

Stewardship Sunday - November 15

Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him... being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit." ~Ephesians 2: 20-22

November 2026 Newsletter

Mayfield UMC Family,

What do we do when the world feels like too much? To a believer, the answer is not complicated: We keep taking a faithful step each day in following Christ.

The world sometimes seems so heavy:
Especially as we lose a loved one and our world changes forever.
Especially as our neighbors struggle to keep food on the table and gas in their tank.
Especially as political ads go negative and offer versions of the truth, or outright lies.
Especially as our lives are so busy we can't remember everything there is to do.

Some of you may remember Kate Bowler, the writer and theologian (whom I think of as my friend); she said, "Life is absurd and it's hard to be human. Joy won't cure you but it will carry you." Too much of life can get bogged down, and as people who follow Jesus, we can carry light and share God's goodness, glory, and joy in the world.

One of my biggest joys in this world is seeing God's people say "yes" to Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone of our lives. Heed the words of Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians (2:19-22 NRSVU):

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Each of us is meant to help build up the church and make our community of faith available to all people. We do this by living as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and not letting the heaviness of the world become our identity. We are God's people, and Christ dwells among us, especially when we take a faithful step of faith.

This year, it's been fun to see our congregation take a faithful step of faith. We had an amazing opportunity to receive donations from Costco, and asked who would like to help. A whole group volunteered, and Sandra and Matt Rautenberg were the first to be available to help. They drove down to Boston Heights and picked up whatever they could offer to give away to others. This month, Sandra and Matt showed up to discover two pallets of pillows that needed to be donated. We began to brainstorm. St. Herman's House took a load. The little food pantry took a load. There were still 100+ pillows. Through conversations, Kristy Simmelink was aware of the non-profit, Humble Design, which helps "provide support and hope for our Cleveland neighbors who have recently secured housing after experiencing homelessness."

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With donated furniture and household items, Humble Design partners to transform empty houses into welcoming homes. Kristy and Kristy Nelson then helped Sandra and Matt to deliver over 100 pillows to the right place that could use them to serve others. YAY GOD!!

Northeast Ohio (and beyond) is full of such opportunities; all we have to do is look for them. Each of us can take one faithful step to say “yes” and commit to our life with Christ as our Cornerstone, secure and stable, so we can be disciples who make disciples and work to transform the world.

Please join us this month as we reflect on our walk with Christ. How is Christ your Cornerstone to connect with new people, to worship God with your whole being, to grow in your faith together, to give what you can for the mission, to serve others like Christ, and to witness to God’s goodness? This is what faithful disciples look like. Let us each take one step to be disciples who build our lives on Christ, our Cornerstone.

On Sun., Nov.15th at both services we will bring our commitments to Christ and Mayfield UMC for 2027.

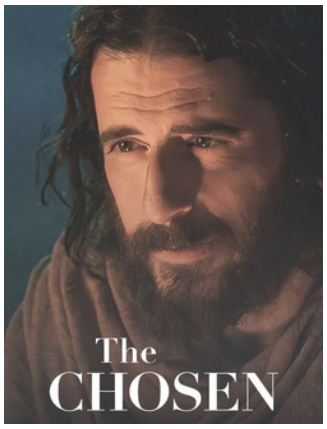
Rev. Beth Wilterdink
Lead Pastor





Communion Nov 8 | Dec 13 | Jan 10
Gluten-free wafers are located on the stands beside the servers. **All are Welcome!**





Special Meet & Greet
Sun, Nov. 15 | 2–4 PM | Fellowship Hall

Mayfield Church is honored to welcome 4 cast members from the **global television series The Chosen & internationally known musical group The Piano Guys** as they come to Northeast Ohio for a three-day NEOChosen Weekend. You’ll be able to meet the talent, take photos, hear a live performance & be part of something great!

The Chosen Cast
• Shaan Sharma - Shmuel • Noah James - Andrew
• Vanessa Benavente - Mother Mary • Yasmine Al-Bustami - Ramah

The Piano Guys:
• Jon Schmidt • Steven Sharp Nelson

Tickets are: FREE, REQUIRED & LIMITED. Scan or visit **neochosen.com/chesterland/**



9:30 AM Modern | 11 AM Traditional
October 4 – November 22

Nov 1: Lead Us…Deliver Us
Nov 8: For THINE is the kingdom, power, and glory
Nov 15: The Gift of Faithfulness for Now
Nov 22: The Gift of Faithfulness for the Future

church center

A Helping Hand | Thurs., Nov. 5 Between 9 AM-3 PM
Would you like personal help downloading or using our Church Center app? Call Laurie Jackson to schedule 1-on-1 assistance, at 440-729-4006, 104. We'll download the app together, explore how it can help you stay connected & go through your questions at your own pace.

Get More Comfortable | Thurs., Nov 12 9:30–10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
Have the Church Center app on your phone or tablet but aren't sure how to use it? Bring it with you to a relaxed group session with Laurie Jackson. We'll explore the app together and answer your questions!

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, November 11 | 1-2 PM in the Conference Room at the Church.

God's Caring Community (GCC) Holiday Craft & Luncheon
Nov. 12 | 10:30 a.m. | Lunch to follow
Join Jann Glove for our annual holiday craft project! We'll gather at 10:30 a.m., with craft instructions beginning shortly afterward. Bring a friend and enjoy a morning of creativity, fellowship, and lunch together.

Eve Circle
Friday, November 13 | 11 AM

The Spiritual Depth Book Study
Friday, November 13 to discuss "The Theo of Golden."

Single Adult Ministry (S.A.M.I)
Wed., Nov. 18 | Noon
Mario Fazio's





Mayfield Church kids Sunday School

We offer 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. Our children's Sunday School program offers:

9:30 AM | 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 AM | Lower Level
Childcare for children of all ages

TWEENS
GRADES 4-5

Friendsgiving
November 1 | 5-6:30 PM
4th & 5th graders are invited to an evening of food and fellowship in the gym! Bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share (doesn't have to be Thanksgiving-themed). For more info, see PCO or Jess Martz.

Young Servants: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Item Collection & Packing Party
November 15 | 11 AM
Join us in the Rock to pack shoeboxes for children around the world! Donate items in the Rock collection bin throughout early November or bring them that day. Donations are encouraged but not required to participate. Questions? See Jess Martz or Mary Oklander.

YOUTH
6-12 Grades

Friends are always welcome, as we offer Christ in our community all around us. Let's make this a season where our youth grow in faith, serve with joy, and find their place in God's story.

Sundays
Youth Group, 6–8 PM

Wednesdays
Bible Study with Mark & Dennis: 6–7 PM

Find up to date info on the Church App Center under Youth Group.

Sunday, November 1
All Saints' Day and Dia de los Muertos
Join us for our 3rd Inspirational Faith Series speaker, Kristen Dailey, as she shares her faith journey and lessons in grief. We'll follow with a brief All Saints' Day service (partly in Spanish) in the Worship Center and a Hispanic Celebration of Life in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, November 8
Blessing Bag Service Event
Help create joy for others this November and join our Youth Group in a service project. Dinner is included. Learn more and sign up for one of the event set-up, service or clean-up services at: bit.ly/4zjTbOs

Sunday, November 22
Friendsgiving for all of your Youth Group and Volunteers returns! Join us for making a meal and celebrating as a church family from 6-8 PM.

Fall KARATE CLASSES

Thursday Evenings
Classes run through Feb. 25 | 6:15–7:30 PM | in the Gym

Chuck is a 7th Degree Black Belt, Master & Certified Martial Arts Teacher and has taught karate here for many years! Fee is $7 per class & goes to the church for Ministry programs.

Scholarships are available for anyone in need.
Class limit is 25 & students must be at least 7 years old.

Curious about Baptism
- for yourself or your child?

Pastor Beth is planning an informational class for anyone considering baptism or simply wanting to learn more about this sacrament. Come explore what baptism means, why we celebrate it, and the next steps.

Date & time TBD.

To be added to the interest list, contact the office at 440.729.4006 or see Pastor Beth.

Heartland CHILDCARE CENTER

Congrats to Jillian!

Please join us in congratulating Jillian Toomey on her new role as Director of Heartland Childcare Center! We are grateful for her dedication, leadership, and commitment to the children and families we serve. We wish Jillian continued success as she begins this exciting new chapter!

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.





Disability and the Church Conference

Heather Sassé and I recently attended the Disability and the Church Conference in Bay Village, OH. Throughout the conference, we learned valuable statistics, gained new perspectives, and came away with fresh ideas and dreams for how we can continue to grow and strengthen our Special Needs Ministry. We have since put together a dedicated MUMS Team, chaired by Sandy Pavick, our resident guru of Special Needs Ministry! This wonderful group is not only planning our regular monthly events but is also dreaming, exploring new possibilities, and envisioning ways to better serve individuals and families in our community.

Together, we are looking at what our community needs, where there may be gaps, and how we can respond with meaningful opportunities for connection, inclusion, and faith. We are excited about what lies ahead and the ways God will continue to work through this vital ministry.

Rev. Becky Stephens
Associate Pastor



Many Ways to Give

If you have an IRA (regular, SEP, SIMPLE, or SARSEP); you can take distributions from your IRA, including your Required Minimum Distribution (if applicable, through Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD)), and have the money sent directly from your IRA trustee to the church. You won't pay any tax on that distribution. Also, you don't get a deduction for that contribution if you qualify for itemizing deductions.

If you have a security (stock or mutual fund) that has appreciated in value and you are considering selling it, you can donate the security directly from your brokerage account to the church. You get a tax deduction (if you qualify for itemizing deductions) for the full market value of the donation, the church gets the full amount of the funds, and no one pays any income taxes on that donation. It is best to check with your financial advisor on their procedures. Please be warned that if you receive the check for the sale of this security and then give the check to the church, you will still have to pay the Capital Gains tax.

Another way to donate to the church is through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF). This type of account allows you to transfer appreciated securities into your DAF account and receive a tax deduction (if you qualify for itemizing deductions). Money in the DAF can be invested in securities allowing future growth and allows you to grant money to the church at any time. It is best to check with your financial advisor on setting up a DAF, understanding the contribution and tax deduction limits, and if it is right for you.

For more info on any of the above, please contact Darlene Janke at **darlene@mayfieldchurch.org**



Guatemala Interest

If you are interested in going to Guatemala next year, please reach out to Jessica Martz so we make sure to keep you in the loop for our first informational meeting to take place in January. Guatemala will take place July 10-17, and led by Bart Steigerwald. Commitments will be needed early in the year to reserve airline tickets. Teens 16 and up, with a parent or guardian, is able to partake in this incredible mission opportunity. Email Jess Martz: jessica@mayfieldchurch.org.

Wed., Dec. 16
12-5 PM
Fellowship Hall

American Red Cross

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

NOVEMBER COLLECTION ITEMS



Rice
Grains
Boxed Potatoes

DONATION BIN LOCATED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE BY THE COAT RACK

Thank you to the Rowland Committee for providing dinner and Patterson's pie for 90 staff members before an evening of parent-teacher conferences in October. Your thoughtfulness helped fuel a busy evening and showed our appreciation for their dedication to students and families.

Welcome!

We welcome new guests with a donation made in their honor. Stop by the Welcome Desk to pick your mission:

- **Helping Hands**: Local assistance with utilities, rent & other needs.
- **Cleveland Food Bank:** Providing food to people throughout our region.
- **UMCOR**: Disaster relief locally, nationally & internationally.
- **Next Step:** Housing/support for young adults transitioning from foster care.
- **Emsizini Secondary School:** Feeding, educating & caring for students in Zimbabwe.
- **Guatemala Mission:** Caring for & feeding orphans/families, & building homes.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Yolan and Tyler Williams & Nanette Ronis
We're glad you're part of the Mayfield Church family and look forward to growing in faith together.



Garden Ministry
We LOVE when the Worship Center is filled with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas! Visit the table to purchase plants and poinsettias on
Nov 22 & 29,
Dec. 6 & 13 from 9am to 1pm.

Orders for the church, your home, or as a gift, are due by **Sun., Dec. 6 at 10 pm.** For questions or to place a direct order, call the office at 440-729-4006 to be connected with Linnea. Order forms are also at the Welcome Desk.



The Bible Recap: November - Day 305-334
Whether you're caught up, catching up, or just getting started, you're welcome to join us in the main hallway or see Pastor Becky.

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Weekday Office Volunteers Needed
Have a few hours to spare? Help answer phones, greet visitors, enter data, and assist with office projects.

Help Make Church Events Special!
Lend a hand with setup, greeting, serving, cleanup, and more! Even a little of your time makes a difference.

To volunteer for either opportunity, call the office at:
440-729-4006, ext. 104.

Events

ASL Hands of Praise
Sun., Nov. 1 | 5-6 PM
(Suns thru 11/29)

A Night with Pastor Beth
Sun., Nov. 1 | 6-8 PM

The Chosen Meet & Greet
Sun., Nov. 15 | 2-4 PM

Pie Fellowship
Sun., Nov. 29 | After Both Services

Join Our Congregational Support Team
We are forming a Congregational Support Team to assist members during times of acute crisis. Your involvement can make a significant difference in providing emotional and practical support to those in need.

Why Join?
Provide attentive listening and offer emotional support to individuals in need. Anyone with a heart for helping others is welcome. No specific experience is required.
See Pastor Becky for more details.

Ways to Give

Together, our gifts make a difference in lives and communities near and far.
Thank you to everyone who has helped make an impact!!

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