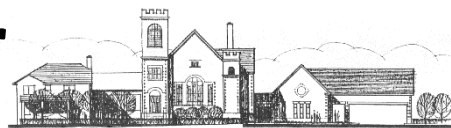


# Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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## JOIN US!

Worship  
9:00AM

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## Save the dates!



Rally Day and Ministry  
Fair –

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School Classes  
resume –

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**



## Pastor's Ponderings – Walk and Talk

My grandfather on my mother's side was a farmer near Shreve, Ohio. After selling his farm, he loved to walk daily. His name was Ralph Schwartzwalder, and he would walk daily wearing his Big Mac Overalls and a flannel shirt, regardless of how warm it was outside. He enjoyed being out in the beauty of God's creation and talking to people on his walks.

My wife Robin and I like to be outside walking or riding our bikes and seeing new places, talking with people that we meet along the way. We have been exploring the Poland Woods, as well as Mill Creek Park. We enjoy the beauty that the parks in the area have to offer. Some of these parks are familiar to me having lived in the Youngstown area. For Robin, the area is new, but for both of us, God's creation in nature is constantly doing something new.

This past month Robin and I have met new people in the Canfield and Poland United Methodist churches and throughout the communities. We are witnessing God doing new things and calling us into a new ministry with brothers and sisters in Christ. I am reminded that we all are a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and we are called together to share his love and grace with new people. Through all of creation God is doing something new and making for us a way to experience his love. Read what the prophet Isaiah has to say about the new things God does in life: (Isaiah 43:19 NIV)

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

Two years ago, the Rev. Michael Beck came and shared about Fresh Expressions of Faith Ministries that he was doing in Florida. Fresh Expressions Ministries meet in small groups of people throughout the community through people's interest and passions such as doing community art, meeting at coffee shops, in tattoo parlors, bowling alleys, Mexican Restaurants, hiking outdoors, and a host of other places that met people out in the community and where we can share Jesus Christ grace and love.

On **August 13, 27 and on September 10, 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** I will be doing a **Fresh Expression Walk and Talk** on the **Mill Creek Park East Golf Trail located at Route 224 Trailhead in Boardman, Ohio - East Golf Hike & Bike Trail**. Everyone from the Canfield and Poland UMC's, and people in the communities, are invited to come and walk with me and get to know each other to talk about life and faith and share in Christ love. I look forward to walking with everyone and enjoying some fellowship together and God's creation!



CUMC Book Club will meet **every third Thursday at 4:30 pm** in the church parlor. Our schedule for the next 3 months is as follows:

**August 17:** [Mad Honey](#) by Jodi Picoult, discussion led by Claire

**September 21:** [Lessons in Chemistry](#) by Bonnie Garmus, led by Lisa

**October 19:** [Remarkably Bright Creatures](#) by Shelby van Pelt, led by Judy

We had a large crowd of readers attend in July, but welcome newcomers who love lively discussions and friendly interactions with fellow Christian ladies..and men!

### United Methodist Women

At our **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** UMW meeting, we will welcome Canfield resident and author Rosemary Kubli. She will talk about her recently published book [Gullible](#) and the research that went into writing it.

**Come at noon for a light lunch and dessert.**

August brings us lots of back to school activities! Our teachers will host meet & greet sessions for incoming students. This is a chance for the students to get acquainted with their classroom and meet their teacher! Following those sessions, the preschool will hold an informative parent orientation. This school year, preschool will staff 11 teachers and assistants, and have 108 students enrolled.

Preschool is asking any previous staff to please email [preschool@canfieldumc.org](mailto:preschool@canfieldumc.org) as they plan a **60th anniversary celebration!**



### August Meetings

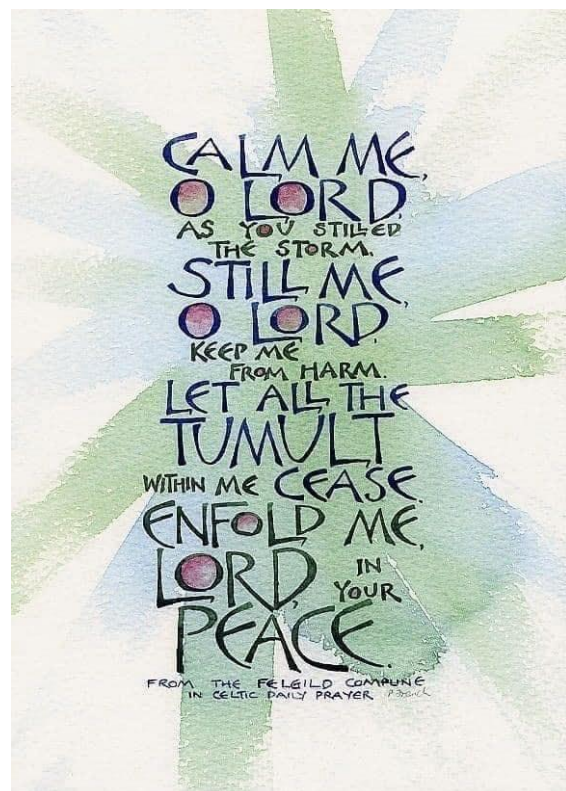
Worship	August 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm
SPRC	August 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm
Church Council	August 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm
Finance	August 14 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm
Trustees	August 14 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm

## 10 Things to Remember

1. Love is the answer. Always.
2. Vulnerability is not a weakness. It's a strength.
3. Your body is sacred. Cherish it.
4. Gratitude shifts everything. Be thankful.
5. Forgiveness sets you free. It really does.
6. You cannot change others. Only yourself.
7. Little acts of kindness are never little. Ever.
8. Fun is underrated. Enjoy yourself.
9. Age is just a number. It's never too late.
10. Life is precious. Live it now.

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# Everyone is welcome!

September 7: Handbell Choir (6pm) and/or Chancel Choir (7pm). Any questions? Contact Janet Williams

**"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."**

Psalm 100, from the NIV

✪ We **celebrate our faith in God** (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) through song. "On your feet now—applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence." Psalm 100, from The Message

✪ We **lead the congregation in song**, an ancient tradition renewed and reformed over the centuries.

✪ We **are called to offer Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service.**

✪ **Studies have shown:** that the mental health benefits of choral singing include enhanced brain function (mindfulness; cognitive stimulation and help with memory), strengthened feelings of togetherness, and the release of endorphins and oxytocin resulting in reduced stress and depression.



## Among the bonuses:

Good seats! Good friends!

You can request a favorite song; the director will find an arrangement we can sing (or ring)! Choir is a super committee that meets JUST every OTHER week to rehearse an ongoing agenda of music.

**Handbell Choir, 6pm; Chancel Choir, 7pm beginning September 7.**

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Our members at home.

The family of Evelyn Moser.

