

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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GIVING BEYOND THE GRAVE

This is the time in the Christian calendar when we zero in on Jesus' resurrection **from the grave**. The view from Jesus' baptism to the crucifixion, provide a blueprint on how to live and how to die in the faith. Jesus' words in John 10:18 "No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily" signal a posture, a mannerism we should mimic. Mimic with a spirit of duty and nonconformity. Jesus gave **beyond the grave** and we can as well.

Amazingly, in our present day, we just witnessed a true **giving beyond the grave** example, right here in Canfield UMC. On Sunday, March 19, the family of Mr. Gary F. Rist presented a check for \$18,805.60 to the church. The giving was the culmination of Gary's wishes in his will, to have the contents of his home set to auction, for a gift to the church. In like generosity, in 2009 and 2016, Gary gave four sets of artwork to CUMC: a nativity set, a Noah's ark set and two New Testament scripture pictorials. These collections came from Gary's vast experience as owner and operator of Herron Interior Design Company.

Second Corinthians 9:7 says: *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Churches receive charitable contributions every week. Yet a large-scale charitable **giving** is considered philanthropic. This kind of **giving** is based on an individual's desire to improve society by donating financially.

Giving by a millionaire, a corporation or a lottery winner certainly has impact. Yet we have been privy to the charitable heart of a genuine, unpretentious, humble member of our church. I pray that you are encouraged by Gary Rist's example of generosity. For when you give to the church through your will, like Gary, it is a witness to what is/was important in your life. Decide now to give your faith to your children, grand-children, and others. Happy Easter to you and I pray that you realize ways to make your faith impact other beyond the grave.

—Pastor Ivy

Please view the art collections in our Atrium from Gary Rist on display from March 19 to April 19.





Spring will be springing;
Bells will be ringing,
Choir will be singing.



Please join us as we share our best gift of music in worship.

We are always learning, and together we make it happen!

Rehearsals are **6pm for ringers** and **7pm for singers**.

For questions, check with Janet Williams on Sunday morning.

Schedule:

April 6, 20

May 4, 18



Jesus is a game changer!

Save the Date:
June 12-16 VBS!
9:00am-11:15am

ages 3 years –
4th grade



Volunteer sign-up opportunities have opened for VBS! This year we'll play games and takes Twists & Turns as we learn that following Jesus changes the game!

If you are interested in volunteering, sign up in the atrium after service. We need you!



April Meetings

UMW	April 5 th	noon
Finance	April 10 th	6 pm
Trustees	April 10 th	7 pm

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Please join us in welcoming 3 new teachers to our staff for next fall! Shannon Eddy, Alexandra Hudak and Megan Wade will join our preschool family, we are excited to have them on staff.

Our students will get to enjoy a few field trips coming up and will begin preparing for our MOVING UP CEREMONY in May. We only have 7 weeks of preschool left, and it is flying by!

The CUMC Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior interested in pursuing higher education. The application for the CUMC Scholarship is available on the church's web page (go to **More on the top menu**, then choose **Scholarships**). The **deadline is May 14th** and will be presented on Graduation Sunday, May 21st. Please contact Jason Henry at jfhenry@datex-inc.com with any questions.



During Lent as we prepare for Easter, consider ordering flowers for Easter Sunday service, or giving a donation to the MYF Mission fund. The packet envelope lists lily only but **both lilies and tulips** are available at **\$10.00**.

Please write which flower you want on the envelope.

Deadline for flower orders is April 2.





GARAGE SALE **SATURDAY, MAY 6TH** **9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**



CUMC would love to share your treasures with the community while we reduce financial commitments for this year.

WE NEED: TOOLS, SMALL APPLIANCES, JEWELRY, BOOKS, BIKES, SPORTING GOODS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOYS, VERY GENTLY WORN CLOTHING, OUTDOOR FURNITURE, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, BABY ITEMS... ANYTHING YOU HAVEN'T USED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

If you have a few hours to spend tagging, merchandising, selling, cashiering, we need your help.
Look for sign up sheets in April.

GARAGE
sale

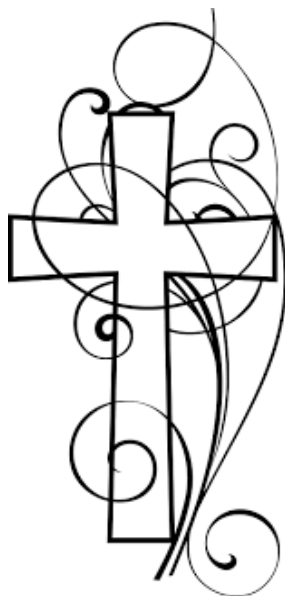
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?
CALL (330) 518-4687

ACCEPTING ITEMS BEGINNING SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH
(No TVs or Computers please)



April 2023 Youth Events

Date	Event	Place & Time
April 2nd	Youth Group	Canfield 6-8
April 16	Youth Group	Canfield 6-8
April 23	Youth Group	Canfield 6-8
April 28-29	Youth Group Lock-In *Other area youth to join	Canfield 7 pm- 8 am



Mark your calendars! **The youth will be doing the Mother's Day service on May 14, 2023.** We will be prepping the music and message for that this coming month. The younger youth are also going to join us in this as well. Miss Liz will be going up with Miss Miranda a couple days to teach some music.

This past month started with Miss Liz and Cade attending Mid-Winter Retreat at Camp Asbury. We both had a lot of fun and many new friendships were made that we plan on fostering as often as possible in the future. One of those things is a monthly combined youth group event with some of our district youth, such as youth group at Vienna UMC. We traveled there again this month for a Snow themed night (see the irony here?). Everyone had a ton of fun and we cannot wait for more combined events in the future.

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CANFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GRADUATION
SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 21



**CALLING ALL
CANFIELD UMC
GRADUATES!**

If you are graduating this year (high school or college) and would like to be recognized on Sunday, May 21st, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible. If you know of someone that we should congratulate, please let us know as well.



April

GOD BLESS YOU!!!
BIRTHDAYS and
ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 2	9:30AM	Palm Sunday Worship Candy Sale Pick Up Easter Flowers Orders Due JAM Kids Easter Presentation
APRIL 6	7PM	Maundy Thursday Service
APRIL 7	12PM	Good Friday Message Online
APRIL 9	7AM	Easter Sunrise Service
	9:30AM	Easter Day Worship
APRIL 16	9:30AM	Preschool Sunday

