Dear Friends,

Daughter Katie called last week and ... well, she basically called me out. “Dad! I hear you are on meds. I know your weight is up. Are you following your exercise plan? Are you feeling OK? Will you listen to me when I suggest the name of a doctor who practices functional medicine? I’m serious!”

Well, you get the gist of the conversation. She’s right! And it truly is an expression of love. Lynelle has been working on a fitness plan of her own that includes daily goals measured by her Fitbit; she is making great progress! And we both are committed to eating right. But I have not yet gotten back into a regular exercise routine. I have been on my road bike only ten times this summer, with a long ride of 22 miles. I literally love cycling and I love exercise; I know I can do better. But as one wise follower of Jesus said, “We can’t keep saying ‘One day I will do this.’ We have to say, ‘Today is Day One’ of following the plan.”

Like I said, I can do better – but I need help. You should know that along with Katie, the entire family is holding me to account, my covenant group is holding me to account, our PSPR committee is holding me to account, a member of the church is texting me weekly to hold me to account, and Lynelle and I have agreed to a covenant to hold us both to account. My Savior and Lord Jesus is holding me to account.

We all need to do everything we can to maintain health and fitness, and the numbers and measures that come from regular health check-ups are an important part of our health and well-being. I hope and pray you have those who are holding you to account in this regard!

The same could be said of the church – we need our own health check, paying attention to the numbers and measures that point to our health and vitality as a church. We need to be accountable. That is why we will have a Charge Conference with our DS Rev. Edgar Brady on November 18 at 7:00 PM right here at the church. That is why we have annual reports. That is why we hold all-church gatherings. That is why we have teams and boards and committees overseeing all dimensions of church life. [Continued on p. 2]
As Heather Sassé pointed out in her article on Insight 2020 [page 4], this team will be seeking the congregation’s feedback using an objective assessment tool called Readiness 360. This is an electronic survey that measures four indicators of our church’s health and vitality: Spiritual Intensity, Mission Alignment, Dynamic Relationships, and Cultural Openness.

The information gathered from the Readiness 360 survey will help the Insight 2020 team evaluate where we are as a church. The team will use this information as we continue to discern and clarify our Mission, Vision, and Core Values as the Mayfield Church, with specific goals and action plans growing out of our work together. Please know that we will report on our work to date at our annual Charge Conference mentioned above. And when the time is right, we anticipate an All Church meeting to discuss, discern, and then do what God is asking of us.

You can help as we enter into this active fall season. Your prayers for the Mayfield Church are key. Your presence in worship and study is essential. Your generous gifts fund our vital ministries. Your service in all areas of church life is greatly appreciated. And your witness gives hope to us all.

Please know that to date we are behind in our giving that funds the many, varied ministries of this church. And please know that you are greatly missed when you are not in worship on Sunday morning.

Keep faith!
Jim

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**Sundays in October at Mayfield Church**

**New Message Series**

“Just Mercy”

**Oct. 6:** “Justice”

Isaiah 58

*Holy Communion (All Services)*

**Oct. 13:** “Restoration and Forgiveness”

**Oct. 20:** “Systematic Oppression”

Matthew 25: 31-46

**Oct. 27:** “Advocacy”

Amos 5:21-24
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By Heather Sassé

Earlier this year, Pastors Jim and Jan commissioned a team of Mayfield church members - who span multiple generations and are engaged in a wide variety of church ministries - to ponder the question: Where will God lead us next? At the time we were simply known as “A Visioning Team”, but we were quickly compelled to better-define our identity as a committee and separate ourselves from what you know as the Vision Campaign. To discern where God is leading us next, we would need to articulate a more accurate understanding of where we are now, and look toward the future with a clear focus. Thus, Insight 20/20 came into being.

Over the past several months, the Insight 20/20 team has gathered regularly for devotionals, prayer, and thoughtful discussions. Our discussions have centered on updating Mayfield Church’s Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Goals, and how to turn those statements into Action. Along the way, we have been obliged to consider the outcome of UMC’s General Conference Special Session and The Way Forward, for which we’ve received frequent and relevant updates; examined the challenges faced by the global, national, and local churches; and considered its impact on Mayfield Church. Insight 20/20 has been utilizing a myriad of resources to guide us in our appraisal of where we are and where we’re going - everything from the collective feedback of last summer's gatherings; to models, charts, and demographic surveys; to consultations with Rev. Kelly Brown, Director of Congregational Vitality in the Western Reserve District. Our meetings have yielded earnest self-evaluation and thoughtful suggestions for updated language that clarifies our Mission, Vision, and Core Values, with a renewed spirit to answer the call to Action.

The Insight 20/20 team values the congregation’s feedback as it considers these refinements and actionable steps to follow. To help gather and organize this feedback, we are using an objective assessment tool called Readiness 360. Readiness 360 is an electronic survey that measures the four strands of our church’s DNA: Spiritual Intensity, Mission Alignment, Dynamic Relationships, and Cultural Openness. In the coming weeks, this electronic survey will be rolled out in phases, eventually reaching the entire congregation. The data collected will identify strengths, values, and areas where growth potential exists. Because the survey is solely web-based, the Insight 20/20 team will offer computer kiosk sessions for those who do not have access to, or need assistance with, the technology.

On behalf of Insight 20/20, we thank you for your participation, feedback, and prayers as we continue to pursue God’s glory for Mayfield Church!
Mission work at Mayfield Church has been ongoing throughout the summer months as we have worked to fulfill our mission of equipping disciples and working to transform the world. We have sponsored two International Mission trips: Guatemala and the Emsizini School in Zimbabwe. The Emsizini School has been an ongoing mission partnership of our church for many years. We continue to be in the planning phases with the Emsizini school on the development of a clinic at the mission site. We also celebrate our continuing partnership with Rowland and Adrian schools in South Euclid, where we supported the start of the school year with new books and school supplies.

Our church also received recognitions from two local missions we supported this spring. First United Methodist Church in Middlefield recognized our support for the Middlefield Food Pantry. The Middlefield food pantry served 1320 families last year, including 1004 children under 18 and 572 senior citizens. We also received recognition from the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland for our church’s participation in the Hunger Walk. The Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland serves over 37,000 residents each month through a network of over 70 hunger centers and hot meal programs. The annual Hunger Walk raised nearly $100,000.

The Mission Outreach Council is busy working on putting together our 2020 Hands that Serve Missions as we plan to continue our work to be a mission-oriented church - equipping disciples and working to transform the world.

**Monday, Nov. 18**
**7 PM**
**Mayfield Church**

Mark your calendars for this year’s Charge Conference on Monday, Nov, 18, at 7 PM. The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is comprised of all members of the church council., and must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. Mayfield Church is looking forward to hosting this year’s conference!
Covenant / Application for 2020

“HANDS THAT SERVE”

Mission Program at Mayfield Church

In October, our Missions Committee will meet to determine which local, national, and international projects will be the focus of our congregation’s support in 2020. Applications from mission and ministry teams are encouraged.

The team agrees to publicize its ministry in the newsletter and on the website by providing a story of up to 350 words and a photograph by the newsletter deadline.

The team agrees to have a member present the first Sunday of its month to address the congregation during worship. The team may provide a slide show or video during the four-minute presentation at announcements time.

The team agrees to host a fellowship / fundraising breakfast on the second Sunday of its month (the third Sunday in the month of May) to help communicate its ministry. An informational table in Fellowship Hall during the month also is helpful.

The team may ask the congregation to collect items for its ministry. If the team collects items, the team agrees to pick up the items by the last day of its month.

If the team leads a mission or travel trip, the team agrees to provide the Missions Committee with a pre-approved budget before it leaves and a list of its expenses when it returns.
“Hands that Serve”
Covenant / Application

Ministry Team ________________________________

Leader of Ministry Team ________________________________

Phone, Email of Team Leader ________________________________

Why do you want to be a “Hands that Serve” focus? ______
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Mission Statement:
“Our aim is to transform the world by answering the call for change through the revolutionary love of Jesus Christ.”

We are based on the familiar story of the prodigal son that is told in the book of Luke. In this story, the father started an *uprising* of love and mercy that was intended to change the world, as seen in the reaction of the older brother. It is upon this new love, mercy, grace, redemption and restoration that The Uprising is built. It involves two main facets: growing in Christ and surrendering to God’s love by serving others. Our focus will be to start an “uprising” of a hands-and-feet-of-Christ love to the Cleveland area and Northeast Ohio.

Our goal is to bring the lost, those who feel not worthy of love, and those who didn’t feel like they belonged anywhere, home. We now feel led and called by the Holy Spirit to implement a next shift in our group. This has come with much prayer, discernment, and faith as our students and leaders have achieved true community amongst ourselves and have started to branch out by inviting others, as evidence of friends’ attendance at events and our powerful Aldersgate experience. The time is now to put our money where our mouth is. We will start to have a paradigm shift to “going out,” much like the father in Luke who didn’t wait for his son to walk through the door but RAN to him and met him off in the distance, making him a pariah in that society. Much like our structure of Elevate (Middle School) growing in Christ and Dedicate (High School) serving the community while broadening the group, we will be shifting (starting this fall) to an outward-focused mindset as our growth in Christ has increased. The timing on this could not be better as our All-Church study, “Just Mercy,” is filled with this theme of going out of our comfort zone to be with people. Service and outreach has been lacking for the past few years and this is not to say we will focus all on outreach and disregard personal growth and discipleship...it will just be a shift in mindset to filter all we do through this. We will focus our efforts on the basics of Christ-driven relationship building with no agenda to bring people to our church or a specific box to check off.

Join The Uprising as they host a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 20 from 9 AM to 1 PM!
Bring in your snacks & socks for our “Just Mercy” serving opportunities!

We're having a competition between our children and our youth ... the children are bringing in snacks, and the youth, socks. Help out your favorite child or youth in this friendly competition! You'll find a bin for your snacks and socks at each entrance to our church.

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Safety Team Committee

By Adam Neff and Sam Matthews

The safety council recently met with Chief John Wargelin and Chief Mark Purchase of the Chester fire and police, respectively. Their message is to emphasize that we all share a responsibility to keep our church and community safe. We are all responsible to follow the "See something, Say something!" method.

Chief Purchase is willing to send Chester PD to our church for any purpose, including anything or person seemingly out of place, or just simply to escort someone late at night to their car. The non-emergency number is 440-729-1239. As they said, they would rather visit 1,000 times for seemingly small reasons than not have someone call and there be a problem.
“Just Mercy”
GET CLOSE Events

Our study of "Just Mercy" has begun, but it's not too late to join a Life-Group or one of the opportunities below to "get close" to the issues raised by the book.

**Addiction Recovery Ministry: Meal Prep**
Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 5 – 6:30 PM
Mayfield Church Kitchen

**Addiction Recovery Ministry: Small Group Participant (Men Only)**
Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 6 – 8:15 PM
6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland

**Addiction Recovery Ministry: Small Group Participant (Women Only)**
Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 6 – 8:15 PM
6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland

**Addiction Recovery Ministry: Meal Delivery**
Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 6:30 - 8 PM
Lakeside Homeless Shelter

**Homeless Ministry Outreach**
Saturday, Oct. 5 @ 7:15 - 9 PM
Norma Herr Women’s Shelter
2227 Payne Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114
and
Lakeside Homeless Shelter
2100 Lakeside Ave E; Cleveland, Ohio 44114
(families are welcome, children 6 years and older, please)

**Edwins Luncheon* and 13th Documentary Screening**
Sunday, Oct. 13 @ 12:30 – 3:30 PM
Mayfield Church
*Must sign up by Sunday, Oct. 6
Death Row Worship Service  
Tuesday, Oct. 29 @ 1 – 2:30 PM  
Chillicothe Correctional Institution  
(Event is Full)

Addiction Recovery Ministry: Meal Prep  
Thursday, Oct. 31 @ 5 – 6:30 PM  
Mayfield Church Kitchen

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(families are welcome, children 6 years and older, please)

*Sign up through our webpage or go directly to:  
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4dada92ca2fe3-just
Back to School ... for Our Tutors

Our students are back in the swing of school ... and so are our tutors / teacher assistants!

Phyllis Wright and Ina Hardesty are volunteers at Rowland Elementary School, one of our two partner schools in South Euclid.

In their own words, here is why they enjoy giving time to our school and its students.

**Phyllis Wright:** I LOVE being a teacher’s helper from 9 AM to 3 PM every Thursday in Mrs. Christy Grande’s 2nd Grade classroom at Rowland School.

Mrs. Grande is a highly skilled instructor with a genuine love of teaching and abilities to nurture within her 25 students a desire to learn. Her organizational skills are excellent, and since I like to be busy, there is always a fun list of “to do’s” at my work table every week.

A typical list might include several of the following: tutoring specific students 1:1 in either reading, math, spelling or writing; putting up or taking down a bulletin board; hanging student work in the hallway or classroom; grading papers; collating Weekly Readers; Xeroxing; cutting around artwork that has been laminated, assisting with special art projects, etc.

Tutors do make a difference. One 15- to 20-minute session may be the only time in a child’s day when he or she receives 1:1 attention. It is a joy to see the academic and even social progress that stems from these once-a-week sessions over eight months’ time.

I’m sure the children appreciate the extra help in the classroom because of their enthusiastic, in unison, greeting when I arrive: “GOOD MORNING, MRS. WRIGHT!!”

**Ina Hardesty:** I have been a volunteer tutor at Rowland School for six years. In the beginning, I was anxious as I was a nurse during my professional career and was working with adults.
I’m at Rowland 1 1/2 days a week: Tuesday mornings in second grade with Mrs. Sharnez Williams and all day Thursday in kindergarten with Mrs. Rebecca Corr.

I always enjoy my days and come home tired. With Mrs. Williams, I work individually with students on math, sight words, reading, and helping them sign on to computers for testing.

If a child is behind in a subject, I may be with that student all morning. One day I mentioned to Mrs. Williams that I would not want to sit in the hall with a tutor and she said that it might be the only time the child has 1:1 time with an adult and they feel special.

My kindergarten time is always busy and fun. I cut things out, assist in arts and crafts, help paste and glue ... things we might not think about but take a lot of time for a teacher. I might again be working with students on numbers, letters and sight words, as well as colors and shapes.

Mrs. Corr said that without me she wouldn’t be able to have learning centers or walk with a child in the hall while she hops 100 steps.

It’s not too late to be a tutor / teacher assistant at Rowland or Adrian School! It just takes an hour a week ... and you will find it incredibly rewarding, as Phyllis and Ina do. For more information, contact Pastor Jan.

A big THANK YOU to the Pattison family, which donated yearlong subscriptions to Sports Illustrated, National Geographic Kids, National Geographic Little Kids and Boys’ Life to Adrian Elementary School’s Learning Resource Center. Cathy Stang, the learning resource teacher, is very grateful. She wrote, “This is so cool because we gave up magazines years ago because of the cost. YAY!!!”

Pastor Jan has a new apron to wear for our next Holy Donut Day, thanks to Nancy and Don Surbey. How fun! Thank you so much!

-- Pastor Jan
Young Servants’ Ministry

Our monthly young servants group is open to families with children in preschool through fifth grade. We will serve our church, our congregation and our community each month during the school year.

**Wednesday, Oct. 16**
**4:30 - 6:30 PM**
**Fellowship Hall**

Join our Young Servants crew in making and delivering meals to our Chesterland Police and Fire departments! We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 4:30 PM to start making food and deliver the meals to our local departments at the end of our gathering. Please RSVP to Jessica at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org

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Baptisms

We rejoiced in the Baptism of Gabriel Smith, son of Matthew and Rachel (Floriano) Smith, on Sunday, Sept. 1.
(Formerly Trunk-or-Treat)

Saturday, Oct. 26 @ 2-4 PM
Mayfield Church

Please join us for a variety of fun fall activities such as a hayride, s’mores, campfire, crafts, snacks, games, donuts on a string and more! Children are encouraged to wear their non-scary Halloween costumes. This is a great experience to connect with visitors from our community. We are in need of a few more volunteers to assist with the hayride station (weather permitting), a photographer for the photo op station and a couple of face painters. If you are at all interested in helping, please RSVP to jessica@mayfieldchurch.org at your earliest convenience. If you have children who are interested in the Fall Harvest, mark your calendars for Oct. 26 and we hope to see you there!
The fall session class taught by Charles Fazio (Master and 7th Degree Black Belt) will resume on Thursday, Oct. 24. This class is a combination of Karate, Jiu-jitsu, Judo and Savate. It is self-defense in nature, and we strive to teach respect for others, discipline, self-confidence and self-worth for children over the age of 6.

All Students (Returning and New) - Must Sign Up on Registration Night

If students do not register on Oct. 18, they might lose their spot!

REGULAR CLASS SCHEDULE BEGINS OCT. 24

6:15 - 7:15 - One combined class
Cost: $7 per class - collected at each class
(Checks should be made payable to Mayfield Church)

If you have questions, please call the church office at 440-729-4006 or Chuck Fazio at 216-469-2823.

Carrie Barry has served as our Childcare and Nursery Coordinator for the past seven years and will now focus on her family and full-time job with Mentor Schools. She will be missed!

We are very thankful to Mary Oklander, who will be our new interim for this position, starting October 1. Mary is excited to be able to help coordinate childcare, because, as a parent who uses it often, she really appreciates having it available! She has experience in working with non-profit organizations on event-planning and coordinating and has also been active in helping with different roles within the Children’s Ministry. She was able to shadow Carrie the last two weeks of September in preparation and will serve through December!
“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17

Happy Fall to everyone! Our school year is in full swing! We are growing in so many ways and God is blessing us. We have hired two new teachers so far to help with our Good Samaritan class and our Young Apostle class. Please welcome and pray for Miss Daija and Miss Joy. They are a wonderful addition to our already fantastic staff. We are still looking for at least one more afternoon part-time person to help our Young Apostles after-care program. If you are interested, please contact the Heartland office (440-729-4006 ext. 116). We ask that you keep all of our staff and children in your prayers throughout this year. Pray for wisdom and growth as our teachers lead these children each day.

During the month of October, we will be learning about healthy eating, God’s creatures, healthy hearts and our feelings. We will end the month with our annual Story Book Celebration and Pajama Day! On Thursday, October 31, our children will enjoy stories being read by family members and friends. **Anyone is welcome to come and share their favorite children’s story with a classroom, just call the Heartland office to schedule a time.** We will have sign up sheets outside the Heartland office the week of October 21. Feel free to join us! Let’s Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) together!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Heartland Office (440-729-4006 ext. 116) or email heartland@mayfieldchurch.org.
Student Ministries

**Sunday Mornings**

**Middle School**
9:30 AM: Bible Study with Denny Nelson in The Uprising Room

**High School**
9:30 AM: Sit together in worship (front left section)
11 AM: Meeting in The Uprising Room with Adam

**Tuesday Evenings**

**High School**
7 PM: High School Bible Study

**Upcoming Events**

**HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE!!**

Save the date! We will be heading to Patterson’s Fruit Farm on Oct. 13 from 6 to 8:30 PM for a hayride, bonfire, food, games, and more! Bring a friend and come enjoy the Fall with us! Meetup and pickup will be at Patterson’s.

**Local Activism Experience**

After church on Oct. 27, we will participate in an activism experience in the surrounding area. Times and specifics are TBD…make sure you get our emails/texts when the event details come out!

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**FOLLOW US TODAY ON OUR SOCIAL NETWORK**

- Text “revolution” to 95577 for updates!
- Mayfield Church Youth
- @theuprisingmumc
- @mayfielduprising
Starting October 1, we will begin our confirmation class for students in Grade 9 and above. It will culminate on Sunday, April 19, during the 9:30 AM worship service. Confirmation will include having a spiritual mentor, group outings, one-on-one meetings, and one class gathering a month. Please see Adam Vodicka or email him at adam@mayfieldchurch.org

“Grand Slam with the Cleveland Indians” Youth for Christ Event

Our youth attended this event on Saturday, Sept. 21, which included a Pregame Program that featured a Q&A with major league athletes, games, and a guest speaker. Following the program, the youth were able to take a walk around official Indians ballpark field and enjoy fireworks after the game!
Super Hero Dance Party
Saturday, October 5 @ 6 - 8 PM
Mayfield Church
7747 Mayfield Road, Chesterland

Put on your favorite super hero costume and come dance the night away! Our DJs Mario and Luigi will be on hand to play all your favorite tunes.

Awards will be given in the following costume categories:
- Super Hero
- Made Up Original Super Hero
- Under 18
- Staff
- Group (2 or more)

$3 suggested donation (no one will be turned away for lack of funds)

For more information or to volunteer: Sandy Pavick 440-429-5029
Please join the Women’s Ministry for our **Fall Fun Weekend** on Friday, Oct. 11, from 6 to 9 PM at the church in Fellowship Hall, and Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 AM to 4 PM at Bass Lake Lodge. On Friday night, we will learn how to make apple sauce, apple strudel and candy apples. If you’re coming and your last name begins with A-J, please bring supplies for candy apples; K-R, a dish to share; and S-Z, drinks. On Saturday, we will get together at Bass Lake Lodge and enjoy a light breakfast, watch the movie Breakthrough, and discuss the movie over lunch. After lunch, we will design signs with Tiffany, from The Wood Squad. Please sign up at the table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Oct. 6, or email Kris Larrick at kris@mayfieldchurch.org. The cost is $40.

**Women’s Retreat**

**Saturday, Oct. 12**

**9 AM - 4 PM**

**Bass Lake Lodge**

**Apple Fun Potluck**

**Friday, Oct. 11**

**6 - 9 PM**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Breakthrough**

*Based on the impossible true story*

*From the producer of Miracles from Heaven*

*Starring*

- **Swiss** Metz
- **John** Lucas
- **Topher** Grace
- **Mike** Colter
- **Marcel** Ruiz
- **Daron** Haysbert

*Believe there is good in the world.*
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23

Mayfield United Methodist Day at Burntwood Tavern

Join us for a fundraiser to support Mayfield United Methodist. Come in to Burntwood Tavern at 5835 Landerbrook Dr in Lyndhurst or 33675 Solon Rd in Solon on Wednesday October 23rd. Bring in this flyer to show you are supporting the cause to make sure 15% of the proceeds* will be donated to Mayfield United Methodist Church.

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*D excludes alcoholic beverages

Dine-in or take out. Please call for reservations
Lyndhurst Burntwood Tavern (440) 459-1155
Solon Burntwood Tavern (440) 914-0290
The “Kitchen Team” recognizes that cherished traditions are an important part of who we are as a church and breaking bread together is equally important to who we are as a family in Christ. It turns out that the majority of our leadership team are unavailable this year to manage the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for various reasons. After many heartfelt discussions, we have determined to hit the pause button on the annual Thanksgiving Dinner this year. We finally decided it would be an unreasonable request to ask someone to step in cold and take charge of this event. Because this is an outreach to the community as well, we have decided to host the regular Monthly Community Dinner instead, given that attendance is much less. In this way, we can ensure that those who count on the monthly meal will not be left unserved. As always, church members are welcome to attend the Monthly Community Dinner. As usual, the Community Dinner sign-up board will be posted in the Narthex. We look forward to resurrecting the Thanksgiving Meal again in 2020.

God’s Caring Community

A ministry for seniors that assists in making choices. Activities include social support, information, education and advocacy. Meets the second Thursday of the month at 11 AM at the church to hear a speaker and have lunch.

“Which Witch is Which?”
with Jann Glove
Thursday, Oct. 10 @ 11 AM
Fellowship Hall
We are planning a celebration for “All Saints Day” on Sunday, Nov. 3. All Saints Day comes six months after Easter in the Christian calendar. It is a day for remembering those in our families and faith community who left us for the loving arms of Jesus during the past year, but who continue to be present with us in our hearts.

All Saints Day has a long history in the Christian Church. It is a celebration that helps us remember that our lives, our faith, and our actions are not simply our own creations. Instead, they are dependent on all we have been given by the family members and friends who came before us – their stories, their love, their influence, and their witness.

During our 11 AM worship service on November 3, we will read names, light candles, and remember the lives of those who graced our path and journeyed with us as a gift from God.

If you have a loved one whom you have lost since November 2018, we would like to remember and celebrate that person’s life during this service.

Please contact Cyndi Nicholson, our coordinator of care and prayer ministries, at cyndi@mayfieldchurch.org, or call the office at 440-729-4006.

Calling all veterans (and those who love one): We want to know who our veterans are, so we can recognize them on Veterans Day Sunday, Nov. 10. Please indicate that you are a veteran on the back of your Connection Card, or give us a call in the office, 440-729-4006. Thank you!
An Opportunity for You to Help Hurting People

In Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson, the author recalled meeting a woman outside a courtroom. When asked if she was related to the people in the case being heard, she said she wasn't, adding, “I just come here to help people...It's just what I'm supposed to do, so I do it.” Her grandson had been murdered years previously. After the boys who had committed the murder had been convicted and sentenced to life in prison, the woman thought she would feel better, but it made her feel worse. She told Mr. Stevenson,

“I sat in the courtroom after they were sentenced and just cried and cried. A lady came over to me and gave me a hug and let me lean on her. She asked me if the boys who got sentenced were my children, and I told her no. I told her the boy they killed was my child. I think she sat with me for almost two hours. For well over an hour, we didn't neither one of us say a word. It felt good to finally have someone to lean on at that trial, and I've never forgotten that woman. I don't know who she was but she made a difference.” (Stevenson, p. 307-308)

These two women reminded me of Stephen Ministers. They didn't solve the problems of their “care receivers,” but they provided comfort by just being present. They let someone who was hurting lean on them. Stephen Ministers listen, care, pray, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. If that is something you would like to do or would like to learn how to do, there will be a Stephen Minister training beginning in early 2020. To learn more about the program, feel free to speak with any of the following Stephen Ministers: Dave Welty, Joyce Gordon, Kathy Rolla, Jim (Jeep) Vernon, Edna Johnson, Joyce Lambert, Judy Stroup, Elizabeth Kitchen, Laurie Dye, Beth Clark Welty, Jeff Cole, Sally Matthews, Cyndi Nicholson, or Joy Clason.

If you or someone you know would like more information about receiving the services of a Stephen Minister, contact the referrals coordinator, Joyce Gordon, at 216-570-3767 or joytgordon@gmail.com

Perhaps you would like to make a difference. Perhaps you feel like the woman who spoke to Bryan Stevenson and said, “It’s just what I'm supposed to do.”
Care & Prayer Ministry

Prayer time is a wonderful time to both share with others, and grow in our personal relationship with our loving Father. It’s a time to reach out and be reminded of JESUS’ constant presence. What a deeply moving time, to open our hearts up to receiving his love.

The Prayer Warriors meet every second Sunday of the month, at 10:15 AM, in the West prayer room on the first floor. Come glorify HIS name with us in prayer time! All are welcome to join in prayer with the Prayer Warriors. We are most thankful for this opportunity to come together, give thanks and grow closer to our Father. All Glory to Jesus Christ! Amen

Thank You...

... Diane Crouse is sending out thanks to everyone who helped move her into her apartment and also sending thanks for all the birthday cards she received.

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 at sandyinnewbury@aol.com or 440.429.5029.

Potluck at Mayfield Church Wednesday, Oct. 30 @ 6 PM Fellowship Hall
Congratulations!

We honored three people with Andrew Awards on Sunday, Sept. 1!
Thank you to Bart, Sue, and Wil Steigerwald for cleaning and repainting the Gazebo! Each received a $25 gift card to Bob Evans.

Our Financial Peace University class is all smiles after their graduation party - complete with cake! We have been blessed to have 10 people who are not members of Mayfield Church attend this life-changing course on Thursday evenings. Our thanks go to Emily McQuiston and Nicole Yost, who were the coordinators for this class. Thanks, Emily and Nicole!
Library Ministry

Our church library is located on the lower level gathering space and kitchenette. It has been created to support the spiritual development and Christian education of Mayfield Church and all who enter our building.

We have a great collection of books of all kinds for children and adults; novels, self-help, parenting, theology, devotions and meditations, United Methodist Women’s reading list, and Bible studies. It’s a rich resource for anyone seeking anything from a good read to spiritual guidance. We also have DVDs for both young adults and children. Please come and browse anytime you are in the building. We are sure you will find something of interest.

Thanks to Nancy Dickerson’s hard work, there is now a directory of books located in the library for your convenience. We hope to have this extensive list available on our website within the month of October.

American Red Cross

Wednesday, October 23
2 - 7 PM
Fellowship Hall
Thank you for Recycling!!

The Earth Day Team continues to encourage recycling all year long...and MANY of you have been supporting our efforts!

Almost every week we find some of the following recyclables in the Recycle Closet - at the left of the front office:

**Clean Pill Bottles** - for Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati. They will be included in medical supply packs shipped worldwide.

**Clean sheet and molded packaging Styrofoam and Styrofoam peanuts** for recycling at NOVA Industries in Painesville and at UPS stores.

**Used Eye Glasses** - these are donated to the “Eye Make a Difference” program (part of Eyes of Hope)

**Contact Lens Blister Packs** - for recycling at Bausch & Lomb

**Pop can tabs** - for Ronald McDonald House

And now, we will start collecting another item: **Used Hearing Aids**. These will be donated to the Lions Club for HARP (Hearing Aid Recycling Program).

Please continue to leave all of the above items in our Recycle Closet.

For questions, please contact Carol Mulhern at 440-449-5980
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WC – Worship Center  FH – Fellowship Hall
Dates are subject to change. Please call the office with any questions about an event.

Six Shooter Coffee is Served During the “Just Mercy” Study

**Mission:**
At Six Shooter Coffee, we’ve always strived to create a strong community. We believe a great way to achieve that is to commit to contributing 2% of all sales to organizations empowering people returning home from incarceration.

Visit [sixshootercoffee.com](http://sixshootercoffee.com) for more information.
October Activity Highlights

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES

Intercessory Prayer Group Tuesdays 10 AM-NOON
Worship Team Oct. 6 12:30 PM
Garden Ministry Oct. 7 7:15 PM
PSPR Oct. 8 6 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry Oct. 10 1 PM
Prayer Warriors Oct. 13 10:30 AM
Safety Committee Oct. 15 7 PM
Trustees Oct. 16 7 PM
MOC Oct. 20 11 AM
Executive Team Oct. 21 7 PM
Finance Oct. 22 6 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 Oct. 16 on Second Floor 6:30 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 18

MUSIC

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

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 - 8 PM and mention Mayfield Church…we get 20% of their total sales that day.

Bring your appetite on Oct. 2!
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If you would like to contribute funds to Hurricane Dorian Relief, you may place your donation in the offering basket with the memo “UMCOR EOC# 1327, Hurricane Dorian” on your envelope or check. Donations will be given to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Thank you for caring about our neighbors in need.

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