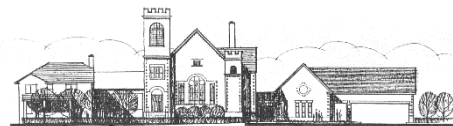


Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

Serving the Stranger

In July the Canfield, Poland, Boardman, and Otterbein United Methodist Churches went on a mission trip to serve the people of Steubenville, Ohio. When you go on a mission trip, you encounter new people that need some care. The four churches worked with the Urban Mission Ministries of Steubenville which is a United Methodist missional outreach. People in the area we served had many needs and benefited from some help in various aspects of their lives. I am reminded of the scripture passage from Matthew 25:

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

On the mission trip we encountered people that needed something to eat, and with the Urban Mission food pantry we helped to serve 1000 people per week. There were people in need of clothes and the Urban Thrift store provides clothes and household goods at \$5 a bag. The mission team from our churches cleaned rooms to paint and helped to repair a wheelchair ramp. A community garden overcrowded by weeds was cleared and the crops tended. At the end of the week the churches hosted a block party picnic. We provided a hot dog cook out with food and cold drinks along with games and activities for people to do together. It was great to serve strangers and to get to know the people of Steubenville. I encourage you to not be a stranger and to serve the people around you by caring for all of God's people. Remember when we serve the people around us, we serve God and help to bring Jesus Christ's grace and love into the world.

JOIN US!

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Youth in August

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated to VBS and was here to help out the day off. We had a lot of fun!!

Dates to know:

August 11 - Youth Service presenting our Des Moines Mission Trip

September 8 - Rally Day! & Youth Group (6th- 12th Grade) 6-8 pm

September 15 - Sunday School starts (Preschool -5th Grade)

September 21 - Parking for Market on the Green Youth Group Fundraiser

September 22 - Youth Group 6-8 pm

If anyone would like to volunteer to be Miss Liz's additional adult for either Sunday School during church or Youth Group nights, please contact her or see her at church. We cannot have these things for the kids if she is not doubled to follow our Safe Sanctuary policies. It DOES NOT have to be every week. With enough volunteers, it can be once a month or less!



UMW will meet in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, September 4 at noon. We will also be touring and learning about Operation Blessing which is now housed in our church. A snack or light dessert will be served.

A new Book Review Club is starting with our friends from Boardman United Methodist Church (BUMC) and Poland United Methodist Church. The first meeting is Tuesday, August 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Boardman United Methodist Church's library. We will be discussing [The First Ladies](#) by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Bring your own lunch and dessert will be provided. All are welcome, bring a friend. Hope to see you there!



Any questions call or text Chris Grabert - 330-720-9461.

The August meeting of our CUMC Book Club will meet Thursday, August 15, 2024 in the church parlor at 4:30 p.m. We will be reading and discussing [The Chilbury Ladies' Choir](#) by Jennifer Ryan. Hope to see all avid readers there!



Back to School! We'd like to welcome Mrs. Kim Handy to our team! She will be joining Mrs. Wade in Preschool Yellow this year.

We have 109 students attending preschool this year and couldn't be more blessed!

School will officially start Tuesday, September 4 and we are all so excited!

August Meetings

Worship & Music	August 5	6:30 p.m.
Finance	August 12	6 p.m.
Trustees	August 12	7 p.m.

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