

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

Using Our Gifts for Hospitality

Over the next several months at both the Canfield and Poland United Methodist Churches, we will be looking at using our Spiritual Gifts from God to serve other people and to show hospitality to them. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are born again into a new life of grace and love that brings us a fullness of life now and for eternity. Through Christ's saving grace, we grow in faith and that has an impact on our personal life and the life of others both in the church and in the world. Please read carefully and pray over the passage from 1 Peter 4:

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

In the months ahead, we will be doing a spiritual gift inventory and look to see where God's given gifts mix in with the gifts of others in the life of the church and the life of others. Both churches will be working on hospitality and greeting one another and new people. We will at the two churches work to be grace filled ambassadors that steward the grace and love of Jesus Christ to the world.

Canfield and Poland UMC's will be putting together ministry teams that will work with children's, youth, and adult's ministries. Together through the Holy Spirit and a spiritual gift inventory we will put together teams to do ministries that feed people spiritually. The Lord is moving at both churches, and we need to be open to how God is using us to share Jesus Christ Good News with the world, Amen!

JOIN US!

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Worship 9:00AM

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Our next UMW meeting will be June 4 at 12 noon picnic at Sue Mirto's house (4041 Adeer Dr., Canfield). Please call or text Lois (330-502-3702) if you want to attend. Please let her know what kind of salad or dessert you'd like to share.

Hope to see you at one or more of these meetings!



Our preschool is thriving, and we are fully enrolled! As we head into spring, we look forward to celebrating our young artists at the annual Art Show May 14 and honoring our all of our students at the Moving Up Ceremony, May 21. Church members are warmly invited to join us for these special events as we celebrate the creativity and growth of our wonderful students!



GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 3RD 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.



Canfield UMC is sharing treasures with the community while we reduce financial commitments for this year.

You can find tools, small appliances, jewelry, books, bikes, sporting goods, household items, toys, very gently worn clothing, outdoor furniture, children's clothing, baby items, and more!

**GARAGE
Sale**

**COME AND CHECK IT OUT!
CANFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
27 S. BROAD STREET, CANFIELD, OH 44406
(NEXT TO DAIRY QUEEN ON THE GREEN)**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL (330) 502-3702



As we approach our annual Garage Sale, some upcoming dates:
There are Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall to help at various times from April 25 - May 3.
You can help by:

- Setting up tables on Friday April 25 beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- Donations of baked goods for the bake sale. Contact Sue Mirto if you are able to help in this way.
- Setting up and pricing from Monday, April 27th through Friday May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. though 6:00 p.m.
- Help during the sale on Saturday, May 3rd.
- Tear down at the end of the sale at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3rd.

If you have items to contribute to the sale, please keep the following in mind.

- Drop off items will start after church Sunday, April 27th until 3:00 p.m.
- Drop off items will continue Monday, April 28th through Thursday, May 1st.

We cannot accept any donations on Friday, May 2nd.

- We will not accept any TV's, computers, DVD players, VCRs, shoes, and boots.

Any questions call/text Lois at 330-502-3702.

What is the NEW Steering Council?

The newly established Steering Council has been tasked with providing strategic guidance and oversight for Canfield United Methodist Church. This council replaces the former Administrative Council and aligns CUMC with the simplified governance structure that many United Methodist churches have adopted over the past decade.

With churches experiencing changes in size, this new structure is designed to streamline committees, reduce the number of required meetings, and make it easier for members to engage in meaningful ministry. We understand that not everyone can commit to serving on a long-term committee, but there are still many ways to get involved in projects and missions that align with your interests and passions.

The Steering Council is committed to advancing the United Methodist Church's mission: to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Additionally, we are working to revive and support a previous CUMC vision to REACH (reaching everyone as ambassadors of Christian hope) our church members and the greater community.

This is where you come in...Our church thrives when members actively participate in its ministry. While the Steering Council will provide leadership and support, we rely on you to engage in activities that match your gifts. There will continue to be teams overseeing essential areas such as building and grounds, budgeting, personnel, congregational life, and worship and music planning. There are also opportunities to help with upcoming special events like our annual garage sale, the Mother's Day Tea, and Vacation Bible School (July 21-25).

Your participation is vital to our success and to expanding our REACH within the church and the surrounding community.

We welcome your feedback, ideas, and concerns as we work together to refine this new structure. If you have a passion for a particular area of ministry or a new idea for growth, please reach out to any member of the Steering Council.

Let's move forward in faith—together!

Leslie Axelson
David Bennett
Sheila Factor
Jason Henry
Diana Johnson
Jill Kircher
Amy Nash
Ron Raubenstraw
Judy Sees
Pastor Paul



Pedal with Pastor Paul Returns!

(May 11 and 25, June 8 and 22, July 13 and 27, August 10 and 24, September 14 and 28)

Pedaling with the Pastor and Robin will be starting up again in May. All are welcomed to come and ride, and Pastor Paul has extra bikes if you need one. Please bring a helmet and make sure you have water to drink. The rides are easy-paced and not far; the group decides how far they want to go. All age groups are welcome. Text Pastor Paul the day of the ride to see if the ride will be canceled due to the weather at 740-421-0715. The rides will be on the second and fourth

Sundays of the month. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. for all the rides and then roll out at 3:15 p.m. All rides on the second Sunday of the month will be at the Stavich Trailhead located at 2913 West Washington Street in New Castle, PA. The rides on the fourth Sunday will be at the Metro Parks Bikeway Farm Trailhead located at 7574 Columbiana-Canfield Road, Canfield, OH.

Please notice the new section of the bulletin board, by the office, which is entitled: "Congratulations! Praying for the best!" It will include info about CUMC persons (all ages) who have accomplished any newsworthy events. Just post any info in that section.

HOLY WEEK

2025

APRIL 13	PALM SUNDAY Canfield 9:00 a.m. Poland 11:00 a.m.
APRIL 17	MAUNDY THURSDAY Canfield 7:00 p.m.
APRIL 18	GOOD FRIDAY Poland 7:00 p.m.
APRIL 20	EASTER SUNDAY Canfield 9:00 a.m. Poland 11:00 a.m.



Deadline April 7th

EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies, tulips, and hyacinths \$10 each



Scrapping for Scouts Scrap Metal Drive

Canfield Troop 8025 is available to help remove any unwanted scrap metal, appliances, HVAC systems, etc. from your location.

**Please Call or Text
to set up a collection time.**

Same day pick-ups are often available.

Troop Adult Volunteer
Bret Gensburg

330-299-8040

Proceeds go directly to offset camping fees
and needs of the Scouts.
We appreciate your Support!



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27 South Broad Street
Canfield OH 44406

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Sue Bell, Donna Bricker,
Ceil Gill, Carolyn Powell,
and Debbie Schrock

Our members at home.

