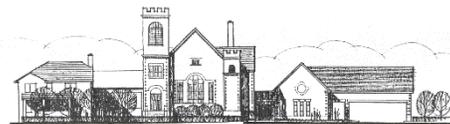


# Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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## Pastors Ponderings

## The Body of Christ

As Christians, we are baptized and called to be Body of Jesus Christ in the world. The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians about whether we are Jews or Gentiles, we are called to live into our baptism to be the Body of Jesus Christ serving the world and God's Kingdom. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 NIV about the Body of Christ:

*<sup>12</sup>Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For we were all baptized by<sup>[a]</sup> one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup>Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. <sup>15</sup>Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup>If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, but one body.*

*<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup>while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup>If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

Like the human body needing all its parts to function, we need to be a spiritual Body of Jesus Christ that works together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone in the world. We need sisters and brothers in Christ that help us to grow spiritually as the Church that represents Christ in the world.

Moving into this fall, both the Canfield and Poland United Methodist Churches will be forming ministry teams to work with children, youth, and adults to do ministries that reach new people. To be a healthy church, we need all the congregations to be involved in ministries that represent the Body of Jesus Christ in the world. As members of the body of Poland and Canfield UMC's, we need each other to serve together and to serve new people as they connect to the church. In the fall, we will be doing spiritual gift inventories that will help church members to see what strengths they have for ministry and how to use those spiritual gifts from God to serve his Kingdom and his people. I pray that we will be open to being the healthy Body of Christ that God the Father has called us to be. Blessings to all!

## Pedal with Pastor Paul Continues!

(August 10 and 24, September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26)



All are welcomed to come and ride, and Pastor Paul has extra bikes if you need one. Please bring a helmet and make sure you have water to drink. The rides are easy-paced and not far; the group decides how far they want to go. All age groups are welcome. Text Pastor Paul the day of the ride to see if the ride will be canceled due to the weather at

740-421-0715. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. for all the rides and then roll out at 3:15 p.m. All rides on the second Sunday of the month will be at the Stavich Trailhead located at 2913 West Washington Street in New Castle, PA. The rides on the fourth Sunday will be at the Metro Parks Bikeway Farm Trailhead located at 7574 Columbiana-Canfield Road, Canfield, OH.

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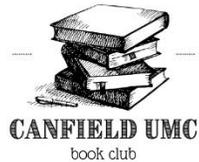


## Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to all our volunteers this past month who came to help with our "Under the Sea" Vacation Bible School! We ended up hosting 55 children during the week and had 18 volunteers in and out throughout the week. Without them, this all could not have happened!

Thank you also to the congregation for your donations of items and monetary donations that came in beforehand to help offset our costs. If you happened to miss donating something and want to help, you can donate at any point, just indicate VBS on the donation and it will go to helping for the future!

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Canfield United Methodist Book Club will meet on Thursday, August 21st at 4:30 p.m. to discuss [Clear](#) by Carys Davies. Please join us for great literary conversation and fellowship.

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The mission team is collecting prepackaged breakfast bars and snacks for CH Campbell and Hilltop Elementary Schools during the month of August.

Suggestions of breakfast bar donations, but not limited to:  
Kind Bars, Cliff Kid Bars, Nature Valley Granola Bars, Nutri Grain Bars, Quaker Chewy Bars



Suggestions of snack donations, but not limited to: Goldfish Crackers, Pretzels, Veggie Straws, Annie's Organic Bees, Bugs, and Butterfly, Animal Crackers

Please place your contribution in the cardboard school bus in the atrium. Thank you.



We're excited to kick off a brand-new school year! Our preschool is buzzing with energy as we welcome back familiar faces and meet new little ones ready to learn and grow. Teacher Meet & Greet will be August 21 and 22 with Parent Orientation on August 26. With hearts full of joy and classrooms full of curiosity, we're eager to dive into a year of discovery, creativity, and faith-filled fun. The first day of school will be September 2. Here's to a wonderful start!

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## Join Our Sunday Morning Worship Support Team

Do you have a heart to serve but aren't sure where to begin? Our Audio Visual Ministry is a wonderful way to quietly bless the entire congregation—and you don't need to be a tech expert to get involved!

Each Sunday, our team helps with things like:

- Displaying worship lyrics and Scripture on the screen.
- Operating cameras so our services can reach those at home on Facebook Live and You Tube.
- Managing the sound system so every word, song, and moment of worship is heard clearly.

No prior experience is needed. We will walk you through every step and provide hands-on training until you're comfortable. If you're willing to learn and can help one or two Sundays a month, we would be blessed to have you join us.

Please contact Jason Henry at (330) 519-3743 to learn more or express your interest. Your quiet presence could make a big difference in helping others worship well.

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Do you like numbers? (It is okay to admit it if you do...) Your CUMC counting team is looking for a few people to bolster our ranks. If you are good with working with money and/or can use Excel, please reach out to Judy Sees at 330.360.3317 to inquire. Volunteer time is after church on a Sunday or two a month, based on your schedule availability.

Our Liturgist League is also looking for volunteers to help lead worship on Sunday mornings. If you would like to share the announcements and morning scripture and prayers, please contact Ruth Griffis at (330) 651-8316.

We are also looking for greeters before service each Sunday. These people greet you as you come in before service. You would need to arrive about 20-30 minutes before service on Sunday. There is a calendar outside the sanctuary where you can sign up.

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Schrock.

Our members at home.