

A Light in the Country

God lightens my darkness –2 Sam. 22:29

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You can also find her at 10am Worship:

February 6 and 13 on Zoom

February 20 and 27 at the church or Zoom



Grace, peace and love to you,

I'm told that in February the light coming through the stained glass windows in the sanctuary produces a heart. What an uplifting occurrence for the dark days of winter! It reminded me of the verse in 2 Samuel that says God lightens my darkness. Even in the midst of our long, dark Midwestern winters, we have a special once-a-year reminder that God brings light and love.

I have missed seeing you in person during January, but I am so thankful that we have technology that makes keeping in touch possible. I've had a lot of fun during the informal Saturday Breakfast with the Pastor meetings, and we've all learned so much more about each other! In-person worship will be delayed until February 20th, so please consider joining us on Zoom for Breakfast with the Pastor or Sunday Worship (see the calendar on page two for details).

Don't hesitate to reach out to me via phone, text, or email. I'd love to hear from you for any reason.

Blessings, Pastor Lauri

Looking ahead...

LENT 2022*

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd
on Zoom

Please let Pastor Lauri or Dawn know if you would like ashes to use at home during the Zoom service.

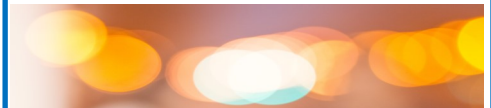
Palm Sunday, April 10th
in person and on Zoom

Maundy Thursday, April 14th
in person and on Zoom

Easter Sunday, April 17th
7:30am outside around the fire pit
in person only

10am inside worship
in person and on Zoom

*all "in person" services are subject to the Council's continuing evaluation of the pandemic and safety precautions



Lenten Studies

Wednesdays at 7pm
March 2nd through April 13th
on Zoom

This year we will be exploring light with a series from the SALT Project.

Incorporating Vincent Van Gogh's paintings and writings, we will consider the scriptures with discussion, meditations, prayer, and suggested weekly practices. Join in all or any of the Wednesday evenings for an interesting, faith-filled discovery.

KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Sunshine baskets waiting to be delivered!



Mayfield Church recently participated in a 21-Day Kindness Challenge. We sent cards and visited. We tipped extra and bought orders for cars behind us in the drive through. We were patient and chose our words more carefully. We were more considerate to those we normally take for granted. We gave out compliments, we donated to worthy organizations. We did chores and errands for others. We delivered sunshine baskets and distributed baked goods. We shared God's love with those around us—and became more intentional in our actions in the process. Every Sunday we sang Mary Lu Walker's lyrics "put on love every day, don't save love for a special day." We hope to continue doing exactly that!

Reports from Council meeting 1/20 (held via Zoom)

Trustee: have been checking on the buildings

Treasurer: 2021 financials were presented and discussed

Moderator: discussed extending virtual worship in February, postponing annual meeting to March, ways to keep congregation connected during building closure.

Pastor: time report for prior month submitted, 53 pastoral contacts; requested vacation time; requested education time to attend Festival of Homiletics in May

Deacons: will be meeting soon



Please let Pastor Lauri or Dawn know of any prayer requests or pastoral needs

February Sermons & Scripture

- 6th Irrational Requests (Luke 5:1-11)
- 13th Blessed are Those Who Hope (Luke 6:17-26)
- 20th Should We Love Our Enemies? (Gen. 45:3-11)
- 27th Bold Acts (Ex.34:29-35, 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-43a)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 4th

3pm—6pm



Sit in prayer with us **at the church**. You will also have the opportunity to make a prayer flag that we will hang outside to send blessings with the wind.

“I remember being a child in church.”

What memory does this trigger for you? Tell Pastor Lauri: 815.757.5917 or PastorLauri@MayfieldChurchUCC.org

BIBLE STUDY—Feb 2nd through Feb 23rd

Join Diana Swanson as she guides a discussion of the Lectionary scriptures for the coming Sunday.

LENTEN STUDY—Mar 2nd through Apr 13th

Pastor Lauri presents a new series from the SALT Project: “Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent.”

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Jan/Feb	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Worship 10a ZOOM			Bible Study 7p ZOOM			Breakfast w/ Pastor 8a ZOOM
Feb	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>Mug Hug distribution</i>	Worship 10a Communion ZOOM		Deacons 6p ZOOM	Bible Study 7p ZOOM		Fellowship 12-1:30p ZOOM	Breakfast w/ Pastor 8a ZOOM
Feb	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Worship 10a ZOOM			Bible Study 7p ZOOM	Council 6:30p		Breakfast w/ Pastor 8a ZOOM
Feb	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Worship 10a in person and ZOOM			Bible Study 7p ZOOM			
Feb/Mar	27	28	1	2	3	4	5
	Worship 10a in person and ZOOM			Ash Wed Lent Study 7pm ZOOM		World Day of Prayer 3-6p in person	

WELCOME! Mayfield Congregational Church UCC

celebrates a rich history in DeKalb County, Illinois. Our congregation invites you and your family to join our community in worship and service to others. Mayfield Church is an Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation, which means that LGBT persons are welcome to participate fully in the life of our church. Children are encouraged to share Sunday services with us in the pews.

Mayfield Church is handicapped accessible. A lift services both floors; use the entrance to the right of the double entry doors. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins and hymns are provided on request.

Questions? Contact the church or Pastor Lauri

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Children’s Sunday School will return in the spring
10am Worship
Zoom links are emailed each week along with the bulletin