

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastor's Ponderings

During the Lenten season I have been preaching on Reverend Jorge Acevedo's book, *Everyone Needs Some Cave Time*. In his book he describes several physical and spiritual caves that biblical people face as well as Jesus Christ. David faces a cave of anger and fear. The prophet Elijah encounters a cave of darkness in the cave of depression. Jesus has an experience in the cave of temptation with Satan. The sisters Mary and Martha feel the loss of their brother Lazareth in the cave of grief. Mary Magdalene goes through the cave of hopelessness as she battles demons. At some point or points in our lives we will face some cave time in the difficulties of life and Rev. Acevedo writes about that being a time of running and hiding from God or a time to grow closer to God in a sacred spiritual cave.

The final cave we encounter in Acevedo's book is the Cave of Resurrection or the Cave of Victory. That Cave is the empty tomb where Jesus conquered death. Reflect upon this passage in Mark 16:1-8 NLT

¹Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on Sunday morning,^[a] just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. ⁵When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,^[b] who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." ⁸The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

In the Cave of Resurrection, we see that Jesus Christ the Son of God has given us hope from all the caves in life that separate us from God the Father. In the Cave of Resurrection Christ has brought us to a Cave of Victory to dwell in for all of eternity. During this Lenten Season I hope you have grown spiritually in the grace and love of our risen savior Jesus Christ. Upon Easter Day celebrate that Christ has brought us hope in a new life in him and I pray you would have some Cave Time worshiping and praising Christ our savior all the days of your life. Amen!

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, March 28th: 7:00 p.m. service at Canfield UMC
Good Friday, March 29th: 7:00 p.m. service at Poland UMC
Easter Sunday services will follow the normal Sunday schedule for both churches.



United
Methodist
Women

March UMW will be Wednesday, March 6th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Jackie Cummings will be sharing a book review of "[Suzanne Wesley: An extraordinary Woman](#)". You are asked to wear an apron and a beverage and dessert will be provided.

April UMW will meet at Canfield UMC at noon on Wednesday, April 3rd to carpool to the Rescue Mission. Please bring cold and flu remedy donations such as cough medicine, cough drops, Tylenol, etc.

CUMC will have our annual garage sale Saturday April 20, 2024. Start your Spring Cleaning early and put aside items you'd like to donate. We will begin accepting items Sunday, April 14th at 10:30 a.m. Some of those treasures we'll take are tools, small appliances, jewelry, books, magazines, bikes, sporting goods, lawn and garden tools, household items, toys, very gently worn men's, women's, and children's clothing. All items need to be as close to "in working condition" as possible and CLEAN. Please do not bring shoes, boots, TVs, or computers. Tell your family and friends that they can donate items to our church as well. NO early drop-offs to the church.



CUMC Garage Sale
Saturday, April 20th.

Drop off hours are: Sunday, April 14th 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 15th – Thursday, April 18th 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please help! Sign-up sheets will be in the atrium starting March 10th.

Help is needed the day of the sale and the week prior to help with set up and pricing.

The March book club will be Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor and we will be discussing the book [West With Giraffes](#) by Lynda Rutledge. Jackie Cummings will lead the discussion. There will be no meeting in April because of the garage sale. We will resume in May! Please join us for a fun evening!



March Meetings

Finance	March 11	6 p.m.
Trustees	March 11	7 p.m.
Charge Conference	March 17	4 p.m.



Charge
Conference

There will be a charge conference with the District Superintendent on Sunday, March 17th at 4:00 p.m.

The only item on the agenda is the sale of the parsonage.

All church members are welcome to come and vote.

Youth Spring 2024

March 10	Youth Group	10 am - 12 noon
March 17	Youth Group	6 - 8 pm
April 7	Youth Group	10 am - 12 noon
April 14	Youth Group	10 am - 12 noon
April 21	Youth Group	10 am - 12 noon
April 26	Canfield Lock-In	8 pm- 7 am
May	TBD	
June 7-8	Youth Annual Conference	Kalahari
June 23-29	Mission Trip	Des Moines, Iowa



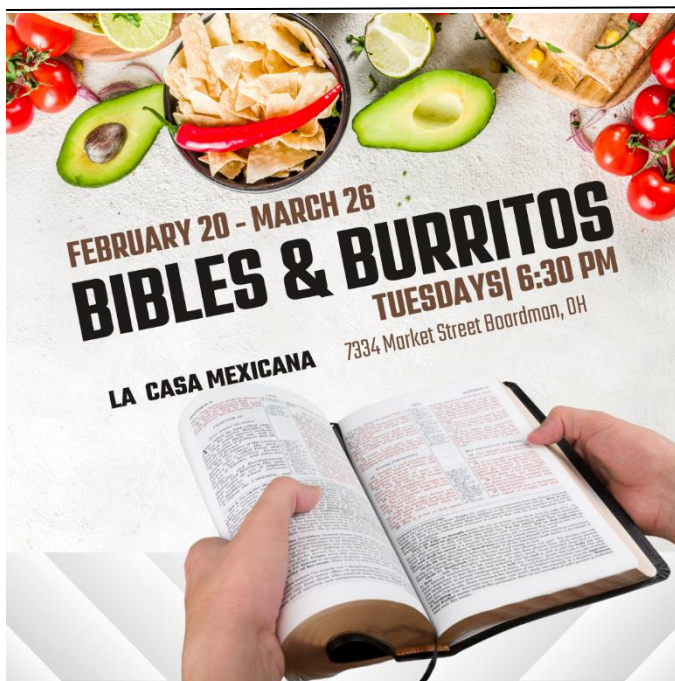
Bakers are needed for the CUMC Garage Sale on April 20th. Items can be dropped off Friday, April 19 during the day or Saturday morning before 9. Please have them packaged ready for sale. Best sellers are cookies, sweet breads in a loaf (zucchini, banana, etc.), and brownies. Please don't bring whole cakes or cupcakes they don't seem to sell well.

MUSIC MINISTRY IN 2024



Our Chancel Choir and Hand Bell Choirs have several added members, much to the delight of the current ringers and singers! Please keep this opportunity in mind during 2024. It's perhaps a new experience, to volunteer in music ministry, with limited time commitment (one hour every Thursday): 6pm for Hand Bells and 7pm for Chancel Choir.

Check with Janet Williams or any current choir member for more information!



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Our members at home.

