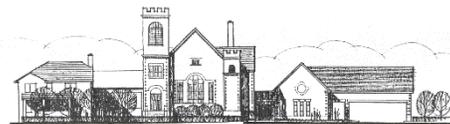


Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

Following Jesus

In a world that sometimes plays follow the leader with the latest pop culture icons or social media influencers, as Christians we need to remember to follow Jesus Christ. When we follow Jesus Christ, we receive his saving grace and love and in-kind share that with the world. As Christians we help to serve God's Kingdom by being the light of Christ that shines his grace and love in the world and for others to know him. Following Jesus's teachings and presence of healing through the Holy Spirit can be a difficult life journey in today's polarized and divided landscape of the world. Nevertheless, we are called to be the Body of Christ as sisters and brothers united in sharing the Good News of Christ in a world that is broken and in need of some grace and love. Read and live this passage from Luke 9:

²³Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? ²⁶Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

What cross are you taking up daily and following Jesus Christ in the world? How are you serving in your local church and giving your time to help bring Christ into your life and the life of others? Moving into the rest of this year and next year look at how you can be part of a ministry team that represents Christ love in your church and the communities we serve. We will be doing a spiritual gift inventor and looking at the gifts Christ has given for you to serve God Kingdom and his people. My hope is that you will discern with God and your church family where you can be used to further God's ministries in the world. Blessings to you and all as we Follow Jesus together!

Pedal with Pastor Paul Continues!

(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.

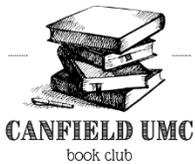
CUMC Preschool is excited to kick off another wonderful school year this September! Our classrooms will soon be filled with the laughter and learning of our preschoolers as we welcome them back. We invite all preschool families to join us for Preschool Sunday on September 14 as we celebrate the start of a new year together. We also hope to see everyone at the Church Corn Roast on September 17—a great chance to connect with friends old and new.



Thank you for keeping our preschool in your prayers as we begin this exciting year!



The October meeting will be held October 1 at noon. Claire Neff from the Canfield Quilt Shop will be doing a presentation. If you have any vintage or interesting quilts please bring them along. Refreshments will be served. All women are welcome, please bring a friend.



Canfield United Methodist Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 18th at 4:30 p.m. to discuss [The Briar Club](#) by Kate Quinn. Please join us for great literary conversation and fellowship.

The mission team is collecting items for the Animal Welfare League during the month of September.

Items the Animal Welfare League wishes for are:

For cats: soft beds, canned food, toys (no catnip), and paper food trays.

Items for dogs: canned food, peanut butter, and canned pumpkin.

Shelter items: hand sanitizer and vinegar-based window cleaner.

Volunteers are always needed (you must be at least 14 years old).

You can contact the Animal Welfare League directly to volunteer at (330) 539-5300 or visit their website at www.awlrescueme.com.



Please place your contribution in the cardboard dog house in the atrium. Thank you.

Operation Blessing

Operation Blessing invites you to volunteer at the food pantry, located in the Canfield UMC basement, for as little as one hour each month, or more as you are able.

This month, our monthly food distribution is Thursday, September 18th from 10 a.m. through noon. There are other opportunities as well. See Jill Kercher for more information on how to volunteer with Operation Blessing. She will put you in touch with the director.

CUMC CHOIRS RESUME and WELCOME YOU!



It is time to prepare songs to sing/ring in worship at CUMC.

Our MUSIC OFFERINGS will share Scripture, Faith, Praise and Prayer.

Won't you join one or both of our expanding teams? Give Janet a call to discuss (330-314-2005), or just show up, to give it a try!



Thursdays at 6 p.m.



Thursdays at 7 p.m.

First rehearsals will be on Thursday, September 11 (6 p.m. bells / 7 p.m. choir) before our first Chancel Choir Music Offering in worship on September 14.

We will rehearse again on September 18, then every two weeks afterwards at 6 / 7 p.m. on Thursday (before a singing Sunday). Let's join together in fellowship and music-making.

Children's Choir at Canfield United Methodist Church

You are invited to bring your child (and a friend?) to sing songs and play instruments! We learn our songs on most Thursdays 5:00-5:45 p.m., beginning on September 11, to share in 9:00 worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Maryann Reel is the director and Amy (Reel) Nash is at the keyboard. Janet Williams assists.



Call or text Janet Williams 330-314-2005 for more information!

We welcome children to our music team! We have fun while building skills and confidence, to share with others who love their musical gifts!

Notes from our Steering Council:

1) Please mark your calendar with the following important dates:

September 14th - Preschool Sunday, where we will honor our Preschool teachers and pray for our teachers and preschool families to have a great year.

September 15th - Steering council meeting at 6 p.m.

September 17th - Corn Roast at Whitehouse Fruit Farm at 6 p.m. Don't forget to bring a pie or your favorite dessert to share and a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

November 3rd - Annual Turkey Dinner

2) Thanks to Karin Dinardo for her donation of the new Dyson Vacuum to help keep the church clean!

3) You may have noticed some new ceiling tiles in the restrooms and the kitchen (Thanks George Naples). These were replaced because our NEW ROOF has been completed! Donations are still welcome to help cover this expense.

4) Thank you to the Henry Family for training a new staff of AV volunteers including... Steve and Diana Johnson, Chad Nash, the Seachrist family, and Robin Turner. We appreciate all of your efforts using our new AV System. Donations are still welcome to cover the cost of this new system.



99th Annual Canfield United Methodist Church Corn Roast

Wednesday, September 17th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

White House Fruit Farm

Hot dogs, beverages, and corn on the cob
provided.

Bring a chair and a pie or dessert to share!



Save the date...
Canfield UMC Annual Turkey Dinner
Monday, November 3rd

Youth Events September

September 14- Sunday School Begins!



September 20- Parking on the Green Fundraiser

*More info to come

September 28- Youth Group (5th-12th Grade) at Boardman UMC from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Canfield United Methodist Church
27 South Broad Street
Canfield OH 44406

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	<p>JOIN US!</p> <p>Worship 9:00AM</p> <p>Address: 27 S. Broad Street Canfield, OH 44406 330.533.9801</p> <p>Email: office@canfieldumc.org Web: www.canfieldumc.org Facebook: facebook.com/CanfieldUMC/</p>	 <p>Prayer List</p> <p>Sue Bell, Donna Bricker, Trudie Lee, Ron Musgrove Jr., Ron Musgrove Sr., Debbie Schrock, and Donnie Yoho.</p> <p>Our members at home.</p>
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