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a United Methodist Congregation

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July 2025 Newsletter

Love God. Love People.

Dear Mayfield UMC Family,

Over the last year, our Executive Committee has undertaken significant work to align our infrastructure and unify our operations at Mayfield UMC. A part of this work over the last six months has involved reintegrating Heartland Childcare Center (HCC) into our organizational structure of committees and operational umbrella.

Inwardly, our hope is that this will bring greater cohesion to Heartland being a ministry of Mayfield UMC, provide clarity about organizational priorities and collaboration, and unify our team of staff and teachers at Heartland CC with our broader organization.

Last year, our Heartland Childcare Director, Patty Wenzel, led the expansion of HCC and enabled the opening of classrooms for infants and toddlers. There was a lot of dust behind the scenes as our Trustee Committee and our facility manager, Steve Vegel, worked on several updates to the space.

This year, our administrative teams- SPRC, Finance, and Executive Committee, as well as Darlene, our financial administrator, have been working hard. Our Heartland Board will now be called the Heartland Committee & consist only of members of the church, and oversee the administrative work such as salaries, budgets, and physical building needs for HCC in collaboration with our administrative teams for the church. HCC will also continue to have a Family Fun Team- which will continue to plan appreciation events for the teachers and staff, as well as other fun for the families at Heartland. SPRC has also worked tirelessly to make sure our Heartland Childcare Center Staff will have an updated employment policy guidelines & other benefits that match MUMC's staff.

In anticipation of these changes, in June, we shared with the families at Heartland Childcare Center the following information:

Dear Heartland Childcare Center Families,

Beginning June 1, it will be necessary for Heartland Childcare Center to raise our tuition rates.. This change is necessary, and we know that it impacts our families. Our goal is to continue to offer quality education and care for your child, with extracurricular activities at no additional cost, as well as food included made daily. Our rates will continue to stay competitive with other programs in our area.

Over the past few years, we have not raised our rates at the same pace as inflation and our expenses have continued to increase. Beginning this year, we are also going to be offering our full-time employees the benefits of healthcare and a retirement matching. Offering these benefits to our employees will increase their quality of life and do what we believe is the right thing to do for employees. I am sure you would agree with this.

Heartland Childcare Center continues to maintain the highest quality of program, with our Gold star through the State of Ohio. This means that we care deeply about the quality of childcare that each child and family receive through our program. We believe that these changes will allow us to continue to thrive into the future.

We value the opportunity to serve your family and our community, and welcome your concerns or comments. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Beth Wilterdink or Patty Wenzel.

~From Heartland Childcare Committee (formerly the Heartland Board)

Thank you to Patty Wenzel, Darlene Janke, Sheri Getchell, Ben Sasse, and our Heartland Childcare Committee and SPRC Team for all of the tireless work to make these important changes for our future ministry! I feel fortunate to have an amazing team of staff and volunteers to work with!

In God's Extravagant Grace, Pastor Beth





Sunday, July 20



Romans 15:7 (ESV):

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

July 20 is the PERFECT day to invite a friend or family member!



As you know, Mayfield Church has so much to offer outside of our walls — and there's something for everyone!

Especially if you know someone that:

- Is feeling a little lost?
- Ready to recharge their spirit?
- Trying to get their kids involved in something?
- Looking for a place to belong?

It's as simple as calling or sending a quick text:

✦ "Hey [Friend], our church is hosting its picnic on 7/20. It's a time of worship, fellowship, and learning. We'd be thrilled to have you be a part of it!"

✦ "Hey [Name], I'd love for you to join me at church this Sunday. It's a welcoming community where you can find peace and inspiration. Hope to see you there!"

✦ "Hi [Name], I just wanted to extend a personal invitation to our weekend church service. It's a great opportunity to connect with others and grow spiritually. Will you join us?"

Whether you're a regular attendee, member or new to the experience, our doors are always open!

Baptism Sunday



Whether you've just started a relationship with Jesus or if you made that decision a while ago and haven't been baptized, we encourage you speak with Pastor Beth. Once we encounter Christ, we are never the same. Baptism is taking that decision and sharing it with those around you!

If you're interested in being baptized or learning more about what it means, we'd love to walk with you through this meaningful step in your faith journey! *Pastor Beth:*
beth@mayfieldchurch.org.

The All Church Picnic will start at 11 AM. Many hands are needed to make this a successful event. Please scan the QR code to sign up to help in one of the areas below! Friends and family are welcome to be a part of something great!!



Set Up	Second shift food service
Meal Prep	Clean up/break down
Food set up	Grill team
First shift food service	Games and More!





Dear Mayfield UMC Family,

The countdown is on! On Tuesday, July 1, Olivia and I will arrive in Highland Heights and begin the lovely process of unpacking and setting up house everything that was stashed and stored for the last month.

We can't wait to be with you all!

My reconstruction surgery, due to breast cancer was on June 2nd, and was a huge success! I am doing well and making good progress. It looks like I'll be moving with tubes (or at least one tube) still in. We will figure out the logistics as we need to. God has been with us through this whole journey and I know God won't leave us now.

Olivia and I have been praying for you every day. We can't wait to meet you in person and be a part of what God is doing at Mayfield. See you in worship on July 13th! - **Blessings! Pastor Becky**

SAVE THE DATE
Pizza with the Pastor:
8/24 and 9/21
After the 11 am Service

Carol Mulhern is coordinating a Meal Train for Pastor Becky and Olivia. For more info email: mulbasket@aol.com.

Welcome Sabrina Rene Pickrell!



June 14, 2025



Communion Sundays:

July 13 | Aug 10 | Sept 14

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them. You'll find them on a small stand beside the communion servers during communion.

Welcome New Members!

Jill Baley
Sarah Baley
Perry Greer
Kay Nevar



The Chesterland 4th of July Parade, hosted by the WG Kiwanis Club starts at 11 AM. If you attend, please wear your **LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.** t-shirts to support for our ministries that have a float!

SUMMER EVENTS

- **SUN., JULY 13**
WELCOME PASTOR BECKY!
- **THURSDAY, JULY 17**
BLOOD DRIVE
- **SUN., JULY 20**
1 SERVICE @ 10 AM
BAPTISM SUNDAY
CHURCH PICNIC - 11 AM
- **FRI., JULY 25**
COMMUNITY DINNER @ THE PAVILION
- **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 THE PASTORS
- **FRI., AUG. 29**
COMMUNITY DINNER

FREE

COMMUNITY

DINNER

FRIDAY, JULY 25 | 5-6:30 PM

At the Pavilion

(weather permitting)

MENU: BURGERS, WATERMELON, CHIPS & ICE CREAM!





M.U.M.S. (Mayfield United Methodist Stars) is our special needs ministry here at Mayfield Church. This ministry ensures that our friends are able to get out into the community, make new friends and learn God loves them just as they are! Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30pm. Meetings include crafts, indoor picnic, St. Helen's Unicycles, Truck Night, BINGO, and many other fun nights! 2-3 dances per year with the biggest being a Winter Ball where the church is transformed into a Winter Wonderland with 200 + attendees! Weekly Sunday School is held every Sunday at 11am in the lounge.

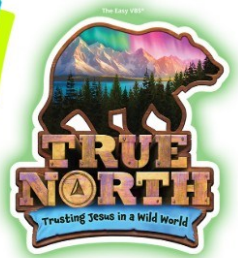
7/15 - Bingo - Fellowship Hall | 8/19 - St. Helen's Unicycle Team - Church Parking Lot

Register TODAY!

mayfieldchurch.org/2025summercamps

Kids are guided on an Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains and glistening glaciers. Vacation Bible Camp shows kids that Jesus is *our True North!*

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



THE LAST WEEK OF JULY



6/29 Scavenger Hunt 6-8pm @ MUMC
7/6 ASP Trip is gone - no youth group
7/13 Guatemala Trip - no youth group
7/20 Bonfire & Burgers @ Adam Neff's House 6-8pm
7/27 TBD
8/2 Picnic @ Denny Nelson's new house 6-8pm
8/9 Backyard Fun @ Kristy Nelson's House & Pond 4-6pm
8/17 TBD
8/24 Pool party @ Diadiun's house
8/31 Geauga County Fair no youth group

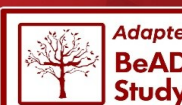
- S.A.M.I. will meet Wednesday, July 16th, for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Cheesecake Factory located at 24265 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst 44124
- LG6 Wednesday Night Life Group will meet back up again in September.
- The Men's Monthly Breakfast Group will meet back up again in September.

DISCIPLE

F A S T T R A C K

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Go to Beadisciple.org. look for
Disciple Fast Track #A1207
or ask Mary Bronson for a QR code





Thank you everyone for another great year! 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! 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.



Congratulations, Chee Chee Mastrangelo!

The Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation (OAPT) recently selected West Geauga Transportation Aide Chee Chee Mastrangelo as a recipient of the Rita Rogers Award for Excellence in Special Needs Transportation. The award recognizes school transportation professionals for their outstanding leadership and conduct. Chee Chee began her career with West Geauga in the transportation department in 1974 as a bus driver. She retired from that role in 2004 but eventually returned and currently serves as a transportation aide. The nomination describes her as always demonstrating unparalleled patience, compassion and commitment. She brings professionalism and a deep sense of humanity to her role, making a difference in the students' lives she serves.



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 and 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 and 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 jessica@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:jessica@mayfieldchurch.org).

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.

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 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



WE GIVE BECAUSE HE FIRST GAVE TO US

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland needs you this summer!

The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland (Health & Well-Being Partner Fund 9136) is looking for youth groups, individuals, or small teams of adults to complete mission service projects on the west side of Cleveland this summer. Tuesday is project day each week, and lunch will be provided at 2:00 p.m. on those days. Individuals and/or teams are needed to:



- Finish installing smoke detectors in dorm rooms.
- Repair and seal a parking lot.
- Sweep gravel on the education wing roof.
- Paint the ramp and picnic tables.
- Expand the patio and install gas grill.
- Complete cleanup of wood and debris in the yard.
- Problem solve an electrical issue.
- Repair plaster, paint, and more.

Cooks and Servers Needed for Bread on Bridge Ministry

Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland is also looking for cooks and servers from noon – 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays for its Bread on Bridge ministry. Volunteer groups will plan, purchase, and prepare a meal for about 100 people from the community. This is another great opportunity for families, youth groups, and churches to get involved in missions over the summer. Click the links below for more information:

[Volunteer](#)

[Learn more](#)

[Support Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland, Fund 9136](#)



**American
Red Cross**

**Thursday, July 17
1-6 PM
Fellowship Hall**

Walk-ins welcome, appointments
appreciated! Enter 44026 at
www.redcrossblood.org to find MUMC

July's collection for the
Geauga County Food
Bank will be: Canned chili,
beef stew, meat, & fish.



“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 and Blankets Mission in partnership 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.

2025 UMC East Ohio Annual Conference Report

By Denny Nelson and Ted Diadiun



The UMC's East Ohio Annual Conference typically features fellowship, inspiration, information and participation. We discuss, question, debate and vote on issues large and small. Some years the conference features weighty, significant issues; some years not.

This year marked a milestone as the conference moved to a new location, welcomed a new bishop, and announced plans to unify Ohio's two UMC conferences. After many years at Lakeside Chautauqua near Port Clinton and a brief stay at Akron's John S. Knight Center in 2021, the June 12–14 gathering was held in the peaceful, rural setting of the College of Wooster campus, about 70 miles southwest of Chesterland. Most importantly, the 601 delegates (289 clergy and 312 laity) were welcomed by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung.

Bishop Jung, who was raised in South Korea by Buddhist parents and became a Christian after a chance encounter with a missionary and was baptized at age 16, charmed the gathering with his inspiring spirituality and his easy humor.

This year's conference had a distinct Asian influence, with Bishop Jung inviting fellow Koreans and announcing an Ohio-Korea ministry partnership. He also honored Mary Fletcher Benton Scranton, a Cleveland Methodist who became the first female missionary to Korea in 1884, serving until her death in 1909.

The other big change was the announcement that Ohio's East and West UMC conferences would unite, with a target date of 2028 – which will give the two leadership teams time to consolidate various offices, programs and financial aspects.

Ohio's two UMC conferences are divided east and west by a line from the Ohio River to Lake Erie. In the wake of the disaffiliation two years ago by 248 East Ohio churches and a large number of West Ohio churches, church leadership believes it will be more efficient and cost effective to unite into one.

Other than that acknowledgment of our painful split, however, the spirit of the conference was to look forward, not back, with the usual celebration of newly ordained pastors and deacons, new assignments for a number of clergy, and updates from the various conference committees.

As usual, the conference honored retiring clergy, including former Mayfield Pastor Rev. Jim Winkler, recently of Painesville UMC. He quickly stepped into a new role as interim pastor at Hope Ridge UMC, Pastor Beth's former church.

Other familiar names were Rev. Edgar Brady, our former District Supervisor, who will be the new pastor in Painesville, and Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton, who preached a stirring sermon at the Saturday morning worship service. Bishop Keaton, who served as East Ohio Conference bishop from 1996 to 2004, received an especially warm welcome from the gathering.

Mayfield Church was well represented at the conference. Our praise band led Friday worship, with Worship Director Sarah Dixon staying on to lead the singing in the Saturday morning service. Pastor Beth led the group and successfully proposed funding support for youth camps. Also attending were Interim Associate Pastor Diane Bell and lay delegates Denny Nelson and Ted Diadiun.

Next year's conference is scheduled for June 11-13, again at the College of Wooster.



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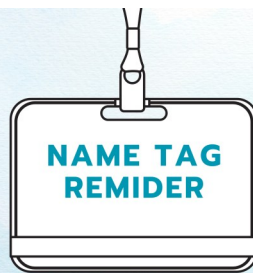
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We have a lot of new faces and ask you please wear your name tag to help our new staff and for us to get to know each other.

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



Online Connection Card & Prayer Requests

You can now submit your connection card & prayer requests on our website. Scan the QR code or visit:
mayfieldchurch.org/cc-pr

WHERE DO MY PRAYER REQUESTS GO?

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

- The cards are taken to the church office & checked for prayers.
- The requests are compiled into a 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.

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

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

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