

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

Conversations of Grace

As the weather outside gets warmer and nice and sunny, Robin and the family and I like to be outside. We enjoy riding our bikes and walking out in nature. Starting in July, Robin and I are inviting everyone from the Canfield and Poland United Methodist Churches to be part of the Walk n' Talks at Mill Creek. The walk will be a casual, comfortable pace and a time to be in fellowship together. I am reminded of the importance of connecting with one another the reading of Colossians 4:2-6 NIV:

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

It is good to be in grace-filled conversation together listening and learning together, growing in Christ's likeness. The Walk n' Talks will start at the Route 224 Trail Head for the East Golf Hike and Bike Trail at 7 p.m. We will meet on July 12th and 26th, August 9th and 23rd, and September 13th and 27th. If the weather is bad, we will meet at the Canfield Inner Circle Pizza located at 6579 Iron Wood Blvd. Canfield, OH, 44406 for fellowship and appetizers. Please contact me if you plan to attend; my phone number is 740-421-0715.

As we move into summer, continue to pray for one another and share conversations of grace with everyone.



**Animal Kingdom VBS
at Canfield UMC!**

July 20 - 24
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Ages Preschool - 10 years

Scan me to register

Our new officers for 2026-2028 will be:

Chairperson: Karen Seiser
Devotions: Jackie Cummings
Finance: Ruth McCune
Secretary: Claire Glove
Congregational Cards: Diane Netti



UMW will not meet in the months of July and August. We'll see you in September!



Book club will be discussing [The Perfect Couple](#) by Elin Hildebrand on Thursday, June 25th at 4:30 p.m. Check early at the library for availability of [Buckeye](#) by Patrick Ryan for July 23rd. Come join us for great fun and conversation.

Garage Sale 2026

April 27, 2026 and pre sales from Marketplace thanks to Christy Lutterbie: \$9509.75
Post sale through Marketplace with Christy: \$145.00
Post sale Roman Auction online sales: \$785.00
Total = \$10,439.75

Thanks again for everyone's contribution of their time, talents and treasures.

❤️ Lois

Why is there a tree near the office? 🌲

It's a Holiday (birthday/anniversary) & Seasonal Celebration Tree. Lois Swartz was inspired and seeks volunteers to decorate the tree for holidays such as Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, Summer, Fall, etc. In addition, paper ornaments will be available for you to write your name & date for birthday and/or anniversary to hang on the tree during the different months highlighted on the bulletin board. Something different to appreciate life all year long!

SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS –

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 14 on Missions Team Table. Submit \$30 registration fee and registration form to Jill Kercher or Janet Williams.



UMC Central Valley District Mission Trip

Don Trotter is planning to join the Western Reserve UMC mission trip group going to Asheville, NC, July 19-25.

If you are led to help him financially, please make checks payable to CUMC and clearly mark "DON TROTTER MISSION TRIP" on memo. The registration fee for his trip is \$600. This is an invitation from your Missions Team.

Please be in prayer for Don and the group!

CUMC Steering Council Update – May 2026

During our May meeting, the Steering Council discussed several items that may be of interest to our congregation and community.

- Ruth Griffis is leading CUMC’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year, scheduled for July 20–24. Participants will learn more about the role of animals in the Bible while enjoying arts and crafts, science activities, games, and more. (See additional information and registration details on the front page of the Friendly Visitor.)
- Council approved plans to restore four church bathrooms to full functionality through the purchase and installation of new fixtures in areas of the church that are actively being used. These improvements include bathrooms located near the balcony, in the basement, and in the second-floor classroom area.
- We also have an exciting update on our nursery! This month, the space received a major refresh with several new additions, including a new crib mattress, changing table, and play mat. We will continue adding finishing touches over the next few weeks.

Once everything is complete, we plan to celebrate with a formal “grand opening” — and there may even be sweets involved for those who stop by to check it out! Please feel free to share the news with friends and family who have little ones. We are excited and ready to welcome them.

- Plans are underway for a July 4th Apple Dumpling Sale. Winnie and Don Trotter are leading this fun fundraising and fellowship event following the morning race and throughout the parade festivities — or until the dumplings sell out! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Winnie or Don directly.
- Be sure to watch for the CUMC float in this year’s July 4th Parade. Anyone with creative talents or an interest in helping decorate the float is encouraged to contact David Bennett by phone or text at 330-397-1042.
- We are excited to welcome expanded activities from Cecelia Franklin’s Teach What Matters Most educational camps and after-school program at CUMC. Keep an eye out for upcoming improvements planned for one of our second-floor classrooms as part of this growing partnership.
- Looking ahead, Jill Kercher and several co-leaders are planning to launch a Grief Support Group later this year. The group is expected to follow a 10–15 week curriculum designed to provide encouragement, support, and connection for those experiencing loss. Additional information will be shared in the coming months.

As always, we continue to encourage the formation of ministry and outreach teams that help us serve both our congregation and the wider community. If you have a passion or ministry idea you would like to lead, please contact Jill Kercher directly. Council is eager to support meaningful opportunities for Christian outreach and fellowship.

CUMC Steering Council:

Pastor Paul, Jason Henry, Sheila Factor, Jill Kercher, Leah Donko, Diana Johnson, Pam Sweeney, Ruth Griffis, and David Bennett

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Our members at home.

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