

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

Churches around the world are in the forty days of Lent. Traveling through Lent in March as Christians, we will come into Holy Week with Palm Sunday starting on March 29th. On Palm Sunday, we will wave the palm branches and shout Hosanna to the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, as he enters Jerusalem. Christ came into Jerusalem on a simple donkey with not a grand parade but simply with the Disciples. Take time to read over Matthew 21:1-11 NIV and reflect what it means to ride with the King, Jesus Christ, as a Disciple.

Riding with the King

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

What does it mean for us to declare, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”? How do we, as Christ’s Disciples, greet Jesus in our lives and continue to ride with the King of Kings through the journey of life? Are we waving palm branches and throwing the branches down with cloaks and excited to welcome Jesus into our lives?

As we move through Holy Week starting on Palm Sunday, March 29th, I encourage you to attend the Holy Week services. Maundy Thursday will be on April 2nd, 7 p.m. at Canfield United Methodist Church. The Good Friday service will be on April 3rd, 7 p.m. at Poland United Methodist Church. Easter Sunday will be on April 5th, 9 a.m. at Canfield UMC and then at Poland UMC at 11 a.m. Take time to enjoy the journey of Lent and find joy in Riding with the King our Savior Jesus Christ.





In March, the United Methodist will meet on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at noon**. Allison Graf 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.

There will be no meeting in April.

All are welcome to attend the **May 6th meeting at noon** when we welcome one of our own ... Allison Sees, now Pastor Allison LeBrun of Boardman United Methodist Church. Pastor Allison will be speaking about her faith journey that started as a child at our church.

All 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, March 19th at 4:30 p.m.** to discuss [Magic Hour](#) by Kristin Hannah. Bea Jones will lead the discussion. Please come! The more the merrier!

Youth activities



Youth March 2026

March 22 at 5:30 pm in the Atrium
Family Movie Night!
Come join us and watch
"Light of the World"



I will provide popcorn.
Bring your own chairs/blankets for a comfortable/cozy viewing experience.
All are welcome!!
Contact Miss Liz with any questions



Easter Flowers

Lilies, Hyacinths, or Tulips
\$10 each
Orders due March 30th



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



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.



Elmer's Glue and Glue Sticks
13 gallon kitchen trash bags
Sandwich & gallon size zip lock bags
Paper Towels



CUMC March Mission REPLENISH our PRESCHOOL!

Canfield United Methodist Preschool, affectionately known as CUMP, welcomes over 88 families each week to our preschool. We offer classes for Little Learners (2 year olds along with an adult), 3 year olds, 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten. We have 10 dedicated teachers along with our administrator, Miranda Johnson, who love and enjoy spending their mornings with these little friends.

As you can imagine, welcoming so many little children each day means our preschool uses lots of supplies!

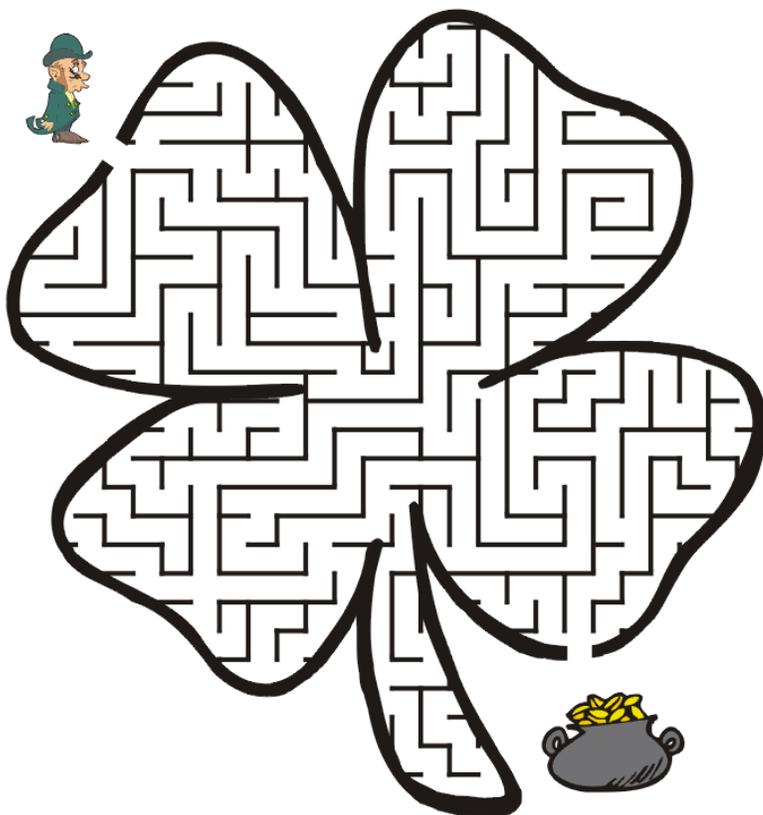
Our CUMC March Mission is supporting our preschool and helping to replenish their supplies.

If you would like to help, supplies will be collected in the Atrium this month. Any of the following would be much appreciated:

- Elmer's Glue and Glue Sticks
- 13 gallon kitchen trash bags
- Sandwich & gallon size zip lock bags
- Paper Towels

Thank you for supporting this wonderful mission. CUMP is a premier preschool that connects our church with the Canfield community.

**Any questions can be directed to
Miranda Johnson at 330-533-9802 or Ellen Bennett 330-881-6506.**



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. FOR YOU WERE LIKE SHEEP GOING ASTRAY, BUT NOW YOU HAVE RETURNED TO THE SHEPHERD AND OVERSEER OF YOUR SOULS.



1 PETER 2:24-25 (NIV)

THE HEIGHTS QUINTET TO ENHANCE MUSIC MINISTRY FOR PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

The Heights Quintet of Alex Herrera and Sidney Herrera, Trumpets, Andrew Tatman, Bass, Nolan Miller Trombone, and Ron Lutterbie, Horn, will join us in worship Palm Sunday. With brass quintet, organ, handbells and a vocal solo by Scott Fowler, the music will take us from Palm Sunday through the pain of Holy Week and into the triumph of Easter to follow!

Palm Sunday (March 29) and Easter Sunday (April 5) “bookend” Holy Week in our liturgical calendar. During Holy Week we offer a 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service at Canfield and a 7 p.m. Good Friday Service at Poland.

Palm Sunday music will include:

Amazing Grace

All Glory, Laud and Honor

What Wondrous Love Is This

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.

Easter Sunday music will include music for this most important day in the Christian liturgical calendar!

Hymns: to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ

Handbells/keyboard: *Lord of the Dance*

Chancel Choir: *In Christ Alone*

Steering Council Update: Moving Forward Together

As we continue to grow and strengthen our church family, the Steering Council remains committed to supporting the mission, ministries, and future of our church. Over the past months, the council has worked to guide planning, oversee ongoing projects, and ensure that our resources are used wisely and faithfully. Through prayer, discussion, and collaboration, we strive to make decisions that serve our congregation well.

An important part of this work is coordinating and supporting individual teams that represent the life of our church.

- Our **Worship and Music Team** plans and enriches our weekly services.
- The **Missions Team** is developing monthly mission opportunities to help our congregation serve our community.
- The **Preschool board** works with our Preschool administrator to assure continued growth and support for our highly desired program.
- Our **Finance Team** remains active throughout the year, coordinating Sunday morning counters and managing annual responsibilities such as budget preparation and financial audits.
- The **Audio/Visual Team** supports our weekly worship services locally and on Facebook.
- The **Building and Grounds Team** cares for our facility and identifies needed repairs and improvements.

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Steering Council Update continued

In addition to these ongoing ministries, several event-focused teams help support important gatherings and traditions throughout the year, including:

- Annual Garage Sale
- Vacation Bible School
- Annual corn roast
- Turkey dinner fundraiser
- Christmas potluck brunch

These teams provide essential leadership and help strengthen fellowship within our church family.

Two new teams are just developing and welcome your support.

- **Nursery Team** is planning and coordinating updated nursery care for Sunday mornings to better support our young families.
- Another new team is looking for members interested in supporting our church's participation in the **Canfield July 4th celebration** of our country's beginning (more info to follow)

Across all of this work, the Steering Council wants to partner with members to address both immediate needs and long-term goals. Whether improving facilities, strengthening ministries, or enhancing operations, our purpose remains the same: **to move forward with unity, faith, and purpose.**

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and participation. **Your involvement makes a meaningful difference.** If you feel led to serve, there are many opportunities to join or lead a ministry or event team, grow in community, and use your gifts for the good of the church.

Together, we look forward to all that God has in store. Please reach out to any council member with your interest:

Pastor Paul Turner
Pam Sweeney
Jill Kercher

Diana Johnson
Jason Henry
Sheila Factor

Leah Donko
Ruth Griffis
David Bennett

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Our members at home.

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