 10 newly ordained clergy. But there were goodbyes, too: A ceremony on Thursday honored 28 clergy who are retiring, and earlier, the names of 66 clergy, spouses and lay leaders who had passed on to the church eternal were commemorated.

Bishop Malone announced 11 churches that had disaffiliated from the denomination this year, including three from our Western Reserve District (Bristolville, North Bloomfield and Williamsfield). There was very little discussion of the issues that divide us or the decisions that will be made at the next general conference in 2024, although Bishop Malone urged everyone not to worry.

“No one is being forced out and no one is being held hostage,” she said. “There is a place for you and you are welcome here.”

Speaking of being welcome, as we always note in these messages, you do not have to be a delegate to attend Annual Conference. Anyone who would like to experience next year’s session, which will be held June 8-10, just needs to show up. Or, you can watch it if you wish on the live feed at the conference website, [www.eocumc.com](http://www.eocumc.com). The only thing you can’t do is vote.



## NEW MODERN WORSHIP DIRECTOR

We are excited to welcome Sarah Dixon to our staff as our Modern Worship Director! Sarah and her husband, Andy, are active members of Mayfield Church, along with their children. She will begin at the end of July. Brandon Farmer will continue to lead throughout the month of July and we will celebrate his ministry among us on his last Sunday on July 24.

# IMPORTANT DATES

# MAYFIELD STAFF

## COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

PSPR Mtg.	Wed., July 6 @ 7 PM
NextGEN Young Adults	Wed's., July 6 & July 20 @ 6:30 PM
	Sun., July 31 @ 9 AM @ Sobriety Farm
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., July 11 @ 10 AM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., July 11 @ 7 PM
Finance Mtg.	Wed., July 13 @ 6:30 PM
M.U.M.S.	Tues., July 19 @ 6 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Wed., July 20 @ 7 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., July 21 @ 2 PM
Executive Mtg.	Tues., July 26 @ 7 PM
S.A.M.I.	Wed., July 27 @ 6 PM; Sharon James Winery
God's Caring Community	<i>not meeting this month</i>
Community Dinner	Fri., July 29 @ 5—6:30 PM

## 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)	<i>Bible Study starts in the fall</i>
Uprising (Middle/High School)	<i>see schedule on band app →</i>



## 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>

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**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](mailto:dyelaurie@yahoo.com).

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR 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, July 29**  
**Burgers & Brats**

No need to RSVP and carry-out is also available.

### Church Office Hours

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

### IN-PERSON OR MAIL

Contributions may be placed in the baskets near the exits

### Ways to Give

#### MOBILE



#### ONLINE OR EFT

[mayfieldchurch.org](http://mayfieldchurch.org) →  
Give

## Monthly Newsletter Update

Our 12 page newsletter will be sent out on a quarterly basis: March, June, Sept., and Dec. For the other months, we have a two-sided abbreviated newsletter with links to ministry pages and highlighted events. If you have any questions or would like to add your ministry to our website, please contact Rebecca Sulzer at [rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org).