

June 2026 Newsletter

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

I was planning to write my newsletter article about our Summer of Service, but I know you all know about that! All you have to do is jump in and serve. It's fun, it's interactive, and it's a part of not just talking about being a follower of Jesus, but walking the walk. 😊

Something else struck me this week, though. Many of you may know that I'm not a big social media user, but I'm very interested in how we use technology. Technology is not the enemy – it is only a tool, and this article on my Facebook feed emphasized that: "[AI overly affirms users asking for personal advice.](#)"

I looked into the research to find out more, and the research was fascinating. It raised the question, "what happens when we become so used to getting our way, or thinking we are correct through the overly positive flattery or fawning provided by AI?"

AI is indeed only a tool, and when we use it to replace relationships with other people, the overly positive reaction it produces can be concerning and disturbing. In relationships with real people, we usually don't have this experience. AI affirms our own instincts, which are not always correct, and can lead us down the wrong path. We need to continue to learn to live with compassion and peace- even when we sometimes find ourselves in conflict. (*see [The Anatomy of Peace](#))

When we come to follow Christ, we learn what it looks like to have a heart of peace, even in the midst of disagreement, something AI can't do for us. We also need to continue to have our moral compass point toward living in right relationship with God and with one another. No AI or machine can do that, either. It takes hard work and heart work –deep thinking, and learning to care for one another through real interactions. AI is a programmed response – it doesn't teach us how to live. Only God can do that.

Living by the Spirit takes time in prayer and study, and accountability with brothers and sisters in Christ. As we keep learning to use the tool of AI, let's not forget the wisdom that comes from the Spirit of God, from one another, and from Scripture. May you keep using technology as a tool – but with Christ in the center of your heart, mind, and spirit.

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. ...

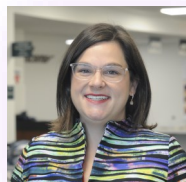
¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5: 13-15,19-26 NIV

In Christ's grace and service,

Rev. Beth Wilterdink
Lead Pastor



Summer of Service – Introducing Our New Missions Program

We're launching a new missions initiative, June thru August, and weekly we'll highlight local mission partners, share how our church is involved, and offer opportunities to serve in meaningful, hands-on ways. Scan to learn more & sign up!



**SUMMER
OF SERVICE**

Serving Others in Jesus' Name

Stop by the table this Sunday, May 31! – Our first featured missions are:

- Greater Cleveland Food Bank
 - Assist neighbors with shopping and food pickup.
 - Organize donations and maintained inventory.
 - Help keep the market clean and orderly.
- Middlefield Food Pantry
 - Help unload delivery truck, stock pantry & more!
- Our own Little Food Pantry
 - Help increase donations, organize & check expiration dates.



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: Middlefield Food Pantry at First UMC



**Greater Cleveland
Food Bank**
MEMBER OF FEEDING AMERICA

June 13 | 8:30 am–12:30 pm

The GCFB is recruiting volunteers to assist at their Community Resource Center's healthy Choice Food Market!

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!

little **FOOD** Pantry



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June - Canned Goods Drive
Collection Bin located at the main entrance.



**SUNDAY
MAY 31**

Mentor Headlands Beach Clean Up!

July 15



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.



Women's Ministry Soulful Space

THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9-10 AM | CHURCH GAZEBO (JUNE - AUG)

A gentle, welcoming circle to reconnect with yourself & each other. We'll light a candle, take a deep breath, and create space to simply be.

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



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

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.



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Congratulations, Heartland Grads!

Heartland Childcare Center is 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.

Church Events

From Sunday worship to special events - there's a place for everyone. Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to join you & experience our community of faith!

Sat, June 6	Community Sale 9 am - 2 pm
Sun., June 7	Graduation Sunday
Tue, June 9	MUMS St. Helen Unicycles - 6 pm
Wed, June 10	Blood Drive Noon - 5 pm
June 14-19	Camp Aldersgate
Week of June 14	Welcome Back Steeple!
Sun., June 21	Aldersgate Sunday & Steeple Celebration
June 27 - July 4	Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip
Fri, June 26	Community Dinner

Our fields will be full of community sports teams all summer long, and we're glad to share our space with so many local families.

If you see new faces around campus, be sure to offer a warm welcome & invite them to join us at an upcoming service or event.



One Service Sunday - July 5 @ 10 AM

America's 250th birthday, known as the Semiquincentennial, is July 4. Join us on Sunday, July 5 for one special service at 10 am to celebrate this historic milestone marking 250 years since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

Sermon Series: A Call to Compassion: Hearing God's Voice in Amos

Join us for a journey through the prophet Amos's call to stand with our liberating God by confronting injustice and renewing faithful living. Drawing from Amos 5 and the Wesley Study Bible, this series will explore God's desire for a people who "hate evil and love good" (5:15), seek righteousness in their communities, and embody compassion for the vulnerable. Together, we will reflect on the powerful call to "let justice roll down like waters" (5:24), discovering how God's voice still challenges and inspires us to pursue justice, mercy, and faithful action today.

**June 7: Standing with our liberating God | June 14: Hate evil and love good
June 28: Let Justice Roll Down Like Water**





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.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR:

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
LAST WEEK OF JULY**

- STATION LEADERS
- MAIN STAGE LEADERS
- CREW LEADERS
- AND MORE!

CONTACT: JESSICA@MAYFIELDCHURCH.ORG



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!

YOUTH

6-12 Grades

ASP Trip Training - 3S's - Stewardship
Sunday, June 7, 12:30-2pm

Chocolate Olympics
Sunday, June 7, 6-8pm

Camp Aldersgate Week
Sunday, June 14, 12-2pm

Story of David - Movie and discussion Part 1
Sunday, June 21, 6-8pm

Story of David - Movie and discussion Part 2
Sunday, June 28, 6-8pm

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

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.



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!

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



Holy DONUTS SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Holy Donuts graciously provided by


Join us after **BOTH SERVICES** during Fellowship Hour!

Join us for "Holy Donuts" during Fellowship Hour after **both** services!

Grief Support Group

Mayfield Church will be starting a grief support group this summer.

Join us to help understand the journey you are on and offers ways to navigate and live with the ups and downs with grief.

More details to come.

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.

When is the steeple coming back?"

We finally have an answer!

The iconic church steeple, blown over on August 6, 2024 by the devastating tornado that tore through Northeast Ohio, is officially returning to our skyline!

The National Weather Service confirmed an EF-1 tornado carved a 4.79-mile path through Kirtland, Chester Township, and into Munson Township with estimated peak winds of 110 mph. The storm snapped power lines, uprooted trees, damaged homes, and left more than 400,000 Northeast Ohio residents without electricity — the region's largest outage event since the historic storms of July 1993.

In the midst of that destruction, Mayfield United Methodist Church's steeple sustained significant damage and had to be carefully removed from the church roof — leaving a noticeable absence that quickly became "the talk of the town."

Now, after months of rebuilding & restoration, the steeple is ready to return! The steeple, weighing 3,600 lbs. was rebuilt by Campbellsville Industries located in Campbellsville, KY and will be transported back to Mayfield Church during the week of June 14.

For members of Mayfield United Methodist Church, and many in the community, the steeple's return represents more than construction completion — it symbolizes resilience, restoration, and hope after months of recovery. We know people have been watching and waiting for this moment. The steeple has always been a landmark in our community, and seeing it return will be incredibly meaningful for so many people.

We invite you to join us for a prayer of dedication on **Sunday, June 21 between Services** in the main lot for a special celebration featuring ice cream & fellowship as the church marks the return of one of its most recognizable symbols.



Join us in the East parking lot to watch the World Famous St. Helen's Unicycle Drill Team perform!



FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:
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The 2026 East Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church takes place June 11–13 at The College of Wooster. The theme for the 57th annual session is "Celebrating Abundant Grace," grounded in Matthew 14:13-21. (NIV) All worship services, celebrations & business sessions will be livestreamed. Learn more at: eocumc.com/eoac26/index.html

JUNE COLLECTION ITEMS



Boxed cake mix
Packaged cookie mixes
All-purpose baking mix

DONATION BIN LOCATED AT THE MAIN
ENTRANCE BY THE COAT RACK

ADOPT A GARDEN!



WHETHER YOU'RE AN EXPERIENCED GARDENER
OR JUST HAVE A PASSION FOR PLANTING, OUR
GARDEN MINISTRY WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP IN
MAKING OUR PROPERTY FLOURISH!

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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."

Communion - 2nd Sunday of the Month

June 14 | July 12 | Aug 9

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

All are welcome!!

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.



**Wed., June 10
12-5 PM
Fellowship Hall**



Walk-ins welcome, appointments appreciated!

DONORS RECEIVE A GIFTCARD

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

Enter 44026 at www.redcrossblood.org
to find MUMC

Leadership Training Opportunity:

**August 2-5
Columbus, Ohio**

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

Grad Sunday - June 1 ***Congratulations!***

Lord, we thank You for these graduates—congratulations on this achievement, and may You guide and bless them in every step ahead.



Noah Ray Barney
West Geauga High School Grad
Will attend Lakeland Community College, Digital Media



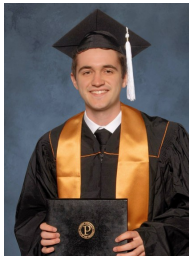
Rachel Chapman
Earned Ph.D. in Urban Education at City University of New York's Graduate Center. Will Teach Spanish in Cleveland, and hopes to become a Director of Curriculum or Assistant Principal



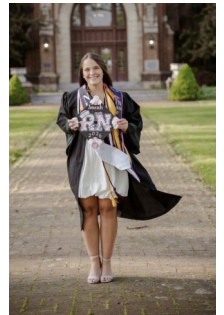
Maveric Milnar
West Geauga High School Grad
Will attend Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa, with a double major in Air Traffic Control & Engineering, and to play football



Campbell Miriam Reese
West Geauga High School Grad
Will attend The Ohio State University
Majoring in Agri Business and Applied Economics with a Minor in Policy



Ethan Simmelink
Purdue University Grad
Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing, Bachelor of Arts in Professional Writing,
Minor in Computer Science



Sarah Walkuski
Cleveland State University Grad,
obtaining Masters Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Working as an Emergency Department Nurse at Lake West



John Thomas "JT" Wenger
Northeast Ohio Medical School Grad
Started his residency in child and adolescent psychiatry at Summa Health Care in Akron

Community Dinner
JUNE 26

Church Pavilion | 5:00 - 6:30 PM
MENU: BURGERS

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



God's Caring Community - Thursday, June 11: Annual Picnic & games at 11am. The committee will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP's appreciated for food count.

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

S.A.M.I. - June 17 at 5:30 at Don Ramon's, 5708 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst 44124

Prayer Shawl Ministry - June 10 at 1 PM in the Conference Room

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HAPPY
Father's Day

The LORD disciplines those
he loves, as a father the son
he delights in.
Proverbs 3:12

Church Office
Summer Hours

Monday: 9 am- 1 pm
Tuesday: 9 am- 1 pm
Wednesday: 9 am- 1 pm
Thursday: 9 am- 1 pm
Friday: By Appointment



What Books Are On Your Nightstand?

The Grieving Body, by Mary-Frances O'Connor, Ph.D. &
Feel, A Collection of Liturgies Offering Hope for Every Complicated Emotion, by Anjuli Paschali. - Lynn Woods

2026 Leadership Recruitment

As the Mayfield 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. For full overview & to review the various committees, visit: bit.ly/4eT6KNj

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A caring outreach that creates & gives handmade shawls, lap blankets, hats, and baby blankets to people in need of comfort, healing, encouragement, or prayer.



Join us to combine the gift of craftsmanship with compassionate prayer & personal connection.



Virtual Laity Gathering Offers Fellowship and Learning

United Methodist laity across Ohio are invited to "Hats of Purpose" on Tue., June 9 from 7-8:30 PM via Zoom. This virtual gathering offers fellowship, learning, collaboration, and support for laity serving in churches across the East and West Ohio Conferences. If you serve on a committee or in ministry, this event is for you. Join us to connect with others and leave feeling supported, inspired, and energized in your ministry. Registration is free. To register: <https://bit.ly/4fL4W9t> **Deadline is June 5, 2026**

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies to:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Marian Kennedy, who passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

May we also hold in continued prayer Patty Wenzel, Heartland Childcare Center Director, and Rev. Don Cummings.

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



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7747 Mayfield Rd
Chesterland, OH 44026



Cash or Check Service
Collection Baskets



Electronic Fund Transfer
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