Dear Friends,

When we were in Israel back in November, we often commented that it was awesome to know that this is the region of Galilee where the ministry of Jesus and his disciples was centered, this is the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus taught the multitudes, this is the likely cave where Jesus went apart to pray, this is the stone pavement where Jesus walked, these are the “Rabbi Steps” where Jesus taught in Jerusalem, this is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not my will but your will be done” (Matthew 26:39).

When the Bible teaches, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14), we can see that Jesus entered the world at a particular place and time in history. Archeology can tell us much about the world where Jesus lived and served, confirming the biblical narrative and history. We know a great deal about the culture in the time of Jesus – the history, geography, architecture, politics, and character of the Roman Empire, Palestine, Jerusalem, the Jewish people, the Temple. Jesus, God incarnate, the Word made flesh, walked this earth, fully human, fully divine.

This tells us something important – we live out our Christian faith in the world as we know it. We are twenty-first century Christians living in the United States of America and in the global community. This is the culture where we live out our faith. Certainly we have our challenges to be Christian in this world. But we also have an amazing infrastructure that supports our way of life. Technology makes possible travel, communication, medicine, art, education, work, leisure, and expressions of faith unlike the world has ever seen before. We live in a country founded upon deeply Christian values that continue to bless us with a government of the people, by the people, for the people, and a system of justice built to offer liberty and justice for all.

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It is not easy to do what the King James Version tells us to do in 2 Corinthians 6:17 – “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.” Various faith communities have tried to do this with varying levels of success. The Amish do this in a visible way, freezing their culture in time to look like nineteenth century America. Benedictine monks do this in their abbeys and monasteries. But most of us are called to live out our Christian faith in the culture into which we were born, seeking to be a transforming influence as “salt and light” in the world. In this light, we as Methodists have much for which to be proud. We have established hospitals, clinics, schools, colleges, universities, mission stations, and seminaries as well as churches in the center of most communities as a direct way of giving witness to the love of God and lordship of Jesus in the world.

So, we choose not to separate ourselves from the culture in which we live. The question is, How in the world do we give witness to our faith in God’s love for the world, demonstrated once for all in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord?

That is why Pastor Jan and I have chosen The Grace of Les Misérables by Rev. Matt Rawle as our Lenten theme for worship and study. We want to explore that intersection between Christ and culture, right where Jesus dwells as the Body of Christ incarnate, the Church. That’s us! That’s the Mayfield Church! That’s where we live!

Rev. Rawle states, “I truly believe we are called not to reject the culture we live in, but to re-narrate its meaning – to tell God’s story in the midst of it. Jesus didn’t reject the cross (the sin of our world); rather, Jesus accepted it and transformed it from a death instrument into a symbol of life and reconciliation” (pp.9-10).

When the 25th Anniversary of the First London performance of Les Mis concluded, the audience stood and applauded wildly. What were they applauding? They were applauding the gospel as it was revealed in the culture of nineteenth century France.

I hope people in the culture of twenty-first century America would likewise have reason to stand and applaud the gospel as we live it out as twenty-first century Christians. Wouldn’t that be something? God’s will and God’s way are worthy of praise!

Praise God,
Jim
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How to Become a Foster Parent
Thursday, March 19 @ 6 PM, Room B29/30

Geauga County Job & Family Services will lead this information session. If you are in need of childcare, please contact Mary Oklander at childcare@mayfieldchurch.org with names and ages.
UPCOMING SUNDAY MESSAGES

March 1:
“Do This and You Will Live”
Grace Well Received: The Story of Jean Valjean

March 8:
“The Law and the Prophets Fulfilled”
When Grace and Justice Collide: The Story of Javert

March 15:
“The Anointing at Bethany”
The Poor Are Always with You: The Story of Fantine

March 22:
“The Most Excellent Way”
The Gift of Love: The Story of Marius and Cosette

March 29:
“You Say You Want a Revolution”
Building the Barricade: The Story of Les Amis, the Friends

April 5:
“Three Gardens”
The Blessed Garden: A Hopeful Vision

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday - April 5:
8 AM, 9:30 AM*, 11 AM*

Maundy Thursday - April 9:
10 - 10:15 AM: Children’s Service
7 PM*: Evening Service

Good Friday - April 10:
Noon: Time of Reflection & Holy Communion
7 PM*: Evening Service

Easter Sunday - April 12:
6:30 AM: Sunrise
9:30 AM*: Modern Service
11 AM*: Traditional Service

*Childcare will be provided
The Mission Outreach Council has been looking at ways to encourage the building of relationships in our mission efforts. We believe that our church and its members, as well as those being served, grow and find meaning when relationships are developed.

Through our mission programs, relationships are built among our church, its members, the mission organizations and the persons served. Our “Hands That Serve” missions provide these opportunities for direct service as well as the opportunity to serve in mission through our financial support.

This month’s “Hands That Serve” mission is the Stephen Ministry program. Stephen Ministers are perfect examples of members of our church who are building relationships in the name of Christian Service. This group will be providing additional information on their ministry throughout the month.

January’s “Hands that Serve” mission was the team for the Emsizini Secondary School (Zimbabwe), which our church partners with. As part of this mission effort, we annually send a mission team to build relationships and to provide opportunities for our members to directly serve in the mission field. This trip is a life-altering opportunity for those serving as missionaries and for the students at the school to get to know and learn from American Christians. Participants also learn by staying with and building relationships with local families. If interested in more information about the mission trip to Emsizini May 5 - 20, 2020, please contact John Parker at parkerja89@gmail.com soon! (Some scholarships may be available.)

February’s “Hands that Serve” mission was the Cleveland Angels’ Love Box. Mayfield members are assisting a local foster family in meeting the challenges of having foster children in their home. A central part of this mission is building relationships between those that serve and those who are served.

Another way to serve with any of our “Hands That Serve” teams is to join in the preparation of our monthly mission breakfasts that benefit that month’s mission focus. For more information on serving in this capacity, contact Anne Parker at anne@mayfieldchurch.org. Anne will put you in touch with the breakfast sponsor.

Creating opportunities for service and relationship-building will be a key focus of the Mission Outreach Council this year. To this end, we conducted a survey last month to better understand the many ways our members serve today. If you have not participated, we encourage you to still do so by visiting the Welcome Desk and fill out a survey. All these efforts are to ensure that our members have the opportunity to answer Christ’s call to service through our labors as well as our financial support.

“Whosoever does these things for the least of these, does so for our Lord. “

-- Phil David, co-chair, Mission Outreach Council
As the Hands That Serve Focus area for March, an overview of the Stephen Ministry program is probably in order.

**Stephen Ministry** is a one-to-one lay caring ministry. The three groups of people involved in Mayfield's Stephen Ministry program include **Stephen Leaders**, **Stephen Ministers**, and **Care Receivers**.

**Stephen Leaders** establish and direct Stephen Ministry in a congregation. They—
- build awareness of Stephen Ministry within the congregation & community
- recruit and train Stephen Ministers
- meet with potential care receivers to assess their needs
- match care receivers with Stephen Ministers
- provide Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision & continuing education.

People learn to serve as Stephen Leaders by attending a week-long Leader’s Training Course.

**Stephen Ministers** are members of Mayfield's congregation who are trained by the Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Once a month, Stephen Ministers gather together for supervision, support, and continuing education.

**Care Receivers** are people—congregation members and others in the community—who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis.

Some important guidelines for this caring relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister:
- the relationship between a care receiver & a Stephen Minister is confidential
- men are matched with men; women with women.
- when a care receiver’s needs exceed what a Stephen Minister can provide, the Stephen Ministry team makes a referral to an appropriate mental health professional or other community resource.
Congregational Blessings of Stephen Ministry Program
Congregations receive a practical and powerful way to respond to Christ’s commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you”

Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people. Lay people nurture and use their gifts in a meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others. People who are hurting have a compassionate companion—a caring Christian friend who provides emotional and spiritual support and offers God’s curing power.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Joyce Gordon right away since we hope to begin a new training course in the very near future. 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, at 216-570-3767 or joytgordon@gmail.com.

February “Hands That Serve” Update:

Mary Oklander (left) and Jennifer Kaye (right), from our Mom’s Morning Group, dropped off the first “Love Box” last month to our partnered foster family through “Cleveland Angels.” Thank you, congregation, for donating supplies to make this possible and for donating enough funds to supply the family for an entire year!

If you would like to continue helping this ministry, please contact Katie Davis or Mary Oklander at mayfieldmoms@gmail.com.

Here is what Jacob Armstrong, pastor of Providence Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, says about the book by Matt Rawle:

In this book Matt Rawle does what he does best. He takes a classic story and uses it to teach profound truths in a way that is easy to understand. Grace collides with justice in each chapter, and you won’t be able to look at Les Miserables or your life the same way again.

The following LifeGroups will be studying the book, which is available in the Bookstore for $13 (or borrow an electronic version from the Cuyahoga or Geauga library’s Hoopla program).

New members are always welcome at these groups!

**Faith Builders:** 9:30 - 10:30 AM Sundays in Room 31. Begins March 1. Facilitator: Nancy Dickerson.


**Sundays at 11:** 11 AM - noon in Room 31. Begins March 1. Facilitators: Maureen Wenger, Craig and Betsy Virnelson.

**Tuesday Afternoon:** 5 - 6:30 PM in Room 31. Begins March 3. Facilitator: Linnea Bubnow.


Spring Break Snack Bags

We will be packing 880 snack bags for our students at our partner schools this month.

Here is our schedule:

**Saturday, March 14:** In the morning, we’ll pick up the food at Costco and transport the pallets to church. Around noon, we’ll begin sorting the snacks and put them on tables in Fellowship Hall. *Do you have an hour to help us sort the snacks and put them on tables?*

**Sunday, March 15:** We’ll pack the snack bags after each service and store them upstairs in our gym area. *Are you able to hand out bags to our packers? Replenish supplies? Transport the bags upstairs?*

**Thursday, March 19:** In the morning, we’ll add two apples and an orange to each bag, and then in the afternoon, at 3:30, we’ll transport the bags to the two schools (Rowland first, Adrian second), and into each classroom. *Want to see our schools? We could use your help taking the bags to the classrooms!*

**Friday, March 20:** Our students will take the bags home for snacking during their break from school the following week.

*If you can help with this project, see or email Pastor Jan (jan@mayfieldchurch.org). Many hands will make for light work!*

We are grateful to our partners in this project:

**Penske Truck in Wickliffe:** Thank you for the truck used to transport the food to our church. A big thanks to John and Nancy Donahue, our driver and navigator!

**Eddy’s Fruit Farm in Chesterland:** Thank you for the biodegradable bags, apples and the truck used to transport the bags to the schools. A big thanks to Farmer Bart Alcorn, who helps out in so many, many ways with this project!
It’s official! For the first time in decades (perhaps ever!), Mayfield Church students will be part of Youth Annual Conference June 12-14.

What is Youth Annual Conference (YAC)?

It is a weekend for youth from the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church to meet at Lakeside for worship, leadership development and fun. It is a weekend for teens – planned by teens! This year marks the 45th year for YAC. The theme is HOPE, based on Hebrews 6:19.

The following students will represent Mayfield:

Owen Myers
Sam Patterson
Cassie Burgess
Andra Usis

Please join us for a fund-raising breakfast on Sunday, March 22, to learn more about YAC and our students who will be attending this year!
Tweens Mystery Night!
Friday, March 6 @ 6 - 8 PM
Lower Level

Join us for a mystery night on the lower level where your 4th & 5th graders will have the opportunity to play real-life Clue. This is one of our most popular, exciting tween events of the year that your child will not want to miss! Tweens are encouraged to bring any 4th / 5th-grade friends and relatives. Please RSVP by emailing Jessica Martz at jessica@mayfieldchurch.org by March 4, as we will need a count for dinner.

End 68 Hours of Hunger
Wednesday, March 25 (Time TBD)
Painesville

This month families with children in pre-school through grade 5 are invited to help pack bags at End 68 Hours of Hunger in Painesville. Often-times children of lower income homes are guaranteed breakfast and lunch at school during the week. However, on the weekend families may struggle to find food for all three meals of the day. End 68 Hours of Hunger is an organization that fights childhood hunger right here in Northeast Ohio by sending bags of food home on the weekends with children to families in need. If you’d like to make a food donation, please drop it off in Jessica’s office or in your child’s Sunday school classroom.
The Uprising is celebrating 50 years of Mayfield Church youth attending Camp Aldersgate, which began in 1970. Mayfield is still the only church in the conference that does a full week of overnight camp. Camp Aldersgate has been a crucial place for thousands of kids to discover and strengthen their relationship with God. In recent years, the camp has made many significant improvements that all former campers would appreciate:

- Air conditioning in all buildings, including cabins;
- Mid-camp bathroom renovations (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, church members contributed funds and provided much of the labor for two new cabins that have vastly impacted many youth and adult campers.

For 2020, The Uprising is asking Mayfield Aldersgate alumni to partner with Camp Aldersgate with the hope of raising up to $50,000 to commemorate and strengthen their relationships with the camp and make it a wonderful place for generations to come.

The projects funded by these contributions 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.

For 50 years, Camp Aldersgate has played a key role in the lives of our youth and congregation. As Camp Aldersgate Alumni and friends, we hope to provide many more opportunities for youth to grow in Christ. The Uprising invites all Aldersgate alumni and friends to please prayerfully and carefully consider contributing to these important Camp Aldersgate projects.
Mark Your Calendars -

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

All Mayfield Church Aldersgate Alumni and families invited!
A BBQ lunch will be provided, the lake will be open for swimming, and we will have a short worship service.

Bada-Bing and The Uprising

Don’t forget, the first Wednesday of every month is The Uprising Day at BadaBing Pizza in Chesterland. 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 March 4!

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
Applications for the Don and Bonnie Cummings Scholarship are now available. Any student who is a member of Mayfield Church may apply for this scholarship. Applications can be found on the display board in the main hallway or you may request a digital copy from Adam Vodicka at adam@mayfieldchurch.org. Applications are due April 26. Award letters will go out in mid-May.

Clothing Swap!

Saturday, May 9
9 - 11 AM (with vouchers)
11 AM - 12 PM (free of charge)

Donate or exchange clothing for babies, toddlers, kids, and teens.

For any questions about the swap or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jamie Galiardi at 440-749-2972 or mello_jello22@yahoo.com.
“When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my promise to you.” Genesis 9:16

This is our fourth year to celebrate Ash Wednesday together with our Heartland family. Our Ash Wednesday service was on Feb. 26 in the Worship Center. Pastor Jan did an amazing job explaining the ashes to the children and distributing them on their foreheads. The service was a beautiful experience for the children and the teachers as well as their families. It was a true blessing to worship together.

Our Maundy Thursday service is scheduled for April 9, at 10 AM. Please feel free to join us and our Heartland family.

Summer camp registration is also in full swing. The first week of summer camp is June 8. This summer we will be exploring and having fun with “The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss!” We are looking forward to a summer full of Seussical adventures and would love for you to join us! We will enjoy all kinds of summer activities as well as host special guests who will stop by throughout the weeks of camp. Children (ages 2 ½ - 10) are invited to join us in the fun!

If you have any questions about Heartland or Summer Camp, please contact the Heartland Office at 440-729-4006 Ext. 116 or email us at heartland@mayfieldchurch.org. Have a Blessed Lenten season!
Executive Committee Approves Balanced Budget for 2020

In 2019, we committed to be forthcoming with the status of the church’s finances. As a result, we would like to share some important information with you. In early February, the Finance Committee voted to recommend a balanced budget for Mayfield Church for the year 2020. Following that recommendation, the Executive Committee voted to approve the budget. Assuming we should expect the church to manage its finances as we would our own household finances, we felt that it was irresponsible to plan for anything other than a balanced budget. To that end, the budgeted expenses for 2020 are about $995,000, which is reduction of 7% from the 2019 budget.

Our challenge is that we don’t have a guaranteed income on which to develop our budget like most organizations do, but we do have a starting point. We stepped out in faith and based our budget on the income that we received during 2019. We are stepping out in faith because our 2020 pledges are below what was pledged in 2019 - by about $60,000. We have also assumed additional contributions throughout the year from special offerings such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas; the amount of which is based on historical numbers.

To balance our budget, we had to reduce planned spending in several areas. One area affected by these reductions is Program Expenses, which includes items such as Stepping Stones, New Member Hospitality, LifeGroup Curriculums, Stephen Ministry, and Youth/College Ministry. We have also identified three areas where we will be asking members/participants to assume a portion of the activity cost (Aldersgate, Heartland Preschool, and Confirmation).

Additionally, at the recommendation of PSPR, we did include a small cost of living raise for the church staff, which has not happened for the past 3 years. The full budget is available for review, and a member of the Finance Committee will be happy to help explain any of the details if you would like to look it over.
The Worship Center will be adorned with beautiful lilies, azaleas, and hydrangeas for Easter. You may place your orders beginning March 15, through Palm Sunday, April 5, at the Garden Ministry Table on Sundays, or by contacting Linnea Bubnow at linneabubnow@hotmail.com or 440-729-2424.

Additional order forms will be on the display board in the main hallway.

Flowers displayed in the Worship Center on Easter may be picked up after the 11 AM service or on Tuesday, April 14 during church office hours.

**OPEN CIRCLE LIFEGROUP**

*The Open Circle St. Patrick’s Party* is at the Burich home on Saturday, March 14, at 6:30 PM. Please call Cheryl Burich at 440-461-0590 to RSVP and whether you can bring an appetizer or salad.

**GARDEN MINISTRY**

**Easter Flowers**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY**

We are upgrading our AED device near the Welcome Desk and will be adding an additional AED on the lower level. We are thankful for the Chesterland Rotary Club and United Methodist Women, who will donate two new devices to our church!
A Tribute to Vic Matthews  
By Cyndi Nicholson

Victor Y. Matthews died in December 2018. We knew him as Vic, and we miss him and his love for people. We learned that others miss him, too.

Judge Timothy Grendell, of the probate and juvenile divisions of the Geauga County Common Pleas Court, called last month. He, too, thought highly of Vic and knew he was a special person.

In 2013, the Geauga County Probate and Juvenile Court began FLIP (Family Life Intervention Program). The Geauga Courts web site says, “FLIP serves the best interests of children who have been temporarily removed from their homes due to parental substance abuse and/or mental health issues, by aiding in family reunification through parent mentoring and case management services designed to improve family dynamics, thus reducing the likelihood of unruly and/or delinquent juvenile behavior which can stem from dysfunctional family dynamics.

“While serving as an initial volunteer, Victor Y. Matthews identified that the program needed a dedicated director, and volunteered to lead the program, which he did faithfully, industriously, and diligently. Through the hard work and efforts of Vic Matthews, many tough challenges were met and addressed logically and in an efficient and timely manner. Vic served in this capacity with distinction, honor and integrity, ensuring that the children and families of the Geauga County Juvenile Court Family Life Improvement Program were kept safe, treated with compassion, and provided opportunities to grow as individuals under his guidance. He is sorely missed by the Court and by the families he selflessly served.”

Judge Grendell wanted to remember Vic and Vic’s passion for helping families in need, so the judge insisted to name the program’s resource center in honor of him.

The Victor Y. Matthews Family Life Resource Center is at 470 Center Street, Building 5-D, Chardon. The center connects juveniles who may have committed unruly and/or delinquent behavior with substance abuse and/or mental health services, as deemed appropriate by court personnel. The center’s services also are available to anyone in Geauga County who seeks help with a child not yet in the court system. The center will be dedicated on March 2, 2020 at 11 AM.
Victor Y. Matthews
Family Life Improvement Resource Center
The Court will be hosting an open house at its innovative new Resource Center, located at 470 Center Street, Bldg 5-D, in Chardon, at 11:00am on March 2, 2020. Through the Victor Y. Matthews Family Life Improvement Resource Center, the Juvenile Court assists families involved in private custody or abuse/neglect/dependency cases, in navigating the court process, connecting them with needed services, monitoring court order compliance, mediation, co-parenting classes, and, when necessary, scheduling and managing supervised visitations between parents and children. The Resource Center connects juveniles who have allegedly committed delinquency or unruly offenses with mental health and/or substance abuse services, as deemed appropriate by the Judge or Magistrate, and is available as a resource to anyone in Geauga County who seeks help with a troubled youth not yet involved in the formal Court system. To RSVP for the Open House, or to learn more about the Resource Center, contact Ann Walden at 440-279-1854 or awalden@geaugacourts.org

Fairmount Temple’s Annual Interfaith Passover Seder
Tuesday, March 24
7 - 8:30 PM

Join Pastor Jim and Lynelle for Fairmount Temple’s Annual Interfaith Passover Seder on Tuesday, March 24, from 7 to 8:30 PM. Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple welcomes us to visit their community, build understanding, raise awareness about Passover, and work to fulfill the prophet Isaiah’s vision that our house be “a house of prayer for all peoples.” This evening will consist of an explanation of the significance of Passover and a small sampling of traditional foods used at the Passover Seder. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 10 to the office. Space is limited.
What’s With the “Fish” in our Worship Center?

A month or so ago, Pastor Jan challenged us to “Go Fish” ... go find those people around us who need to know about Jesus. On the back of each paper fish hanging on our wall to the left in the Worship Center, is the name or initial of a person who is close to someone here at Mayfield ... and who needs to know about our Lord and Savior, Jesus. We ask that you say a prayer for our “fish” as you enter the Worship Center during Lent.
M.U.M.S. Special Needs Worship Service

THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Tuesday, March 3 @ 6:30 PM

For our special needs friends and their families.
All ages and abilities are welcome.

M.U.M.S. (Mayfield United Methodist Stars), a ministry for those with special needs, meets every third Tuesday of the month.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Want to be in the choir?
Just show up a half hour before the service for rehearsal.

For more information on M.U.M.S. events, please contact Sandy Pavick at sandyinnewbury@aol.com or call 440-429-5029.
Our **Single Adult Ministry Ignited** meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6 PM for dinner at **Brown Barn Tavern**

**Wednesday, March 25 @ 6 PM**

**10700 Mayfield Road, Chardon**

Please RSVP to Sandy Pavick at 440-429-5029 or **sandyinnewbury@aol.com**

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**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.

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**Hiking Our National Parks**

**With Sara Shininger**

**Thursday, March 12 @ 11 AM**

**Fellowship Hall**

Sara Shininger will present a slideshow with commentary on her travels hiking our national parks. Please bring your own lunch, as it will not be served during this session.
We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Dorothy Jackson. She passed away on Monday, Feb. 3.

... to Christine and Michael Fultz, Stephanie, Cullin, Rachel, and Hannah on the passing of Christine’s father, John Goertz. He passed away on Monday, Feb. 10.

... to the Sulzer family on the passing of their uncle, Tom Hively. He passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”
Revelation 21:4

The Card Ministry would love for you to join them in writing cards to our members who are homebound on Sunday, March 8, at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please email Robin Fumich at Birdflyus@aol.com or 440-622-7452. Join us in sending smiles to our homebound through the mail. Thank you.
Chili Cook-Off

To Support Foster Care Families
Sunday, March 29: 4 PM
Fellowship Hall

Get the crockpots ready…the chili cook-off is back!
And this year, YOU are the judge!

We’ll find out who in our congregation makes the best chili. If you would like to enter, there will be a sign-up poster in the Gathering Space this month. Please bring your chili to the church by 3:30 PM.

Cost to sample, judge and eat is $5 per person with a maximum $15 per family. Proceeds will go to “Foster Care Family Support.” Hot dogs, cornbread, crackers and condiments will be provided.

For more information, please email mayfieldmoms@gmail.com or text/call Katie Davis at 440-552-3415. Childcare is available. Please RSVP to Mary Oklander at childcare@mayfieldchurch.org with the name and age of each child by March 15.

Sunday, April 26
Pastor Don Cummings
will preach at all three services
Israel Presentation and Luncheon  
Sunday, April 26 after the 11 AM service  
Fellowship Hall

The Israel Team will present information about its trip after the 11 AM service. The presentation is open to anyone who would like to learn more about Israel. There will be photos, video clips, and brief testimonials about the impact this study tour had on their faith and understanding as followers of Jesus. Dr. Bur Shilling, who led the tour, will give an overview of what a Holy Land study tour involves.

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Please start saving your items to donate to the Spring Rummage Sale!

**Collection days:**
Sunday, May 10 - Wednesday, May 13

**Sale days:**
Thursday, May 14 - Saturday, May 16

Volunteers are needed to help sort and price items on collection days! We do not accept adult books, mattresses, and TV’s.

Please contact Marge Eisenberg at mae1775@att.net if you have any questions or if you are able to help.
“THIS WEEK AT MAYFIELD” HIGHLIGHTS

Yoga with the Women’s Ministry on February 1

Movie Night with the Tweens’ Ministry on February 7

Mom’s Morning LifeGroup: Join the next group meetings on Friday, March 6 and 20 at 9 AM

Holy Donut Day!

Jayne Jancsurak enjoying S.A.M.I.’s monthly dinner out at Hibachi Steakhouse. Almost caught the shrimp!

Ash Wednesday on February 26
Young Servants Ministry working on tie blankets to send to UH Rainbow Babies and Children

Drew Sulzer and Aron Oklander setting up the new sound system in The Rock

David Seiz ready to sing in the M.U.M.S. Choir

Geri Slechta

Young Servants Ministry working on tie blankets to send to UH Rainbow Babies and Children

Do you have photos for the weekly video, “This Week at Mayfield,” or ministry events for the bulletin? Please email photos by Saturday or bulletin information by Tuesday to rebecca@mayfieldchurch.org. Thank you!

Karate on Thursday nights with Master Chuck Fazio
Get to know the staff of Mayfield Church! Every month, I will highlight a staff member (or two), so you get to know more about us! -Rebecca Sulzer

Jess Martz, Director of Children’s Ministries

How long have you been in the ministry?
I have been in children’s ministry for two and a half years and loving every moment of it!

Tell me about your family...
I have been married to my very best friend Brandon for two years and we enjoy traveling and spending time together working on our house. Fun fact: We grew up next door to each other and our parents still reside in those homes! Another fun fact: We are expecting our first child at the end of August!

What are your hobbies/recreational interests?
In my free time, I enjoy hiking through our beautiful Lake and Geauga park system with my girlfriends and traveling as much as possible.

What is your favorite scripture verse?
Many of you are familiar with Jeremiah 29:11 which states “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” I’ve recalled this from memory over the past several years on my best days and my worst, but it’s the verses that come after that I’ve tried to focus on over the past few years. Jeremiah 29:12-13 states, “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” It’s a beautiful challenge for me to seek Him with all of my heart, not just on Sunday mornings or when I’m at work, but always and with everything I am.

What was your first job?
While I have babysat since I was 13 years old, my first “real” job was at a local ice cream shop in Kirtland. (I’ve been an ice cream addict ever since…)

What was your career choice when you were a child?
When I was a child, I either wanted to go into the teaching or in the medical field. Being the eldest of three, I knew I wanted to either work with children or in the medical field to help others.
Who inspires you and why?
My friend Sami inspires me every day. She has a joyful presence about her at all times during seasons of both happiness and hardship. Sami is a fearless, spirited, God-loving lady whom I aspire to be more like each and every day.

If you could, what would you eat every day?
If I could eat something every day I would either eat sweet potato fries or ice cream. Every. Single. Day.

What was a memorable teaching moment from God?
I am a planner. If you ask my husband, he’ll tell you that I already have our next five years sketched out. My most memorable teaching moments from God come when I pray for something to happen (in my time) and it never does. It always happens, and yet it occurs in His perfect time instead of my own. His timing is always more beautiful than anything I could have ever planned and that has truly been the best, most reoccurring teaching moment I have received from God.

What is your favorite part of your position at Mayfield?
My favorite part of being the Children’s Ministry Director at Mayfield takes place on Sunday mornings when I get to see more than thirty children’s warm, excited smiles in our Sunday school classrooms, learning about the love that Jesus has for them. I truly treasure the teachers that we have who disciple and teach the next generation. I could not do my job without them and cherish the time that they too invest in the kids who enter Mayfield Church each and every week.

From the Editor:
I have known Jess since she was a participant in the Children’s Ministry, when my mom, Katharine (Burton) Keller, was the director of Mayfield’s Children’s Ministry. Jess has always had a heart for Jesus, brings joy to everyone she passes in the hallway, and would help anyone who is in need. She works hard by making sure every single child at Mayfield knows how much Jesus loves them. My boys attend Stepping Stones Sunday School and come home singing songs and sharing the lesson of the day. Pictured to the left, my son James and I were blessed by Jess as she put ashes on our foreheads this past Ash Wednesday.
### MARCH EVENTS

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WC– Worship Center  FH– Fellowship Hall

Dates are subject to change. Please call the office with any questions.

If your ministry meeting or event is canceled, please contact Darlene Janke at darlene@mayfieldchurch.org to make changes to the church calendar. Thank you!

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**Sunday, March 8:**

Spring forward
# March Activity Highlights

## Committees/Ministries

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## Adult LifeGroups / Children and Youth

- **Adults**: 9:30 & 11 AM (every other week) & throughout the week
- **Children**: 9:30 AM
- **Middle School/High School**: See page 13

## Music

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

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**Timothy Project Help Needed**

...We still need more adults to pray for our middle school and high school students until the end of the semester. If you can help, please see Adam Vodicka or fill out a form from the display board in the Main Hallway and return it to the Welcome Desk. Our students need you!
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All-Church Meeting
Saturday, March 21
9 - 11 AM
Worship Center

Sunday Worship Celebrations
8 AM: Communion
9:30 AM: Modern
11 AM: Traditional
LifeGroups: see page 8

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