



A Light in the Country

Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Ecclesiastes 11:7

Sunlight in September is especially sweet. We savor the warmth of the last bits of summer weather; we appreciate the daylight hours before the short days of winter arrive. This is the time of year that we start to surround ourselves with the things that comfort us and will sustain us throughout the months ahead.

Our relationship with God and our church family is much the same. When we make an effort to stay in touch with the members of Mayfield, we remember and appreciate the sweetness of their friendship. When we attend worship services, we store up the assurance that God is with us even on the darkest of days. When we donate to the church and volunteer our time, we ensure that the congregation is strong enough to be there when we and the community need us.

Rally Day will be celebrated all across the nation on September 11. Rally Day Sunday is traditionally a time to welcome everyone back after summer and kick off the new Sunday School year. Mayfield's theme on Rally Day this year is "**Coming Home.**" Please plan to join us at 10 a.m. (in person outside or on Zoom) to reconnect with the Mayfield family. Several ukulele players are lined up to provide music for us, and we will celebrate communion during the service for those who wish to share. A potluck luncheon will follow; meat is provided, bring a dish to share if you would like. Have you missed a Sunday this summer? Or chose to stay away during the pandemic? Or only visited us once or twice (or never)? Please join us and bask in the warmth of coming home. There's always room at the table for you.

Meanwhile, drink in that September sun.

Blessings, Pastor Lauri

Image: Mid - August corn in field adjacent to Mayfield.

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPT 17 BOOTH AT KIRKLAND FALL FESTIVAL

Represent! Take a turn staffing the Mayfield booth during the Kirkland Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Dawn Carlson for more information.

SUNDAY, SEPT 25 **Blessing of the Harvest** 11 A.M.

Get ready for a line of farm equipment driving down Church Road! Join Pastor Lauri as she offers each driver a blessing for a safe, successful harvest immediately after worship. Contact Lars Carlson for more information.

LABOR DAY SUNDAY WORSHIP

You won't want to miss this service! On September 4, Ron Holm will be at Mayfield to present music and stories related to "The Sanctity of Labor." Come early for best choice of pews and get ready for the atmosphere of a 1930's sign-out in a labor hall.

SUNDAY, SEPT 11 **Rally Day 2022** COMING HOME

Come home to Mayfield! Everyone is invited as we celebrate that warm feeling of being part of the family. Bring a friend or ask someone who hasn't attended in a while. The 10 a.m. service is outdoors with communion. A potluck luncheon will follow; bring a dish to share if you would like.

Vacation

Pastor Lauri will be on vacation Thursday, August 25 through Friday, September 9. Please call or text Dawn Carlson at 815-703-0812 with any pastoral needs during this time.



Early summer photograph of church.



WOMEN'S RETREAT FALL 2022

The Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat was so much fun in June that we are hoping to host another one this fall. Contact Dawn to help with planning and preparing.

CONFIRMATION 2022-2023

Teens around eighth grade that have not yet gone through confirmation are welcome. Explore our faith, other religions, and discover what God means to you. Adult sponsors are also needed. See Pastor Lauri to join the journey beginning September 18.

Questions about Medicare?

The DeKalb Public Library is offering free Medicare 101 classes twice each month to help understand benefits and enrollment options.

Small Table Wanted

Wanted...small, low table for a kids corner at church (Pastor Lauri has two little chairs). We will be creating an area for kids to read and color at before, during and after services. Mayfield loves having children at church and we want them to feel welcome and comfortable.

Saturday, October 1

2nd Annual Drive-Through Blessing of the Animals

Mayfield's second annual special day for our pets. Bring your dogs or cats, frogs or rats! Volunteers are also needed to greet cars. Contact Pastor Lauri for more information.

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/#/tithely/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!



Sweet calf from summer program.

September CALENDAR

Month	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug/Sep	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Worship 10a in person + ZOOM Outdoors Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Bible Study 7p ZOOM Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation
September	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Worship 10a in person and ZOOM w/Ron Holm Pastor vacation	Labor Day Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Bible Study 7p ZOOM Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	
September	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Worship 10a in person + ZOOM Outdoors Communion RALLY DAY			Bible Study 7p ZOOM	Council Meeting 6:30p		Fall Festival-Kirkland 9a-3p
September	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Confirmation 9a Worship 10a in person + ZOOM			Bible Study 7p ZOOM			
Sep/Oct	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Worship 10a in person + ZOOM Blessing of Harvest 11:00a			Bible Study 7p ZOOM			Blessing of the Animals Drive Thru 10a-noon

Where do you see yourself in 2023?

Positions that will be open in January 2023

Moderator – 2 year term (assist Pastor with administration of the church, cultivate healthy communication in the congregation). *Dawn Carlson will have faithfully completed two terms and is ineligible to continue.*

Deacon – 2 year term (support Pastor with member care and in worship). One position will be open. *Jan Wylde will have faithfully completed two terms and is ineligible to continue. Cary Hansen and Wilma Miranda are currently serving their terms.*

Trustee – 2 year term (oversee the care of church property). One position will be open. *John Carlson will have faithfully completed multiple terms and is ineligible to continue; Lars Carlson and Clifton Hansen are currently serving their terms.*

Positions that are currently open

Christian Education – 2 year term (coordinate religious education for all ages). Position is unfilled; Pastor and Moderator have been covering.

Clerk – 1 year term (record Council meetings and Church business). Position is unfilled; Pastor and Moderator have been covering.

Stewardship – 2 year term (encourage giving of gifts and talents to the Church). Position is unfilled; Pastor and Moderator have been covering.

Positions that are filled

Missions – 2 year term (encourage giving to UCC and local missions). *Karen Johnson is currently serving.*

Treasurer – 2 year term (process and report on income and expenses of the Church). *Billy Scott is currently serving.*

Historian – 1 year term (file church records in office and at NIU Archives). *Wilma Miranda is currently serving.*

September Sermons and Scripture

September 4:

The Sanctity of Labor

Special music service with Ron Holm
In the Sanctuary

September 11:

Coming Home RALLY DAY

(Luke 15:1-10) Outdoors

September 18:

Balm in Gilead

(Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1)
In the Sanctuary

September 25:

I Believe

(Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15)
In the Sanctuary



Altar at Mayfield

Donations Received: To be updated next month

	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.'

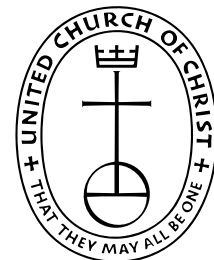
OGHS is the UCC offering 'One Great Hour of Sharing.'

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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Mushrooms growing
on Mayfield lawn.