A Visit to Death Row
By Pastor Jan Fillmore

“Each of us is more than the worst thing we’ve ever done.”
- Bryan Stevenson, “Just Mercy”

The quote above kept ringing in my ears as I walked into the Chillicothe Correctional Institution for a Death Row Service by True Freedom Ministries.

I was not alone.

Bart and Sue Steigerwald, Dave Welty and Kathleen Vernon also were there, invited as part of our church study of the book “Just Mercy” so we could “get close” to people affected by the issues of justice, poverty and race.

In the gymnasium, our group sat on folding chairs on the right side.

One at a time, the guards brought in and released the men from their shackles. Wearing white T-shirts and blue pants, and most holding a Bible, they took seats on the left side.

The seven men ranged in age from early 20s to late 70s.

They grew up around Ohio, in various family situations. One man, I would learn, was raised a preacher’s son.

All, however, had one thing in common: Each had been found guilty of aggravated murder and had been sentenced to death.

How do you speak to a Child of God who is on DR (Death Row)?

You bring in True Freedom’s Gary Koly, a joke-cracking, guitar-playing chaplain with a smile as wide as the state of Texas.

The men knew Gary from previous visits, and they chuckled when he mentioned his years at the Mansfield Reformatory (“It’s a museum now; that makes me an ar-tee-fact!”), or gestured at the sparrows that had gained entrance and flew around at ceiling height (“We got a few jailbirds here!”).

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You also bring in Michael Swiger, executive director of True Freedom, who preached on Philippians.

In front of a wooden cross made in the prison workshop, Mike spoke about eternal hope, reminding the men that the Apostle Paul was on Death Row, too. He challenged the men to be missionaries as Paul was in prison.

Mike, who spoke to Mayfield Church on Oct. 27, two days before this service, talked about his hernia surgery in a prison facility. The man in the bed next to him was comatose and dying.

Mike told God, “If you’ll get me a Bible, I’ll bring the Gospel to that man ... if you wake him up.”

When Mike went to the bathroom, he found a Bible jammed in the doorframe. It had been painted over during a renovation, but Mike pried out “the guts.” Then when Mike returned to his bed, he saw that the man was awake.

Mike was able to share the Gospel with the man before the man died.

Mike said, “It’s about sharing the Gospel. It doesn’t matter who shares it.” It could be, Mike said, a person who is not respected or is not sharing with good intentions. But it doesn’t matter because that person does not save an individual; Jesus Christ saves.

The men listened intently, heads bobbing, with the occasional hard swallow.

After the service ended with prayer and the hymn “Amazing Grace,” we had a few minutes to talk with the men.

Ralph said he rises at 4 and spends an hour in prayer for all the people in the prison, including those who will visit that day. He then reads three chapters of Scripture.

All too soon, prison Chaplain Lawrence Freeman began to sing, “I’m so glad we had this time together,” indicating our visit was over.

The men walked to the guards to have their chains replaced.

Freeman, who would retire three days later, after 30 years, advocated for this quarterly service. It is unclear if the next chaplain will allow True Freedom to continue it.

Yet its importance became clear when we asked Chinn how we could pray for him.

He didn’t hesitate.

“Pray that the Word stays within me, and that I can take the Word back in with me.”
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Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Heifer does this by providing appropriate livestock, training and related services to small-scale farmers and communities worldwide.

This year, Heifer International is celebrating 75 years of partnering with communities around the world. And during that time Heifer has provided more than 32 million families with the tools and training to lift themselves from poverty. However, the sobering fact is that almost a billion people around the world still live in poverty.

Mayfield Church has been a wonderful supporter for many years, and we have a chance to support this organization again this year. Last year we raised over $5,000 and our goal is to do the same this year.

Your gift to Heifer International will go a long way toward helping families in under-developed countries to build a better life. Today, Heifer provides more than 30 different animals - from ducks and camels to llamas and pigs and, of course, cows. Families receive animals and training, and then they pass on their new skills and animal offspring to their neighbors in need. This simple act has transformed countless lives and communities.

This is a perfect time to start your Christmas shopping early. When you give a Heifer gift, we will provide you with a greeting card to send to the person you are honoring it. Heifer cards make wonderful alternative gifts for Christmas and other occasions. Please stop by our Heifer table in Fellowship Hall any Sunday in November. Checks can be made out to 'Mayfield Church' with 'Heifer' in the memo line.

Thanks in advance for your support.
We’re looking for Angels! It soon will be 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 have requested the names of 125 children, each of whom needs to be called for items on their wish lists, There will be a sign-up during November for each angel.

Wrapped gifts are to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 8, with delivery set for Saturday morning, Dec. 14.

Please plan to participate in this rewarding outreach project. If you can call, pack, or deliver, please call Nancy Dickerson at 440-449-4639.
“Get Close” Events during our Just Mercy Study

Addiction Recovery Ministry: Meal Prep and Delivery
Thursday, Oct. 3 & Oct. 31

Homeless Ministry Outreach: Norma Herr Women’s Shelter Lakeside Homeless Shelter
Saturday, Oct. 5

Thank you to everyone who donated socks and snacks to hand out to these homeless shelters!
EDWINS Luncheon and “13th” Documentary
Sunday, Oct. 13

Mike Swiger Guest Speaking at Mayfield Church
Sunday, Oct. 27

How has the study “Just Mercy” influenced or transformed your life? What are some ways you have grown since reading the book or participating in “Get Close” events?

Email Rebecca Sulzer at rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org or drop off your response in her mailbox at the church office. If you would like to remain anonymous, please make a note of it in your response. We would like to feature these stories in the December Newsletter!
Our 2019-2020 School Year Schedule

During an Oct. 23 meeting with Maleeka Bussey, principal of Rowland Elementary School; Lindsey Cutler, the school counselor, and Shannon Carlson, the district counselor, we finalized our partnership schedule for this academic year.

Here are our upcoming activities, both at the school and the church … and all are welcome to take part in them!

The Rowland school administrators are incredibly grateful to Mayfield Church for our participation in their activities and our prayers. Please continue to pray for the administrators, teachers, staff, students and parents for God’s guidance and protection.

– Pastor Jan and the Schools Team

Mon., Nov. 18-Fri., Nov. 22: Volunteering at the PTA Fall Book Fair during school hours.

Wed., Nov. 20: Hosting a lunchtime “Pie Fellowship” for teachers/staff in the staff lounge.

End of November: Buying holiday gifts and food for Rowland families in need, as part of Mayfield’s Angel Tree program.

Mon., Dec. 9-Fri., Dec. 13: Volunteering at the PTA Holiday Gift Shop during school hours.


Early January: Delivering additional school supplies to teachers and new underwear and gently used sweat pants to the school nurse.

Sun., Feb. 2: Celebrating Holy Donut Day (and it’s Groundhog Day as well!) at Mayfield. We’ll enjoy delicious Patterson’s donuts while raising money for our free book program at Adrian Elementary.


Thurs., March 12: Hosting a Panera dinner for teachers/staff in the staff lounge as they prepare for parent conferences that evening. Set-up at 4; dinner at 4:15-4:30.
Sat., March 14: Delivering food for our spring break bag-packing to the church.

Sun., March 15: Packing the food for our spring break bags and storing the bags in the upper level of the church.

Wed., March 18: Transporting the food bags to both Rowland and Adrian schools beginning at 4 p.m.


End of April: Preparing congratulation cards for our 105 third-graders who will complete state testing at the end of April or early May. Will include a gift certificate for an ice cream cone for each student.

Thurs., May 21: Providing bottles of water and volunteering at the PTA End-of-the-Year Barbecue.


Fri., May 29: Whoo-oo! End-of-school year for teachers, with a visit from the East Coast Custard Truck at lunchtime for Rowland and Adrian teachers/staff.

A Note: Thank you for participating in our book giveaways in August the last three years! We raised about $800 for camperships. At this meeting, we decided to use a good portion of the money to help many children (rather than a few) by providing much-needed recess supplies, including balls, chalk, and indoor games for when outdoor time is not available because of rain, cold or snow.

Hosted a Zoup! dinner for teachers/staff in the staff lounge, as they prepared for parent conferences on Oct. 30.
Stewardship Sunday

Back in 1965, our family took the Denver Zephyr from Milwaukee across the Great Plains on our way to Conifer, Colorado to visit our cousins. As we travelled west, I remember looking out from the Vista Dome and becoming excited when I could see on the horizon the outline of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, looking much like low-lying clouds. As we drew nearer, the mountains began to take shape and color. Later, when we drove into the mountains with my Uncle Lynn at the wheel of their Ford station wagon, the majesty and splendor of the Rocky Mountains filled our senses. What a sight! What an experience! I even remember the fragrance of the conifers and aspens and mountain streams.

Vision is like that. From a distance it may look hazy and insubstantial. But the closer we come, the greater the form and dimension and color and detail. Real vision helps keep everyone on track, moving together in the same direction. As Proverbs 29:18 reminds us (from *The Message Bible*),

> If people can’t see what God is doing,  
> They stumble all over themselves;  
> But when they attend to what he reveals,  
> They are most blessed.

God is revealing to the Mayfield Church a great picture of our **Mission, Vision, and Core Values** to guide us on our Journey of Faith. Are we there yet? No, but we are on our way to discerning the answer to the question, “**Where will God lead the Mayfield Church next?**” The Insight 20/20 Team will take what we learn from our **Readiness 360 Survey** and – bathed in hearty, faithful prayer and study – will discern the shape and color and detail of the vision, then taking this to the congregation for further discernment and affirmation. I am convinced this will inspire, energize, and unite us in our devotion and discipline as we see and follow God’s lead, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, as Pastor Eugene Peterson put it.

As we move forward, it’s time to dedicate ourselves to funding Mayfield Church’s ministry for 2020. It will take all of us faithfully responding to God’s Call through God’s Word by God’s Holy Spirit to reach our God-given goals and action plans for 2020. John 15 beautifully teaches that if we **abide** in Jesus the Vine, we will **abound** in fruitful ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord, transforming ourselves and the world as our Lord leads us.

On Sunday, November 17, we will hear a **Stewardship Message** titled, **Money Matters – Stepping Up, The Focus of Heart Devotion**. We will be challenged to step up in our stewardship commitment.
Mark your calendars for our Charge Conference on Monday, Nov. 18, at 7 PM at Mayfield Church. The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist Church and is comprised of leaders and members of the local church in a conference presided over by the district superintendent. Our DS, Rev. Edgar Brady, will lead our charge conference, which will be for Mayfield Church alone. In recent years, charge conferences were held with clusters of United Methodist Churches from each county in the Western Reserve District.

The charge conference meets annually in the fall (and can meet at other times of the year called by the DS) and directs the work of the church; giving general oversight to the committees, boards and teams of the church; reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church; sets salaries for the pastors; elects leaders and members of the committees, boards and teams of the church; elects delegates to annual conference; and recommends candidates for licensed and ordained ministry. The work we do in the charge conference is one of the ways we stay connected with the larger United Methodist Church.

All members and friends of the Mayfield Church are welcome to attend this charge conference. (Please note that only members are permitted to vote.) We hope to see you on Monday, Nov. 18 at 7 PM!
YOU ARE INVITED!

The Stephen Ministries program would like to encourage you to attend an informational meeting to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting. They are equipped with caring ministry skills through a training program led by the congregation’s Stephen Leaders. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support.

Some Stephen Ministers from Saint Louis have reported:

“People need someone safe they can talk to, who will listen, care - and let them get it all out. That’s my role as a Stephen Minister - to be there during those difficult times. I really, really feel like this is the best thing I’ve ever done with my life.” - Candy, Sales Associate

“I encourage other men to get involved. The training is wonderful, and being a Stephen Minister is going to help you. It’s been a blessing for me as much as it has for my care receiver. I’m extremely happy that I became a Stephen Minister.” - Tom, Retired NBA Player & Businessman

“In Stephen Ministry, we are the care-givers and Christ is the cure-giver—and that is an amazing thing, because it allows me to be His vessel. All I have to do is show up, be there, listen, and care. Stephen Ministry has deepened my faith, opened so many other doors, and made my life so much more.” - Sharon, Retired Floral Designer

The motto of Stephen Ministries is “Christ caring for people through people.” Becoming a Stephen Minister could be an opportunity for you to use your God-given gifts in a meaningful ministry to others. Stephen Ministry provides a purposeful way for you to “Get Close” to those in need – an important thing to do as we discussed in our recent “Just Mercy” study.

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, 2019. You may also contact Joyce Gordon, at 216-570-3767 or joytgordon@gmail.com or any Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister.
The Mission Outreach Council (MOC) is the body that oversees and promotes mission work in our congregation.

Mayfield is involved in a variety of mission efforts, both locally and around the globe. The MOC meets monthly on a Sunday morning and invites any person who feels called to work on missions to reach out to us. We welcome new members as well as volunteers who wish to serve on any of the church’s ongoing mission efforts or overseas mission trips. A note on the Connection Card we fill out in worship on Sunday mornings is an easy way to reach us, or you may talk with Bryan Javorek or Phil David.

One way we highlight missions is our “Hands That Serve” program. Each month, one of our mission efforts is highlighted. You will be able to learn about that mission through newsletter and bulletin articles, and it will be featured in an announcement in worship on the first Sunday of the month. Each month our “Hands That Serve” focused ministry is supported financially through a breakfast as well as by your contributions. This month we are featuring Heifer International. The MOC is currently selecting the “Hands That Serve” groups for next year.

In addition to donating to our monthly “Hands That Serve” mission group, you may support our “Mustard Seed” mission fund by including Mustard Seed in your monthly giving. The Mustard Seed fund provides small donations from the church to support mission efforts through the year. One of those efforts is the “Helping Hand” fund, which helps to meet emergency needs of families in our church and communities.

Another ongoing mission effort is collecting food for the Geauga County food pantry at Middlefield United Methodist Church. Please pick up an extra grocery item or two when you shop and place it in the container at the main entrance of the church.

Lastly, we ask you to support our efforts through your prayers for our team, all of the missions that our church supports and all of the many members who actively volunteer each month.

-- Phil David, Co-Chair, Mission Outreach Council
Children’s Ministry

Family Worship:
Parents are welcome to attend our second family worship service in The Rock on Sunday, Nov. 10 during the 9:30 AM service. This allows for parents to worship with their children, see the format of the service and grow spiritually together as a family. Parents and grandparents are invited to this family service and we hope to see you there!

Tweens Ministry

Tweens (Grades 4 and 5) are invited to join Denny Nelson, Kris Larrick and Jess Martz for an afternoon of games on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 2 to 4 PM. Snacks and board games will be provided, but if your teen has a favorite game, they are welcome to bring it! Please RSVP on behalf of your tween to Jess Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org.
Thank you to all who attended the Fall Harvest on Saturday, Oct. 26! We loved all of the costumes and participation in the games. Also, thank you to our volunteers and Miss Jess for organizing this fun fall event.
High School and Middle School Student Ministries

Every Sunday @ The Uprising:

Middle School
9:30 AM – Bible study with Denny, Downstairs
11AM – 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*****

BadaBing 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 Nov. 6!

SUNDAY FUNDAY!!
Mark your calendars! On Nov. 24, we will play games and fellowship during our normal Uprising hours. Come and join in on the fun and bring friends!
The Uprising had a powerful experience while volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House. About 15 of our youth made a meal and got to know some of the patients and would like to return and build relationships with Ronald McDonald House.
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 the 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 making 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.
- Option A - Main lodge renovation of ground floor bathrooms, including expansion, addition of private changing areas, and overall comfort and functionality.
Heartland Childcare Center

November Bible Memory Verse:
“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.” 1 Chronicles 16:34

How often do we forget to say, “Thank You?” Just two little words that say so much. Imagine what it would feel like to give a present to someone, but all they did was grab it and rip the wrapping off without as much as a “thank you.” That’s how God must feel when we don’t say thank you to Him. Every little thing we have in our lives is a blessing from God and something to be thankful for. God loves it when we have thankful hearts! So, give God the thanks He deserves!!

Thank you to our volunteer readers who visited us for our Storybook Celebration on Oct. 31. We had a great day of listening to some favorite stories. We would love to hear your favorite children’s story next year!

Also, during the month of November, we would like to take a little extra time to express thankfulness for a strong and committed team of teachers and support staff. We are thankful for the smooth transitions the new families have made into our program. We are extremely grateful for the families that have continued to trust us and support us as well, as we all grow and learn each day throughout this school year. Thank you to everyone!

We pray you and your family have a very blessed and thankful Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please contact the Heartland office at heartland@mayfieldchurch.org or 440-729-4006 x116
M.U.M.S.

Highlights from M.U.M.S. Super Hero Dance Party on October 5

S.A.M.I.

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 440-429-5029 or sandyinnewbury@aol.com.

S.A.M.I. Singles Ministry Dinner

November 27 @ 6PM

56 Kitchen
1433 SOM Center Rd.
Mayfield Heights
Men’s Ministry

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, Nov. 16 @ 8:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

Fellowship while enjoying eggs, bacon, and potatoes!

We will be collecting hoodies, winter coats and socks for the men’s shelter. If you have any gently used items to donate, Men’s Shelter at 2100 Lakeside will greatly appreciate them!

Confirmation

Our Confirmation class of 2020 kicked off their first event by attending the Escape Room last month! It was a great learning experience.
Congratulations on the Wedding of Amber (Hull) and Nathan Damm on Saturday, October 19.

Thank You

We honored Rob Kinney with an Andrew Award on Sunday, Oct. 27 for his continued IT Support for our office and also for installing a new library computer and updating the program since July. Thanks, Rob!

Dear Mayfield United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for all your donations this past month.

-Trials for Hope

In case you need a place for your Halloween candy!

SAVE CANDY!

Your Halloween leftovers can make someone’s day this year. We’re assembling merry bags of holiday cheer to bring our families some extra cheer this winter.

Please email us at trialsforhopecele@gmail.com for donation information.
You are welcome to join our fun and friendly church league on Friday evenings at 6 PM at Nottingham Baptist Church in Willoughby Hills. This league is open to anyone 14 years old and older. Email sports@mayfieldchurch.org or see Chelsea Stickley if you are interested in playing. The league ends Friday, Dec. 20.
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 this 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 Nov. 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.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies

...to the family of Craig Jenkins, who was a former Mayfield Church tenor choir member. He passed away on October 20.

...to the family of Donald Hall, husband of Nancy Hall. He passed away on Saturday, Oct. 26. A memorial service will be held today at 4 PM at the Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral home, 5252 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 PM until the time of the service.
**Veterans Day**

We will be recognizing veterans in our congregation on Veterans Day Sunday, Nov. 10.

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**Garden Ministry**

Our Garden Ministry is blessed to announce the construction of the Prayer Walk as an addition to the existing Prayer Garden/Gazebo! The prayer walk was made possible by Jim Morgan’s generous bequest to our Garden Ministry for grounds beautification. Come and walk, pray, meditate, or just marvel at God's creation. The all-weather walk is handicapped accessible, with benches for seating and a meditation water feature. Come and walk with Jesus—and be blessed!
Christmas is coming before you know it!

Mark your calendars for exciting events and information this Christmas Season...

The Light Before Christmas

A fun and cheerful program that is enjoyable for all ages!

Sunday, December 15 @ 4 PM
Worship Center

Stay after for a complimentary soup and salad dinner!

Christmas Eve at Mayfield Church
7747 Mayfield Road, Chesterland, OH www.mayfieldchurch.org

12 PM: Traditional Service
Lessons, Carols, & Candlelight

5 PM: Family Service with Worship Band

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

11 PM: Midnight Candlelight Service

Join us for a light meal from 4:30 to 7 PM in Fellowship Hall!
Want to make someone feel special this Thanksgiving and 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 much as those who receive.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS DEC. 8

We will be caroling to our church family shut-ins on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 PM. Please meet in Fellowship Hall to carpool to the various homes and nursing homes where our shut-ins live. Spreading Christmas cheer to these wonderful people is one of the best and most important parts of our Christmas celebrations! Please plan to come with your family and friends! Contact Carol Neff with any questions to 216-970-5654 or Carol8861@aol.com
**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA AND PLANT SALE**

The Garden Ministry will take orders on Nov. 24 for Christmas plants and poinsettias. Then on Dec. 1, 8, and 15, they will take orders and also sell poinsettias. The last day to order plants for the Worship Center is Dec. 15. Plants will also be for sale on Christmas Eve.

You may pick up your Worship Center poinsettia after the 11 PM service on Christmas Eve or Thursday, Dec. 26.

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.

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**Shop the Christmas Boutique**

**Sunday, Dec. 1**

The United Methodist Women will be selling beautiful Christmas items that have previously been donated to the Rummage sale in Fellowship Hall before and after the one service at 10 AM. Stop by and find the perfect holiday decoration or gift!
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

SING WITH THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

Please consider joining our marvelous Chancel Choir for the Christmas season! We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:30, and then meet on Sunday mornings at 10 to sing at the 11 AM worship service. We also sing for The Light Before Christmas program on December 15, and on Christmas Eve. Singing with the choir is a wonderful way to share your faith and inspire our church family! Contact Sergio@mayfieldchurch.org or Carol8861@aol.com for information.

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

The Women’s Ministry will have their 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.
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| 5    | Election Polls, All Day, FH |
| 6    | UMW Eve Circle, 7 - 9 PM, FH |
| 10   | Blood Pressure Screenings, 9 AM - 1 PM, The Bookstore |
| 12   | Happy Packers (Foodbank volunteers), 10 AM, at The Foodbank  
*God’s Caring Community is not meeting this month* |
| 16   | Men’s Breakfast, 8:30 AM, FH (p. 21)  
Tweens Game Time, 2 - 4 PM, The Rock |
| 18   | Charge Conference, 7 - 8:30 PM, WC |
| 19   | M.U.M.S. (*a ministry for those with special needs*), 6 - 7:30 PM, FH |
| 22   | Community Dinner, 5 - 6:30 PM, FH |
| 26   | Happy Packers (Foodbank volunteers), 10 AM, at The Foodbank |
| 27   | S.A.M.I. (Singles Ministry), 6 PM, 56 Kitchen (p. 20) |
| 28   | Thanksgiving Day: Office and Heartland Closed |
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| 1    | Holiday Weekend: ONE SERVICE SUNDAY, 10 AM, WC  
UMW Christmas Boutique, Before and after service, FH  
Patterson Pie Fellowship, after service, FH |

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**Upcoming Sundays at Mayfield Church**

**November 3:** “Power for the Next Moment” *Acts 3:1-10*  
**November 10:** “It Only Takes a Spark” *2 Tim. 1:3-7; 2:1,2*  
**November 17:** “Money Matters - Stepping Up”  
**November 24:** “Money Matters - Consecrating Our Investment”

**December 1:** ONE SERVICE @ 10 AM  
“God With Us Brings Hope” *Romans 15:13*  
First Sunday in Advent
November Activity Highlights

COMMITTEES/MINISTRIES
Intercessory Prayer Group  Tuesdays  10 AM-NOON
Garden Ministry Nov. 4  7:15-8:15 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry Nov. 14  1 PM
Prayer Warriors Nov. 10  10:30 AM
Mission Outreach Council Nov. 17  11 AM
Executive Team Nov. 18  7 PM
Trustees Nov. 20  7 PM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Overeaters Anonymous Mondays in B42  7:30 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesdays in B42  7:30 PM
Narcotics Anonymous Wednesdays in B25  7:30 PM
Cub Scout Pack 3104 Nov. 20 in Gym  6:30 PM
Karate Thursdays (except Thanksgiving)  6:15 PM

ADULT LIFE / 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 Thursday  6:15 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal Thursday  7:30 PM

Mayfield Church appreciates the opportunity to serve our community as a polling place for the upcoming general election.

It’s a privilege to vote – please vote on Nov. 5!

You may find candidate signs on our property. Please be aware that election law allows these signs to be placed at polling places on election day, but in no way indicates an endorsement by Mayfield Church. In accordance with IRS rules, we do not endorse any candidate or issue.
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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.

Sunday Worship Celebrations
8:00 AM: Communion
9:30 AM: Modern
11:00 AM: Traditional
LifeGroups: see page 6 & 7