

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

On the Way with God

As the summer months are wrapping up and people are returning from vacations and getting back into the flow of the fall, I am thankful to hear of church members' adventures over summer. It is great to hear of places and people that congregates have visited and been in fellowship with. It is fun to hear the stories of people on their journeys during the summer months, and I enjoy connecting with people at church and listening to what they have experienced out in the world on their travels. I am reminded as we gather in the fall months of the church to worship God together, that on the summer treks, though we might not be together as brothers and sisters in Christ, God was with us wherever we roamed. Ponder and read Psalm 32:

⁶Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. ⁷You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

God is in all the places of life that we journey on and in all the beauty in creation and in our lives. The Lord's loving eye is on us, and he provides the way forward in his Son Jesus Christ that is the Way back to God in this life and the life to come. God counsels us through the Holy Spirit and with the presence of Christ's grace and love as we travel together in life enjoying serving God's Kingdom and one another. As we move into the busyness of the fall season and we gather at church, remember that God's loving eye is upon us and he is showing us the way forward in life through Jesus Christ's deep love and eternal grace. Let us look forward to where God will lead and I pray we share those stories of Jesus's grace with one another and the world as we enjoy the gift of life's journeys.

Walk and Talk

LOCATION CHANGE
Mill Creek Metroparks Farm
Across from Canfield Fairgrounds
2nd and 4th Sundays 7 p.m.



Robin and I are inviting everyone from the Canfield and Poland United Methodist Churches to be part of the Walk n' Talks at Mill Creek. The walk will be at a casual, comfortable pace and a time to be in fellowship together. The Walk n' Talks will start at the **Mill Creek Metroparks Farm (7574 Columbiana-Canfield Rd., across from the Fairgrounds) at 7 p.m.** We will meet on **September 13th and 27th.** If the weather is bad, we will meet at the Canfield Inner Circle Pizza, located at 6579 Ironwood Blvd. Canfield, OH, 44406 for fellowship and appetizers.

Please contact Pastor Paul if you plan to attend; my phone number is 740-421-0715.

News & Notes from the Steering Council – August 2026

Summer has certainly been busy at CUMC! Between Vacation Bible School, the July 4th parade float, watermelon eating contest on the green, apple dumplings, 4-bathroom renovations, and the return of Operation Blessing to the Presbyterian Church, there has been no shortage of activity!

Our **ChurchTrac system update** is also continuing as we update our church books and records. Having accurate information is vital and we are hopeful new tools can help us communicate even more effectively and keep our church records current.

The **Grief Support Group** mentioned in previous friendly visitor issues will be starting September 23rd and will run for 10 weekly sessions on Wednesdays from 4:30PM to 600PM. This important ministry offers encouragement, support and fellowship to those who are grieving. Grieving comes in many forms. Please share the information with anyone you know who may benefit. All are welcome! You can contact Jill Kercher at 330.553.9799 or the Church office at 330.533.9801.

Our **100th annual Corn Roast** is only a few weeks away. Please join us on **Wednesday, September 16th at 6 pm at White House Farm**. We're looking forward to an evening of good food, fellowship and fun. We hope everyone will bring a desert to share, a chair or blanket to sit on and join in our 100th year celebration!!

Mark your calendar to enjoy another great fundraising tradition. Our **Turkey Dinner will be Monday November 2nd**! Sheila Factor has agreed to organize coleslaw production on Thursday, September 24th with cabbage and pepper cutting starting at 9 am and draining and mixing at 1:30 pm. Please join in the fun!

As many prepare for another school year, we welcome our preschool teachers and preschool families on Sunday **September 13th**. To ensure we're looking our best, there is another **church workday planned for September 12th starting at 9 am**. Bring your work gloves, your favorite tools and your best excuse for why you shouldn't be the one climbing the ladder! If there are specific items you know of that need to be addressed, please contact Christy Lutterbie (513) 313-5829. See you on the 12th.

As Summer winds down... we thank everyone who continues to give their time, talents, ideas and energy to CUMC. Whether you're a regular Sunday morning volunteer, or you volunteered at VBS, decorating a parade float, making apple dumplings, helped renovate bathrooms, are helping with church history and ongoing records, attending meetings or simply showing up when an extra pair of hands is needed... **you are an important part of our church family**.

September will begin another busy season at CUMC and we're looking forward to your continued support.

Blessings,

The Steering Council - Pastor Paul, Jason Henry, Sheila Factor, Jill Kercher, Leah Donko, Diana Johnson, Pam Sweeney, Ruth Griffis, and David Bennett.

CUMC Missions Team

Revvvvving up!
Already here?!
Autumn cheer!
Mission Teams?
Schedule changes, it seems!



CUMC Missions Team will meet in the parlor on **Sunday, September 20, after worship!** We can finish making changes to our '26-'27 calendar! We can focus in on team leaders & shared projects!

New team players always welcome!

Walking Through Grief Together

A 10-Week Grief Support Group

Canfield United Methodist Church Parlor
Sundays, September 13 - November 25 from 4:30-6:00 PM

You are not alone. Join us for a 10-week journey of healing & hope. All are welcome!
Contact Jill Kercher 330-553-9799 or Church Office 330-533-9801 for details.

Preschool News

Welcome back, preschool families! We are so excited to begin a brand-new school year filled with 108 students, 11 amazing teachers, and a whole year of possibilities!



The halls are once again filled with little voices, big smiles, new friendships, and so much excitement.

This year is a chance to learn, grow, explore, make memories, and discover something new every day. We can't wait to see all the wonderful things our students will accomplish!

Here's to a year full of laughter, learning, friendship, and endless possibilities. Welcome back—we're so glad you're here! ❤️

Children's Church

Children's Church is offered for those age 3 - 5th/6th grade (with parents' permission to leave worship service). We are excited to learn more about "Favorite Bible Stories" this quarter! Thank you to our team of leaders & assistants: Lisa Gannon, Jill Kercher, Donna Musgrove, Erin Musgrove, Amy Nash, Mary Ann Reel, Debbie Roman, Cheryl Thompson, Robin Turner! Would you like to help sometime? Talk to one of our team members!

CUMC Book Club

On **Thursday, September 17th at 4:30 p.m.**, **Canfield UMC Book Club** will be discussing [Correspondent](#) by Virginia Evans. We meet in the parlor. Hope to see you there!

Fall Youth Group Starting Up

At the end of September, the Poland and Canfield Youth will be doing a join youth group on the last Sunday of the month. Pastor Paul Turner and Rob Simon, the youth group leader from Poland United Methodist Church will lead the group. On the last Sunday of the month the youth from both churches will meet at Canfield UMC from 5-7:00pm. We are working on organizing events the youth groups can do together throughout the year. Let Pastor Paul and Rob Simon know of any youth that need contacted. There is also a need for the youth parents and church congregates to help with the youth groups. Contact Pastor Paul and Rob Simon if you are willing to help.

New Membership Class

Pastor Paul will be leading a join new membership class starting on September 20th and going through October 25th. It is a six-week membership class opened to perspective new members at Poland and Canfield United Methodist Churches. The class will meet at 1:00pm for three weeks at Poland UMC and then three weeks at Canfield UMC. There will be a sign-up sheet and let Pastor Paul know if you are interested in the class so he can order you a membership book.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women meet **Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at noon** in the fellowship hall. There will be a meeting, refreshments and a guest speaker. CUMC member Jill Herock will be giving us information on decluttering our home. Bring a friend.



October's UMW meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 7** in the atrium **at noon**. Debbie Roman will tell us all about Care Net which is one of CUMC's missions. She will also talk about treasured family heirlooms so bring along one family heirloom so Debbie can assess its dollar and/or family value. We will also have a meeting and refreshments. Bring a friend.

Safe Sanctuary Training

All individuals who will be helping with children, youth, and vulnerable adults at Canfield United Methodist Church are required to participate in the Safe Sanctuaries Training. This includes Child Care, children & youth ministries such as Children's Church, VBS, Youth Group & Events, Field Trips, Retreats, Mission Trips, etc.

Once certified, the volunteer will not need to repeat the training for 5 years. We are starting fresh with all volunteers for The Class of Fall 2026, even if you might be volunteering with children, youth, and vulnerable adults in 2027. As new volunteers arise, new trainings will be offered at CUMC.

"The United Methodist Church (UMC) Safe Sanctuaries (or Safer Sanctuaries) policy is a denomination-wide commitment and set of risk-reduction guidelines. It is designed to protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults from abuse, while also protecting the volunteers and staff who work with them."

We will offer 2 dates and times for volunteers to choose from -

Sunday, September 27, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. or Monday, September 28, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Please sign up at the Safe Sanctuary Training table in the Atrium.



100th Annual Canfield United Methodist Church Corn Roast

Wednesday, September 16th

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

White House Fruit Farm

Hot dogs, beverages, and corn on the cob
provided.

Bring a chair and a pie or dessert to share!

Clean-Up CUMC Saturday, September 12

Outside jobs: mulching and weeding,
trimming bushes, yard clean-up, sweeping
walkways, raking leaves

Inside jobs: kitchen clean up, changing light
bulbs, dusting and cobweb removal,
organizing, repairs, window washing

Join Us:
Clean
Together



Join the fun and lend a hand!
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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Worship 9:00AM

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Birdie Reinhart,
Dorothy Wilson,
Scott Wilson, Donnie Yoho

Our members at home.