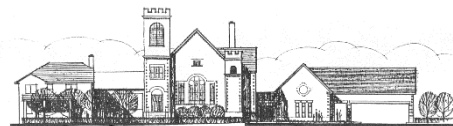


Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

Something New

As we come into the New Year of 2026, I pray that as the Beloved Community of Christ that we would look for a renewed life in Jesus Christ's grace. A new year in our lives presents opportunities to do ministries for God's Kingdom and throughout the communities that we serve. Read and pray over 2 Corinthians 5:17-21:

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

When we put our faith in Jesus Christ's saving grace, we have a new life and Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is creating something new in our lives. Christ is also calling us as Christians to share his grace and to bring us into ministries of reconciliation that do not hold people's sin against them but rather shares the grace and love of Christ that brings healing.



My prayer for you and the Poland and Canfield United Methodist Churches is that we would be a community of faith that brings healing and care for people needing to hear and receive the Good News of Christ's grace and love. In this New Year, may we be ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation that reconnects us to a relationship together with the Heavenly Father. In this New Year of 2026, let Christ do something new in your life and in the life of others. Lord, we pray that your grace and love would do something new in our United Methodist Churches and in all of Creation, Amen.



The January meeting of the United Methodist Women will be at noon on Wednesday, January 7. We will welcome Cathy Pokrivnak of Protestant Family Service, to share news of the good work enabled by this organization.

In February, the United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at noon. We will be addressing and sending Valentine cards to our church friends and family who are home bound. Refreshments will be served. All women welcome, bring a friend.

Both meetings will be in the atrium, with refreshments provided, and all women are welcome. Bring a friend!

Current balances on our Capital Improvements (as of December 28th)
Audio Visual: \$7,542 remaining on the original congregation share of \$34,043
Roof: \$22,233 remaining on the original amount of \$32,752



Canfield United Methodist Church Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 15th at 4:30 p.m. to discuss [The Doll House](#) by Fiona Davis. Looking forward to seeing you there!

GARAGE SALE

It is never too early to be thinking about our church's annual garage sale. Our date is set for Saturday, April 25th. We are considering opening it up on the 24th or 26th in addition to the 25th. It is the same weekend that the Angels for Animals has their spring garage sale at the Canfield Fairgrounds, which has benefited us in the past. Our goal is to make more money than the previous years. Our first meeting will be after church Sunday, January 18th in the Fellowship Hall. We need your ideas and input. See you there.



Youth Events January and February

January 18 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Family Game Night for kids and their families of all ages

February 6 9:00 p.m through February 7 6:00 a.m.

Y-Night Lock-In (Grades 5 and up)

Begins 9 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist

Followed by a Lock-In at the YMCA Downtown until 6 a.m.



February 27-March 1

Youth Retreat @ Camp Asbury (Grades 6-12)

More info to come

THANK YOU to all who support "Worship and Music" at CUMC BY:

- Attending worship
- Greeting those in attendance
- Participating as a liturgist and/or delivering pertinent announcements (mission and church life)
- Assisting by ushering or helping serve communion
- Giving altar flower arrangements
- Participating by singing, ringing and/or playing an instrument
- Assisting with in-sanctuary and online service technology
- Gathering for "First Sunday of the Month" Donuts and Coffee in the atrium
- Preparing decorations for the Advent/Christmas Season and putting them in place
- Supporting the 12/14 "potluck" breakfast following music by The Heights Brass Quintet
- (Christmas) Giving to provide poinsettias or contribute to the Music Fund.
- Planning to continue enrich worship through 2026, as YOUR part in lay ministry!

-Worship and Music Committee: *Ruth Griffis, Jason (and Lisa) Henry, Bea Jones, Janet Williams*

Thank you for your generosity to our mission opportunities!



A summary:

Canfield Operation Blessing - WINNER of Chicken Challenge vs. Canfield Presbyterian & Western Reserve UMC for a November & December chicken to 125 families. Toyland collection of gifts for 360 children. Thank you!

Adopt-A-Family - Sponsored by Project MKC (Making Kids Count). We collected all gifts on the suggested lists for children: baby expected in May '26, 8 month-old, 3 yr. old, 17 yr. old, 18 yr. old, and parents. All gifts were "above & beyond" and were delivered in 5 huge garbage bags to MKC who was most appreciative! Thank you!

Gloves, Hats, Socks - Distributed to MKC and Canfield Operation Blessing families. Thank you!

Angel Tree - Names of friends we haven't seen in awhile, homebound, and those in care facilities were chosen to receive our love through cards, visits, and gifts. Thank you!


Thank you for donating your coins (and bills) to the noisy offering collection on the 2nd Sunday of each month! This money is deposited in our Missions Fund. You may also donate to Missions through your monthly giving. Please mark envelope and check memo "Missions". Thank you!

Missions Team meets next on Sunday, January 11, after worship until 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Main focus is planning for 2026 Birthday Party (see below). A general Missions Team meeting will be held on February 1st after worship.



  What to Expect

- Brunch and birthday cake
- Celebration of every 2026 birthday
- Special recognition of milestone birthdays (80s, 90s, & 100s)
- Fellowship and fun for all ages

 RSVP Information

To help us celebrate everyone—especially those with milestone birthdays—please RSVP:

- Sign up on Sundays at church, or
- Call the church office: 330-533-9801, or

• Contact Jill Kercher: 330-553-9799

We look forward to celebrating together as one church family!

— Canfield United Methodist Church Missions Team

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Ron Musgrove Sr., Birdie
Reinhart, Debbie Schrock, and
Donnie Yoho.

Our members at home.

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