



Mayfield Church

Rev. Beth Wilterdink, Lead Pastor • Rev. Dr. Diane Bell, Interim Associate Pastor

April 2025 Newsletter

Our Easter Preparations

It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body....So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ~Mark 15:42-43,46

This Lenten season, I pray as you read Mark's gospel, that it has been more than just learning about Jesus; its about walking with Christ to truly know him. As we prepare to participate in the kingdom work both in the world today and in the life to come.

During Jesus' the Last Week, we often overlook the crucial moments between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Joseph of Arimathea tenderly ensured Jesus had a proper burial. Joseph who was waiting and expecting the kingdom of God to come in those days, took care of God's Son, and then, like everyone else, he waited.

Easter preparations began on the day before the Sabbath, a time for waiting. Yet, we don't like to wait. We crave immediate results and want life's dreams to appear immediately. How do we prepare for Easter?

We wait. In a world demanding our constant forward motion, what if we took the time to wait and prepared for God's action? What if we spent the time in prayer or walking, allowing ourselves to not have constant noise, but to listen? I recently heard someone say that while we pray, God is always responding; the question is, are we ready to receive and hear? Perhaps we are very much like the disciples in Mark's gospel, and we are listening, but are we truly waiting to be transformed and embrace the kingdom God reveals on Easter?

On Good Friday, between noon and 7:00pm, we invite you to sign up for a time to pray in the worship center, as we prepare for Easter.

Christ is able to manifest a new way of living, bringing new life, hope, joy in sorrow, and so much more, IF we are willing to prepare, wait, hear, and then do.

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FIRST STEPS: New Member Class | Sundays, April 27 – June 8, 2025 | 12:15 – 1:30 in the Lounge

Are you ready to take your first steps and looking for the tools for your spiritual life as a Christian? Join us as we discover the practices of Christian Faith that ground how we live as Jesus' disciples. This class will end with an invitation to join Mayfield UMC as a committed disciple of Jesus. However, anyone is encouraged to come and discover more. Join Pastor Beth and Pastor Diane after worship in the Lounge for light refreshments and conversation.

*Opening	You'll Come Holy Forever	Sarah Dixon Worship Leader & Band
*Greeting		
*Affirmation of Faith		Rev. Dr. Diane Bell
Scripture	Mark 14:1-11 (NRSV)	Chelsea Whale
Sermon	The Last Week: Wednesday	Rev. Beth Wilterdink
Song of Reflection	Blessed (Nothing More Than You)	
Community Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Chelsea Whale
Announcements		
Invitation to Offering	Garden Ministry	Sue Steigerwald
Prayer of Dedication		
*Closing Worship	Goodness Of God	
Benediction and Sending Forth		

**For all who are able and desire to do so, you are invited to stand.*

Traditional Service

11:00 AM

Prelude	In Thee Alone, O Christ My Lord	By Pachelbel
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Diane Bell
Choral Introit	There Is a Redeemer Chris Black, Guest Director	By Green/Holck The Chancel Choir
*Passing of the Peace		
*Opening Hymn	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Elle Molter, Hymn Leader	#340 vv. 1-4. John Lifford, Cornet
*Affirmation of Faith		Rev. Dr. Diane Bell
Anthem	Hear My Prayer	By Hogan
Song of Preparation	Spirit of the Living God	#393
Community Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Hymn of Meditation	I Am Thine, O Lord	#419 vv.1-3
Scripture	Mark 14:1-11 (NRSV)	
Sermon	The Last Week: Wednesday	Rev. Beth Wilterdink
Invitation to Offering	Garden Ministry	Sue Steigerwald
Doxology		
Prayer of Dedication		
Closing Hymn	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	#121 vv.1-4
Benediction		
Postlude	Redeemed Carol Neff, Organist	By Broughton

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Join Sherri on April 10

Flat Rock Homes is one the "the best-kept secret in the East Ohio Conference."

Due to their location, many United Methodists are either unaware or have limited knowledge about the history, mission, and current ministry of Flat

Rock Homes. Sherri will be sharing the story of the Civil War and the orphan train, which ultimately led to the creation of their Children's Home. Hear about the transformative impact Flat Rock Homes has had on the lives of men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Learn about opportunities on how you can become involved with Flat Rock Homes' vital ministry.



God's Caring Community
Welcomes

GUESTSPEAKER

Thursday, April 10 | 10:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Sherri Buehl
Church & Community Coordinator
Flat Rock Children's Home & Center



JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LEGACY GIVING

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 | FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING THE 11 AM SERVICE

GUESTSPEAKER

BRIAN SHEETZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Join Brian on April 27

It's true; everyone who crosses the door of the church will leave a legacy. For some the legacy will be the years spent teaching Sunday School, or the hours spent volunteering in one of hundreds of ways. Others will leave a

legacy of souls who were touched, mouths that were fed and building repairs that were made. Still others will leave financial legacies, gifts to our permanent endowment fund that will live on, providing the resources to continue and grow our ministry. You can learn more about leaving a financial legacy. **Light lunch will be provided.** **RSVP via a connection card or by calling the Church Office 440-729-4006.**

MUMC College Scholarship Form 2025

To apply for these scholarships, someone should be actively participating in the ministries of Mayfield UMC. There are two sections, the first for the Don and Bonnie Cummings Scholarship and the second for the John Gerber Scholarship.

Applications need to be submitted by end of day Sunday, April 27.



POVERTY SIMULATION

APRIL 26 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families. But unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. CAPS is an interactive, immersive experience. It sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty.

THIS IS A SIMULATION, NOT A GAME. FREE, but you must register by Apr. 24 so we have an idea of how many to expect. We need at least 30 participants and 15 facilitators for this simulation. Ages 13 and up are welcome, a light lunch will be provided. Childcare for 12 and under available upon request. Contact Melanie Thomas with questions: mthomas@eocumc.com.



Mentor UMC, 8600 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 44060

YOUTH MISSION & CAMPS PANCAKE FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, APRIL 6

AFTER BOTH SERVICES
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUPPORTS GRADES 6-12



FAMILY MOVIE OUTING!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

3:50-5:30PM

ATLAS CINEMAS GREAT LAKES
STADIUM 16
7860 MENTOR AVE
MENTOR, OH 44060

SCAN TO RSVP!
NUMBER OF FREE TICKETS LIMITED



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YOUTH VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE
COMPLETED 6TH GRADE

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Thank you Holly & Charles Fazio for a great last night of Karate!! We'll see you upon return this fall!



**April's Geauga County Food Bank collection is
Beans (canned or dry) and canned vegetables and canned fruit.**

Please keep in mind, 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.



2025 Summer Camp Programs

We are excited to share our **2025 Summer Program Schedule** for children and 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! mayfieldchurch.org/2025summercamps



Camp Aldersgate
LEESVILLE LAKE, OH

June 15-20, 2025



Camp Asbury
a natural place for God to find us

May 2 - 3, 2025
Tween Retreat



TRUE NORTH
Vacation Bible Camp

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION
MASH UP
With MUMC



June 6-7, 2025



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**

Join us for an Open House



Tour the sites, talk to the staff, and see what is being offered for Summer Camps 2025.

Aldersgate Sunday, May 4th - Open House and Summer Preview from 2 - 5 p.m.

Asbury Sunday, April 13th - Open House and Summer Preview from 2 - 5 p.m.

Wanake Saturday, April 26th - Resurrection Egg Hunt & Camp Preview Day - 2 - 6 p.m.



Join us on the above dates or contact the site directly. Go to www.EOCSummercamps.org for more information

Sunday School

9:30 AM on the Lower Level

Nursery (infants to 2 year olds)
Stepping Stones (3 year olds to K)
The Rock Worship (grades 1 to 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.

Missions

Garden Ministry's Fundraiser Breakfast **TODAY!!**

Christine Guthrie graciously donated 2 gorgeous 16 x 20 watercolor paintings she did of our Prayer Garden & Prayer Path/Fountain areas. A silent auction for these paintings will be held during the breakfast with the bidding ending at 12:30 PM. **Breakfast proceeds will be used to purchase new plants/flowers, mulch, and other garden necessities.**



SCAN to help us gauge interest in possibly adding vegetable gardens & other protentional edibles to our grounds, with the intent to donate back to the community. **Please take only 1 survey per household.**

Courageous Hearts Café | 3rd Wed. of the Month | 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

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 specifically for 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. **Registration is required & limited to the first 25 respondents.**



Rowland School Spring Bash Friday, April 25

Donations Needed:

- Sidewalk chalk
- Slime
- Jump ropes
- Sticky catch sets
- Paddle balls
- Hula-Hoops

We're in need of volunteers to cook, serve, and lead kid activities. For more details/to sign up email Maureen: maureenedaly@gmail.com

MOC: Monthly Missions:

April, we will be celebrating Mayfield's Youth Camps and ASP Mission Trip as our *Hands That Serve* Ministry.

S.A.M.I. (Single Adult Ministry Ignited)

Will meet Wednesday, April 16, for dinner at 6:00 pm at the Lobster Pot at 2749 S.O.M. Center Road Willoughby Hills 44094.



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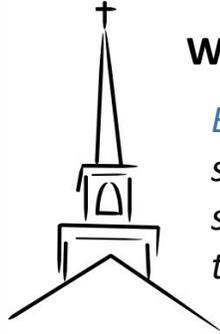
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Please note Heartland will be closed on:
April 18 | Good Friday
April 20 | Easter
April 25 | Professional Development Day



Why couldn't the church steeple keep a secret?

Because the bell always tolled. And the secret is out..... Our steeple will be returning this summer! (With cold treats to celebrate!) Stay tuned for more info!



Be sure to visit our updated website for the event calendar & a full list of upcoming activities. We have a lot of exciting things coming up!

mayfieldchurch.org

Please note that we are unable to post the full schedule as it frequently changes.



Lent Schedule:

Palm Sunday

April 13:

9:30 AM: Modern Service
11 AM: Traditional Service*

Maundy Thursday

April 17:

7 PM: Evening Service

Good Friday

April 18:

Noon: Holy Communion
Noon - 7 PM Prayer Vigil
7 PM: Evening Service

Easter Sunday

April 20:

9:30 AM: Modern Service*
11 AM: Traditional Service*

* Service is livestreamed

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

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

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Electronic Fund Transfer

Please email [Darlene Janke](mailto:DarleneJanke) or call 440-729-4006 x106

Online

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