



A Light in the Country

The Lord went in front of them to give them light.
Exodus 13:21

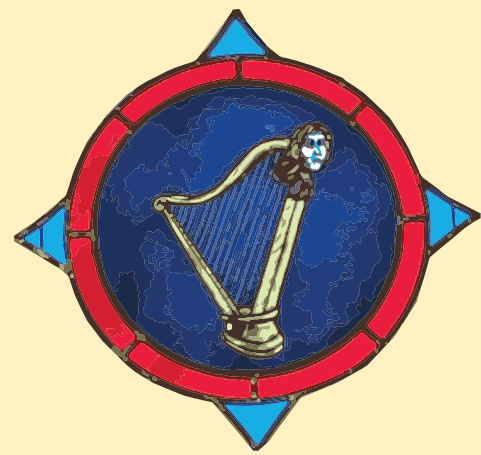
The summer solstice, the one day a year with the most daylight hours, occurred on June 21. Although we have an abundance of natural light, the world around us can feel a little dark and murky lately. From ethical lapses divulged in testimony regarding the January 6 riots to an astonishing shooting because a fast-food restaurant put too much mayonnaise on a sandwich, it feels like the world has lost its way. More and more, we seem to be losing the personal connection with others and indulging only in self-serving acts. It is easier to claim “they” did it if we do not know them. And conversely, it is harder to deride entire groups of people when they include friends.

Our worship focus throughout July will be “At the Table.” Eating together was so important throughout the Bible. Jesus invited a wide variety of people to sit with him, talk with him, share a meal with him. They got to know each other, shared viewpoints, and sometimes discovered that tax collectors and every day Jews could in fact become friends. We are going to look at five instances where meals made a difference and remind ourselves of what God’s light is calling us do, where to go, and how to act.

I hope you’ll make plans to join us. We’ll be worshipping inside on July 3, 17 and 31. Bring a lawn chair as we worship outside on July 10 and 24. Stay after church for fellowship (that is church talk for coffee and snacks). On July 3 we will be grilling hot dogs; bring a side dish or dessert or just your sunny smile. Better yet, bring a friend! We want to strengthen our bonds of family and be able to reach out to the area in love and understanding. Sharing food can accomplish amazing things!

Blessings, Pastor Lauri

Orange milkweed growing in the waystation.



Music at Mayfield

The Deacons have booked several area musicians for our summer Sunday services. We will use the New Century Hymnal CDs on the weeks without a live musician.

Plan to be at church on September 4 when Ron Holm will join us for a musical reflection on the meaning of Labor Day; you can check out his music at www.trinadora.com.

Do you know anyone who plays piano and would be interested in a paid position on Sunday mornings? Please refer anyone who may be interested to Jan Wylde.

Remembering Roy Foellmer

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Roy Foellmer. Long time members and friends remember Roy's care of the church grounds and assistance with church suppers. Roy died on June 15, 2022 at the age of 92. He was laid to rest in the Mayfield Cemetery next to Rev. Nancy Foellmer, one of Mayfield's former pastors. The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Nancy and Roy Foellmer Fund benefitting Mayfield Congregational UCC.

New for the summer!

Outdoor worship on the second and fourth Sundays, now through September 11 of this year. Bring a chair or use one of ours and enjoy the birds singing as background music while we worship. The services are less formal than our indoor services. We hope to see you there!

Sausage and Corn Drive-Through Dinner

Don't miss Mayfield's first ever Italian sausage and corn drive-through dinner from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 31. For just \$12 you can have two grilled Italian sausage or bratwurst sandwiches, an ear of corn, coleslaw, and dessert!

Tickets must be purchased before the event, and we are only selling 100 tickets. Don't wait or they will all be gone! Contact Dawn to purchase a ticket or to obtain a page of tickets to sell. John Carlson would appreciate help preparing for the event on Saturday, July 30.



The Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat on Saturday, June 18, was a success! The ladies found refreshment with scripture, breathing, painting, meditating in nature, singing, laughing, eating, Bible study, bingo, and communion. Did you miss it? Watch for the next one and don't get left out! We had FUN!



Donating to Mayfield.

Do you lie awake at 2 a.m. and wonder how many ways there are to donate to Mayfield Congregational United Church of Christ?

Let us help you count them!

1. Drop a donation in the white lattice box in the narthex.
2. Mail a check to:
Mayfield Congregational Church
28405 Church Road, Sycamore IL 60178
3. Use your bank's online banking option.
4. Make an electronic contribution through **Tithe.ly**. (while there are many on-line options available, several council members have tested this one).

Go to: tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give and log in or set up an account. Search for "Mayfield Congregational" and choose our church. You will be taken to a transaction screen. Fill in the amount you would like to donate. Just to the right is a drop down list so that you may tell us what kind of contribution you are making (general, OCWM, etc.); there is a notes section at the bottom where you can be more specific if necessary. Should you wish to set up a recurring donation, check that box. Scroll down and enter your credit card or bank account information (please consider covering the processing fees). Complete your transaction and the money is electronically deposited into Mayfield's bank account. By returning to Tithe.ly's home page, you can view previous donation activity.

Thanks for your generous giving!

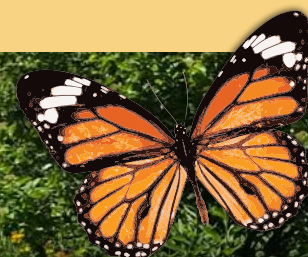


The Case of the Missing Dish Towels...

Where, oh where, have our dish towels gone?! If you borrowed some or took them home to wash and forgot to return them – please bring them back! And if you come across any in good shape at a yard sale or thrift store we'd love it if you would think of the church and buy them.

Wednesdays in the Waystation.

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Ok, we probably will not have visits by lions or tigers or bears, but there will be birds and butterflies and bugs. And a calf courtesy of Farmer Lars! The kids' Wednesday evening programs in July will have animal themed Bible verses, skits, games, crafts, and activities. First Congregational in DeKalb and Mayfield are all set for a terrific fun-filled time!



Late June 2022 at the Mayfield Waystation

JULY CALENDAR

Month	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Worship 10a Outdoors in person + ZOOM			Bible Study 7p ZOOM			
July	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Worship 10a in person + ZOOM Communion	Independence Day		Wed in Waystation Picnic 5:15-6 Program 6-7:30 Bible Study 7p			
July	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Worship 10a Outdoors in person + ZOOM		Deacons 6pm ZOOM	Wed in Waystation Picnic 5:15-6 Program 6-7:30 Bible Study 7p			Waystation Event 10-11a
July	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Worship 10a in person + ZOOM			Wed in Waystation Picnic 5:15-6 Program 6-7:30 Bible Study 7p	Council Meeting 6:30p		
July	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Worship 10a Outdoors in person + ZOOM			Wed in Waystation Picnic 5:15-6 Program 6-7:30 Bible Study 7p			Waystation Event 9:30-noon
July/Aug	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Worship 10a in person + ZOOM Sausage/Corn Drive Thru 1-3			Bible Study 7p ZOOM			

Reports from ad-hoc Council meeting 6/8/22 (held via Zoom)

Moderator: Addressed need for congregants with questions, suggestions, or complaints to bring them to a Council member or ask to be on the next Council meeting agenda. Issues about music should be directed to a Deacon (Jan, Wilma, or Cary). Noted that last financial statements reflected a lower than anticipated deficit. Discussed members graduating high school and college this year and next.

Reports from Council Meeting. June 16, Zoom

Trustee: Mower may need some work later this year.

Treasurer: Flower Power fundraiser netted us \$296. Discussed cost and plans for propane this fall.

Moderator: T-shirts are being sold in June to coincide with Pride Month. Sausage and corn drive through lunch will be held on Sunday, July 31. Working with Mayfield Cemetery to hold joint 2023 Memorial Day ceremony. Mayfield has

reserved a spot at the Kirkland Community Fair on Saturday 9/10. Discussed July hiatus for Council; next meeting will be in August. Jan Wylde volunteered to head the Prayer Tree.

Pastor: Time report for prior month was submitted: 34 pastoral contacts. Discussed event plans for the next couple of months.

Deacons: Search is on-going for a new Music Director. Have arranged for fill-in musicians for some Sundays through the summer.

Christian Ed: Bibles were presented to three of our children around 3rd grade age. An all-ages Bible Trivia evening was hosted at the church on Saturday May 21. Wednesdays in the Waystation with First Congregational in DeKalb is in final planning stages.

Missions: The Father's Day special offering will go to the UCC's Our Church's Wider Mission. Strengthen the Church offering will be taken in August.

Other: It was decided to have a hot dog lunch around the fire in the Waystation on Sunday, July 3.

July Sermons and Scripture

July 3:

At the Table: Comforting
(Isaiah 66:10-14)

July 10:

At the Table: Remembering
(Psalm 25:1-10) Music by Tom Spielman on guitar

July 17:

At the Table: Serving
(Luke 10:38-42)

July 24:

At the Table: Knocking
(Luke 11:1-13) Music by Jen Conley on ukulele

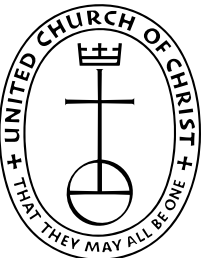
July 31:

At the Table: Sharing
(Luke 12:16-21)
Music by Courtney Hanna-McNamara on our Clavinova

Donations Received: January 1 through June 16, 2022.

	General	OCWM	OGHS	JAMS	Invmet Inc
YTD:	\$21,222	\$721	\$271	\$170	\$511

General donations are used for paid staff, building expenses, supplies, etc. OCWM is the UCC offering 'Our Church's Wider Mission.' OGHS is the UCC offering 'One Great Hour of Sharing.' JAMS is the Jane Adeny Memorial School for Girls in Kenya. Invmt Inc is interest and dividends, primarily on restricted donations.



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