

MAYFIELD CHURCH

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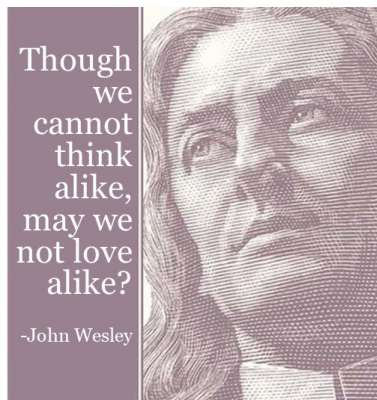
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Our Mission:

"To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world..."



FOLLOWING JESUS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

By Rev. Beth Wilterdink

Our mission guides us, focuses us, and drives us forward....yep, it's always about our mission. Adopted in the mid-90's, Mayfield UMC Church adopted the mission statement:

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.

Alongside the UMC mission: *the mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*, our Mayfield UMC mission statement is still relevant for us today. Maybe even more relevant for us than before. We are a community of faith that comes from many different communities, different backgrounds, different careers, different political parties, different abilities and gifts, and many other ways

that we are different, but we are all included in this community of faith because we believe in what God will do when we participate in a *community of faith* as believers who *offer Christ*.

As we live in this community of faith, one thing that I've noticed is that we have great connections to care for people and equip disciples through our LifeGroups and small group ministries, for people who are already in our community. Sometimes we overlook and we miss the foundations of offering Christ- a starting line (for all of my Nascar fans). A way to welcome and invite people to get started into who we are and what our community of faith is about. We need a space to start, to engage, the journey to a passionate faith in Christ. Many of you have a very passionate faith in Jesus Christ, which you are living out and we want to invite others on this journey with Jesus, too.

In the coming year, I'm planning to begin to offer a series of 'First Steps' small groups. They will include: **Following Jesus: Steps to a Passionate Faith** (6 weeks), **Essential Practices of the Christian Life** (6 weeks), and **An Invitation to the Bible** (7 weeks).

This fall, I will offer **Following Jesus: Steps to a Passionate Faith**. If you're ready for your faith to be refreshed, or want to invite someone to follow Jesus alongside of you, this discussion style small group is the place for you. (*For more information, see page 4*).

Let's do our essential work to our mission, and offer Christ!

The grace and peace of Christ be with you,

Rev. Beth Wilterdink

Who We Are:

Mayfield Church is a community of believers **GROWING** in faith, **SHARING** God's light and **LOVING** the world.

CHURCH EVENTS

- **SUNDAY, OCT. 2 @ 9:30 & 11 AM**
FAMILY SERVICES/NO ROCK
PHOTO OP FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SAT., OCT. 8 @ 2 - 4 PM**
FALL HARVEST & TRUNK-OR-TREAT
SIGN UP TO SERVE!→ 
CHURCH PARKING LOT
- **MON., OCT. 10 @ 7 - 8 PM**
FOLLOWING JESUS CLASS BEGINS
STARBUCKS AT MAYFIELD & MAYFAIR
see page 4 for more info.
- **THURS., OCT. 13 @ 10:30 AM**
GOD'S CARING COMMUNITY
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SAT., OCT. 15 @ 5:30 PM**
WOMEN'S MINISTRY DINNER
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SUN., OCT. 16 @ 1:30 PM**
CHARGE CONFERENCE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **SUN., OCT. 16 @ 6 PM**
MEN'S MINISTRY- EVERYONE IS
INVITED TO WELCOME FORMER
MEMBER JIM SCHAEFER
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **WED., OCT. 19 @ 1 - 6 PM**
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- **FRI., OCT. 28 @ 5 - 6:30 PM**
COMMUNITY DINNER
FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOR MORE DETAILS ON EVENTS, VISIT
MAYFIELDCHURCH.ORG

SUNDAY SERIES: WHAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE?



9:30 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional

Oct. 2

Modern Service Livestreamed
*The Church is Bigger Than We Could
Possibly Imagine*
Family Sunday
World Communion Sunday

Oct. 9

Traditional Service Livestreamed
We Can Be Transformed

Oct. 16

Modern Service Livestreamed
God's Love in Action

Oct. 23

Traditional Service Livestreamed
An Eternal Hope

New Series:



Oct. 30

Modern Service Livestreamed
Giving Joy, Choosing Joy
Youth-Led Sunday

Livestreaming: We livestream one service every Sunday. 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. Head over to our YouTube channel, "Mayfield Church," for previously recorded services.



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"HANDS THAT SERVE" APPLICATION

Mayfield Church's "Hands That Serve" program is the vehicle for church groups to promote mission and service activities to the congregation. Each month, one mission and/or outreach ministry is highlighted to the congregation. That group also has the opportunity to raise funds as part of their monthly activities. When considering applications, preference is given to mission activities that reach outside the local congregation and involve the members of the congregation.

Beginning in 2023, we will accept applications year-round. Applications will be considered at a Mission Outreach Council (MOC) meeting and, if approved, a future month will be assigned. In order to ensure that your mission gets scheduled, please observe the following deadlines:

- All groups requesting months in the beginning of the year (Jan. – April 2023) OR who are planning mission trips need to submit applications by November 13, 2022.
- All groups who are requesting a specific month/time of year need to submit their applications at least four months in advance.

In November, the MOC will consider applications for the first half of the year. Remaining months will be assigned on a quarterly basis. Pick up an application on the display board in the Main Hallway or find it on our website under our Missions page.

BULLETIN BLURBS

The Collection for the Geauga County Food Bank this month is coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice and snack bars.

Karate is BACK!— Master Chuck Fazio, along with other instructors, will be teaching karate on the Upper Level for youth ages 6 to 16. Registration is on Thurs., Oct. 6, from 6 to 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. The first class begins on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6:15 PM, and will run every Thursday (except Thanksgiving Day) for 9 weeks. The cost is \$7/class and is limited to 25 students. For more information, please contact Chuck at charles@charlesfazio.com.

Fall Harvest & Trunk or Treat— On Saturday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 4 PM, join the M.U.M.S. and Children's Ministry for fall fun in the parking lot. Games, crafts, s'mores and more! For more information or to help volunteer at this event, please visit our website's home page and sign up!

Youth Ministry Hayride— On Sunday, Oct. 9, from 6 to 8 PM, join the MUMC Youth Group for fall fun at Patterson's Fruit Farm on Mulberry Road. Please email Denny Nelson at denny@mayfieldchurch.org if you would like to join.

Women's Ministry Dinner— On Saturday, Oct. 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy dinner and fellowship with The Women's Ministry. Email Jennifer Kaye: jenn81884@gmail.com.

All Saints Sunday— On Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 PM, we will celebrate the lives of family and friends in our faith community who have passed away this past year. If you have a loved one whom you have lost since November 2021 and would like to remember them during this service, please contact: Cyndi Nicholson at (440) 729-4006 x106 or cyndi@mayfieldchurch.org.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies— to Gayla and Glen Schriefer, on the passing of Gayla's sister, Beverly "Anne" Lottes, on Sept. 17.

Congratulations to Miss Lynn— Last month, Lynn Woods celebrated her 15-year anniversary of teaching at Heartland!

Photos for CCB and Church Directory— During the month of October, please send individual photos and a family photo for our database (CCB) and church directory to Rebecca Sulzer at rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org. These photos do not need to be professional. If you need your photo taken, please come to Fellowship Hall Sunday, Oct. 2 or 9, after the 9:30 AM service and before the 11 AM service and have your photo taken by our photography ministry.

WE REJOICED IN THE BAPTISMS OF...

Cooper Benjamin Wenzel, son of Timothy and Virginia. Grandson of Tim and Patty Wenzel (Director of Heartland), on Sept. 4.



Dominic Lawrence Matthews, son of Sam and Amanda, on Sept. 11.



Laina Christine Ausperk and Maxwell David Ausperk, children of Ryan and Marissa, on Sept. 18.



RECAP OF LAST MONTH



Bible Presentation for 3rd—6th graders on Sun., Sept. 25.



M.U.M.S. Truck Night on Tues., Sept. 20. Cameron Whiteman, member, sits on his flatbed, *pictured left*, while Sandy Pavick greets family, *right*.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE UMC?

Some of you have asked questions about what our church is doing in the midst of what is happening in the larger UMC. Our congregation is not unique among the United Methodist Church. We have been of different minds around our stance on human sexuality, but united in our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ and who love one another. On May 1, a group formed a new denomination called the Global Methodist Church, which has raised questions from some of you. There is a lot of information available from the UMC and GMC on their respective websites and also on YouTube. A resource that I found helpful can be found on our website, under the “What’s Happening” tab, which was drawn from several articles found on UMC.org. Also, check out #BeUMC as we are encouraged. *The UMC is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.*

If you are interested in conversation, my door is always open to talk. I will be hosting alongside Pastor Jan- ***Space for Grace-*** an open time for questions and conversations about the life of our church and the wider United Methodist Church. Gather with us in Fellowship Hall with pizza and drinks on Sun., Oct. 2 @ 1 PM and/or Sun., Oct. 23 @ 6 PM.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Beth Wilterdink

PARTNER SCHOOL UPDATE

Many thanks to those who helped us raise money as the “Hands That Serve” mission focus for August ... Holy Donut Day’s \$1,300 will benefit our free books program at Rowland School and the Book Giveaway’s approximately \$800 (with an \$800 match) will benefit our food incentive program at the school.

We are grateful to those who gave money, as well as to the people who volunteered their time in so many ways. Thank you!

Our congregation donated school supplies, sweat pants and underwear, and face masks for the new academic year. We also provided bottled water and granola bars for the Sept. 22 Fathers Walk, when fathers and father figures escort their child/children to school.

Finally, Cathy Stang, who has overseen our free books program, will be honored as one of South Euclid’s “Hometown Heroes” on Oct. 20 at the Mayfield Country Club. The honor comes from One South Euclid, the nonprofit community development corporation. Pastor Jan will represent Mayfield Church at the event.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAYFIELD STAFF

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

PSPR Mtg.	Thurs., Oct. 6 @ 7 PM
Stephen Leaders Zoom Mtg.	Mon., Oct. 10 @ 10 AM
Mission Outreach Council Mtg.	Mon., Oct. 10 @ 7 PM
Finance Mtg.	Wed., Oct. 12 @ 6:30 PM
God's Caring Community	Thurs., Oct. 13 @ 10:30 AM
M.U.M.S.	Sat., Oct. 8 @ 2 PM
Red Cross Blood Drive	Wed., Oct. 19 @ 1—6 PM
Trustees Mtg.	Wed., Oct. 19 @ 7 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thurs., Oct. 20 @ 2 PM
Executive Mtg.	Tues., Oct. 25 @ 7 PM
Community Dinner	Fri., Oct. 28 @ 5—6:30 PM
S.A.M.I.	Wed., Oct. 26 @ 6 PM
Following Jesus Class	Mondays, beginning Oct. 10 @ 7 PM
Worship Planning Mtg.	Tues., Oct. 25 @ 5:30 PM
CPR and Stop the Bleed Course	Sun., Oct. 30 @ 1—4 PM

YOUTH

Elevate (Middle School)	Sundays @ 11 AM
Dedicate (High School)	Bible Study starts in the fall
Uprising (Middle/High School)	see schedule on band app→
Karate	Thurs., Oct. 6 (registration) @ 6—7 PM
	Thursdays, starting Oct. 13 @ 6:15 PM

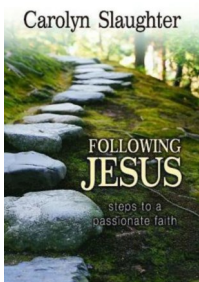


MUSIC

9:30 Band Rehearsal	Wednesdays @ 7 PM
Hand Bell Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 6:16 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM

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

Following Jesus Class



Join Pastors Beth and Jan for six Mondays, beginning Monday, Oct. 10, from 7 to 8 PM at the Starbucks at Mayfield and Mayfair roads in Mayfield Heights. (Note: No class on Oct. 31.)

In this group, we'll search for answers about the identity of Jesus and his role in our lives, we'll discover more about our own spiritual gifts for ministry and new ways to be in service, and we'll think more deeply about what it means to be part of the church, the community of Christ.

We will use the book "Following Jesus: Steps to a Passionate Faith" by Carolyn Slaughter, which can be ordered from Pastor Jan, or you can read a PDF for free online and take notes in a notebook.

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM—4 PM

Friday: 9 AM—Noon

IN-PERSON OR MAIL

Contributions may be placed in the baskets near the exits

Ways to Give

MOBILE



ONLINE OR EFT

[mayfieldchurch.org](https://www.mayfieldchurch.org) →

Give

Monthly Newsletter Info:

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.