

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

Living Water

Summer is a time with life around water. With the heat of Summer, we get thirsty and need water to stay hydrated. There are trips to a pool or lake to cool off with family and friends. A couple of weeks ago I was at Lakeside and on the way there, I traveled by Sandusky and I noticed one of the water parks had closed and the water slide had been removed. There were no cars in the parking lot and weeds were growing out of the parking lot pavement. Driving by one could see no sign of life and just years ago, the place was full of families with children, and the water was flowing on the slide and throughout the park.

As a Christian, I am reminded that we need the Living Water that is Jesus Christ God's Son. Through Christ's grace and love, we are spiritually rehydrated with Christ as the Living Water that never dries up and that is eternal through all the heavens. Take a big gulp and read John 7:37-38 (NIV):

³⁷"On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

From a physical side of life, we all need water to survive and live and spiritually, we need the Living Water that is Jesus Christ that gives us life now and for eternity. Do not put off being hydrated by Christ, the Living Water, and drink in his grace and love that hydrates others by sharing Jesus. I pray this Summer and all your life that you would come to the Living Water that is Christ and that you would live in his abundant grace now and for all eternity.



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 **Mill Creek Metroparks Farm (7574 Columbiana-Canfield Rd., across from the Fairgrounds) at 7 p.m.** We will meet on **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 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.

Steering Council Update – July 2026

A huge thank you to Ruth Griffis for coordinating and leading this year's Vacation Bible School, and to the wonderful team of volunteers who made it such a success. We were thrilled to welcome approximately fifty children each day and learn about animals of the bible! The mission team even collected some generous donations to Animal Charity of Ohio, Mahoning County. We also thank you, the congregation, for your support in helping this organization.

Finance Update: You may notice weekly donations are listed every week in the bulletin, but through June 2026 we are down 3.7% when compared to giving through June 2025. Please remember to contribute in any way you can! (<https://canfieldumc.org/resources-2/donations>) Options include Sunday morning contributions, texting, mailed in donations, PayPal and electronic fund transfers. **Your contributions are vital to helping us meet all of our church's financial obligations.**

Congratulations to Canfield UMC for receiving the “Most Creative” award in this year's Fourth of July Parade. The float was titled “Let Freedom Ring!” Thank you to David and Ellen Bennett, Sheila and Jon Factor, and Janet Williams for putting together such a fabulous float!



Thank you Betty Frazzini (CUMC Historian) and Mary Ann Reel who have spent several Friday afternoons cleaning and organizing the CUMC History Room. They continue to make wonderful progress and have uncovered some hidden treasures. Some of you may be aware of a quilt the Ewing family shared with the church. It has church member names listed on each petal of the flowers quilted into a blanket. We're hoping to display this and potentially other interesting parts of our church history after upcoming Sunday morning services for all to admire! Thanks Betty and Mary Ann!!

Children's bathrooms on the second floor have been restored to working order with new fixtures and updated with a fresh coat of paint, new lighting and flooring. Thanks to Neff Plumbing, Ron Lutterbie, Pat Sweeney, and David Bennett for their efforts! Updated family restrooms should also be completed in the coming weeks near the balcony and in the basement.

Thanks to our mission volunteers including Don Trotter, who went to Asheville, NC, Karen DiNardo, Claire Glove, Lois Swartz, Mason, Carrie, Grant, and Trevor Seachrist, Janet Williams, and Pastor Paul and Robin Turner. We are excited to have you representing CUMC and making a difference in the community!

Keep an eye out for details of the 100th Corn Roast being planned for **Wednesday, September 16th!**



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.

Walking Through Grief Together

A 10-Week Grief Support Group

Canfield United Methodist Church Parlor
Sundays, September 13 - November 15 from 6:00-7:30 PM

You are not alone. Join us for a 10-week journey of healing & hope. All are welcome!
Contact Jill Kercher 330-553-9799 or Church Office 330-533-9801 for details.

Fall Youth Group Starting Up

At the end of September, the Poland and Canfield Youth will be doing a join youth group on the last Sunday of the month. Pastor Paul Turner and Rob Simon, the youth group leader from Poland United Methodist Church will lead the group. On the last Sunday of the month the youth from both churches will meet at Canfield UMC from 5-7:00pm. We are working on organizing events the youth groups can do together throughout the year. Let Pastor Paul and Rob Simon know of any youth that need contacted. There is also a need for the youth parents and church congregates to help with the youth groups. Contact Pastor Paul and Rob Simon if you are willing to help.

New Membership Class

Pastor Paul will be leading a join new membership class starting on September 20th and going through October 25th. It is a six-week membership class opened to perspective new members at Poland and Canfield United Methodist Churches. The class will meet at 1:00pm for three weeks at Poland UMC and then three weeks at Canfield UMC. There will be a sign-up sheet and let Pastor Paul know if you are interested in the class so he can order you a membership book.

United Methodist Women will not meet in August. The next meeting is **Wednesday Sept 9, 2026 at noon** in the fellowship hall. There will be a meeting, refreshments and a guest speaker. CUMC member Jill Herock will be giving us information on decluttering our home. Bring a friend.



On **Thursday, August 20th**, **Canfield UMC Book Club** will be discussing Elin Hildebrand's novel, [The Perfect Couple](#). A great discussion is guaranteed.

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 A graphic for the month of August. It features the word "AUGUST" in large, bold, red capital letters. Overlaid on the text is a pair of black sunglasses. To the left and right of the sunglasses are green tropical leaves and two red hibiscus flowers.	JOIN US! Worship 9:00AM Address: 27 S. Broad Street Canfield, OH 44406 330.533.9801 Email: office@canfieldumc.org Web: www.canfieldumc.org Facebook: facebook.com/CanfieldUMC/	 Prayer List Noah Baird, Roger Bell, Sue Bell, Donna Bricker, Karen Dorwart. Rebecca Innerst, Ron Musgrove, Jr., Birdie Reinhart, Terry Smith, Donnie Yoho Our members at home.
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