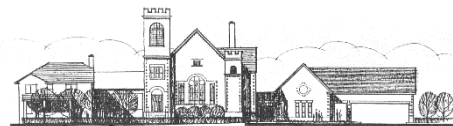


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Pastors Ponderings

A Faith that Heals

Over the Memorial Day Weekend Robin and I and the family went to stay at an Airbnb in the Allegheny River Valley near Kennerdell, Pennsylvania. From the parsonage in Poland, it is about an hour and a half drive. One of the things I have noticed the last couple of years with arthritis in my back and right hip is that longer car rides add to the stiffness in my back and hip. When I stop and get out of the car, I find myself hunched over and lunging forward when walking. If I sit too long, I have a tougher time trying to move. Once I get moving, I feel a little better and more mobile.

One day while on Robin and I and the family went to a waterfall and sat in the pool underneath it. The water was very cold but felt good on my back and right hip. While I am sitting in the cool water, I thought of the man who could not walk or move closer to the alleged healing pools at Bethesda. Jesus approaches the man at the pools and has a conversation with him. Read and reflect on the conversation in John 5:1-9 NIV,

¹Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ²Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. [⁴] ⁵One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹At once the man is cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

During the conversation, the ailing man has with Jesus he is asked a question by Jesus, “Do you want to get well”? The man had been ailing for thirty-eight years and Jesus ask him a simple but profound question that challenges the man and his desire to be healed. The gentleman response to Jesus by saying, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me”. Jesus simply says, “Get! Pick up your mat and walk”. All at once the man can get up and walk. Note that Jesus does not lay direct hands on the man or pray over him but simply tell the man to get up and to move forward in faith that Jesus’s words provide healing. With just a little faith in Jesus the man finds healing.

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Pastors Ponderings

A Faith that Heals continued

Over the last year and a half, I have collaborated with doctors and physical therapist and the doctor has told me that I will know when I need to have a complete hip replacement. With the pain I am having I have come to realize that on June 18th I will be ready to have my hip replacement and to lose the pain that I am physically having. I have appreciated all the prayers I have received from the congregations at the Canfield and Poland United Methodist Churches. The prayers and words of encouragement and love have embodied Jesus Christ grace and have echoed his healing words of love. I will be off the last two weeks of June and the first two weeks of July recovering from my hip replacement and I will be think of you all as brother and sisters in Christ that encourage myself and us all to get up and be healed and to follow Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior to bring healing to the world. Amen!



United
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Women

UMW will meet on Wednesday, June 5 for our annual picnic at noon at the home of Bonnie Tieche. Please call Bonnie to sign up for a salad or dessert at 330-501-0077 or 330-533-3686.

UMW will not meet in July and Aug. We will also plan our 2024/2025 meetings at the picnic. See you there.

The June meeting of our CUMC Book Club will meet Thursday, June 20, 2024 in the church parlor at 4:30 pm. We will be reading and discussing Natasha Boyd's [The Indigo Girl](#). Hope to see all avid readers there!



June Meetings

Finance	June 10	6 p.m.
Trustees	June 10	7 p.m.

Youth Spring 2024

June 7-8	Youth Annual Conference	Kalahari
June 23-30	Mission Trip	Des Moines, Iowa

The youth group will be taking their yearly mission trip to Des Moines, Iowa the last full week of June. Your prayers for our trip are greatly appreciated.



Every Sunday a liturgist assists our pastor in leading the worship. Being a liturgist during worship service is one of the many rewarding ways to be involved with our church. For more information on joining the liturgist league please contact Ruth Griffis at 330-651-8316 or r.griffis@hotmail.com



THANK YOU to those who have given service in **MUSIC MINISTRY** through the year, September to May! The commitment to prepare one hour every other Thursday, to then offer music in worship, is much appreciated!

Chancel Choir: Joanne Baird, Roger Bell, Ellen Bennett, Judy Capirano, Karin DiNardo, Scott Fowler, Claire Glove, Diana Johnson, Michele Kalaher, Jill Kercher, Charlie Masters, Lori Moff and Ray Stoll



Hand Bell Choir: Joanne Baird, Diana Johnson, Bea Jones, Jill Kercher, Liz Orlando and Carrie Seachrist.

When I was growing up, I watched the hand bell ringers and thought:
"That would be fun to do!"

-bell ringer testimony

I thought I had to have a special singing voice to be in the choir,
but I DID sing in my school choir, so OK!

-current choir member

Please consider joining one of our music teams in September, for fellowship and fun, a "great seat" and most important, the opportunity to serve in worship.



-Janet Williams



PEDAL WITH PASTOR PAUL

Sunday, June 2nd at 4:30 p.m.
Mill Creek Metropark Bikeway - Farm Trailhead
7574 Columbiana Canfield Rd. Canfield, OH 44406

Sunday, June 9th at 4:30 p.m.
Stavich Bicycle Trailhead
300 E. Liberty Street, Lowellville, OH 44436

Welcome Operation Blessing!

Canfield Operation Blessing has operated since 1986. With the support of volunteers from local churches including CUMC, the food pantry has been housed at Canfield Presbyterian Church.

Due to renovation at the Presbyterian Church and coordination between churches, the food pantry has been moved to CUMC for one year. Trustees, members of both churches and Operation Blessing volunteers were on hand for the move a week ago.



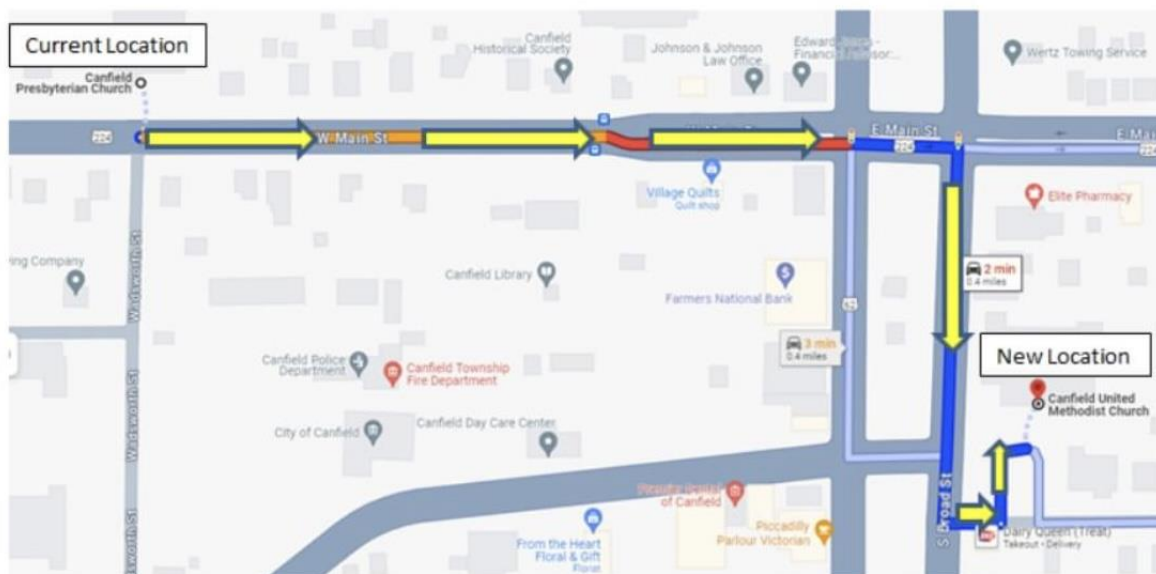
Perhaps you have heard more about and/or contributed to the Christmas Toy assistance for families in December. Also, our Preschool regularly brings food offerings for Operation Blessing at their Chapel Times.

You are invited to volunteer at the food pantry, located in the basement, for as little as one hour each month, or more as you are able. Friendships and fellowship develop as the team prepares to help those in need, both in Canfield and throughout Mahoning County.

We regularly get a message from our leader, Barb Ivey, regarding volunteer opportunities for the month. The rest is up to you and we welcome you!

THANK
YOU

To everyone that helped to move Canfield Operation Blessing today.....you were all amazing! In less than 3 hours you moved a mountain!



Claire Glove and Lois Swartz are heading to Steubenville along with Pastor Paul and Robin, Boardman UMC and Poland UMC July 9-13 to mission those in need. Our theme is “Down by the River”. They need your help.



The good news is that the items/supplies needed for the trip have already been purchased using the donation tags that have been available in the church Fellowship Hall the last 2 Sundays in May. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would still like to be a part of this mission trip, you may make a monetary donation to defray the cost of gas and other expenses. Please make your checks out to Canfield United Methodist Church and write Steubenville Mission Trip on the memo line. The deadline for drop off the supplies and the monetary gifts is Sunday, June 30.

Thank you for being a part of our mission outreach.



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Our members at home.



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