

# Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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## Pastors Ponderings

Scripture tells us that God lights the way in life when it gets dark. We know that God's Word is the Living Word that brings the Good News of Jesus Christ's love and grace into our lives and the world. At times life can be challenging and hard and when it is, we need to look for the light that is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. I love the passage from Psalm 108: 105-107. Read this passage and may God illuminate you with hope through Jesus Christ.

*Psalm 108: <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

*<sup>106</sup> I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.*

*<sup>107</sup> I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.*

When I read Psalm 108:105, I sometimes hear Amy Grant singing this psalm and I find that her voice illuminates and gives some light to God's Word. The light of Christ gives us light on our path of life now and into the future. We confirm God is righteous in how we receive his love and how we share it with the people and world around us. Jesus lights the way back to a relationship with God and in kind we are called to be the light of Christ for others. As we move into the newness of spring and summer, let us confirm our faith in God by sharing the light of Christ with the world.



## 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)

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. 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.

## JOIN US!

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Worship 9:00AM

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District Youth Lock-In-  
May 9th from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Canfield

All Daughters Tea-  
May 10th at 2 p.m. in the Atrium. RSVP to Liz by May 5

Youth Service- May 11th (all aged youth)

Graduation Sunday- May 18th – see the information below.

Last Day of Sunday School- May 18<sup>th</sup>



### Class of 2025 Information



If you are graduating this year (high school or college) and would like to be recognized on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Church Office by May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you know of someone that we should congratulate, please let us know as well.

The CUMC Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior interested in pursuing higher education. The application for the CUMC Scholarship is available on the church's web page (go to More on the top menu, then choose Scholarships). The deadline is May 11<sup>th</sup> at noon and will be presented on Graduation Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jason Henry at [jfhenry@datex-inc.com](mailto:jfhenry@datex-inc.com) with any questions.

Please add your names and those of our octogenarians (80–89 year-olds), nonagenarians (90–99 year-olds), and centenarians (100–109 year-olds) to the gold “Congratulations!” bulletin board near the church office. Help us keep these lists updated!

In addition, add your newsworthy information about our members to this display. All ages are included!





Canfield United Methodist Women would like to thank all of you who donated personal care products to Adult and Teen Challenge. We were able to give them 20 bags because of your generosity. They were very appreciative.

There will be no May United Methodist meeting. Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and working the Garage Sale. We appreciate everyone's donations of items and time to make this annual event happen.

We will have our annual picnic on Wednesday, June 4 at noon at Sue Mirto's home at 4041 Adeer Drive in Canfield. If you would like to attend, please call or text Lois at 330-502-3702 on or before Sunday May 25. Let her know you are coming and what kind of salad or dessert you would like to share. We will discuss ideas for our meetings for 2025/2026. See you there.



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!

**Thank You to our wonderful Chancel, Handbell and Children's Choirs!**

I believe I speak for our church family. . .

At the close of our year we want to express gratitude to each and every choir member!

You have enriched our worship at CUMC, providing joy and inspiration.

You have given our music ministry the commitment of time as well as your musical gifts.

Special thank yous go to Mary Ann Reel and Amy Nash, for guiding the children, as well as to Jason, Lisa and Grace Henry (plus needed volunteers) for providing technical assistance each week. Also, thanks go to Carrie and Trevor Seachrist for their instrumental offerings.

I am always looking to future possibilities for music ministry at CUMC, and hope you will as well. I welcome your ideas!



-Janet Williams



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	<p>Sue Bell, Donna Bricker, Ceil Gill, Joanne Musgrove, Carolyn Powell, and Debbie Schrock</p> <p>Our members at home.</p>	
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