

May 2026 Newsletter

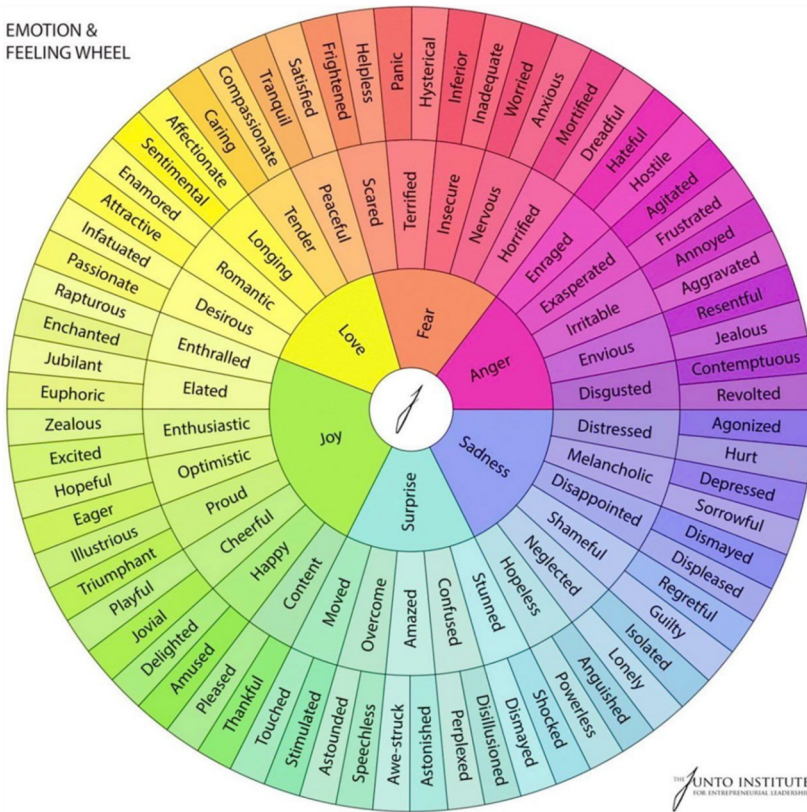
Our mission is to offer Christ as an inclusive community of faith.

As we've been reading through the Old Testament, I've been making connections I hadn't seen before. It's both challenging and exciting to bring together prior knowledge and the sparks of the Holy Spirit as we study God's Word again. I pray you are experiencing some of this same insight and connection to God and others.

If you're looking for Old Testament reading, I recommend theologian Walter Brueggemann. I had the pleasure of hearing him at the Festival of Homiletics in 2018. After his passing, Krista Tippett wrote, "[He] is one of the world's great teachers about the prophets ... He translates their imagination from the chaos of ancient times to our own. He somehow also embodies this tradition's fearless truth-telling together with fierce hope..."

In *Our Hearts Wait*, Brueggemann reflects on the emotional range of the Psalms, showing how honest expressions of longing and gratitude shape both our worship and our lives. Words of worship are not empty - they help form realities, both sacred and communal.

EMOTION & FEELING WHEEL



The Psalms connect our human experience with the holy, naming emotions honestly rather than neatly packaging them. While I grew up in a home where emotions were openly discussed, I know that's not true for everyone.

Recently, Pastor Becky recommended Brené Brown's *Rising Strong as a Spiritual Practice*, where she describes three movements: Reckoning, Rumble, and Revolution. A key part of this practice is recognizing and becoming curious about our emotions.

In my April 26 sermon, I compared emotional awareness to seeing only three colors—red, yellow, and blue. Just as that would limit our view of the world, many people recognize only three emotions: happy, sad, or angry. Yet research suggests to be emotionally healthy we need to be able to identifying around 30 distinct emotions.

Recognizing the full range of emotions expressed in the Psalms is part of our Christian journey toward health and wholeness. As we grow curious about our inner lives, God works to transform us from the inside out!!

(Later in the year we'll study Romans, which explores humility and the importance of examining our heart's intent as we strive to live faithfully to Christ.)

In Christ's grace and service,

Rev. Beth Wilterdink
 Lead Pastor



Church Events

There's so much happening at Mayfield Church for all ages! From Sunday worship to special events, youth group, tweens, and children's ministries — there's a place for everyone. Consider inviting a friend, neighbor, or family member to join you and experience our community of faith.

Sun, May 3 Confirmation Sunday
 Fri, May 15 Rowland Spring Bash | 5:30-7:30 pm
 Sat. May 16 Men's Ministry Breakfast | 8:30 -9:30 am
 Sat, May 16 Women's Ministry Soulful Space | 9-10 am

Sun, May 17 Blessing of the Hot Rods | 10:30 am
 Tue, May 19 MUMS Bingo | 6-7:30 pm
 Fri, May 29 Free Community Dinner | 5-6:30 pm
 Sun, May 31 All Church Clean Up | After Services

God's Caring Community - May 14 - Attendees will be sanitizing the seats in Fellowship Hall as part of their annual working session.

Eve Circle - Annual picnic will be held June 19 at Orchard Hills Park

S.A.M.I. - Wed., May 20 at 5:30 pm - Wright Place, 34300 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills, 44094



Congratulations to Darlene Janke, Mayfield Church's Financial Administrator on receiving her Masters of Science in Emerging Media & Technology from Kent State University!



MAYFIELD CHURCH
a United Methodist Congregation



Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 6
9 am - 2 pm



Community Dinner

MAY 29

FELLOWSHIP HALL | 5:00 - 6:30 PM

MENU: LEMON CHICKEN & ORZO SALAD

JOIN US TO CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER
 AS A CONGREGATION AND SERVE OUR
 COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

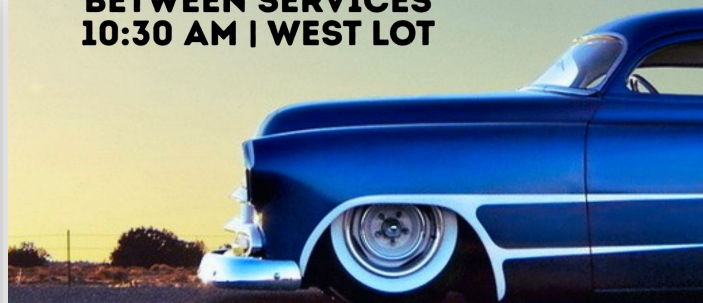


Blessing

OF THE HOT RODS

Calling all riders, drivers, and enthusiasts! Join us for a special Blessing of The Hot Rods! Let's come together to celebrate our shared love of the open road and kick off the riding season with God's protection and guidance.

SUNDAY, MAY 17
BETWEEN SERVICES
10:30 AM | WEST LOT



MAYFIELD CHURCH
7747 MAYFIELD RD. CHESTERLAND

Women's Ministry Soulful Space

Sat. May 16 | 9 -10 am

The Coffee Post

The 3rd Saturday of the Month

Join us for this beautiful opportunity to slow down, share, and be renewed in community with other women on this same journey of faith, balance, and restoration.

Let's take this time to connect, refresh, and grow — together.

Scan or call to RSVP: 440.729.4006.

Childcare available upon 72-hrs request.



Sermon Series: Holy and Human: Meeting God in the Psalms | Through May 24

The Psalms are not polite. They rage, rejoice, accuse, confess, worship, and weep - sometimes all in one breath. They don't sound like a church service; they sound like real life. If you've ever felt too angry to pray, too ashamed to hope, or too tired to care - the Psalms understand. And here's the surprise: in all that raw, emotional honesty... God shows up. These ancient poems aren't just our words to God - they become places where we meet God, maybe even when we least expect it. *Source: Midtown Vineyard*

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day Plant Sale | 9 am-1 pm

Hanging baskets & geraniums will be for sale in the main lobby.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

The 3rd Saturday of the Month
8:30-9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall



One highlight of the Men's Ministry is our monthly breakfast. This is more than a meal; it's a time of encouragement, prayer & authentic conversation. We'll share our joys and struggles, and dive into God's Word & discover practical ways to live out our faith as men of integrity.

SCAN TO RSVP & RECEIVE UPDATES,
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE: 440.729.4006.



Congratulations to Heartland
Childcare Center on celebrating **18 amazing**
little graduates from Preschool!



What a joy it has been to watch these children grow, learn, and shine. We're so proud of each one of them and excited for all the wonderful adventures ahead as they take their next big step! Great job to our teachers and staff for the love, care, and dedication you pour into these young lives every day.

Way to go, graduates!

PLEASANT HILL GOLF COURSE

GUATEMALA GOLF SCRAMBLE

SATURDAY
MAY 30

13461 AQUILLA ROAD
CHARDON, OH 44024

9AM shotgun start time

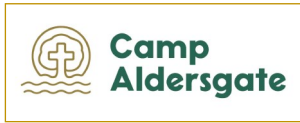
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\$75 - Per Player
Includes 9 holes, cart &
hotdog / chips
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All proceeds go directly
toward Guatemalan
mission projects.

**Please contact Bart Steigerwald
to sign up**



Summer Camps!



Vacation Bible School - Last week of July | Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, & colorful creatures. We'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Mission Youth Camp Trip | Sat., June 27 - Sat., July 4 | Grads of grades 6 - 12 | A week of spiritual renewal, where we'll provide critical repairs to raise homes out of substandard conditions, as we work side by side addressing the needs of homeowners.

Camp Aldersgate | June 14-19 | Grads of grades 6 - 12 | An unforgettable week of faith, friendship, and fun. This small group-based camp is designed to help you grow deeper in your walk with God while building real, lasting friendships. Through meaningful worship, honest conversations, and dedicated times of prayer, we'll create space to listen for Christ speaking into our lives.

Scan to Register & Learn More!

YOUTH

6-12 Grades

Confirmation Sunday
Come celebrate your friends in faith!
Sunday, May 3 | 9:30-10:30am

Bible Trivia Night with Chelsea & Kristy
Sunday, May 3 | 6-8pm

TopGolf (RSVP by May 2)
Saturday, May 9 | 5-8pm

ASP Trip Training and Service
Sunday, May 17 | 12:30-2pm

Service Project
Sunday, May 17 | 1-3pm

ASP Trip Training
Sunday, May 24 | 12:30-2pm

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

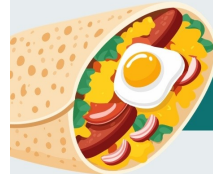
Sundays at 11:00 am in The Lounge

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, SONGS, LEARNING & FUN!

Questions? Contact: Sandy Pavick
440-429-5029 | sandyinnewbury@aol.com

BREAKFAST BURRITO FUNDRAISER

To Support the Guatemala Mission Trip



Sun., May 17 Fellowship Hour



JOIN US

**TUESDAY, MAY 19
6:00 - 7:30 PM**

FELLOWSHIP HALL



FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:
SANDY PAVICK AT 440-429-5029



**Mayfield Church
7747 Mayfield Road, Chesterland**

Congratulations Confirmands!

Noah Ray Barney
Owen Caronchi
Olivia Gandolfi
Vincent Gandolfi
Ray Hederstrom
Mackenzie Janae Hensel
Colton John Milnar

Jack Thomas Patterson
Ellia Jane Rautenberg
Gia Ann Res
Ava Morgan Simmelink
Olivia Ruth Smithey
Robert William Wilterdink
Emilie Grace Wright

Congratulations on Your Confirmation & Baptism!

Eliza Marian Nelson
Campbell Miriam Reese
Parker Matthew Reese
Abigail Seibert

*May God bless you on your
day of Baptism & always!*

Joseph
Francis
"Joey" Halerz

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
LAST WEEK OF JULY

CONTACT: JESSICA@MAYFIELDCHURCH.ORG
440.729.4006

Small Groups Through May 24

If you would like to connect to a group, please reach out to Pastor Becky.

We also want to offer groups that reflect your interests. What would you like to see? Book studies, Bible studies, self-help topics, fun gatherings, or outings/trips? Would you be willing to lead a group? Email Pastor Becky with your ideas or interest.

Hands of Praise - American Sign Language Class - Watch for the return of Hands of Praise later this year.

Game of Life Group - The Game of Life group will continue meeting through the spring and is open to anyone interested in joining. Please see Denny Nelson for more information.



Mom's Bible Recap

Whether you've been able to join us during the school year or not for the mom's Bible Recap Study, we invite you to join us this summer! We plan to meet at a local coffee shop once a month on a Saturday throughout the summer. If you'd like to join us, please let Jess know for further details. Our first summer meet up will take place **Sat., June 20**. We hope to see you there!

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 (Closed the 1st Sun of the month. Students, please join parents in worship)

11 AM | Lower Level : All ages

TWEENS

4-8th Graders

Are invited to join us for a movie night & taco bar at Mr. Denny's house on Fri., May 1 at 6 PM.

For more info or to RSVP, please reach out to Jess Martz.

Young Servants

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Children are invited to join us on Sunday, May 31 for the all church clean up to tidy up and plant new life in the children's garden. If you are interested in helping with particular area, please RSVP to Jess Martz.

Caring Through *Giving*

POP THE TOP

FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE!



Ronald McDonald House® Cleveland



Drop off at the Back Counter in Fellowship Hall

We've collected 67.6 lbs. of pop tabs so far!

MIDWEST
disaster relief • education



MISSION
health • micro business

Midwest Mission School Supply Drive

We're collecting new & gently used school supplies for students in Honduras who often begin school without basic materials.

notebooks - pencils - rulers - crayons

The donation bin is located at the main entrance.
Thank you for helping us bridge the gap!

MAY COLLECTION ITEMS



Hot & Cold Cereal
Canned Fruit & Vegetables
Pancake Mix
Syrup

DONATION BIN LOCATED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE BY THE COAT RACK



HEIFER®
INTERNATIONAL

Last November, our monthly mission focus was Heifer International, whose mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Through providing

livestock, training in sustainable agriculture, and their "Passing on the Gift" model—where families share the first offspring with others—Heifer creates a ripple effect of self-reliance and hope.

We have so much to celebrate from that effort. Together, we raised an incredible \$11,099.

A month or so ago, we reflected on Noah & the wonder of filling one ark. Well, in Heifer terms, we filled 2 arks. That's a record for Mayfield Church - and more importantly, a powerful reflection of our shared mission to change lives and transform the world.

On behalf of the Heifer team, thank you. - Phil David

Volunteers Needed: Help Cut the Church Grass

As we move into the warmer months, we're looking for volunteers to help maintain our property by mowing the grass. This is a great way to serve behind the scenes and help keep our property welcoming for everyone who visits. Whether you're able to help once or on a rotating basis throughout the season, your time and effort would be a huge blessing! Contact steve@mayfieldchurch.org



We are excited to continue to support Emsizini Secondary School, with a gift of about \$30,000 this spring to cover their current needs through August. The needs include: Stipend for pass rate, Additional teachers, Vehicle Insurance, Stipend for Holiday school, Fuel deficit, Firewood for cooking, Accounts Clerk, and Bank Charges.

Communion - 2nd Sunday of the Month

May 10 | June 14 | July 12 | Aug 9

Gluten-free wafers are available which are located on the stand beside the servers.

All are welcome!!

Leadership Training Opportunity: August 2-5

School of Congregational Development

Join Carey Nieuwhof, Bishop Jung, Bishop Malone & Rev. Matt Miofsky along with practitioners from across the Connection at the 2026 SCD! Learn more at: bit.ly/4uctlk2

Summer of Service – Introducing Our New Missions Program

This summer, Mayfield Church is launching a new missions initiative running June through August. Each week, we'll highlight local mission partners, share how our church is involved, and offer opportunities to serve in meaningful, hands-on ways.

Throughout the summer, you can expect:

- **Mission Moments during worship** featuring local organizations
- Opportunities to **learn, connect, and serve** alongside these ministries
- A **service project each week** (most with hands-on ways to get involved!)
- An **information table** in the fellowship hall where you can meet representatives from mission groups & learn more about each ministry



**SUMMER
OF SERVICE**

Serving Others in Jesus' Name



Want to Help Make This Happen?

We need a team of volunteers to bring Summer of Service to life—helping with:

Hosting the information table - Greeting mission guests - Coordinating service projects - Supporting logistics



[?] Join us for a planning meeting via Zoom: May 6 at 5:00 PM. Scan the QR code to RSVP and learn more!



Prepared Meal Train Volunteers

Teams of 4 volunteers are needed to prepare homemade meals for 8 residents at Geauga Faith Rescue Mission. The meal (Salad, Side Dish, Main Dish, Dessert) will be prepared and packaged for delivery - no serving involved! This is a wonderful way to share Christ's love through hospitality & service.

2 opportunities per month



Middlefield Food Pantry

Make a tangible difference in our community by helping unload the food delivery truck, verifying deliveries & more at the Middlefield Pantry!

Volunteers play a vital role in ensuring food is distributed quickly & efficiently to those in need.

When:

The 3rd Monday of each month
Flexible 1–2 hour shifts between 2-4 PM.

Where:



**Greater Cleveland
Food Bank**

MEMBER OF FEEDING AMERICA

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is recruiting volunteers to assist at their Community Resource Center's Healthy Choice Food Market!

June 13 | 8:30 am–12:30 pm

Volunteer Duties Include: Assisting neighbors with shopping & item selection, weighing products, loading their vehicles with food, organizing & consolidating product onto pallets, recording donation, and much more!

Spring Bash with Partner School Rowland Elementary Fri., May 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Join us for walking tacos & enjoy the smiling faces of the children at Rowland School Spring Bash.

There are many ways to help, including donating food, meal prep, serving, helping & supplies, set-up, clean-up & activities with students & families. Email Maureen maureenedaly@gmail.com to volunteer or for more info.



**SUNDAY
MAY 31**

Mentor Headlands Beach Clean Up!

July 15



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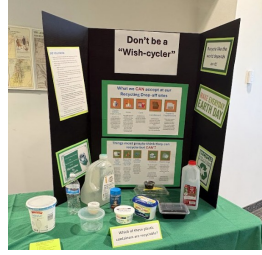
*Our Deepest Sympathy to
friends & family of Vada Dular
who passed away on
March 1, 2026.*

dejohnfuneral.com/obituaries/vada-dular



Heartland will be closed

All can contribute to this awesome ministry of the Church! Click to view the Amazon Givwish list: a.co/OdTEzMBO

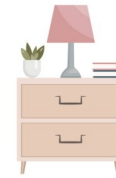


ards of the world God has entrusted to us.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Earth Day celebration such a meaningful & successful day! We're grateful for the many hands & hearts who contributed time, energy, & creativity to bring it all together. We also thank all who joined us to learn, connect & explore simple, meaningful ways we can care for God's creation - both at Church and in our daily lives at home. It was a joy to grow together in this shared calling to be good stew-

We want to hear what you're reading, too! Email us with the Title & Author. You never know...the book you love, may help someone else!

THE 5th ANNUAL GEAGA FAITH RESCUE MISSION
CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026
St. Denis Golf Club
10660 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH
11:00 AM CHECK-IN
12:30 PM SHOTGUN START
• \$120/person (\$480/four-person team)
• Lunch plus a delicious catered dinner
• Cash prizes for winner and runner-up teams
• Skill shot prizes
• Raffle ticket prizes
• Driving range
REGISTER NOW
www.gfrmission.org
Hole Sponsorships and Questions?
Call/Text Tony Straniero
440-729-0433



What Books Are On Your Nightstand?

Pastor Beth:
Cherished Belonging
By: Gregory Boyle

Pastor Becky:
Rising Strong
By: Bonnie Brown

Graduation Sunday: June 1

Graduating from high school, college, or graduate school?

Submit info to laurie@mayfieldchurch.org to be recognized on June 1.

1. Full Name
2. School
3. Future Plans
4. Degree being received
5. Current and/or baby photo

Deadline: May 22

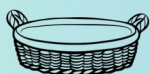


Your gifts, joined with the gifts of others, makes a significant impact in the lives of individuals & communities, both near & far. Thank you to those who have helped make an impact!

Ways to Give



Mail a Check to:
Mayfield Church
7747 Mayfield Rd
Chesterland, OH 44026



**Cash or Check
Service**
Collection Baskets



Electronic Fund Transfer
Contact: Darlene
440.729.4006 X106



Electronically*
Venmo or
mayfieldchurch.org/give
*Service fee may apply