



MAYFIELD CHURCH

a United Methodist Congregation



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August Newsletter

We offer Christ through an inclusive community of faith that worships God, cares for people, equips disciples, and works to transform the world.

Dear MUMC Family,

We are excited to have Kathleen Leigh Lewarchick joining our staff team the week of August 17th, as our Director of Youth and Adult Discipleship. (see back page) Deeper and growing discipleship is one of our focuses as a congregation.

It's always helpful to start with a definition; on umc.org, discipleship is: "The active living of the individual Christian in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ, that is, being as effective a disciple of Christ as possible. Discipleship involves a ministry of outreaching love and witness to others concerning Christ and God's grace. Discipleship also calls the Christian to ministries of servanthood and service to the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment." *source: umc.org

This definition allows us to envision how we are living as Jesus' disciples individually. When it comes to our church community, we are talking about ways to challenge and stretch us to grow in our faith together. This includes small groups that focus on spiritual formation, spiritual practices, and spiritual community life.

We started this year by challenging you to read through the whole Bible, which was meant not only to help you read the Bible, but also to help you 'read transformationally' to connect more intimately and directly with the One who created us, knows us, and loves us.

"In informational reading we seek to grasp the control, to master the text. In transformational reading, the intent is to allow the text to master you." – Robert Mulholland

Reading the Bible is one of the many practices of faith that draws us more closely to God, but as we move into the fall season we want to invite you to share with us about your spiritual health, so that we can help our whole community grow and transform in the coming year. Where would you say you are in your discipleship? Take 5-10 minutes to [complete this survey](#), and let us know where you are in your [spiritual health](#).

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that our journey of faith as disciples grows. Our practices of prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness are the basics, but there is so much more.

Check out these writings from [Curate Ministries](#) and [Ruth Haley Barton](#).

Rev. Beth Wilterdink
Lead Pastor



Church Events

One of the simplest and most meaningful ways to share your faith is through an invitation. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors, to join you for our Church Picnic, Sunday worship, and the many events happening throughout the year. Whether someone is looking for a church home, a place to belong, or simply a welcoming community, your invitation could make all the difference. As we continue to Gather, Grow, and Give, remember that our calling is to reflect and share the living Christ with everyone we meet. You never know how God might use a simple invitation to change a life.

Sun, Aug 2

Service 10 AM
Picnic 11 AM

Tue, Aug 18

MUMS Bingo
6-7:30 PM

Sun, Aug. 9

Holy Donut Day
Fellowship Hour

Fri, Aug 28

Community Dinner
5-6:30 PM

Sun, Aug 16

Blessing of the
Backpacks
Both Services

Sermon Series

Romans:
The Gospel According to Paul



Romans is arguably the most important epistle in the New Testament. Often referred to as Paul's masterpiece, it unpacks some of Paul's most important teachings and unpacks many of his greatest contributions to our faith. The letter can also be confusing to readers, which is why it is often ignored. Paul's Epistle to the Romans changed the world and its words continue to speak powerfully to us today.



Communion

Aug 9 | Sept 13 | Oct 4

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

All are Welcome!



Will Resume in September!



What Is Charge Conference?

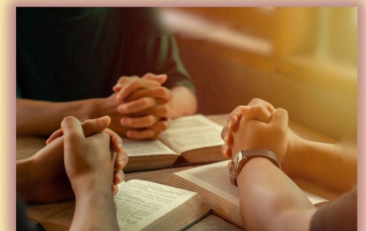
Did you know that lay people have always played a vital role in the Methodist movement? Our congregation does more than participate in the ministries of the church—we help carry its mission and the vision forward.

One of the formal ways this happens is through Charge Conference, the annual meeting of the church. During Charge Conference, church leaders and members celebrate the ministries of the past year, elect leaders, review important reports, and make key decisions about the church's ministry and future. It is an important expression of our shared responsibility as clergy and laity working together to fulfill the mission of the church.

Over the next few months, we'll share more about Charge Conference, how decisions are made, and the many ways you can take part in the life and leadership of Mayfield United Methodist Church.

Spiritual Depth Book Group

A welcoming community for anyone longing to grow deeper in faith, wisdom, and spiritual understanding through thoughtful reading and meaningful conversation.



Join us to explore books that inspire reflection, challenge our perspectives, and encourage a closer walk with God.



- **Sunday, August 9 at 11:00 PM** Gospel Blessings in Song, a barbershop group, will share several favorites during worship.
- **Sundays, August 16, 23, and 30 at 11 AM** Join us for a hymn sing! Call out your favorite hymn, and we'll sing two verses of several selections each week. It will be a joyful time of praising God through song!
- **Sunday, August 23 at 11 AM** The V Brass Group will offer special music.
- **Thursday, September 10** Music rehearsals begin:
 - **Wesley Bells at 6:15 PM**
 - **Chancel Choir at 7:30 PM**

Please consider joining this wonderful ministry of music—and invite your friends to worship with us! Questions? Contact Director of Music Joel Logan at joel@mayfieldchurch.org.

Community Dinner
AUGUST 28
 FELLOWSHIP HALL | 5:00 - 6:30 PM
MENU: SLOPPY JOES, SUCCOTASH SALAD, AND PEACH COBBLER
 JOIN US TO CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER AS A CONGREGATION AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

Holy DONUTS SUNDAY!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
 Holy Donuts graciously provided by **Patterson Fruit Farm**
 Join us after **BOTH SERVICES** during Fellowship Hour!

Blessing OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
 Blessings will be offered during both worship services **9:30 AM & 11:00 AM**
 Whether you're heading off to **Pre-K** or **College**, we welcome students to bring their backpack to be blessed for the new school year!
Teachers & staff are invited too!

Discipleship Series

Our Fall Discipleship Series will begin in September, and we're excited to highlight the many opportunities available for learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth!

If you currently lead a group, please email Pastor Becky with details about what your group is studying, when and where you meet, and whether you are open to welcoming new participants.

Do you have an idea for a new study, small group, or fellowship opportunity? We would love to hear it! Please share your ideas with Pastor Becky as we prepare for an engaging season of growing together in faith.

S.A.M.I.
 August 19th is at Cuoco Bello in Mayfield.
God's Caring Community & Eve Circle
 See you in September!

Mayfield Church **kids**

Sunday School

Help promote our Children's Program! Mayfield Church offers a safe, welcoming place where children learn about God's love, grow in faith, build friendships, and discover that they are an important part of our community of faith. Here's what our children's Sunday School program offers:

9:30 a.m. | Lower Level

- Nursery: Infants–2-year-olds
- Stepping Stones: 3–Kindergarten
- The Rock Worship: Grades 1–5
- The Rock is closed the 1st Sun/mo. Students are invited to join their families in worship.

11:00 a.m. | Lower Level

Childcare for children of all ages.

Do you have a heart for children? Whether you enjoy teaching or simply holding little ones, we could use your help once a month in the Nursery, Stepping Stones, or The Rock! For more information, please see Jess Martz.



We're excited to share that the new Heartland Childcare Center website is now live! We invite you to take a few minutes to explore the site, learn more about our program, and see how God is working through this ministry to serve children and families in our community. If your child or grandchild has attended Heartland Childcare Center, we'd also be grateful if you would consider leaving us a Google review. Your kind words help other families discover the loving, Christ-centered care we provide.

YOUTH

6-12 Grades

Know a Family Looking for a Great Youth Program?

Mayfield Church offers a safe, welcoming place where students deepen their faith, build lasting friendships, serve others, and discover their place in God's story.

Here's what our youth program offers:

Sunday Mornings – Worship & Serve

Youth worship with their families and take an active role in our church community. Sensory stations help people of all ages stay engaged during worship. Students also serve in areas such as greeting, ushering, worship assistance, technology, children's ministry, and music.

Sunday Nights – Study, Fun & Serve

Youth Group combines Bible study, fun activities, and service opportunities. Students explore Echo the Story, a creative and interactive journey through the Bible filled with meaningful conversations, laughter, and opportunities to bring God's Word to life.

Midweek Bible Study

Middle and high school students gather during the week to study the Bible, ask questions, and grow in faith together.

Friends and new families are always welcome! If you know a family looking for a meaningful youth program and a welcoming church community, invite them to join us.

YOUTH

6-12 Grades

Movie with Chelsea!
Sunday, August 2, 6–8pm

Rock Wall, Gaga Pit, Knockout, with Dunk Tank (spoiler: Denny has volunteered!)
Sunday, August 9, 1:30–4:30pm

Fall Youth Kickoff
Sunday, August 23, 6–8pm



MUMS is a vibrant and joyful special needs ministry at our church designed to create a safe, welcoming, and faith-filled community for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Our mission is simple and powerful: to provide meaningful social opportunities and Christian fellowship where every person is celebrated and reminded that God loves them exactly as they are.

Order Your MUMS T-Shirt Today
Interested in ordering a Mayfield United Methodist Stars Special Needs Ministry? Sizes Extra Small through 3XL available.
\$10 each - Scan to order today!



Special Needs Ministry

EVERY SUNDAY | 11:00 AM

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, SONGS, LEARNING & FUN!

Our mission is simple and powerful!
To provide meaningful social opportunities and Christian fellowship where every person is celebrated and reminded that God loves them exactly as they are.



7747 Mayfield Road, Chesterland | Youth Lounge



JOIN US

TUE., AUGUST 18
6:00 - 7:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



Mayfield Church
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Camp Asbury Family Camp | August 21-23, 2026

Designed for the whole family to come and enjoy! Meet other families, swim, hike, fish, bike, and enjoy Asbury as your perfect end of summer getaway! Spend your weekend making memories together through classic camp fun and family-friendly adventures. Join in on the scheduled activities or explore the property on your own! Work together as a family on an art project inspired by the outdoors in the Graham Art Center. Enjoy a relaxing evening around the campfire sharing stories and memories. Sunday worship outdoors invites you to feel at home in God's presence. **330-569-3171 | info@campasbury.org**

Camp Wanake Parent-Child Overnight | AUGUST 8-9, 2026

Embark on a magical adventure under the stars with your child at Camp Wanake's Parent-Child Overnight! Join us for an unforgettable experience that bridges the gap between generations, creating lasting memories and fostering the spirit of shared adventure. Bond over a shared outdoor cooking experience. Together with your child, explore the joy of preparing a meal over an open flame. The experience is not just about the food; it's about the teamwork and connection forged over a shared campfire meal. Share the thrill of canoeing on the camp lake. Paddle together, explore the lake, and enjoy the beauty of nature from the water. Canoeing becomes a shared adventure that strengthens the parent-child bond. **330-756-2333 | info@campwanake.org**



Our Summer Mission program is going strong as we head into August!



Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. By volunteering to serve through programs supporting communities both near and far, every person in the church has the opportunity to serve and to live their calling more faithfully. Visit the Summer of Service table in Fellowship Hall following both Services.



The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland serves low income persons & neighborhoods by providing community enhancement, home maintenance & targeted programming. Consider graciously helping prepare or serving a meal to those in need.

Aug. 15: Prepare lunch to serve
Aug. 18: Serve lunch



St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland shelters & supports homeless men on the path to well-being and independence and meet the basic needs of people in our community.

Saturday, August 22

8:30-10:30 AM - Prepare lunch to serve @ MUMC
10:15 AM-12:30 PM - Serve lunch @ St. Herman's

HEARTLAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Helping Families Access Quality Childcare

We are very proud of Heartland Childcare Center. More than just childcare, Heartland is a caring, supportive community where children and families are valued and loved.

As costs continue to rise, quality childcare can be difficult for some families to afford. Because Heartland is a non-profit ministry of Mayfield UMC, we are committed to making our program accessible to as many families as possible.

To help meet this need, we are creating the **Heartland Scholarship Fund** to provide financial assistance for families, helping children remain part of our program now and in the future.

HOW TO GIVE
Please give through **Mayfield UMC** and write:
"Heartland Scholarship"
in the memo line.

"Heartland, a Ministry of Mayfield Church, a community with heart, rooted in faith, proven in quality."

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: Middlefield Food Pantry at First UMC

Please consider donating to our "Little Food Pantry" at the main entrance to help support members of our community in need.

Even a small donation can make a big difference.

What Books Are On Your Nightstand?
Your Brain on Art: How the Arts Transform Us. By Susan Magsamen and Ivy Ross
- Lynn Woods





SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION FOR PARTNER SCHOOL:

ROWLAND ELEMENTARY



#2 Ticonderoga pencils | Large pencil erasers
8 count pack of markers | 24 count box of crayons
Black dry erase markers | Large glue sticks
Children's scissors | Box of tissues
Gently used books for students
in Pre-K - 3rd grade!

Donation Bin Located at Main Entrance

**If you feel led and are
able to support our
partner school,
Rowland Elementary,
there will be a drop off
bin by the main entrance
thru August.**



*As a Green Church, we are
committed to caring for the
earth and protecting God's
creation. The Green Team is
looking for volunteers to help
clean and wash pill bottles once
a month. If you can assist with
this important ministry, or
would like more details please
call the church office at
440-729-4006 to be connected
Carol Mulhern.*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR CLEAN UP



The 1st and 4th Sunday of the Month.

We're looking for volunteers willing to
sign up for a Sunday to help with
clean-up after the 11:00 service.

Volunteer responsibilities are all listed in
the kitchen, and include:

- Putting away and/or taking home
the leftover food
- Wiping down all used surfaces in
the kitchen and Fellowship Hall
- Cleaning up any spills
- Rinsing out coffee pots and drink
dispensers

If you are willing to serve please scan to
view the schedule and pick your date, or
sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Thank you for helping us keep our
Fellowship Hall welcoming & ready for
the week ahead!

Question? Contact Laurie @
laurie@mayfieldchurch.org or
Scan the QR code to sign up

AUGUST COLLECTION ITEMS



Small packaged:

**Laundry supplies
Cleaning products**

DONATION BIN LOCATED AT THE MAIN
ENTRANCE BY THE COAT RACK

**Wed., Sept. 16
12-5 PM
Fellowship Hall**



**American
Red Cross**

Walk-ins welcome, appointments appreciated!

DONORS RECEIVE A GIFT CARD

**Every Drop Counts!
Do Good: Give Blood.**

Enter 44026 at www.redcrossblood.org
to find MUMC

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2026 Leadership Recruitment

As our Nominations Committee begins to pray & discern about the leadership of the church for 2027, we invite members interested in serving a specific area to share your spiritual gifts & passions for the ministry of Jesus Christ at MUMC.

To review the various committees visit: bit.ly/4eT6KNj



***Get ready to welcome Kathleen Leigh
Lewarchick to the Mayfield Church team!***

Kathleen will join us the week of August 17 as our new Director of Youth and Adult Discipleship. Working alongside Rev. Becky and Jess Martz, she will help youth, young adults, and adults deepen their faith and share Christ with the wider community.

Kathleen brings extensive leadership experience in business, higher education, church ministry, and

community service. She holds degrees in Political Science and Business, a Master of Arts in Management, and is pursuing a Master of Divinity from Duke University. Known for listening, building relationships, and bringing people together, Kathleen is passionate about helping others grow and recognize their value.

Kathleen and her husband, Dave, have two adult children, Austin and Charlotte. She enjoys hiking, gardening, furniture refinishing, dirt biking, and spending time with her dog. Most importantly, Kathleen has a deep commitment to Christ and feels God has prepared her for this role.

We look forward to welcoming Kathleen and supporting this exciting new ministry!

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies to:

To the friends and family of Larry Bubnow who passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

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:
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**Cash or Check
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Collection Baskets



Electronic Fund Transfer
Contact: Darlene
440.729.4006 X106



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