



A Light in the Country

You are a chosen people, called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.
-1 Peter 2:9

As we turn the page to the month of May, we see lots of days where we celebrate people. Graduates, mothers, veterans. It continues into June with fathers, and often weddings, anniversaries, and birthdays. We make an extra effort for each of these people to feel special.

Are you feeling special? You should! You don't need a specific day to celebrate how unique and loved you are. 1 Peter 2:9 says, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of the God who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light." God chose you! In fact, Jesus also said it in John 15:16 – "I chose you." You are special every day!

Feeling a little down? Remember, God called you out of darkness and into light, marvelous light! You are special, chosen, loved today and every day. No need for a calendar holiday to celebrate it. God feels that you are special enough to have chosen you as a beloved child of God.

How about declaring today as "I am special day" and baking a batch of cupcakes to share with a friend? May God's marvelous light surround you and bring you much happiness.

Blessings,
Pastor Lauri

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OCWM OFFERING

"No matter who you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." We are invited to be transformed and to work with respect for Christ, to make a more peaceful, just, and loving world. Our Still-Speaking God invites us to be bold, to think creatively, and to be innovative in United Church of Christ ministries.

We are honoring our mothers this month, by continuing our UCC "Our Churches Wider Mission" support for the Five for Five offerings. This offering supports and benefits the national church as well as the Illinois conference and the Prairie Association.

Please note on your checks that your donation is for OCWM, use a special offering envelope, or when making a donation on our website use the drop down list to choose OCWM.

CALL FOR DONATIONS TO MAYFIELD CHURCH'S ATTIC TREASURES SALE

Donations/Drop-offs for our "Attic Treasures" sale will be accepted on Sundays, from May 11 through July 6, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items should be brought downstairs at Mayfield for pricing and sorting. We will accept the following items: Books, Toys, Holiday Decor, Crafts & Scrapbooking, Coloring or Puzzle Books, Art & Decor, Picture Frames, Vinyl, CDs and DVDs, Power tools, Gardening Tools, Exercise Equipment, Purses and Handbags, Sports Equipment, Tools, Home Renovation supplies or cast-offs, Camping Gear, Collectables, Kitchen Items, and Lamps.

If you have any questions, please contact Sophia at svarcados@gmail.com.



MEET *the* MEMBER!



Karen Johnson

Karen lived in Lee IL before her family moved to Sycamore. A few years after graduation, she married her high school sweetheart. Together they raised six children while farming; Karen also was a salesperson for DRIV-LOK in Sycamore for 25 years. She enjoys reading, watching TV, working on craft projects, and a slice of apple pie. She is an enthusiastic member of the Red Hat Society, whose website says they "support women in the pursuit of Fun, Friendship, Freedom, Fitness and the Fulfillment of lifelong dreams." Karen is rarely without a smile and thoroughly enjoys her 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Karen has been a member of Mayfield since 1973 (her mother-in-law Berniece Johnson encouraged Karen to join). Karen loves the people here and how friendly everyone is.



Daffodils at Mayfield

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MAYFIELD CEMETERY DAY OF CLEANUP AND GPS LISTING

The Mayfield Township cemetery committee is planning a day of cleanup. They will be painting fences and the shed, and working on adding headstone GPS coordinates to an online directory. If you are interested in helping on this day, please contact Sophia and she will get you in touch with the committee.

The day currently set is June 29, which also coincides with a "Partnering for Pollinators" event.

www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2198250/mayfield-congregational-cemetery

Donating to Mayfield

Mayfield Church is an important and special place. We worship, make good friends, learn about and care for the natural world and remember those who have come before us, building our church or seeking shelter along a journey.

Be a part of sustaining our church.

Donate today using one of these methods:

1. Drop a donation in the white lattice box in the Mayfield Church Narthex.

2. **PayPal!**

mayfieldchurchucc.org



3. Use an online **bill pay** through your bank.

4. Make a check out to **Mayfield Church UCC** and mail it to us at:

28405 Church Road, Sycamore, IL 60178

If your donation is for our "Preservation Fund", please indicate so.



Fellowship fun!

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**Wonseok's
Recital at NIU**



MAYFIELD COMMUNITY



OPEN AND AFFIRMING 20TH ANNIVERSARY

On April 28, Mayfield celebrated the 20th anniversary of voting to become an Open and Affirming (ONA) church. Rev. Mary Gay McKinney offered a letter to the congregation with memories from the time of discernment; Pastor Lauri gave examples of the positive impact the ONA status has had; Rev. Kathy Lawes encouraged us to continue to act bravely and Christ-like.

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MAYFIELD AT EARTH FEST 2024

I represented Mayfield Church and its Monarch Waystation at the "Earth Fest" held at the Egyptian Theatre in DeKalb on the evening of April 18. Several hundred people (my rough estimate!) attended this inaugural festival that the organizers (Andrew Wanek, Kendra Holton, and DeCarbon DeKalb NFP) hope will become an annual event.

Many local and regional organizations and businesses that do environmental work and promote local food production had informational displays and there were electric bicycles and cars to look at and learn about. The Mayfield table provided attendees with handouts about the Waystation, the Partnering for Pollinators 2024 events, the Mayfield Summer Stop, and Mayfield's Underground Railroad history.

I also gave out lists of native plants that support pollinators and do well in home gardens. The monarch butterfly coloring sheets provided by Sophia Varcados were popular with kids. Also at the Mayfield table were handouts provided by U of I Extension of Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties, with whom we collaborate on Partnering for Pollinators. I helped spread the word about their events like Nature Fest at Russell Woods and summer camps for kids.

It was a great day to represent Mayfield Church and our creation stewardship ministry!

--Diana Swanson -Christ-like

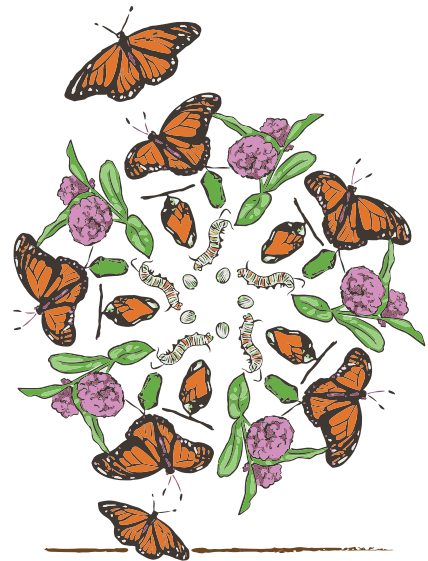
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Kids Sunday School 9a <u>Worship 10a</u> in person and FaceBook Live 20th ANNIVERSARY OF ONA	Clergy Meeting 12:30-2:30		Bible Study 7p Zoom			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Kids Sunday School 9a <u>Worship 10a</u> in person and FaceBook Live Communion GRADUATION SUNDAY			Bible Study 7p Zoom			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Kids Sunday School 9a <u>Worship 10a</u> in person and FaceBook Live UCC OCWM Offering MOTHER'S DAY	Deacons 6p		no Bible Study	Council 6:30p		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Kids Sunday School 9a <u>Worship 10a</u> in person and FaceBook Live			Bible Study 7p Zoom			
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Kids Sunday School 9a <u>Worship 10a</u> in person and FaceBook Live MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY			Bible Study 7p Zoom			

Reports from the Council meeting – April 2024

Diane Hance, Clerk

Pastor - Time report submitted. Attending Prairie Association Meeting on April 20. ONA 20th Anniversary celebration, April 28, with special guests. May 5 is Graduation Sunday. May 12 - OCWM Offering in honor/memory of a mom figure. Congregants may submit names of those they want to honor, list will be printed in bulletin. Wednesday night Bible Study is coming soon.

Deacons - ONA Sunday focus. Multi colored Tablecloths fellowship focus, baptismal font will be placed in altar area. Graduation Sunday fellowship supported by deacons. May 12 th – Wonsoek will be attending his graduation – Jen Conley will play in his place. May 19 – Pentecost. Considering having a fire pit going after church – Roast s’mores. Deacons will search for pulpet supply for the 3 weeks Pastor is gone this summer. If anyone would like to organize/lead/assist in a service please let the deacons or Pastor Lauri know.

Trustees – Roof on the parsonage to be replaced April 19. Cemetery clean up and painting will be done. Head stones on GPS. Sophia will have dates if any Mayfield friends/members want to help. Clean up day for Mayfield is being planned for June. Lawn Mower is needing “Intensive Care”. It is at the Carlson home for a tune-up.

Stewardship - Spare change collection for February and March totaled \$90 for Preservation Fund. Received \$40 for Workshop on “Belonging” which was a success and attended by 5 people. Looking into Culver’s, Pumpkin Fest and additional Preservation Fund projects.

Treasurer - There was much discussion on a solution to the financial process. A plan was presented and details will be shared with the congregation.

Clerk - Attendance Average March - In-Person: 25; Facebook Live: 4.2; Sunday School: 1.2. Additional services: Maundy Thursday 10 with 5 on FB live; Easter Sunrise = 8.

Moderator - Fine tuning Attic Treasures Sale/Open House set for July 20. Ordering Butterfly shirts has begun. E-mail list will be maintained and given out to those who need it via a shared Word document.

Missions - OCWM offering set for Mother’s Day

May Sermons and Scripture

May 5
I Chose You
John 15:9-17

May 12
We Are One
John 17:6-19

May 19
The Spirit of Truth
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 26
Questions in the Dark
John 3:1-17

Spring blossoms



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Tulips at Mayfield