

Many THANK YOUS to the CUMC Missions Committee, Preschool, and Members of the congregation!

Your food, monetary, and toy donations to Operation Blessing this year were wonderful. This past November and December brought a combined 350 families to our pantry. With your help we were able to provide our usual food items, holiday specialties, and chickens for both months. Parents were able to choose gifts for a total of over 250 children this year. All this would not have been possible without your gracious generosity. Thank you, especially, for all your efforts throughout the month of November. This was such a GREAT help!!

Our year-long mission is to give emotional support and food assistance every month without fail. With the help of local churches and businesses, community organizations, and caring individuals, we hope to remain strong for many years to come.

God Bless, Julie Kercher and the C.O.B. Volunteers

Thank You!

The Memorial Service for **Val Galieti** will be Saturday, March 24 at 10:00am at the church. There will be a luncheon to follow. Val is survived by his wife Joyce and children Greg, Tony, and Lisa and their families. Our prayers are with the family during this time.

Save The Date for
Vacation Bible School, 2018!
Where: Canfield United Methodist Church
When: July 16 to July 20

There is no Book Club in February. We will resume in March by reading A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline. Jackie Cummings will be leading the discussion and providing the refreshments. All are welcome to attend!

At Canfield United Methodist Preschool we are registering for the 2018-2019 school year. We have a few openings in the T-Th Threes Class for children age 2 1/2-3 1/2. We also have a few openings in the Fives PreK Class for children planning to enter Kindergarten the following year.(2019-2020). Our MWF Fours Class is full.

Please spread the word about this ministry of Canfield United Methodist Church!

Interested families may contact the preschool by calling 330 533 9802 or by emailing Preschool@canfieldumc.org.

Please Remember!
All information for the March Friendly Visitor is due Thursday, February 15. Email the information to info@canfieldumc.org or drop off at the office. We reserve the right to edit for content and space.

Just a Reminder
Please do not post flyers on our glass doors. If you have promotional items to display, please bring them to the church office and we will put them on the bulletin board.
Thank you!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Preschool through Grade Four Sunday School classes are busy learning Bible stories and making connections with their own life experiences. Amanda Lacusky, Angela Davis, Judy Raber and Janet Williams are teachers. The children are working on perfect attendance. In conserving costs, we are borrowing from the conference and reusing past curriculum materials, always with creative additions. Most recently a DVD borrowed from the Conference wonderfully engaged us in learning through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Junior Church and Kid's Corner provide an age appropriate gathering for Preschool-Grade Four during worship with lessons and learning and sharing. We thank Ruth McCune, Karen Royer and Mason Seachrist who volunteer to occasionally be part of the learning.

The Pre-Confirmation Class (grades 5-6) is working through the Old Testament, using the Sparkhouse curriculum. This group has worked with the youth group on some service projects as well.

Sunday School for Youth (grades 7-12) meets in the Annex. Barb Purdum and Jill Kercher will be starting a series on Philippians.

Canfield United Methodist Preschool

Canfield United Methodist Preschool continues to work on improving the preschool experience for our children. Teachers are working on effective division of responsibility, engaging children in the classroom with a rotation of excellent play opportunities for social interaction, as well as, cognitive learning, focusing on teachers' words, and practicing being friends in our classroom communities.

With Step Up To Quality in place Teachers and Administrator are taking trainings for professional development. These trainings will keep the staff updated with best practices in guiding our children, monitoring their progress, and improving the whole preschool experience for children and their families.

Preparation is underway for the 2018-2019 school year. Our preschool is full, and already has a waiting list for classes next year. The Preschool Board is preparing for next year's fiscal needs, looking over wage structure and supporting engagement with families.

Administrative support assures that our preschool maintains its 3-Star rating with Step Up To Quality, by continuing to review teaching activities and classroom settings, with attention given to early learning development of children in partnership with families.

