Dear Mayfield Church Friends,

Several years ago, Bishop John and Elaine Hopkins gave members of the Leadership Team the gift you see pictured here. The gift has moved me deeply, both in the moment and in the *momentum* – the *God-Movement* – it represents. It is an artistic rendering of John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer created by Bishop Peter D. Weaver. It symbolizes the cross of Christ at the center of our life and covenant as we are surrounded by the eternal circle of God’s love through all the changing circumstances of our lives.

So significant is this gift that I have mounted it on the wall of my church study so I can often be reminded of its central truth. The question could be asked, “Why are you so caught up in the life and work of John and Charles Wesley?” Well, that’s a good question! The answer can be found in the *momentum* part, the *God-Movement* part of our Wesleyan heritage. Here’s what Wesley does for me: He links together the essentials of our Christian faith and practice in a way I have found almost nowhere else. Through Wesley, I can see wholeness in the biblical and theological character of our faith, which leads to the practical *movement* of life in Christ that balances both personal and community dimensions.

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Here’s the personal part: From the beginning of my journey of faith, I have had a deep, almost desperate desire for wholeness, to become that new creation in Christ, to have the mind of Christ, to live in a Christ-like way that would express the love of God and the love of people in thought, word and deed. I pictured life with Jesus at the center, surrounded by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit – as pictured, in fact, in the print created by Bishop Weaver.

Here's the Wesleyan part: Not only can we experience and express the restoration of God's image in our own personal lives, we can experience and express the new creation in our community of faith. At the heart of our Wesleyan proclamation is the ongoing process of salvation – our sanctification – the goal of which is to be changed by God into more loving, more Christlike people. The goal is transformation both personally and as a community of faith, finding our authentic God-created and redeemed selves in the midst of authentic God-created and redeemed community.

In the New Year our uniting theme will be, “Where will God lead us next?” I trust the answers will rise up as we move forward by faith, knowing full well that there are significant challenges ahead. In a recent morning devotion, this verse spoke to me: “Be bold and diligent, and God be with you as you do your best” (2 Chronicles 19:11, The Message).

Yes! Together, let’s be bold and diligent, giving our best to the God-Movement right here at Mayfield Church. It may get a little messy along the way, but let’s give our best in this God-Movement where we are called to be and to serve.

Best of all is God is with us! May this be obvious in the New Year …

Jim
SAVE THE DATE!

Pastor Don Cummings will preach at all three services on Sunday, February 10.

For anyone interested in more information, please attend the next meeting with Pastor Jim and Pastor Don Cummings!

Holy Land Trip 2019

Holy Land Tour Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 10 @ 1 PM
Mayfield Church
The Blood Pressure Ministry has been a team for many years, checking blood pressure on the second Sunday of every month. Just by doing this task, the team uses paper products and some medical equipment that constantly needs to be replenished or repaired. Over time, blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes break, and all equipment has a shelf life because the rubber that they are made of cracks or deteriorates.

In addition to raising funds for equipment, this ministry is looking to expand training opportunities such as First Aid, CPR (both professional and lay person levels), Mental Health First Aid, specific health classes, and possibly health insurance classes (Medicaid/Medicare benefit coordination) to Mayfield. Along with these educational opportunities, the Blood Pressure Ministry would like to assist with replacing the Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and First Aid kits throughout the building.

Please join us for pancakes and sausage on Sunday, Jan. 13, from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you are a healthcare professional, we are always looking to expand the team and would welcome your help. Contact Sam Matthews at matthews4317@gmail.com for more information.
# 2019 “Hands That Serve”
## Monthly Mission Focus

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## Opportunities to Serve in 2019

The East Ohio Conference Board of Mission and UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) is encouraging individuals and groups to consider making 2019 a year in which they stretch themselves by partnering with nearby mission sites that care for our society’s most vulnerable people.

Overnight mission experiences are available at three centers serving in both urban and rural setting. Because of its close proximity, the Nehemiah Mission on Cleveland’s near west side can be served without an overnight commitment.

All three mission sites provide a well-rounded, Christ-centered experience with opportunities for transformation, discipleship, service, learning, relationship building, and worship.

For more detailed information, see the UMVIM information in the display board in the main hallway.
Last month (December) was busy for our students and teachers, from the Holiday Gift Shop to the Holiday Parties. Teachers reported that students were very ready for their winter break, which began on Dec 21. Classes resume Jan. 8.

**Christmas Gifts:** On Dec. 15, Mayfield delivered gifts, household necessities and a bag of Eddy’s delicious apples to 12 families related to Rowland or Adrian School. Forty children and their caregivers enjoyed a brighter Christmas because of you!

A big thank-you to Nancy Dickerson and her Angel Tree team members, who helped sort, pack and deliver the gifts and apples to our Rowland and Adrian families. Thanks also to our youth, who put together a personal care stocking for each child. The social worker for the schools said the stockings were very much appreciated!

**Sweets for the Sweet:** We gave each teacher and staff member at Rowland a gift-wrapped Malley’s chocolate bar, to thank them for their hard work and encourage them to have a “sweet” break. We thank our wonderful office volunteers – including Ina Hardesty and Heather Sasse – who wrapped the candy.
Wish You Well: The “Wish You Well” Center in the classroom of Adrian teacher Cathy Stang is a huge hit. As reported in the September newsletter, the center is the result of a new program at the school called Conscious Discipline.

Conscious Discipline promotes permanent behavior change. The change is from an unconscious, traditional, compliance model of discipline to a conscious, relationship-based, community model that promotes compassion, empathy and connection to others.

Students go to the center, choose a card and write a note or draw a picture to encourage a parent, a teacher, a friend, or even a pet.

Recently, a student went to the center and wrote a note to her dog. The family had to give up the dog, and she wanted the pet to know how much she would miss him.

You can help the center, which is in need of cards. Bring in the Christmas cards you received this holiday season and we’ll recycle them … re-using the part with the Christmas image.

You may drop off your cards in Pastor Jan’s mailbox.

It’s Official: For the sixth year, Adrian teacher Cathy Stang, has received a $2,500 grant for her free book program through First Book.

Stang, in her proposal, wrote: “Ever since I started teaching 29 years ago, I wanted to make a difference in the lives of my students. I believe by providing each of Adrian’s almost 300 students with approximately 13 books this past year I made a difference in their lives.”

The grant committee was especially appreciative that Stang partners with a community group – Mayfield Church – to ship the new books to the school. Stang will use the Legacy grant first, and then Mayfield’s money from our Holy Donut Day fund-raisers.

Final figures for just the 2018-19 school year: 3,637 new books (valued at $41,227).

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**Donut Heaven:** Our winter “Holy Donut Day” is Sunday, Jan. 27! We’ll have hundreds of yummy Patterson’s donuts that morning … so come early for the best selection. Your donation for the donuts will help us ship the new books to Adrian.

**Always Collecting:** Thanks to all who are faithful savers of the Box Tops for Education. The Rowland PTA appreciates you! The labels add up (each Box Top is worth 10 cents). The PTA turns in the labels and uses the money to buy equipment and teacher curriculum that the school would otherwise not be able to enjoy. Please continue to put those labels in Pastor Jan’s mailbox.

Thanks, Church, for the many ways you bring the love of Jesus to our students and staff!

– Pastor Jan

P.S. Pastor Jan wishes to thank the family who left a monetary donation in her mailbox … “for families who turn to churches asking for a helping hand at Christmas.” Your money is a tremendous blessing! Thank you!

**Coming Up:**
Here is our schedule of activities for the rest of the school year. We hope you will join us for one -- or several -- of them!

**January:** Holy Donut Day (Jan. 27)

**February:** School supplies for Rowland and Adrian, baked goods fellowship for staff during parent-teacher conference night (Feb. 21).

**March:** Pack Spring Break snack bags for students (packing on March 17 at church; delivery to school on March 21); Rowland PTA Science Night (March 21).

**April:** Rowland PTA BOGO Book Fair (April 29-May 3).

**May:** Ice cream cone certificates to our third-graders following state testing (May 5); PTA End-of-School BBQ (May 16), East Coast Custard Truck visits school on last day for teachers (May 30).
We Hope You Can Join Us!

You are invited to “The Faithful Work of Finding a Way Forward” by attending this gathering to worship, pray, and learn more about the process. Discuss the documents posted on www.eocumc.org and the plans leading to the Special Session of the International General Conference at the end of February.

Please stay and enjoy a light supper following the meeting.

Q&A

“All-Church Q & A Dialogue and Goal Setting Gathering”
Saturday, Jan. 26
9:30 AM – 12 PM
Worship Center

Join Pastor Jim, Pastor Jan, and Mayfield Church leaders for a discussion on the state of our church and mission goal updates.

Childcare is available for both events. Please contact Carrie Barry at carrieb@mayfieldchurch.org with the name and ages of each child at least one week before the gathering.
On December 16, Mayfield Church members went caroling to those who are unable to worship with us.
Christmas at Mayfield

Pastor Jim during the 11 PM Service

Christmas Eve Dinner

5 PM Family Service

Pastors Jim and Jan

The Light Before Christmas Program
Our Single Adult Ministry Ignited meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6 PM for dinner out. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Sandy Pavick (see contact info above).

M.U.M.S. ANNUAL
WINTER BALL
SATURDAY, JAN. 19
6 - 8 pm
MAYFIELD CHURCH
EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please contact Sandy Pavick for more information at sandyinnewbury@aol.com or call 440-429-5029.

Our Single Adult Ministry Ignited meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6 PM for dinner out. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Sandy Pavick (see contact info above).

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Wednesday, Jan. 30@ 6 PM
Brewsters Chesterland
8389 Mayfield Rd.
Chesterland
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM!

We wish, for you, a year ahead full of happiness, good health, financial security, personal fulfillment, and pleasant relationships.

Of course we don’t know what trials may come our way such as the death of a loved one, divorce, financial stress, illness, loneliness, care giving needs, unemployment, or other circumstances that can overwhelm us.

We hope you don’t need a doctor to address an illness. We hope you don’t need a firefighter to save your house. And, we hope you don’t need a Stephen Minister because life’s trials are pressing on you. But, if you are ill, we do hope you have a doctor to help you, if your house is on fire, we hope you receive quick service from the fire department, and if life becomes particularly difficult, we hope you remember that Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to walk with you during the rough patches. We will be here for you throughout 2019 and beyond. We wish you a Christ-filled 2019.

*If you or someone you know would like more information about receiving the services of a Stephen Minister, contact the referral coordinator, Joyce Gordon, at 216-570-3767 or joytgordon@roadrunner.com.*
Young Servants' Tweens Ministry

**Friday, Jan. 4**
3 - 4 PM

Families with children Pre-K through fifth grade are invited to put together care bags for our local police officers! Please contact Mary at maryoklander@yahoo.com to RSVP.

Tweens Ministry

**Saturday, Jan. 12**
12 - 2 PM

Fourth and Fifth graders are invited to a fun afternoon of fellowship at Pizza Hut in Chesterland! We will get a tour of the local pizza shop and make our own personal pan pizzas. Friends are warmly welcomed. Please RSVP to Jessica at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org if your tween will be in attendance.
Happy New Year! We pray that 2019 brings you God’s peace and joy as well as good health! The Heartland children did an amazing job at our Christmas program last month. We were able to share the Christmas story with hundreds of family and friends. We ended the evening with an open house where the children and their families visited each classroom as well as consumed some goodies! We even had Santa stop by to watch the program and visit with the kids! Then, we had the privilege of doing a second performance for God’s Caring Community! God is good to all of us.

We also ended 2018 with our annual pajama drive in cooperation with the Scholastic Book Club. We were able to send 41 pairs of pajamas ranging in size from newborn to adult! We want to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who donated pajamas to help young children who are waiting to be adopted. Scholastic will add a new book to each pajama pair.

God has blessed us with wonderful children who are trusting and getting to know our Savior. They remind us daily that God is here waiting for us to focus on Him. Let’s pray that we remember this throughout the new year.

During the month of January, we will be discovering the following themes:

Week of January 7 – The Quest to Follow Jesus with New Testament Friends
Week of January 14 – God Created Reptiles Too!
Week of January 21 – God Gave Us Five Senses
Week of January 28 – Traveling Through the Old Testament

Please remember to pray for the Heartland staff. Pray for us to have wisdom in teaching each and every child God has placed in our care. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Heartland Office at 440-729-4006 Ext. 116 or email heartland@mayfieldchurch.org.
High School and Middle School

Every Sunday:
The Uprising

Middle School – 9:30-10:30 AM in The Uprising Room
(downstairs)
Study – “How to Lose Your Friends”

High School - 11 – 12:30 AM in The Uprising Room
(sit together in worship @ 9:30 AM)
Study – “Foundations in Finance”

Winter/Spring Kickoff!!
Our new winter/spring semester is underway! Come to the church at 10:45AM on Sunday, Jan. 6, for a special surprise kickoff event! We will be back at church at 1 PM and cost is only $10. If you bring a friend, they are free!! Scholarships are also available.
Bada-Bing and The Uprising

Don’t forget, the first Wednesday of every month is The Uprising Day at BadaBing Pizza in Chesterland, OH. Come in anytime from 11 AM until 8 PM and mention Mayfield Church…we get 20% of their total sales that day.

Bring your appetite on Feb. 6!
Men’s Ministry

Mission Outreach

Mission Trip Financial Assistance

The MOC (Mission Outreach Council) has scholarship funds available for those persons planning to go on their first Mayfield Mission Trip in 2018.

Applications will be available in the church office. Deadline for applying for funds is March 15.
Hospitality Ministry

Do you have the gift of hospitality?

If so, now is your chance to put it to use! The Hospitality Team is looking for more ushers and greeters to join the team. We are especially in need of ushers and greeters for the 11 AM service. Please see or email Anne Parker at anne@mayfieldchurch.org if you are interested or would like more details.

God’s Caring Community

“A Historical Walk Through Turkey” Part I
Presented by Carol and Brian Neff
Thursday, Jan. 10 @ 11 AM
Fellowship Hall

Save the Date:
“A Historical Walk Through Turkey” Part II
Thursday, Feb. 14 @ 11 AM
New Members

We welcomed Mayfield Church’s New Members on December 16. We’re glad you’re part of our Family!

Congratulations

Member John (J.T.) Wenger, son of Dr. Ryan and Mrs. Maureen Wenger, was named the 2018 winner of the Franklin B. Walter Award for Geauga County.

Each year, county Educational Service Centers throughout the state honor one student from their respective counties. Students are chosen on the basis of their “academic achievement, personal accomplishments, and community service.”

Congratulations, J.T.!
We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies

… to the family of Flossie Bluhm, who had been a faithful member of Mayfield Church for 58 years. She passed away on Saturday, Dec 8.

"The eternal God is your refuge, and his everlasting arms are under you..."

~ Deuteronomy 33:27
January Events

1 Happy New Year’s, Office and Heartland Closed
8 Happy Packers (Foodbank volunteers), 10 AM, at The Foodbank
9 UMW Eve Circle, 6 PM, The Rustic Grille; RSVP to Carol Anderson
12 Men’s Breakfast, 8:30 AM, FH
Tweens Event, 12 - 2 PM, Pizza Hut in Chesterland
13 Blood Pressure Screenings, 9 AM - 1 PM, FH
“Hands That Serve” Breakfast, 9 AM - 1 PM, FH
Praying Our Way Forward Meeting, 4 - 6 PM, WC
(Light Supper following meeting)
15 M.U.M.S., 6 - 7:30 PM, FH (a ministry for those with special needs)
19 M.U.M.S. Winter Ball, 6 - 8 PM, FH/WC
21 MLK Day, Office and Heartland Closed
22 Happy Packers (Foodbank volunteers), 10 AM, at The Foodbank
25 Free Community Dinner, 5 - 6:30 PM, FH
26 State of the Church Meeting, 9:30 - 12 PM, FH/WC
27 Holy Donut Day, before and after each service, FH
30 S.A.M.I. (Singles Ministry), 6 PM, Brewsters in Chesterland

WC– Worship Center       FH– Fellowship Hall
Dates are subject to change. Please call the office with
any questions about an event.

We are looking for childcare providers for Sun-
day mornings and during other church events. This is a paid position. If you are interested,
please contact Carrie Barry at 440-521-8343 or
carrieb@mayfieldchurch.org.
January Activity Highlights

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES
Intercessory Prayer Group  Tuesdays  10 AM-NOON
Garden Ministry Jan. 7  7:15-8:15 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry Jan. 10  1 PM
Prayer Warriors Jan. 13  10:30 AM
Trustees Jan. 16  7 PM
Executive Team Jan. 7  7 PM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Overeaters Anonymous  Mondays in B42  7:30 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous  Mondays in B26  7:30 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous  Tuesdays in B42  7:30 PM
Narcotics Anonymous  Wednesdays in B25  7:30 PM
Cub Scout Pack 3104  Jan. 16 in Gym  6:30 PM
Karate  Thursdays  6:15 PM

ADULT LIFE GROUPS / CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Adults  9:30 & 11 AM (every other week) & throughout the week
Children  9:30 AM
Middle School/High School See page 16

MUSIC
9:30 Band Rehearsal  Wednesdays  7 PM
Hand Bell Rehearsal  Thursdays  6:15 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal  Thursdays  7:30 PM

Church Cancellation Notices

It’s that time of year in Northeast Ohio when we never know when weather conditions may warrant cancellations. If you are in doubt, there are several ways to find out if your activity will go on as scheduled or if the church office is closed.

If West Geauga Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we are also closed. Please check our phone message or website.
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**Have an article or photo for the February Newsletter?**  
Please submit your information to  
rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org by January 20.  
Thank you!

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**Sunday Worship Celebrations**  
8:00 AM: Communion  
9:30 AM: Modern  
11:00 AM: Traditional