

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Welcome
Pastor Paul
and Robin
Turner!



JOIN US!

Worship
9:00AM

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Pastor's Ponderings – Growing in God

In 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 the Apostle Paul shares with the church in Corinth about his ministry and the disciple Apollos ministry. Read the passage and reflect:

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 NIV

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

Paul makes note that he and Apollos are only servants of God and that each has a ministry task. Paul planted a seed for God's Kingdom and Apollos watered the seed, but God makes faith grow. Paul goes on to write that the one who plants and water the seed is not anything but that only God makes things grow. Paul says we are co-workers in God's service that we are God's field and building.

I am reminded in this time of pastoral change that Rev. Ivy Smith at Canfield UMC and Rev. Ken Gifford at Poland UMC have used their unique God given talents to lead the congregations and community in growing in God's grace and love. From time to time as Christians we need to be reminded that God's church is bigger than an individual pastor. That as clergy and laity, we bring gifts from God to do ministries that help us all grow in Jesus Christ's grace and love.

Over the years of growing up as a preacher's kid, I have been parts of United Methodist Churches in Sharon Center, Ashland, Mount Gilead, and Poland, Ohio. As a pastor of fourteen years, I have served churches in the Freeport, Cardington, and Mansfield, Ohio areas. I have lived in rural areas such as Freeport that had a population of 350 people to suburbs in Mansfield to the inner-city areas of Dayton and Youngstown. No matter where I have lived, I have been amazed of how God works within people's lives. People need the Lord, and the church needs to be the Body of Jesus Christ that brings his saving grace and love to people from all walks of life.

God used Paul and Apollos to grow the early faith of Christians. God wants the churches of Canfield and Poland to grow the faith of the people in the surrounding communities by us embodying the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

My wife Robin and I look forward to using the gifts and graces that God has given us to help the churches and communities we serve to Grow in God. Remember we are God's field and I pray that we would water one another with the Living Water that is Jesus Christ our Lord. Let's grow together and bloom in Christ's grace and love that the world will take notice.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

-Sunday School Teachers & Coordinators
-Miranda Johnson-Children's Coordinator
-Bell Choir
-Chancel Choir
-Janet Williams
-Preschool Teachers and Board
-Worship Committee

-Jason Henry and the AV Team Members
-Liz Orlando – Youth Director
-Greeters
-Mark Musgrove and Our Ushers
-Congregational Life
-United Women in Faith
-Book Club Members
-Trustees and Finance

Thank you all for another great year of classes, singing, service and events! Canfield is a great church because of the commitment of all of our auxiliaries. —*Pastor Ivy*

Summer break is from May 28 to September 10 (Rally Day/Ministry Fair).

A Special
THANK YOU
TERRY SMITH

♥Terry, thank you for all the many, many projects you have done for CUMC, especially our annual Nativity Sets and Award-winning Floats in the 4th of July Day Parades. We appreciate and honor you for sharing your gift with the church. ♥



Some of our youth will be traveling to Daytona Beach, Florida for Youth 2023 which is July 23-28.

Along the way, they will do mission work in Charlotte, North Carolina. Please keep them in your prayers this month.

July Meetings

Finance	July 10 th	6 pm
Trustees	July 10 th	7 pm


meeting



CUMC Book Club will meet **Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 4:30 pm** in the church parlor. Our selection is [The Music of Bees](#) with Donna Seiser as leader. Looking ahead our **August** selection will be [Mad Honey](#) and **September's** read will be [Lessons in Chemistry](#)! We are looking forward to some great summer reads and lively discussions. Come join the fun!



Thank you to the volunteers who put together our Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School June 12-16, A special thank you to Miranda Johnson for organizing VBS this year.

There were 53 children who learned about how following Jesus changes the game!



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Pastor Paul Turner, Pastor Ivy Smith,
Pastor Allison LeBrun (Frank and
Judy Sees' daughter) and Pastor
Abby Auman and their families as
they transition to new roles and new
places.

Pastor George Lee, Michele Kalaher

Our youth and adults who are
traveling to Charlotte, NC and
Daytona Beach, FL

Our members at home.

The families of Ann Kurz, Lee Hively,
and Lee Olenik.

