Dear Followers of Jesus,

Two rather weather-beaten words have been used to describe our recent journey to the Holy Land – awesome and amazing. Why awesome and amazing? This is the land where the biblical narrative took place. This is the land where Jesus was born, lived, walked, prayed, taught, and healed in the region of the Sea of Galilee. This is the land where Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem and the last week of his earthly life. This is the land where Jesus rose from the dead, the land where the Holy Spirit came, the land where the church was planted and grew dramatically.

The central truth we proclaim at Advent/Christmas is that Jesus came into the world – into history – at a specific time and place. Quoting the Prophet Isaiah, Matthew tells us that Jesus is to be named Emmanuel, which means “God with us” (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23).

In our theology, God the Father – Creator of heaven and earth – became one of us. He knew the full range of what it means to be human, experiencing hope and disappointment, love and hate, joy and sorrow, peace and suffering. As one of us, Jesus walked in our shoes, met us where we live, and revealed God to us in terms we could understand.

Jesus is our defining story. Jesus demonstrates who God is, what God is like, what God’s will is for our lives. His birth and growth, life and ministry, death and resurrection shape how we see ourselves and how we see the world. When God sought to communicate his love for us, he sent Jesus, his Son. Jesus is God’s message to us, God’s Word to us.

Throughout Advent, we will be exploring this central truth, God with us. God with us brings hope, brings love, brings joy, brings peace, brings Jesus into our lives, a visible reminder that God is with us. This IS awesome and amazing.

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It is also awesome and amazing that we as followers of Jesus are called to incarnate – to embody – God’s presence in the world. We are called to be signs of Emmanuel, God’s presence in the world, visible reminders of hope, love, joy, peace.

More specifically, we are called to bring the reality that God is present when we embody God’s love to people who are facing tough times, experiencing grief and loss, pain and sickness, fear and devastation. We are called to show by our actions that God is “a very present help in time of trouble” (Psalm 46:1).

It is my prayer for the Advent and Christmas Season that we will experience the reality that God is with us in ways that are transforming, renewing, refreshing, encouraging. It is also my prayer that in our words and actions we will become a visible reminder of God’s presence wherever we go to whomever we meet.

Yours in the name of Emmanuel, God with us!

Pastor Jim

Advent Series

December 1: One Service Sunday at 10 AM
“God With Us Brings Hope” Romans 15:13

December 8:
“God With Us Brings Love” Ephesians 3:17-19
Holy Communion will be at all three services.

December 15:
“God With Us Brings Joy” John 15:11

December 22:
“God With Us Brings Peace” 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Christmas Eve:
“God With Us Is Jesus” Luke 2:10-14

December 29: One Service Sunday at 10 AM
“First Sunday After Christmas”
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Christmas at Mayfield

The Light Before Christmas
A fun and cheerful program of songs, skits, and Christmas stories that is enjoyable for all ages!
Sunday, December 15
4 - 5 PM
Worship Center
Stay after for a free soup and salad dinner!
Childcare is available.

Christmas Eve Services 2019

Noon*:
Traditional Service: Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight

5 PM*:
Family Service with Modern Worship Band

7:30 PM*:
Traditional Service: Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight with Handbells and Choir

11 PM:
Midnight Candlelight Service

Join us for a light meal from 4:30 to 7 PM in Fellowship Hall.

*Childcare is available
Each fall, the Mission Outreach Council meets and reviews applications received for Hands That Serve monthly mission focus for the following year. We carefully consider each petition and make every effort to accommodate the special requests of each mission. The final assignments have been determined and we are pleased to communicate the results for 2020.

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If you are interested in participating in any of these mission projects, please contact the team leader for more information about how you may help. We welcome ALL types of hands in service for God’s glory.
Angel Tree Ministry

It is time for us to participate in the annual Angel Tree Project, which provides Christmas presents for area children who have a parent in prison. We are also providing gifts to students at our partner schools, Rowland and Adrian, in South Euclid, as identified by the district social worker. Visit the Angel Tree table in Fellowship Hall to sign-up on Sunday, Dec. 1. Thank you to those who have already participated.

Please have your wrapped gifts returned by Sunday, Dec. 8, with delivery set for Saturday morning, Dec. 14.

If you can help by calling, packing or delivering, please call Nancy Dickerson at 440-449-4639.
Care & Prayer Ministry

Want to make someone feel special this Christmas season?

Why not send some cards to some special people? Our homebound members still dearly love Mayfield Church, but are unable to attend services anymore.

You would be amazed and delighted at how their eyes sparkle and faces light up when they receive cards from their congregation. Please pick up a list of names and addresses at the display board in the main hallway and begin (or continue) a holiday tradition that will bless you as those who receive.

Hospitality Ministry

Once again, we will be serving cookies during our Christmas Eve fellowship times. If you can bring nut-free cookies, homemade or store bought, please sign up on the board outside of the Worship Center on or before Dec. 22. Thank you!
All Church Christmas Caroling!
Sunday, Dec. 8
1 - 4 PM

Would you like to spread the joy of Christmas to our wonderful church family members who can no longer attend worship? We will be going caroling on Sunday, Dec. 8. We will carpool and leave the church at 1 PM and return by 4 PM. Bring your family and friends for a happy afternoon of Christmas cheer.

Contact Carol Neff at 216-970-5654 or carol8861@aol.com with any questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC FOR THE FAMILY SERVICE

Kids from elementary through high school are invited to play or sing one Christmas piece for the beginning of the 5 PM Family Service on Christmas Eve. The music should be Jesus related - not Frosty or Rudolph, please. Any instrument is fine, or a singing solo. Carol Neff will be happy to accompany you if needed. Please let her know by Dec. 10 if you want to participate. It's a wonderful way to begin our worship service celebration of Jesus' birth!

Contact Carol Neff at 216-970-5654 or Carol8861@aol.com
Garden Ministry

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA AND PLANT SALE

The Garden Ministry is taking orders for Christmas plants and poinsettias on Dec. 1, 8, and 15. The last day to order plants for the Worship Center is Dec. 15, though you still have an opportunity to buy plants for your home and gifts on Sunday, Dec. 22 between 9 AM and 1 PM.

You may pick up your Worship Center poinsettia after the 11 PM service on Christmas Eve or on Sunday, Dec. 29.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order directly, please contact Linnea Bubnow at 440-729-2424 or linneabubnow@hotmail.com.

Adopt-A-Garden Recognition

Thank you to those who kept our grounds beautiful this year!

Cynthia Barnes
Kathy & Tony Battiato
Cub Scout Pack 3104
Debbie Diadiun
Nancy Donahue
Leslie and Vince Elia
Lisa, Ken, and James Gross
Kay Nevar & Grandchildren
Kathy Rolla
Jen Roth
Linda Springer
Georgie and Wil Steigerwald
Sue, Bart and Wil Steigerwald
Bob Steinfurth
Donna Walkuski
Maureen, Ryan, and Kevin Wenger
You don’t have to be a believer to revel in a trip to the Holy Land

By Ted Diadiun, cleveland.com

If the words “awesome” and “amazing” were eliminated from the language, about half our population would be rendered mostly speechless. Humorist David Sedaris has a standing joke that anyone saying “awesome” in his presence is assessed a $1 fine. If he were to add the word’s first cousin, he’d never have to work again.

Like Sedaris, I generally try to avoid those two weatherbeaten words. But I must admit that during the fortnight just past, they kept popping, unbidden, into my head … over and over.

The occasion was a two-week trip to the Holy Land.

I use that term as a description, not an evangelical call. This is not an effort to convert anyone. Israel draws pilgrims from all over the world, but one does not have to be a believer to appreciate the historical power of the place. This is merely a reflection on what I saw and experienced in this crucible of civilization, because I thought it was fascinating. And awesome. And amazing.

I really had never had much interest in traveling to Israel. A barren land of sand and stone, where ancient hatreds spur implacable enemies who are constantly trying to kill each other … why stick my head in that particular bear trap? Weren’t there plenty of other, more pleasant places in the world to test my mortality?

But as time has passed, I’ve become more interested in the spiritual side of life, and everyone I’d ever met who had been there said it was a wonderful experience – life-changing, in some cases. So, when some beloved pastors and church friends put together a trip, I waited until almost the last second but finally signed up for a chance to see the land where all those Bible stories originated. And what the heck, I reasoned – if I did get caught between the warring sides … I’m old. What better place to cash in my chips?

As things turned out, I made it back in one piece, even though some rockets and bombs were fired around Gaza while we were there, one of which killed a top Palestinian Islamic Jihad commander. The aplomb with which people all around us seemed to accept the hostilities and threats of retribution was just one of many reminders that we were far from home.
With few exceptions, every Israeli citizen must serve two years in the military, so it is common to see soldiers of both genders casually waiting for buses and strolling through shopping areas with automatic rifles slung over their shoulders. Unsurprisingly, the crime rate in Israel is comparatively low, although the presence of soldiers leaves no doubt that vigilance is key to survival.

Another reminder was the age of everything around us. Here, we think an old structure is a house built more than 100 years ago. In Israel, a place has to have been around since before Columbus arrived in the New World to get anyone’s attention.

No construction occurs in Israel without an archeologist on site, ready to call a halt if a bulldozer unearths signs of ancient ruins. And historical sites are being uncovered everywhere.

We visited Megiddo, located on a key trade route and supposed site of the future Armageddon, where more than 20 levels of habitation have been unearthed, dating back many thousands of years. Towns and cities were built, razed, built over, knocked down, built again, and so on.

There is an enormous archeological excavation at the ancient city of Beit Shean (known in English as Beth Shean), revealing massive structures and huge stone columns somehow hewn and hoisted by men with primitive tools but a seemingly limitless supply of slaves and soldiers.

It is difficult to find words to describe the time and effort it must have taken to construct these things, just as it is to comprehend Hezekiah’s tunnel under the City of David in Jerusalem, where in the eighth century BC, men with only chisels and sledges hacked out a tunnel 1,500 feet through solid bedrock to protect and preserve the city’s water supply. Some of us waded the length of it with flashlights, through a foot or two of water, marveling at the accomplishment of starting at opposite ends and meeting in the middle, 3,000 years ago.

I promised not to beat you over the head with the spiritual side of the trip, but I can’t ignore it, either. For me and others, it was central to why we were there.
I renewed my baptism in the River Jordan, walked the shores and rode a boat on the Sea of Galilee, spent quiet time in the Garden of Gethsemane, visited Nazareth and Bethlehem and the places where Christians believe Jesus performed miracles, preached, was tried, convicted and crucified. Life-changing? I don’t know, but it hit me in the heart.

It was striking to see visiting Christians from all over Europe, Asia, Central and South America, all speaking different languages but all there for the same reason. As many predicted, I’ll never read the Bible the same way again.

Apart from that, or perhaps along with that, the recounting of human brutality wrought on their enemies by ancient Assyrians, Egyptians, Romans, Muslims, Crusaders and, yes, Israelites – in addition to so many others – was a staggering indictment of disregard for human life down through the ages.

And then ... we visited the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, a grim reminder that we are not as far removed from those early conquerors as we might think.

I departed with better appreciation for what it took to survive in ancient times, an abiding respect for the people of Israel who are creating a verdant, thriving country out of barren land in their still-new homeland, and another significant step in my spiritual journey.

If you ever get the chance to visit ... go.

It’ll be awesome.

Ted Diadiun is a member Mayfield Church and wrote this for the forum section of cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer.
At Tel Dan near the Lebanon border, with oldest mid-brick gate of its kind, dating to 1900 BC. Abraham may have passed through this gate on his way from Haran to Canaan (Gen. 12).

Lunch in a cave restaurant near the modern town of Nazareth.
A final update on our fall book study of *Just Mercy* ...
By Pastor Jan Fillmore

Pastor Jim, in his report to the Charge Conference on Nov. 18th, wrote the following:

“Testimonies continue to come from our all-church book study, *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. This can only be described as a transformative experience for many individuals and the church as a whole. Our bishop asked East Ohio Conference churches to do something bold and courageous for Jesus. *Just Mercy* fits!

“We handed out 324 books, including 50 to people who are not regular attenders of Mayfield. Twenty groups (including LifeGroups as well as youth and middle-school groups) studied the book. Our children studied a special curriculum on the Beatitudes complementing the study. We are grateful for the capable, strong leadership of the Young Married LifeGroup, as this book study was presented with so many opportunities for our congregation to “get close” for better understanding and connection, participants included:

- Homeless Ministry: 55
- Addiction Recovery Ministry (inclusive of all roles: cooking, delivering, serving, group participants): 40
- Edwins Luncheon and showing of the documentary 13: 165. [Note: Nearly $800 was raised to further the mission of Edwins, a restaurant and leadership institute that believes in second chances for those incarcerated and strives toward making that a reality.]
- Our children collected 550 snacks and pairs of socks, and seven children attended an actual homeless site to bring the items to those in need.
- Death row worship service at Chillicothe Correctional Institution: 5
- Many are seeking ways to connect with True Freedom Ministries. [True Freedom is dedicated to reaching Ohio’s prisoners, the homeless, and those addicted with the truth of God’s Word and the true freedom found only in Jesus Christ. We are grateful to this organization, which helped us set up many of the “get close” opportunities.]
“We can see how this will continue to be impactful as new connections are forged and new opportunities to serve arise as we seek to live as disciples of Jesus Christ – to be the head and heart, hands and feet of Jesus.”

**Here’s One Way You Can Help and Make Connections** ... Russ Gates is a chaplain at the SCI Phoenix, a nearly 4,000-bed state prison in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. (He is a friend and the former pastor of Amy Metzger’s sister, Nancy Allenby.) Chaplain Russ works to help those men who are incarcerated by exchanging prayer requests and collecting 2020 calendars for them.

Chaplain Russ collects 2020 wall calendars and pocket planner/datebooks (no books, pamphlets, Bibles, etc.). He cannot use calendars with provocative pictures, or those featuring children, and spiral binders are not allowed, as they will not pass the metal detector.

If you have extra calendars, will you bring them in and leave them in Pastor Jan’s office? We’ll send them along to Chaplain Russ. If you would like to be part of the Prison Prayer Partner Program, please let Pastor Jan know. Prayer requests can be exchanged as long as personal identification is first name only and location is omitted.

Chaplain Russ wrote in his September letter to participating churches: “The more we can share in the knowledge and understanding of faith-practice inside and outside the razor wire, the closer we can get to the glorious day when the exercise of justice includes the mercy of second chances.”

**Mayfield Church Is Going to the Movies!** Save the date: Sunday, Jan. 12, in the afternoon. We will be renting out the 75-[reclining] seat theater at Atlas Theaters in Mayfield Heights to watch *Just Mercy*, an adaptation of Bryan Stevenson’s memoir (rated PG-13).

Michael B. Jordan (of *Fantastic Four* and *Black Panther* fame) stars as Stevenson; Jamie Foxx stars as Walter McMillian. Jordan, in a Sept. 16 interview in *Time* magazine, says there was no doubt he would take the role.
“I felt a sense of responsibility to run toward this story and use my platform to get it out to the masses,” he says of Stevenson’s quest to free a wrongfully imprisoned man on death row. “Because I think [Stevenson] is a real-life superhero.”

We’ll be selling tickets to the showing, and we encourage you to invite your friends and family members. Watch for details on how you can reserve your ticket(s) and vouchers for popcorn and a drink. Child care will be provided at the church.

**Advent Begins on Dec. 1 ...** Advent means “coming” in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Several of our LifeGroups are studying Advent-related books. If you are interested in an Advent study (or borrowing one of our studies for your own reflection time), see me!

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**Stephen Ministry**

**Congratulations and Welcome!**
The Stephen Ministry Program has received two new blessings. Kathleen Slater completed 50 hours of training with the Chardon United Methodist Church to become a Stephen Minister. Stephen Leaders from Mayfield Church also attended the training sessions to assist the new Chardon program as needed and to provide a link with Kathleen during the process. Jeff Kole completed a week-long Stephen Leader training in Pittsburgh. Stephen Leaders train our local Stephen Ministers and fulfill administrative duties of the program. Stephen Ministers provide direct, one-on-one Christian care services to people who are hurting. All of Mayfield’s Stephen Leaders are also Stephen Ministers. Congratulations to Kathleen and Jeff for completing the training necessary to fulfill their new important roles.
Busy, Busy, Busy

Everyone is busy but you might want to think about giving yourself and others a special gift this Christmas. The end of the calendar year is a time full of activities: some stressful, some fun, some absolutely necessary, and some negotiable. To fit it all in, we must prioritize, but that is not always easy. We often think about what we can cut back on or eliminate. Here’s another approach we learned in a past study, “Simplify” by Bill Hybels. Instead of just avoiding things that don’t satisfy, or saying ‘no’ to the overwhelming number of opportunities we are offered, we should ask ourselves: ”Will it bring true satisfaction? Does it align with God's purpose for my life in this season?” and “Does it help me lead a life of significance?” Hybels says we need to "say no to things that clutter the soul" and "yes to things that matter." Becoming a Stephen Minister is certainly one way to engage in a God-first life that will reap rewards for those who need a one-on-one Christian care-giver and will bring satisfaction, purpose, and significance to the life of the Stephen Minister.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, there will be an informational meeting at 7 PM in rooms B29/30, on Wednesday, Dec. 4. You may also contact Joyce Gordon at 216-570-3767, or joytgordon@gmail.com or any Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this program that truly matters.

Also, if you or someone you know would like more information about receiving the services of a Stephen Minister, contact the referral coordinator, Joyce Gordon.

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.

Wednesday, Dec. 18* @ 6 PM

Chesterland Tavern
8190 Mayfield Rd.
Chesterland

*Note: This is not the last Wednesday of the month, due to Christmas.
Mayfield Church In the News

Our book program at Adrian School, and the 50,000-book milestone, was featured in the latest “Arc Pride” newsletter of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. The newsletter goes to every household in South Euclid and Lyndhurst.

Adrian Elementary Surpasses 50,000 Donated Books Received Through First Book Partnership

Adrian Elementary School hit a significant milestone recently as the Learning Resource Center has now received over 50,000 donated books valued at over $500,000 through a partnership with First Book! Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, First Book, a non-profit social enterprise which provides new books to students in need, has donated class sets for entire grade levels to Adrian Elementary School. Students use the books during in-class activities and homework assignments in the Learning Resource Center. Adrian Learning Resource Center teacher Ms. Cathy Stang requests and organizes shipments of books, and regularly submits grant requests to community partners, including Legacy Village and Mayfield Church in Chesterland, which helps to cover shipping costs.

Pie Fellowship a Delicious Treat

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, Mayfield Church sponsored a “Pie Fellowship” for the staff at Rowland School before the Thanksgiving break.

There were different varieties of Patterson’s pies, as well as cider from Patterson’s and Eddy’s.

It was fun to watch the staff as they gazed at the different pies and then to hear their comments:
“Oh ... cherry ... that’s my favorite!”

“Hmmm. Should I have pumpkin or apple? I can’t decide.”

“Wow! Pecan! I haven’t had pecan pie since I was a child and my grandma made one.”

Thanks to the Patterson’s for the delicious pies! The staff was thrilled!

**Thank You for the Conferences Dinner**

The Rowland staff is grateful for all the ways we make them feel special.

In October, we sponsored a Zoup! dinner on the night of parent-teacher conferences.

We received the following note from Becky Corr, a kindergarten teacher:

**Dear Mayfield Methodist Church,**

*Thank you so much for the meal before conferences. Everything from Zoup! was delicious! Thank you for always being so sweet and thoughtful!*

*Love, Becky Corr*

**Gifts for Children at Rowland and Adrian**

Thank you to those who have taken an “Angel” from Rowland or Adrian School.

We have some families who would not have much of a Christmas if it were not for you and your willingness to sponsor a child or help a family with food items.

Thank you ... and Merry Christmas to you!

*-- Pastor Jan*
“ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING”
SUNDAY, DEC. 8 @ 1 - 4 PM
See page 8 for more information.

“The Light Before Christmas”
SUNDAY, DEC. 15 @ 4 - 5 PM
A fun and cheerful program of songs, skits, and Christmas stories that is enjoyable for all ages! Stay after for a free soup and salad dinner. Childcare is available.

“Christmas Eve Family Service”
TUESDAY, DEC. 24 @ 5 PM
We are looking for children to participate as ushers, greeters and readers at the 5 PM Christmas Eve Family service. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Jessica Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org by Dec. 15.

“One Service Sunday”
SUNDAY, DEC. 29 @ 10 AM
The Rock will be CLOSED. All other Sunday school classrooms will remain open.
Confirmation students and their mentors visited New Freedom Church for worship on Sunday, Nov. 17.
High School and Middle School Student Ministries

Every Sunday @ The Uprising:

Middle School
9:30 AM – Bible study with Denny, Downstairs
11 AM – Meeting downstairs with Adam

High School
9:30 AM – Sit together (front left section) for worship
11 AM – Meeting downstairs with Adam

Every Tuesday @ 7 PM for High School Bible Study

Caroling with Carol
Mark your calendars, as our current Uprising calendar has the wrong date! On Dec. 8, The Uprising will be going with our organist, Carol Neff, to sing Christmas carols to local shut-ins and nursing homes. We will leave the church at 1 PM and should be done around 4 PM. Food will be provided - come help spread the love of Christ through song!

UPRISING CHRISTMAS PARTY!!
Come join us on Dec. 15 from 7 to 9 PM for our annual Christmas party! We will be having an ugly sweater competition, a white elephant gift exchange (please bring a wrapped gag or serious gift that is not more than $5), food, games, prizes, and fun! Come early and be a part of “The Light Before Christmas,” our church’s annual celebration gathering, at 4 PM and stay afterwards for the party!

NYE Lock-In
On Dec. 31, we will bring in the New Year by hosting a lock-in. Be at the church at 9 PM- pick-up will be Jan. 1 at 7 AM. Bring friends and come enjoy games, food, no sleep, and fellowship! (No cost).

No Uprising on Dec. 22 or 29 due to the holidays.
UPRISING SPOTLIGHT
“50 for 50” Campaign

Mayfield Church is celebrating 50 years of taking our youth group for a week to Camp Aldersgate, beginning in 1970.

Mayfield is still the only church in the conference that does a full week of overnight camp, and has been a crucial place for thousands of kids to discover and strengthen their relationship with God.

In recent years, camp has made many significant improvements - that all former campers would appreciate:
- Air Conditioning in all buildings, including cabins.
- Mid - camp bathroom renovation (by the worship hut and stairs), including private changing areas (and fewer spiders)
- Paved driveway between the mess hall and worship hut (formerly known as the indoor chapel).
- Properly fenced basketball area with a regulation hoop
- New kitchen equipment.

Camp Aldersgate has shown solid financial stability, finishing with positive balances in both operating and capital funds while making these significant improvements.

In 2012, Mayfield Church raised funds and provided much of the labor for two new cabins that have vastly impacted many youth and adult campers.

For 2020, Mayfield Church is committed to raising $50,000 to commemorate and strengthen our relationship and efforts to make camp a wonderful place for generations to come.

The projects targeted for this campaign are a mix of infrastructure improvements, with a focus on elevating every camper’s experience:
- Wooded low ropes/challenge course: looking for volunteers to help build this.
- Lakefront Adventure Island - permanent waterfront infrastructure including slides, rope swings, diving board, and other recreational opportunities.
- Main lodge renovation of ground floor bathrooms, including expansion, addition of private changing areas, and overall comfort and functionality.

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Camp Aldersgate has played a key role in the life of our congregation, and with this campaign Mayfield Church and Camp Aldersgate are re-committing to provide the necessary opportunities for our youth to grow in Christ. Please consider carefully and prayerfully committing to this important campaign!

Mark Your Calendars:

Aldersgate Mayfield Family Reunion
May 31, 2020 @ 12 - 6 PM

All Mayfield Church Aldersgate Alumni and families invited!! BBQ lunch provided, Lake open for swimming, short worship service, and details given about our 50 for 50 campaign and how to get involved!

FOLLOW US TODAY ON OUR SOCIAL NETWORK

Text “revolution” to 95577 for updates! Mayfield Church Youth @theuprisingmumc @mayfielduprising

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

Bring your appetite on Dec. 4!

Also don’t forget, we have preorder forms in the main hallway to help BadaBing prepare for the day, so use them if you can and get the bottom copy to Adam!
Merry Christmas from the Heartland Childcare Center Staff and Families! Please feel free to join us this month in the celebration of our Savior's birth as we present our Christmas play, “Someone Has a Birthday,” on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5 PM. We will be presenting our program in the Worship Center at Mayfield Church. If you can’t attend that evening, we will be performing again for God’s Caring Community on Thursday, Dec. 12. We would love to see you there! We may even have a special guest!

Heartland is also participating in “The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive” through Scholastic. We will be collecting new pajamas of any size for at-risk children throughout the U.S. Our drive will end Tuesday, Dec. 10. If you would like to donate a new pair of pajamas, please place them in the “Giving Tree” basket on the lower level by the Heartland door by the Dec. 10 deadline.

During the month of December, the Heartland children and staff will be learning about:

*Letter N - Numbers Helps Us Explore God’s World
*Letter O - Opening the Best Christmas Gift of All
*Letter P - I Can Bring Peace to God’s World
*Christmas Around the World

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Heartland at heartland@mayfieldchurch.org or 440-729-4006 Ext. 116. We pray you have a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year with your family celebrating Christ’s Birth!
M.U.M.S. Annual Birthday Party for Jesus!
Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 17 @ 6 PM

Please bring gloves to donate to the homeless.

M.U.M.S. ANNUAL WINTER BALL
SATURDAY, JAN. 25
6 - 8 PM
MAYFIELD CHURCH
EVERYONE IS INVITED!

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

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 14
8:30 AM: Coffee / 9 AM: Breakfast
Fellowship Hall

Fellowship while enjoying eggs, bacon, and potatoes.

Women’s Ministry

‘Tis the Season
Ornament Exchange
Saturday, Dec. 7
6 - 9 PM

The Women’s Ministry will have its annual ornament exchange and Secret Sister reveal at the home of Amanda and Sally Matthews. Please bring $5 and an ornament to exchange!

To get the latest information, join the “Mayfield Church Women’s Ministry” Facebook group or email Kris Larrick at larrick97@gmail.com to RSVP and receive emails with upcoming Women’s Ministry events.
Finance Committee

Pledges for 2020

If you haven’t received a Pledge Card in the mail, you can find them on the board in the main hallway. The Finance Committee is better able to forecast our operating budget for 2020 when we know the actual amount pledged. We encourage and welcome your pledges if you have not already turned yours in. Your pledge may be placed in the envelope and dropped in the offering baskets or in Darlene’s mailbox in the office.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God, from whom all blessings flow!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Dec. 19
2 - 7 PM
Fellowship Hall

This year's must-have gift. Blood.
We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies

... to the family of Katherine “Kate” O’Donnell, daughter of Elaine Thoren. She passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16.

A Special Note...

Elaine thanks everyone who has reached out and given condolences. She is very grateful for all the love and support she has received during this time.
**December Events**

1. **One Service Sunday**, 10 AM, WC
   - **Christmas Boutique**, before and after service, FH
   - **Pie Fellowship**, after 10 AM service, FH

8. **Holy Communion**, All Services, WC
   - **Blood Pressure Screenings**, 9 AM - 1 PM, The Bookstore
   - **All Church Caroling**, 1 - 4 PM, meet at church to carpool

10. **Happy Packers (Foodbank volunteers)**, 10 AM, at The Foodbank
    - **Heartland Christmas Program**, 5 PM, WC

12. **God’s Caring Community**, 10:30 AM, WC

14. **The Light Before Christmas Rehearsal**, 9 AM, WC
    - **Men’s Breakfast**, 8:30 AM, FH

15. **The Light Before Christmas Program**, 4 PM, WC
    - **Soup and Salad Dinner**, 5 PM, FH

17. **M.U.M.S.**, 6 - 7:30 PM, FH *(a ministry for those with special needs)*

18. **S.A.M.I. (Singles Ministry)**, 6 PM, Chesterland Tavern

19. **Red Cross Blood Drive**, 2 - 7 PM, FH

24. **Christmas Eve Services**, 12 PM, 5 PM, 7:30 PM, 11 PM, WC
    - **Free Light Christmas Eve Meal**, 4:30 - 7 PM, FH

25. **Merry Christmas! Office and Heartland Closed**

26. **Office Closed** (Heartland is open)

27. **Office Closed** (Heartland is open)

29. **One Service Sunday**, 10 AM, WC; **The Rock is Closed**

31. **New Years Eve, Heartland Closed** (Office is open)

*Community Dinner is cancelled this month. Please join us on Christmas Eve for a meal!*

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

Are you interested in becoming a member of Mayfield Church? Pastor Jim and Pastor Jan welcome you to join the New Members class on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 12:30 PM. Please sign up by emailing Anne Parker at anne@mayfieldchurch.org.
December Activity Highlights

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES
Intercessory Prayer Group  Tuesdays  10 AM-NOON
Garden Ministry  Dec. 2  7:15 PM
PSPR  Dec. 4  7 PM
Finance  Dec. 5  6 PM
Prayer Warriors  Dec. 8  10:30 AM
Executive Meeting  Dec. 9  7 PM
Trustees  Dec. 11  7 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry  Dec. 12  1 PM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Overeaters Anonymous  Mondays in B42  7:30 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous  Tuesdays in B42  7:30 PM
Narcotics Anonymous  Wednesdays in B25  (except Dec. 25)  7:30 PM
Cub Scout Pack 3104  Dec. 18 in Gym  6:30 PM
Karate  Thursdays  (except Dec. 26)  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 22

MUSIC
9:30 Band Rehearsal  Wednesdays  7 PM
Hand Bell Rehearsal  Thursdays  (except Dec. 26)  6:15 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal  Thursdays  (except Dec. 26)  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, website, and social media.
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Christmas Boutique
Sunday, Dec. 1
UMW will be selling beautiful Christmas items in Fellowship Hall before and after the 10 AM worship service.

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

LifeGroups: see page 14

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