



# A Light in the Country

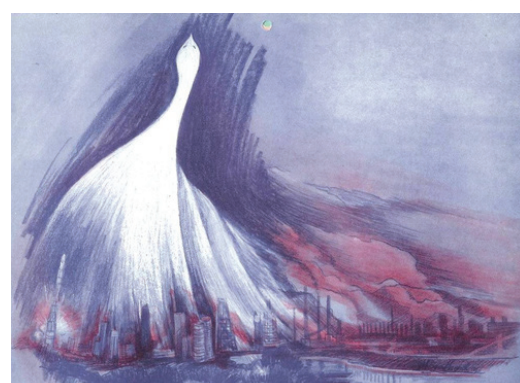
Like the light of morning  
- 2 Samuel 23:4

In these days of intense political campaigns, do not lose sight of the One who makes every day brighter. The prophet Samuel said, "The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: "One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land." As we attempt to mend the divisiveness that permeates our nation, as we pray for leaders to have care and concern for all people, please pray with sincerity the words written by Sister Pat Bergen, CST.

*Pastor Lauri*  
Blessings, Pastor Lauri

## PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

WRITTEN BY SISTER PAT BERGEN, CSJ



Healer of Our Every Ill,  
Breathe in and among all of us who dwell in this land.  
Soothe our wounds. Calm our fears.  
Mend our divisions.  
Hope of All Tomorrows.  
Open our ears and fill us with compassion.  
Tender our hearts.  
Inspire creative ideas to address the cries of our siblings and Earth itself.  
Send forth your Spirit of Love and Unity.  
Transform pointed fingers of blame into hands open in reverence  
to receive one another.  
Fan into flame the gift of our founding and let us be known again as a people  
united for the goodness, justice and peace of all people forever.

Amen.



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# MAYFIELD NEWS

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues with a twist! Join the Zoom group on Wednesday evenings this month for Exploring the Life of Faith Through Art. The group is reading short stories, considering some related artwork, and discussing how faith impacts our actions and reactions.

On November 27th, Bible Study moves into an Advent Study. We will be using Henri Nouwen's book "Life of the Beloved" to explore our relationship with God and how we interact with the world. Contact Diana Swanson or Pastor Lauri with any questions.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are ready and waiting! Are you interested in Sunday School? Either a class for adults or for kids at 9am before church? Is there a teen who would like to explore religion through a confirmation process? We are happy to provide these groups but need to have a commitment of attendance. Please reach out to Pastor Lauri or Diane Hance to be a part of the cool crowd!

## PARTICIPATE IN ADVENT

Find your place in a time-honored Mayfield tradition! Sign up to light the Advent wreath candles and read a short reflection. Available spots are:

Sunday Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 24 evening.

Contact Pastor Lauri for more information.

## 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](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://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.





**Join Us for Some Rousing Rounds of  
Bingo with Pumpkin-Themed Prizes**

**Door Prizes! Snacks! Cider!  
Good Company!**

**November 15, 6 - 8 p.m.**

**Mayfield Church**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Sunday School 9a Worship 10am in person and FaceBook Live			Bible Study 7p Zoom		IL Conf Annl Mtg Westchester	IL Conf Annl Mtg Westchester
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday School 9a Worship 10am in person and FaceBook Live Communion			Bible Study 7p Zoom			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday School 9a Worship 10am in person and FaceBook Live	Deacons Mtg 6:30p		Bible Study 7p Zoom		Pumpkin Bingo 6-8p	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday School 9a Worship 10am in person and FaceBook Live			Bible Study 7p Zoom	Council Mtg 6:30p		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sunday School 9a Worship 10am in person and FaceBook Live			Advent Study 7p Zoom	Thanksgiving		

## Report from the Council meeting – October 2024

### Diane Hance – Clerk

**Pastor:** Time report submitted. Updates on her paths to “Alternate Path to Ordination”. Mayfield, 1st Congregational and Federated will hosted 2 weeks discussion on Christian Nationalism. Prairie Association fall meeting was canceled due to low sign-up but Cluster Meetings were attended by Pastor and Diane Hance. IL Conference will be attended via Zoom by Pastor and Diane on Nov. 2. Salvation Army Christmas Toy wrapping will take place Dec 17 & 18. Salvation Army will not be getting toys from Toys for Tots this year.

**Christian Education:** Sunday School has begun. Advent will include an Inter-generational SS lead by Pastor and an Advent Bible Study on Wed. evening via Zoom.

**Deacons:** No report – but an Advent Calendar of Events will be prepared as last year. Members will be asked to bring in flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas. Jen Conley has begun reaching out to people to be part of a Christmas Choir.

**Trustees:** Various projects around the church to be done – water testing, installation of weather stripping around doors, fall ground and parking lot cleaning, boiler to be checked.

**Stewardship:** Spare Change fundraiser continues bringing in \$50-\$60 every 2 months.. Panera Fundraiser was a success and final figure from Panera will come in the next few weeks. Pie sale in November. Zoom license and Quickbooks on-line license will be renewed.

**Treasurer** - Financial report submitted. Asset list updated. Due to the changes in the value of Walgreen stock, the Treasurer will liquidate this stock .

**Clerk:** Attendance Average - Average in-person attendance: 20.4; Average Facebook Live attendance: 3.8 Average SS: 1.5.

**Moderator:** Pumpkin Bingo will be held Nov. 15 with everyone bringing a snack. Pumpkin prizes!!

**Missions:** Advent Mission: Christmas Hat, Scarf, Gloves & Mitten Tree.  
December 1, UCC Christmas Offering.

Next meeting Nov. 21, 2024



# November Sermons and Scripture

November 3:  
**Help and Hope**  
Psalm 146

November 10:  
**God is Paying Attention**  
Mark 12:38-44

November 17:  
**Prayers and Purpose**  
I Samuel 1:4-20 and 2:1--10

November 24:  
**Light of Morning**  
II Samuel 23:1-7 and John 18:33-37



The parsonage on a bright Fall day



## Contact Pastor Lauri

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You can also find her at 10 a.m. worship at Mayfield or on Facebook Live.



Last of the flowers.

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