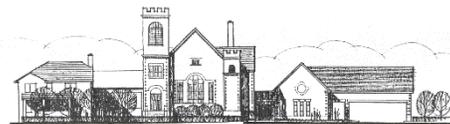


# Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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## Pastors Ponderings

## We Are Healed

February 18th is Ash Wednesday this year and there will be a joint service between Poland and Canfield United Methodist Churches on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Canfield UMC. Drive up ashes will be available 6:00 – 8:00 a.m. at Poland UMC and at Canfield UMC 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and at the Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday starts the forty days of Lent in the life of the church. On Ash Wednesday and in the season of Lent, we reflect upon our own immortality and the need for Jesus Christ's saving grace that brings us life now and for eternity. As Christians, we recognize our need of healing and how Christ gives us a new life through his grace and love. We reflect in Lent upon the sacrifice Christ made for us upon the cross and examine how he calls us to make sacrifices for his Kingdom and how we care for each other through sharing his healing grace and love.

Starting on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent and leading up to Easter Sunday, I will be preaching on scriptures that tell of Jesus Christ's healings. The sermon series will be six weeks long and is titled, "By His Wounds We are Healed." During this Lent season, read 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV):

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*"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."*

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Take time during Lent to read 1 Peter 2:24 and pray over it and reflect and celebrate how Christ brings healing into your life and the lives of others. Remember when you find yourself in need of healing, that through Christ's wounds upon the cross that we are healed and that his grace and love have conquered death and pain. I pray that in this season of Lent and in all seasons of life that you share the healing presence of Christ's love with all. Remember we have been healed by Christ and we are Easter people that have hope now and for eternity.

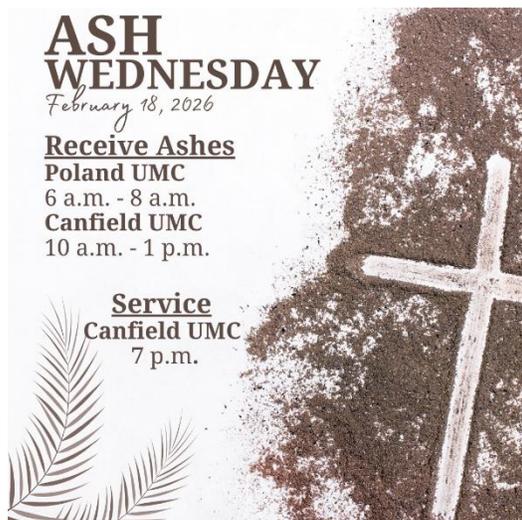
### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

#### Receive Ashes

Poland UMC  
6 a.m. - 8 a.m.  
Canfield UMC  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Service  
Canfield UMC  
7 p.m.



MAUNDY THURSDAY Service with Holy Communion  
April 2, 7:00 p.m.  
Canfield UMC

GOOD FRIDAY Service  
April 3, 7:00 p.m.  
at Poland UMC

EASTER SUNDAY Services  
April 5  
9:00 a.m. at Canfield UMC  
11:00 a.m. at Poland UMC



The February meeting of the United Methodist Women will be **Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at noon**. We will be addressing and sending Valentine cards to our church friends and family who are home bound.

In March, the United Methodist will meet on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at noon**. A librarian from the Canfield branch of the Public Library of Youngtown and Mahoning County will share with us the services and special events that the Canfield Library provides to our community.

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



Canfield United Methodist Church Book Club will meet on **Thursday, February 19th at 4:30 p.m.** to discuss [Magic Hour](#) by Kristin Hannah. Looking forward to seeing you there!

# Youth activities

**February 8 after church**  
Vacation Bible School planning meeting

**February 8 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Family Game Night for kids and their families of all ages

**February 27-March 1**  
Youth Retreat @ Camp Asbury (Grades 6-12)  
More info to come

**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.



# **GARAGE SALE** **SATURDAY, APRIL 25** **9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**



**NEW**

**PRESALE (\$5) FRIDAY, APRIL 24**  
**4:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

**NEW**

- tools
- small appliances
- jewelry
- books
- bikes
- sporting goods
- household items
- toys
- very gently worn clothing
- outdoor furniture
- baby items
- and more!

**GARAGE**  
Sale

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS -**  
**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**AT (330) 533-9801.**

*DON'T*  
*miss it!*

## **How can you help with the Garage Sale:**

**Sign up sheets will be in the atrium starting March 8 through April 19.**

You can sign up to:

- Set up tables, clothes racks, and bring up boxes, etc. from the basement on **Friday, April 17** beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- Make baked goods for the Bake Shop: talk to Sue Mirto for more information.
- Help take in items during Sunday drop off after church beginning at 2:00, **Sunday, April 19** under the portico.
- Setting up, pricing, fact and price checking, and organizing **Monday through Thursday, April 20-23.**
- Work during the **Friday, April 24** afternoon sale from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and/or work during the **Saturday, April 25** sale from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Help tear down and clean up at the end of the sale **Saturday, April 25, 4:00 p.m.**

**Early Drop Offs:** Sundays **March 22, March 29** and **April 12 IMMEDIATELY after church** by the choir door entrance. Pull your car around to the lane heading west facing Broad St. A volunteer will be there to open the door and you will unload your items putting them in the old senior high room. **Do not bring large items or furniture during these dates.** Please mark your bags and boxes **GARAGE SALE.** Thank you.

**Regular drop offs** can be made under the portico starting Sunday April 19 after church until 2:00 p.m. and Monday – Thursday April 20-23, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Absolutely NO items will be accepted Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25!!!**

As always, we can NOT accept TV's computers, DVD players, VCR's, shoes and boots.

**Any questions call or text Lois Swartz at 330-502-3702.**

As we sneak up on our 1 year anniversary of the newly created Steering Council, we want to take a moment to reflect with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead. First and foremost, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Leslie Axelson, Judy Sees and Amy Nash for helping to establish our council and for faithfully participating in growth and service to CUMC. Our structure will continue to include a 3 person rotation of leadership in future years. We look forward to their continued involvement in team activities throughout the church.

We are also pleased to welcome Ruth Griffis, Leah Donko and Pam Sweeney to the Steering Council. We are looking forward to the renewed energy, fresh ideas, and commitment you will bring as we continue moving forward together in the year ahead. A continued and sincere thank you to returning council members Pastor Paul Turner, Ron Raubenstraw, Jill Kercher, Diana Johnson, Jason Henry, Sheila Factor and David Bennett for your dedication, time, and hard work in serving our church family.

Although the Steering Council deals with the “business” of the church, we continue to count on staff and church members to engage in activities that serve to strengthen the mission of the United Methodist Church **to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.** We welcome anyone who would like to help serve on one of our existing teams, re-ignite one of our former teams, or create a new team that you may have a passion to organize. There are numerous ways to get involved, and every helping hand matters!

*Missions Team* - continues to meet regularly and has many new missions activities being planned for 2026!

*Nursery Planning for 2026* - We are excited to share that we are working to establish a nursery or parent room to help families with young children and we look forward to seeing this ministry come to fruition in 2026. This is an important step in supporting families and welcoming the youngest members of our church community.

*Building & Grounds Team* - A team of people interested in assisting on the Building and Grounds Team met for a walk through inspection of our church home. We identified several areas that need attention and over the next few months, we will be working diligently to complete necessary repairs and make any needed adjustments to help maintain and strengthen our facility for years to come.

*Church Directory Update* - the church directories have all been distributed. If your picture was included in the directory and you have not yet received your copy, please contact Jeff in the church office.

Thank you for being part of our church family and for continuing to support the work God is doing here!

Please reach out to any council member with questions, concerns and most importantly areas YOU would like to become involved at CUMC.

Your church Steering Council



- 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!

- AQUARIUS
- CANDLELIGHT
- CARNATION
- CHOCOLATE
- COZY
- CUPID
- FEBRUARY
- FIREPLACE
- FRIENDSHIP
- GROUNDHOG DAY
- HEART
- HUG
- KISS
- LEAP YEAR
- LOVE
- MARDI GRAS
- PINK
- PISCES
- PRESIDENT'S DAY
- RED
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SKIING
- SNOW
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINE
- WINTER



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