

# Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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## Pastors Ponderings

## The Majestic Name of God

On our family vocation trip out West, the word “WOW” kept coming up as we traversed National Parks that had mountains, rivers, rocks, and animals such as bison, prairie dogs, eagles, and elk. We found ourselves traveling on through the Badlands of South Dakota, the mountains of Montana, the desserts of Arizona and the Grand Canyon, and even cities such as Seattle and San Francisco. It is amazing how beautiful and diverse the landscapes can be in the United States. I am thankful for the majestic creation God has given us in the world. Enjoy reading Psalm 8.



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### Psalm 8

*<sup>1</sup>Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup>what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? <sup>5</sup>You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup>You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: <sup>7</sup>all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, <sup>8</sup>the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup>Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

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Take time this summer to appreciate the glorious gift of creation that God has given us. Celebrate the new life we have in Jesus Christ's saving grace. Embrace the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit and celebrate life with one another. Remember all of God's creation and sing praises to God's majestic name that is all the world.

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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 at a casual, comfortable pace and a time to be in fellowship together. 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and September 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.** If the weather is bad, we will meet at the Canfield Inner Circle Pizza located at 6579 Ironwood Blvd. Canfield, OH, 44406 for fellowship and appetizers. Please contact Pastor Paul if you plan to attend; my phone number is 740-421-0715.

### Walk and Talk

East Golf Drive Trail  
Mill Creek Park  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 7 p.m.



July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Rain location: Inner Circle Pizza Canfield



## Vacation Bible School Updates

As of this publishing, we have 62 children registered for Vacation Bible School!

We are still taking registrations. Scan the QR code to get to the registration form.

There will be a meeting for **VBS Volunteers Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** following worship to finalize details.

## Snack Donations Requested

Some supplies are needed for the snacks. If you choose to donate it would be very much appreciated. The items are needed **by July 19** and can be left on the table in the atrium. Thank you!

(These items may have been on the large camel in the atrium and if you already took an item from our camel, we thank you!)

6 cans vanilla frosting

60 pretzel rods

3 bags mini marshmallows

60 sugar cookies (plain round)

2 bags chocolate chips

3 boxes graham crackers

## Vacation Bible School Mission Project Donations Requested

We are also collecting the following items for Animal Charity of Ohio. You can bring your donations to the atrium and place them in the sheep box.

### Urgently Needed Items:

Dog Treats (Milk-Bone, soft treats)

Purina One Dog Food (wet and dry)

Purina Cat Chow and Kitten Chow

Bedding (new or gently used blankets, flat sheets, bath towels)

Cleaning Supplies (bleach, laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags)

Pet Supplies (leashes, Martingale collars, Easy Walk or Freedom harnesses, Benebones, Nylabones, Kong products, Toppels, Pupsicles)

Office Supplies (copy paper, pens, and other essentials)

Cat Treats (Churu)

Pedigree Dog Food (wet and dry)

### Animal Charity of Ohio is always in need of the following items:

Top Loading Pet Purina One Dry Dog food (Lamb and Rice)

Purina One Dry Dog food (Chicken and Rice)

Nutro Brand Dog Food (Lamb and Brown Rice)

Nutro Brand Dog Food (Beef Pedigree Adult Dog Wet Food)

Martingale Collars (Country Brook Design - No Clip - Heavy Duty - All Sizes)

ProSelect Stainless Steel Flat-Sided Pails (Used for Water)

No Pull Rope Design Harness Leads

Pill Pockets

Clumping Litter (Any Brand)

Wet Food for Kittens

Toys (Dogs and Cats)

Kuranda Beds

Blankets (New or Gently Used)

Cat Beds

Whipped Cream

Peanut Butter

## Steering Council Update – June 2026

As summer begins, Canfield United Methodist Church is celebrating growth, renewal, and our continued investment in children, families, and ministries that strengthen our church community. It is exciting to see so many opportunities taking shape, and we are grateful to everyone who is helping make them possible.

Vacation Bible School is off to an incredible start! Thanks to the outstanding work of Ruth Griffis, we already have over 40 children registered. What a wonderful blessing! There is still time to become involved. Please see Ruth if you would like to help with time, snacks or other donations. We are looking forward to this this exciting week (July 20-24 between 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.).

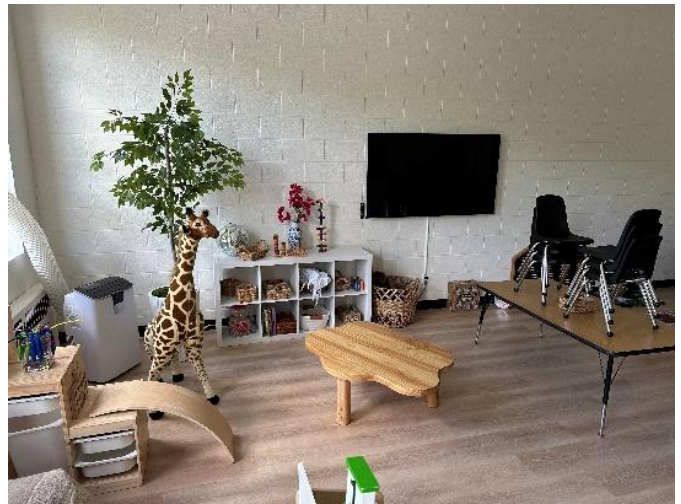
Work is also underway to restore 4 bathrooms to working order in our church building. Neff Plumbing will have installed new fixtures in 2 bathrooms by the time you read this update! We look forward to once again having fully functional restroom facilities available for everyone, especially our youngest members and visiting families.

We're also excited about Jill Kercher's effort to plan a Grief support group designed to offer hope, encouragement, and Christ-centered healing to those experiencing loss. Loss of hopes, dreams or future plans can be experienced in so many ways, the loss of a loved one or a relationship, the loss of a beloved pet, separation from family, the loss of a job or dealing with illness or injuries. This is meant to be a resource for counseling and fellowship for any loss you may be experiencing. Stay tuned for additional information in the coming months.

If you haven't seen our newly refreshed nursery, you're in for a treat! Thanks to the creativity and hard work of Leah Donko, the nursery has been transformed into a warm, welcoming, and beautiful space for our youngest children. The photos are wonderful—but they truly don't do it justice. We encourage everyone to stop by and see it in person.



We are also pleased that Cecilia Franklin and her “Teach What Matters Most” educational program has created a bright and inviting classroom where children can learn and grow. We hope this partnership will introduce many young families to our church and provide another meaningful way for us to serve our community. Be sure to check out the photos below!



The Fourth of July Apple Dumpling Sale is just around the corner! Winnie and Don Trotter are leading this favorite fundraiser, which has become as much a fellowship event as it is a fundraiser. Sales will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the church parking lot on July 4 and continue until we're sold out. Be sure to arrive early to get your apple dumplings.



Plans came together for our CUMC Fourth of July Parade Float. This year's vision is to recreate the church's bell tower, complete with a recording of our own bell choir performing "Let Freedom Ring." As the float travels through the parade, the music will remind our community of both our nation's freedom and the hope we have through Christ. Special thanks to all that have helped put CUMC in the parade this year!

As always, the Steering Council continues to encourage the development of ministries and outreach opportunities that serve both our congregation and our surrounding community. If God has placed a ministry idea on your heart and you would be interested in leading or helping develop it, please contact any council member. The Council is eager to support meaningful opportunities for Christian fellowship, service, and outreach. A ministry project proposal form is shown below and all are encouraged to share new ideas for ministry and outreach.

**Your Canfield United Methodist Church Steering Council consists of Pastor Paul, Jason Henry, Sheila Factor, Jill Kercher, Leah Donko, Diana Johnson, Pam Sweeney, Ruth Griffis, and David Bennett.**

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and faithful support as we continue growing together in Christ.

### **CUMC TEAM PROJECT PROPOSAL**

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Project Theme/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s): Beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Ending \_\_\_\_\_

Details/Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

How can the Steering Council help you with this ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

Project Manager(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

For assistance with publicity, please see Jeff Williamson, Office Administrator.

Please submit to any member of CUMC Steering Council: David Bennett, Leah Donko, Sheila Factor, Ruth Griffis, Jill Kercher, Diana Johnson, Jason Henry, Pam Sweeney, Pastor Paul Turner or to Jeff Williamson in CUMC office.

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**United Methodist Women** will not meet in the months of July and August.  
We'll see you on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon in Fellowship Hall.

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**Canfield UMC Book Club** will be discussing [Buckeye](#) by Patrick Ryan on **July 16<sup>th</sup>** in the parlor. Come join us for great fun and conversation.

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**Worship 9:00AM**

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