



Mayfield Church

May 2025 Newsletter

**Love God.
Love People.**

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Growing in faith:

Instead, grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him belongs glory now and forever. Amen. ~2 Peter 3:18 CEB

How do we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the season after Easter?

I asked each staff member to share a book or study they have done in the past year that has helped them grow.

Carol shared: "For my spiritual health, I read the daily devotional *"Jesus Calling"* by Sarah Young. Also, the hymns nourish my soul."

Jess shared: In our winter Mom's Group book study, we read the book *"Habits of the Household,"* by Justin While Earley which gave us great tips to keep God at the center of our everyday moments. My favorite tip that I have implemented is to first spend time with God instead of reading emails, texts, and your to-do list the moment you wake up. Now, when I first grab my phone, I'm seeking the Word of God above all else, and it's been a wonderful way to start my day!

Pastor Diane shared: I am reading Rosamund Stone Zander and Ben Zander's book, *"The Art of Possibility: Transforming Professional and Personal Life."* Though it is a 'secular' book, I reread it every couple of years. I find that God uses it to help me remember how I want to think and how I want to respond to people. A valuable and fun read!

Pastor Beth: Last year, I read a lot of books about grief and suffering. One surprising book was *"Where is God When it Hurts?"* by Philip Yancy, which discusses the problem of mostly physical pain. One of our deep questions of faith is when bad things happen or when people suffer. This book offered some beautiful insight. It reminded me of 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (CEB) "May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! He is the compassionate Father and God of all comfort. He's the one who comforts us in all our trouble so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God."



I hope you'll join in this season of growth and maybe enjoy one of these ideas for yourself as we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Rev. Beth Wilterdink, Lead Pastor

May is Guatemala's Hands that Serve month, and we're looking forward to raising funds to cover project costs for the trip this July! **This is our 16th year feeding families, building 3 homes and more!**

Donations & proceeds go towards purchasing supplies and material. MUMC is teaming up with the UMC of Chagrin Falls & UMC of Chautauqua, New York. Combined, there will be 18 team members traveling in July. **We have room for 2 more!** If interested in going on the week-long trip contact Jess Martz or Bart Steigerwald no later than Memorial Day weekend for more info.



BREAKFAST BURRITO FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 18 | Following Both Services

All Proceeds Go Towards the Guatemala Mission Trip

Mother's Day Boutique | Sun. May 11 | Fellowship Hall

Shop flower bouquets, Guatemalan goods including handmade jewelry & more!



Guatemala Golf Outing | Saturday, June 7 | Pleasant Hill Golf Course

Address: 13461 Aquilla Rd, Chardon, OH 44024
Time: 9 am Shotgun start on Back 9. 8:30 check in
Cost: \$80 (includes lunch: hot dogs, snacks, & beverages)
Contact: Bart Steigerwald wsjsw3@gmail.com

Sign up sheet located in Fellowship Hall



MISSION GIVING

Ways to Donate

Check
Preferred Method

1. Made out to Mayfield UMC
2. Note the Mission in the memo line
3. Placed in a sealed envelope

Cash

1. Placed in a sealed envelope
2. Note the Mission name & your name on the front

Online

1. [Mayfieldchurch.org/give](https://www.mayfieldchurch.org/give)
2. Click on "mission" and place the name of the mission in the memo

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1. @MUMC7747
2. Put "Mission" and the name of Mission in the memo



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU..... For your contributions and the impact you have on the church's ministries, groups and partners! Your generosity, love and support enables us to continue serving our communities, both near and far, and spreading God's love.

Spring Bash with Partner School Rowland Elementary | Fri., May 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Join us for walking tacos & enjoy the smiling faces of the children at Rowland School Spring Bash on Friday, May 2. There are many ways to help, including donating food, meal prep, serving, helping & supplies, set-up, clean-up & activities with students & families. Email Maureen Daly at maureenedaly@gmail.com to volunteer or for more info.



Eve Circle Dining to Donate | May 8 | Applebee's in Willoughby

Funds benefit our Church steeple project! We've partnered with Applebee's in Willoughby, who will donate 15% of the total purchases made on Thur., May 8. Scan for details or pick up a flyer at the Welcome Desk or scan for more info!

Garden Ministry

Adopt-A-Garden: | Sun., May 4 in Fellowship Hall from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Do you want to help maintain a garden on our property? The Garden Ministry will have a sign-up table on May 4 and Linnea Bubnow will be available with details & to answer questions! Please prayerfully consider adopting a garden.

Mother's Day Plant Sale: On Sunday, May 11 from 9 AM to 2 PM, you can purchase hanging baskets & geraniums in the main entrance lobby or outside.

Polka & Pretzels With MUMS | May 17 | 6-8 PM



Come join the famous Chardon Polka Band! We will have Amish Volunteers baking homemade, from scratch, hot pretzels right out of the oven! Best pretzels ever with the Best polka band ever! And, ice cold root beer. \$5 suggested donation, but not required.



**MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST
May 17**

Every 3rd Saturday
8:30-9:30 am In Fellowship Hall

Enjoy eggs, breakfast potatoes, and of course, bacon! Men are also invited to stay after for a prayer meeting.

**We'll be taking a summer break June - August & will resume September.*

Women's Ministry Hike | May 17 @ 11 AM North Chagrin (meet at the A.V. Williams Parking Lot: past the Nature Center at the dead-end.)



The May Collection for the Geauga County Food Bank is cereal (hot and cold), pancake mix and syrup. 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.

Heinen's donates their "day old" baked goods to us every week! Sometimes we freeze items for Fellowship Hour, drop them off at Eddy's Fruit Farm and/or set up a few tables during Community Dinner for guests to take home. If you are interested in helping with this ministry of picking up a cart (or two) from Heinen's in Mayfield Village on Wednesday afternoons and dropping it off at the church, please call the Church office: 440-729-4006.



Spring Growth Groups

Spring is in the air and new Growth Groups are on the horizon! Along with our ongoing Life Groups two new opportunities are coming to help us put down deeper roots in our journey with Jesus. The groups, which are open to everyone, will be reading *Wrestling with Doubt*, *Finding Faith* by Adam Hamilton and *Where Is God When It Hurts?* by Philip Yancey.

Facilitator: Mary Bronson

Group Number: GG02

Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM | June 1– June 29

Meeting Place: The Lounge, Mayfield Church

Facilitator: Rev. Beth Wilterdink

Group Number: GG04

Monday Evenings 5:30-7:00PM | May 19– June 23rd

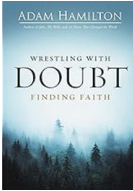
Meeting Place: The Lounge, Mayfield Church

Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith, by Adam Hamilton

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You will delve 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.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Diane Bell

Group Number: GG05

Monday evenings 7:00-8:00PM | May 12 – June 9

Meeting Place: Zoom Meeting

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Diane Bell

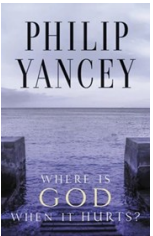
Group Number: GG06

Friday mornings 10:00-11:00AM | May 9 – June 6

Meeting Place: Mayfield Church (room TBD)

Where Is God When It Hurts, By Philip Yancey

Sensitive and caring, this unique book discusses pain--physical, emotional, and spiritual--and helps us understand why we suffer from it and how to cope with our own and that of others. Using examples from the Bible as well as the author's personal experiences, this expanded edition speaks to everyone for whom life sometimes doesn't make sense. Philip Yancey can help us discover how to reach out to someone in pain even when we don't know what to say. It shows us how we can learn to accept without blame, anger, or fear that which we cannot understand.



Facilitator: Jon Wilterdink

Group Number: GG07

Group: NextGen (age ~ 20-30)

Meeting Time & Dates: See below

Meeting Place: See Details

Summer Service Projects & Social Events

May 15: 6:30-8:30 PM - Art and Prayer experience at Ursuline College. Guided art making and connecting with other young adults led by the sisters of Ursuline. This is a way to visualize prayer and connect with others in the process. 29777 Fairmount Blvd, Pepper Pike, OH

- July 18-19: Habitat for Humanity Wall Build at Berea UMC: Volunteers will help measure, cut, and assemble walls that will be used by Habitat for Humanity in their summer home construction projects. Friday night includes dinner and organizing material, Saturday from 8-2 will be cutting and constructing the walls. No construction experience needed!

- St. Hermans House Meal - We are working on confirming a date in July or August to prepare a meal for St. Herman's House. More details coming

- **Social Events:** Other group members are working on coordinating a social night at an escape room or Guardians Game. More details coming.

Spring LifeGroups

LifeGroup: Holy Huddle (on-going group)

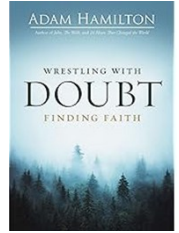
Group Number: LG2

Facilitator: Heather Sasse

Wed mornings 10:00 - 11:30 AM | May 21 – July 2

Meeting Place: The Lounge, Mayfield Church |

Two Openings



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LifeGroup: Senior Disciples (on-going group)

Group Number: LG3

Facilitator: Linnea Bubnow

Mondays 4:00-5:30PM | May 5th - ongoing

Meeting Place: The Lounge, Mayfield Church

TBD- New study starting May 5th!

LifeGroup: Spiritual Depth Book Club (on-going group)

Group Number: LG4

Facilitator: Karen Hansen, Peggy Streiff

1:00 – 2:30PM | May 2nd | Meets First Friday of the month

Meeting Place: The Lounge, Mayfield Church

TBD- New study starting May 2nd!

LifeGroup: Faith Builders (on-going group)

Group Number: LG5

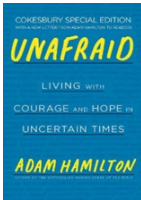
Facilitator: Nancy Dickerson, Carol Mulhern

10:00-11:30AM | Monday, on-going

Meeting Place: Zoom Meeting

Unafraid by Adam Hamilton (*current study*)

Hamilton uses a mixture of facts and faith to help readers understand and counter fears related to such outside perils as death and illness, as well as the everyday anxieties all of us encounter.



LifeGroup: Wednesday Night Life Group

Group Number: LG6

Facilitator: Mardi Atkins

7:00-8:00PM | Wednesday evenings ongoing

Meeting Place: Zoom Meeting

Topical study to help us grow in our faith journey

Bible Study

We will do a topical study to help us grow in our faith journey based on various books of the Bible.



LifeGroup: Men's Group

Group Number: LG7

Facilitator: Jon Wilterdink

Group: Men, all ages

Meeting Time: See details

Start & End Dates: See listed dates

Meeting Place: See details

Summer Service Projects

-We are organizing a meal for St. Herman's House in May or June. More details to come by early May.

Men's Breakfast will be taking a summer break June - August and resume September.

Continuing to plan social outings (go-karting in May) and will share details when set.

CAMPS



We are excited to share our **2025 Summer Program Schedule** for children & youth from Kindergarten through 12th grade! MUMC offers an environment

where kids can be kids, have an unforgettable experience that combines the gospel, discipleship, and extreme fun. As always, you don't have to attend Mayfield Church to register. Our programs are open to anyone, in the correct age bracket. Please share with family & friends! For more info,

scan or visit: mayfieldchurch.org/2025summercamps

**1st Time attendees
are only \$50!!**



Camp Aldersgate
LEESVILLE LAKE, OH

June 15-20, 2025

There's a few youth spots left for the Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip! For more info reach out to Pastor Beth.



TRUE NORTH
Vacation Bible Camp

July, 28-August 1, 2025
9 AM - Noon



June 6-7, 2025

YOUTH

Are you in grades 6 through 12? Then check out our Youth Ministry May Happenings!!

Games, planning, and learning why we do missions? | Sunday, May 4, 6-8pm

Service Project -Building a Picnic Table | Sunday, May 11, 3-5pm

Amazing Race! | Sunday, May 18, 6-8pm

Hangout and Mario at Wilterdink's | Sunday, May 25, 5-8pm

St. Herman's House | Saturday, May 31, 2:15-6:30pm

The Heartland family looks forward to celebrating our wonderful staff on.....

Teacher Appreciation Day, Fri. May 9! We will spend the day in gratitude for all of our amazing teachers! Their dedication & commitment to serving God through Heartland, the children, and families continue to be such a blessing. We pray that more strong, loving, and compassionate people are called to join us in this ministry. We are ready for a fun, relaxing summer, and will be kicking off *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss* summer camp program on **June 9.**



We had a spectacular school year and will be graduating 24 kids to kindergarten at the end of the month. We still have preschool openings and a few full-time baby and toddler spots for the fall. For more info please call or email: [440-729-4006 ext. 116](tel:440-729-4006) or heartland@mayfieldchurch.org.

Heartland Summer Camp | June 9-August 15

For 3 years old thru 3rd grade grads. Sign up for individual days, weeks, or for all 10 weeks!

For more info: 440-729-4006 ext. 116 or heartland@mayfieldchurch.org

Help Needed in Children's Ministries:

Over the past few months we have experienced the best problem of having an influx of children in our Sunday school classrooms but not enough leaders. We are seeking extra helping hands on Sundays for infants thru 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 that 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: **Jess Martz** at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org.

Little hands, big help! | Young Servants May 31 at 10 AM—Noon

We invite children and families to grab a pair of gardening gloves & join us on the church grounds to help get the Children's Garden ready for the season! Children will be digging, planting, and setting up statues & other garden ornaments. For more info or to RSVP email: maryoklander@yahoo.com.

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 first Sunday of the month and 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



An update on Cora Wilterdink's Memorial Fund:

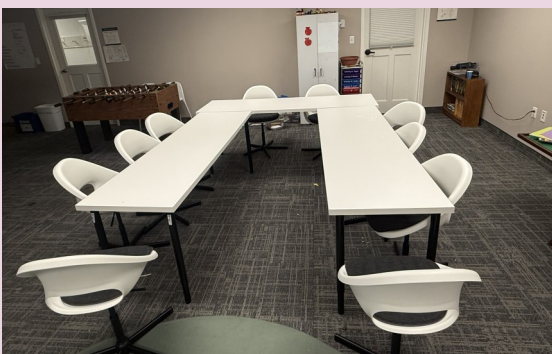
As we have looked at spaces around the church building where both children & adults worship, we have used Cora's memorial funds in different areas. In The Rock we have upgraded our tweens small group space to bright couches & comfortable chairs for engaging lessons.

We also purchased collaboration tables & chairs to be used as an art space, conversation for the 1-3rd grade small group time & games. We plan to add storage space in this room as well & a reading nook by the end of the year.

On the main level, sensory stations for all ages have been added outside of the worship center. These storage organizers contain ear plugs, labyrinth mazes, fidgets, large print hymnals, drawing pads, wobble cushions & coloring pages to be used during worship & other events taking place in the Worship Center.

As we continue to miss Cora, these bright, new additions to our places of worship can remind us of her joyful spirit she brought to our church family every Sunday. Thank you again for your generous donations honoring the life and light of sweet Cora!

-Jess Martz



"The power of prayer is often doubted; however, I am so honored and grateful to have had my church family praying for me during this challenging time. Never doubt that while modern medicine is amazing, prayer is a powerful tool. Thank you all for making me feel that I was not alone; that God, friends & family were close by, in spirit and in thought. I am so appreciative of the many get well cards, phone calls & gift cards I received. Mere words cannot express my gratitude to everyone in my church family, as well as our amazing church staff.

Sincerely, Cindy Myers



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.

The Church Office & Heartland will be closed on Mon. May 26 for Memorial Day.

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



Sensory Stations

We now have two Sensory Stations located just outside the Worship Center. These stations feature calming & engaging items designed to create a supportive experience during Services. The resources are available for all ages and are intended to help improve focus, ease anxiety, and promote a sense of well-being through soothing and stimulating sensory activities.

Please remember to return items to the stations after use. **Thank you!**



MUMC's Praise Band 9:30 AM will be leading Worship at This Year's UMC East Ohio Annual Conference on **Friday, June 13** at the College of Wooster! They start at **9:00 AM** and their **performance is open for all to attend!!**

Fairmount Center for the Arts Spring Recital Saturday, May 3 | 1 & 3 PM



MUMC is pleased to host Fairmount Center for the Arts music students on May 3, with recital performances at 1pm & 3pm. As a way of showing hospitality to the musicians and their families, we're hosting refreshments following each recital. If you'd like to contribute, please deliver 2-3 dozen nut-free cookies or treats to the church kitchen by Saturday at 12pm. To assist, email Stephanie Wright at slwright7@hotmail.com or call/text 330-618-7532 to let her know how many dozen you intend to donate. Thank you for your support as we build relationships in the community."

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**FRIDAY, MAY 30
5-6:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Everyone is welcome!



Courageous Hearts Café | May 28 | 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm | 3rd Wed. of the Month | @ MUMC Choir & Room B30

Have you ever felt like you're the only one? Ever wondered if others face the same challenges as you? Or maybe you've wished for someone who really understands what you're experiencing? *Being a foster parent comes with unique triumphs and challenges that can sometimes feel isolating.* Courageous Hearts is a cafe just for resource (foster, kinship, adoptive) families. The cafe is a peer-to-peer support group to connect with others who get it. Share your experiences, exchange tips, celebrate successes, and have a group to share the load when things get tough. We'd love to have you join us and build this community! **A meal and childcare are included. A \$50 gift card will be raffled off to one parent in attendance. RSVPs required and limited to the first 25 respondents.**