

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

We are United in Christ's Resurrection

By the time you read this Pastor's Ponderings, we, as the Universal Church, will have celebrated Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday and the Church are established around the resurrection of God's Son Jesus Christ and We are Easter People. As Christians, we are baptized into the Christian faith and Church which praises God the Father for the new life we have individually and together as the Body of Jesus Christ in the world. Read and reflect upon Romans 6, verses 5 through 11:

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Through Christ's saving grace, we are united together in a resurrection-like Christ. We are dead to Sin and alive in Christ when we accept him as our Lord and Savior. Moving into Spring and Summer, we enjoy the warmer weather and the newness of Spring and all of God's creation blooming. Likewise in our faith in Christ, we move into a new life of grace that calls us to be sanctified and more holy in our relationships with the people around us and the world. We are united in Christ's resurrection, bringing his grace and love to all. I pray that as Easter People, we would encourage one other to be Easter People that experience Christ's grace and love in this life and the life to come.

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



In April, there will not be a UMW meeting.



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



YOUTH LOCK-IN

HOSTED @
POLAND UNITED METHODIST BY
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YOUTH GROUP AGED KIDS
APRIL 17TH AT 9 PM UNTIL
6 AM ON APRIL 18TH

**COME JOIN US FOR A FUN
NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP
AND GAMES**



GAB

Garage, Attic & Basement

SALE

Western Reserve United Methodist Church
4580 Canfield Rd., Canfield, OH 44406
Church Phone (330-792-5805)
JoAnn Truax (330-318-7952)

CELEBRATING OVER 50 YEARS!

Thursday, April 30
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday, May 1
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 2
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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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.



How can you help with the Garage Sale:

Sign up sheets are in the atrium now 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: Sunday **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.

Note about special donations on the Easter flower envelope:

All special Easter contributions will be directed to our Mission team. If you don't have the special Easter Giving envelope, feel free to use any pew envelope and write "Easter Giving".



As we welcome the beauty of April, our preschoolers are embracing the joys of spring with curiosity and creativity. This month, we are exploring themes of new life, growth, and kindness through hands-on activities, stories, and outdoor play. We look forward to celebrating the season together while nurturing each child's sense of wonder and appreciation for God's creation. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping our little ones learn and grow!

We want to thank the church community for their generous support with the MARCH MISSIONS project. The donations received from you are much appreciated and will be used. Thank you!

Join Us for the July 4th Parade Celebration!

As our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary, Canfield United Methodist Church is excited to explore the possibility of entering a float in this year's Canfield July 4th parade!

A great group of volunteers has already begun sharing ideas and building momentum—and we would love for you to be part of it. Whether you enjoy brainstorming creative themes, building and decorating, or simply walking alongside or riding on the float on parade day, there's a place for you.

Let's come together to celebrate, connect with our community, and share the spirit of CUMC in a meaningful and visible way.

If you're interested in joining the effort, please call or text David Bennett at 330-397-1042.



class of
2026

If you are graduating this year (high school or college) and would like to be recognized on Graduation Sunday, please contact the Church Office by May 8th. If you know of someone that we should congratulate, please let us know as well.

The CUMC Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior interested in pursuing higher education. The application for the CUMC Scholarship is available on the church's web page. The deadline is May 3rd at noon. Please contact Jason Henry at jfhenry@datex-inc.com with any questions.

The All-Ages birthday Party, held on February 15, was a wonderful time of food, fellowship, sharing, and smiles! Blessings, galore! Those in their 80s & 90s, along with a video from Bev Woldboldt, who will be 102 in May, offered their advice...!

Best advice I've ever been given:

You'll do more when you're retired than when you're working.

Marry her.

Mind your own business.

Be flexible. Go with the flow and have Plan B.

Accept others as they are.

Live every day to its fullest. You may not be granted tomorrow.

Marry the girl.

It's a great life if you don't weaken.

The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

Keep your mouth shut and listen.

Happiness is a do-it-yourself project.

Keep breathing.

It doesn't matter how high you jump or how far you run; what really matters is how well you bounce.



Best advice I would give to others:

You're only as old as you think you are.

Leave her alone. Be happy - do what you do.

Smile. Enjoy every day. Some are up. Some are down. Every day is a good day.

Old enough to know better, young enough to care...

Travel -Just do it! There is power in prayer.

Your life is like driving. Put your foot on the gas; if not, your foot is on the brake.

The task ahead of you is never as great as the power behind you.

On this road of life we all travel, you're going to encounter bumps in the road - disappointment, illness, loss of loved ones.... That's when you lean on faith to get you over those bumps.

Keep your mouth shut and listen.

If you feel young, you will be young.

Anything worth doing is worth doing well.

Golden Rule. Be kind to each other.

The only way to keep livin' is to keep breathin'. Keep breathin', folks!

Thank you for your generosity when giving to the mission projects offered at CUMC! You are blessed to be a blessing!



The future brings:

Sunday, April 12 Missions Team Meeting – 10 AM – Parlor
Planning for 2026-2027 - Come join us!

We have compiled a list of previously done mission projects and some new options to consider for the remainder of 2026 and into 2027. Please bring ideas for mission projects to our April 12th meeting. If you are not able to attend and have an idea for a mission project, please let Jill Kercher know. We will vote on what projects we want to support in the upcoming year.

APRIL – Mission Project Canfield Community Care Net

Canfield Care Net - Canfield Community Care Net (CCCN) has provided assistance, since 2001, to individuals residing in the Canfield Local Schools District, by providing help to those who are coping with financial difficulties.

Gift cards for local gas stations, grocery stores, “dollar” stores, & misc. needs plus monetary donations will be collected in a locked box near the sanctuary.



SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS – Stay tuned for more details!

Canfield, Poland, & Boardman UMC Stay-Mission Trip

July 28-30 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Meet at Poland UMC before departing to Habitat for Humanity (Warren) & Mission Barn (New Castle).

Sign up before June 1. See Jill Kercher.

UMC Central Valley District Mission Trip

July 19-25 Asheville, North Carolina

Contact: Pat Hassel 518-322-9209

(Western Reserve UMC Coordinators)

Updates from the Steering Council

The church is transitioning to a new software program incorporating membership, contributions and finances. It has improved communication abilities including text and email. Look for more information as we roll out these new capabilities.

Along with this change, we are consolidating some inactive funds to where they can be used in ministry. We are also looking to invest better to earn interest to help with the budget. We are going to refresh and update nursery space to better serve our youngest children and their families.

As always, please reach out to any Council member with any questions or suggestions.

We appreciate your continued support and prayers as we work to strengthen and grow our ministry.

Canfield United Methodist Church
27 South Broad Street
Canfield OH 44406

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Organization
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Salem OH

	<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</p> <p>Web: www.canfieldumc.org</p> <p>Facebook: facebook.com/CanfieldUMC/</p>	 <p>Prayer List</p> <p>Roger Bell, Sue Bell, Donna Bricker, Karen Dorwart. Rebecca Innerst, Ron Musgrove, Jr., Terry Smith, Donnie Yoho</p> <p>Our members at home.</p>
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