



# June 2025 Newsletter

*Love God. Love People.*

*Mayfield Church is a community of believers, who support families, build people up and are engaged disciples.*

This month, our sermon series, is following questions raised in Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith.* He discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. Delving into questions like: "Does God exist? How can I know?" | "Is the Bible true?" | "Why do prayers go unanswered?" Hamilton approaches these sources of doubt with honesty and insight, drawing on the rich wisdom of the Bible, Christian tradition, and his experience walking with thousands of people on their spiritual journey. Some of his books are still available on the Welcome Desk.

Our questions of faith are often best discussed in small groups, with trusted fellow companions on our journey of faith, and our life of faith is best fed through a steady devotional life with God involving prayer and reflection on a daily basis.

There are plenty of resources out there, but several that I'd suggest for understanding the Bible are: *Struggling with Scripture* by Walter Bruggemann, William C. Placher, and Brian K. Blount, *Animate: Bible from Sparkhouse Publishing* (a great group study), or *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton (can be a group study).

In the introduction the little book, "Struggling with Scripture" where well known professors of New and Old Testament present short essays about the topic of how we struggle with the Bible. William Sloane Coffin, says:

*I suggest at the outset that highly intelligent people often have reservations about the Bible. Without question, honest uncertainty beats hard-nosed certitude. But it is a mistake to be paralyzed by uncertainty, especially when life so frequently calls upon us to act wholeheartedly without absolute certainty. Moreover, wrestling with Scripture, far from a sign of weakness, is a reflection of religious faithfulness. What else should you wrestle with if not the Bible? What struggle offers more reward? The Bible is like a sacrament, a means of grace; it mediates God's presence in the life of each of us and God's concern for the whole planet. Preaching from its pages for over forty years, I have encountered a God who bruises our egos but mends our hearts; a God who pleads without ceasing the cause of the poor and needy, who implores us to revere, not ravish the earth, and to stay on the stony, long, and oftentimes lonely road that leads to world peace.*

In our daily devotional practices, several that I've come to enjoy are: *Disciplines from the Upper Room*, *Dwelling Places* by By Lucinda Secrest McDowell, and the app *Lectio 365*.

I know that my wrestling with the tough questions of faith, and questions about the Bible itself, have drawn a deeper connection to Christ as my Lord and Savior. I pray that you'll find that the same is true in your Bible study and devotional life with God.



Blessings,  
**Rev. Beth Wilterdink, Lead Pastor**

## SUMMER CHURCH EVENTS

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

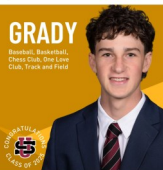
- **SAT., JUNE 7**  
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
- **SAT., JUNE 7**  
GUATEMALA GOLF OUTING
- **SAT., JUNE 14**  
RESALE TRUCK ON SITE
- **WED., JUNE 18**  
BLOOD DRIVE
- **FRI., JUNE 27**  
COMMUNITY DINNER
- **SUN., JULY 13**  
WELCOME PASTOR BECKY!
- **THURSDAY, JULY 17**  
BLOOD DRIVE
- **SUN., JULY 20**  
1 SERVICE @ 10 AM  
FOLLOWED BY.....  
CHURCH PICNIC - 11 AM
- **FRI., JULY 25**  
COMMUNITY DINNER
- **WEEK OF JULY 28**  
VACATION BIBLE CAMP
- **SUN., AUG. 17**  
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
HOLY DONUT SUNDAY
- **TUE., AUG. 19**  
ST. HELEN'S UNICYCLE TEAM
- **WED., AUG. 20**  
BLOOD DRIVE
- **SUN., AUG. 24**  
PIZZA WITH PASTOR BECKY
- **FRI., AUG. 29**  
COMMUNITY DINNER



**Hebrews 10:24-25** *And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

## Grad Sunday - June 1

*Congrats!*



**Grady Clifford Pattison**  
University School  
Degree: High School Diploma  
Plans: Miami of Ohio for Computer Science



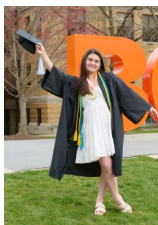
**George Ashby Sassé**  
Andrews Osborne Academy  
Degree: High School Diploma  
Plans: Kent State University, Majoring in Sports Business Administration



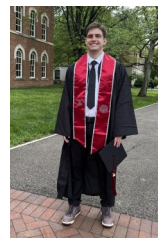
**Luke Nelson**  
Hawken School  
Degree: High School Diploma  
Plans: University of Wisconsin, Madison



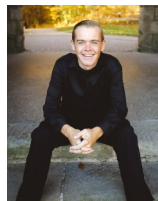
**Grace Elizabeth Hederstrom**  
West Geauga High School  
Degree: High School Diploma  
Plans: Slippery Rock University Majoring in Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy



**Alexis Ochi**  
Bowling Green State University  
Degree: BS in Exercise Science, Specialization in Sports Medicine  
Plans: Washington University to earn Doctor of PT



**Wil Steigerwald**  
The Ohio State University  
Degree: BA in Journalism, Minor in Media & Video Production  
Plans: Obtain a journalism or videography position in the sports or news industry.



**James Dixon**  
Willoughby South High School  
Degree: High School Diploma  
Plans: Bowling Green State University



**Anna Gracon**  
West G High School & Kent State  
Degrees: High School Diploma & Associate of Arts  
Plans: State Street Ballet Trainee (Santa Barbara, CA) and Kent State, English

**Sunday, June 8**

**PENTECOST**  
2025

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from Heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting."

**Acts 2: 1-2**

**Sunday, June 15**

HAPPY  
*Father's Day*

The LORD disciplines those  
he loves, as a father the son  
he delights in.

Proverbs 3:12

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27  
5-6:30 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**JOIN US FOR PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**

Everyone is welcome!

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday, June 7**

**8 am - 4 pm**

**EAST LOT**

Come find your treasure! We have 20 + vendors, with new & gently used items!

**Hotdogs & Pop from 11 am - 2 pm**





**Dear Mayfield UMC Family,**

Olivia and I are thrilled about the opportunity to serve alongside you in ministry! May 18th marked my final Sunday at Bucyrus UMC, where we've experienced 10 wonderful, fast-paced years. It was hard to say goodbye, but we are grateful for the love and support we received there and the ways they continue to share Christ's love.

We're almost ready to say "hello" in person! Before arriving, I will undergo breast reconstruction surgery on June 2nd at The James Cancer Hospital following a double mastectomy in February. After about five days in the hospital and recovery clearance,

Olivia and I will head your way—hopefully by the end of June.

Our belongings are already in the parsonage, and we look forward to settling in and diving fully into ministry with you. God has big things in store, and we can't wait to see what unfolds at Mayfield UMC.

A bit about us: We moved to Ohio from East Tennessee in 2015. I've served in full-time ministry for 25 years, most recently as Senior Pastor at Bucyrus UMC. Olivia is 14 and loves singing, cheering for Special Olympics, and participating in life skills programs like Diner 104. She just "graduated" from Bucyrus High School and is excited about all that Mayfield High and the community have to offer.

We would love to have you join us with your prayers as we navigate these uncharted waters. Olivia and I have claimed Joshua 1:9 as our verse. We say this together every single morning..." Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid! Do not be discouraged! For God is with you wherever you go!" We know we are not alone in this journey and we are so grateful that you will be joining us along the way.

A phrase I've always lived by is, "If God leads you to it, God will see you through it." We believe God has led us to Mayfield UMC, and we're trusting in His guidance every step of the way.

Looking forward to meeting you on July 13!

**Blessings, Pastor Becky & Olivia**

**PS—Save the Dates! Pizza with the Pastor: 8/24 & 9/21 After the 11 am Service**

**Communion Sundays at Both Services**

June 8 - July 13 - Aug 10



## WHERE DO MY PRAYER REQUESTS GO?

After you've completed the Connection Card with your request or praise & placed it in the baskets by the doors to the Worship Center:

- The Cards are then taken to the church office and checked for prayers.
- The requests are compiled into the weekly *Intercessory Prayer* list.
- The requests are emailed to the Intercessory Prayer Group, the Home Care Team, the Stephen Ministers and the Staff who pray for the requests and maintain confidentiality. Staff members review them during their meeting on Tuesdays.
- If you requested a call from the Congregational Support Team, someone from the team will call you in the next few days. The Staff may also suggest requests to the Congregational Support Team for them to make calls.

Join Pastor Beth & members of the congregation for a time of prayer for our leadership & the community.

**Every 1st Tue. of the month from 8:30 to 9 AM.**

We meet at the Pavilion and walk around the building. I know that some of you work during this time, don't worry- we know you are praying with us. Please send a brief note of your prayer to: [Beth@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:Beth@mayfieldchurch.org).

We Invite you To Attend

## PASTOR JIM WINKLER'S RETIREMENT *Celebration*

Sunday, June 15, 2025

9:30am-11am Worship Service

Taco lunch reception to follow

**PAINESVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**71 N Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077**

Sanctuary and Parsons Hall fellowship area are both fully elevator accessible

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE COMMEMORATE THE  
CAREER OF PASTOR JIM WINKLER IN THE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Questions? Contact Maria in the Church Office at  
440-354-3642 or [mstrickland@pumconline.org](mailto:mstrickland@pumconline.org)  
by June 10, 2025



# Grow

## M.U.M.S Special Needs Ministry

Special needs folks come together for social opportunities & Christian fellowship in a safe, loving environment to learn GOD loves them just as they are.



**6/17 - Ministry Picnic**  
with Maple Leaf  
Residence Fellowship Hall

**7/15 - Bingo** | Fellowship Hall

**8/19 - St. Helen's Unicycle Team**  
Church Parking Lot



**1<sup>st</sup> Time attendees pay \$50!**  
**See Pastor Beth for details!**

# June 15-20

Register [HERE](#) by 6/1

**Camp Aldersgate**  
LEESVILLE LAKE, OH

**For Grads of Grades 6-12**

**Or Visit:** [mayfieldchurch.org/2025summercamps](http://mayfieldchurch.org/2025summercamps)

Registration Deadline

## July 11

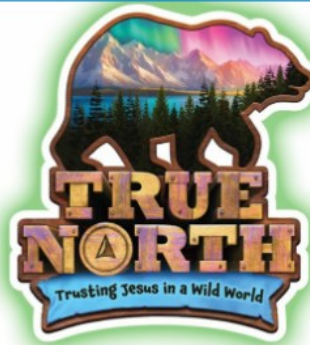
[mayfieldchurch.org/2025summercamps](http://mayfieldchurch.org/2025summercamps)

Sign-up to volunteer

## Today!

To volunteer email Jessica Martz:  
[jessica@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jessica@mayfieldchurch.org)

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: For Vacation Bible Camp



THE LAST WEEK OF JULY

- Registration
- Crafts
- Station leaders
- Crew leaders
- General support

With your time & effort, VBC volunteers make a tremendous impact on young lives, in the church body and in the larger community. Help MUMC make the most of this year's Vacation Bible Camp experience by bringing kids closer to God!



It is our desire that no child misses out on our camp events due to financial concerns. Every year we offer camperships to hundreds of families, and this is made possible

through generous support of The East Ohio Conference. The United Methodist Church endowment funds are available to us because of wise planners, and gifts from donors who know the value of an experience at camp. Learn about and register for Summer Camp at [www.eocsummercamps.org](http://www.eocsummercamps.org).







It's so hard to believe that it's the end of another successful school year. We are so proud of the growth in our children this past year. To end the year, we had a graduation celebration overflowing with faith and family! The worship center was filled with over 200 family members! Our children showed off their singing talents as well as their creative moves.

A huge thank you goes out to our teachers and our families for their support. Thank you, too, to the Mayfield Church family for your prayers for the Heartland program.

Thank you everyone for another great year! Our prayers are with all our graduating students during this summer and into the future. NOW is the time for fall registration!! Call us soon to either secure one of the limited spots or to get on the waiting list! We're looking for great teachers, assistants and a custodian. If interested please contact Patty.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the Heartland Office at 440-729-4006 Ext. 116 or by email at [heartland@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:heartland@mayfieldchurch.org).

**Patty Wenzel, Heartland Childcare Director**



## Help Needed in Children's Ministries:

Over the past few months we've experienced the best problem of having an influx of children in our Sunday school classrooms but not enough leaders. We're seeking extra helping hands on Sundays for infants through 5th grade to show & teach the vast love that Jesus has for each one of them. Praise God for the children who come through the doors of our church! We know whether they attend Sunday mornings or are present during the week, they are known, loved & valued. If you have a heart for children, enjoy teaching or holding little ones, we could use your help once a month in the nursery, Stepping Stones or The Rock! For more info email

**Jess Martz at:**  
[jessica@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jessica@mayfieldchurch.org).

## Mayfield Church **kids** Sunday School

### 9:30 AM | Lower Level

**Nursery:** infants - 2 year olds  
**Stepping Stones:** 3 year olds-K  
**The Rock Worship:** grades 1 –5  
The Rock is closed the 1st Sunday of the month & students are welcome to join parents in worship.

### 9:30 in the Worship Center

**Youth (grades 6 to 12)**  
Students meet in the last two rows on the left side of the Worship Center and worship together. Then head to the youth room before the sermon for the lesson.

**11 AM | Lower Level**  
Childcare of all ages

We have a few spots left for the Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip to Kentucky! For more info or questions email Pastor Beth at [beth@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:beth@mayfieldchurch.org).

### God's Caring Community Potluck Picnic— June 12 Fellowship Hall

Join our seniors' ministry on Thursday, June 12 from 10:30 AM to 1 PM, for a potluck in Fellowship Hall. Grilled hamburgers, and hotdogs will be supplied. Please bring a side to share and any games you would like to play!



### Eve Circle Potluck Picnic— June 20 At MUMC | 5-8 pm

If you have questions or would like to RSVP for the picnic, please call Carol Anderson at 216.402.3928. Please bring a side to share!



## Annual Conference 2025 | June 12-14 | College of Wooster

AC 2025 Theme – "Rise Up, Beloved: Trust in God's Promises"

AC 2025 Theme Scripture – Mark 5:35-43 (NIV)

Our Pastors will attend this year's conference being held on the College of Wooster Campus, starting with the Clergy Executive Session on Wednesday, June 11. This year's speakers include: Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, Bishop Seong-Bok Kim, Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton, and Rev. Dr. AHyun Lee. We give special thanks to our Lay Delegates. Denny Nelson & Ted Diadiun. **MUMC's Praise Band will be leading Worship there on Friday, June 13, at 9:00 AM and their performance is open for all to attend!!** All worship services, celebrations and business sessions will be livestreamed. Visit: [eocumc.com/eoac25/livestream.html](http://eocumc.com/eoac25/livestream.html)



# WE GIVE BECAUSE HE FIRST GAVE TO US

**June's collection** for the Geauga County Food Bank will focus on Boxed Cake, Cookie and All-Purpose Baking Mixes. We must maintain strict food safety and health guidelines by not accepting the following: Expired or short dated items, rusty, leaking, bulging or dented cans. Crushed or open boxes, bags, packages or bottles, or Illegible content labels.



The ReStore Truck will be in our parking lot on:

**SAT. JUNE 14**  
**9 AM - 2 PM**



## 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 Vogel by calling the church office or email: [steve@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:steve@mayfieldchurch.org)



## Midwest Mission Collection Truck at the College of Wooster Campus



### HOME CARE KITS

- liquid household cleaner - 56-80 oz. total (no spray bottles)
- dish soap - 42-64 oz.
- liquid laundry detergent - 100-150 oz. total
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 five-gallon round bucket with resealable lid



### PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS

- 1 hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 bar soap - 3-4 oz.
- 1 shampoo - 12-19 oz.
- 1 deodorant - 2-3 oz. (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 lotion - 8-10 oz.
- 1 one-gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag

**Bring to the Church Office by June 10 to be delivered.**

These life-changing items will go to people in need, both globally and locally. Join us in making a global impact from right here in East Ohio!

Anything listed in the Kits and Projects Brochure will be accepted (scan QR code). This includes items like orthopedic medical supplies, canes, crutches, walkers, specific handmade items, other Midwest Mission Kits, and electric sewing machines.

### OTHER ITEMS



Find Kit lists & instructions at [midwestmission.org/kits](http://midwestmission.org/kits)





**GUATEMALA**  
GOLF OUTING  
FUNDRAISER

**SAT. JUNE 7 - 8:30 AM**  
Pleasant Hill Golf Course  
13461 Aquilla Rd, Chardon, OH 44024

Contact:  
Bart Steigerwald  
wsjsw3@gmail.com



**RED CROSS**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Wednesday, June 18  
1 - 6 PM | Fellowship Hall

**WALK-INS WELCOME**  
**APPOINTMENTS APPRECIATED**

Enter **44026** at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
to find Mayfield Church

## “HANDS THAT SERVE” TOOLS AND BLANKETS

For more than 60 years, congregations across the United States have been responding to Jesus' call to be a neighbor to those in need by participating in the Tools & Blankets Mission in partner-ship with Church World Service.



At home and around the world, our congregation and others are helping impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain themselves and their families. Contributions to Tools and Blankets mean that Church World Service is there for the long haul as families recover from a disaster, re-establish, or struggle against grinding poverty, as they seek to develop viable, sustainable communities and livelihoods. For more info about Church World Service, visit [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org).



*We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies to:*

The friends & family of Ruth MacDougall, Robin Fumich, Marcia Schettler, and James Farmer. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones.

**ALL IN** community

*A Ministry of the West Ohio Conference  
and the East Ohio Conference of  
the United Methodist Church*

**All In Community - Dinner & Discussion:**  
*Support in the Midst of Justice Involved Experiences*

**Wed. June 11 5-6:30 PM At MUMC**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Davis, Religious Services Admin, Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Corrections. **Join Mike** to learn how to navigate Ohio's criminal justice system with loved ones, congregants, and neighbors.

Free, but please register **HERE** for dinner or visit: [eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/AICDinnerChesterland](http://eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/AICDinnerChesterland)



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**We have a lot of new faces and ask you please wear your name tag to help our new staff and for us to get to know each other.**

Temporary labels can be created at the entrance of the Worship Center.



### **Baptism Sunday– July 20**

Are you or your child ready to say “yes” to **Jesus**?  
Join us on Sunday, July 20 for Baptism Sunday!  
See Pastor Beth at [beth@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:beth@mayfieldchurch.org) for more details.

If you have an announcement, event notice, photos, etc. that you'd like in the bulletin or newsletter please submit to [laurie@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:laurie@mayfieldchurch.org).

Some have asked, “What about our local schools in West G?” We continue to build relationships here, too! We'll be waving signs on their last day, June 4 at 8:30 am to support the 2025 grads and sending the other grades off to safe & happy summer!



**Anyone storing items in the Church, please contact Bart Steigerwald at (440) 667-6136 or Steve Vogel in the Church Office. It's time to do some spring cleaning in the balcony, the vault, upstairs closet, downstairs closet & storage areas.**

**Your gifts, joined with the gifts of others, makes a significant impact in the lives of individuals and communities, both near and far.**



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

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### **Electronic Fund Transfer**

Please email [Darlene Janke](mailto:DarleneJanke) or call 440-729-4006 x106

**Online**

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