

Canfield UMC Friendly Visitor

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Pastors Ponderings

The Dwelling Message of Christ

I am sure that at some point in your life, you have heard a message about the Good News of Jesus Christ and how his grace calls us to grow together in our relationship with God. Likewise at various times in your life and in the life of the Church, you have grown spiritually deeper in your understanding of your faith in Christ. The Beloved Community of Christ's Disciples around you have helped Christ to dwell and lead you in your faith journey with God. No matter what your age and wherever you might be in your faith in Jesus Christ, the Church members around you have helped you to have a relationship with God and his Son Jesus Christ. Reflect upon this scripture passage and all who have helped you grow in faith.

Colossians 3:16 NIV "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

In the Christian community, we are called as Disciples to teach one another richly about Jesus Christ's grace and enduring love. We are called to use all the wisdom God has imparted on us through psalms, hymns, and song from the Holy Spirit to encourage all generations to grow in the likeness of Christ.

Both Poland and Canfield United Methodist Churches have started a new youth group together. The youth group meets on each 4th Sunday of the month from 5:00 -7:00pm at Canfield UMC. **(On October 25th, the Youth group will meet at 4:00-6:00pm at Poland UMC for the Fall Fest).** Ages 5th -12th grades are welcomed to be part of the youth group. Please let me and Robin know of any youth at Poland and Canfield that would like to connect with the group.

February 12-14th at Camp Asbury, I and adult leaders from Canfield and Poland will lead a Confirmation Camp retreat. Let me know of any youth that need to do Confirmation. Over this next year, through the combination of youth group faith lessons and confirmation, I hope to help our youth and adult leaders to grow deeper in their faith in Jesus Christ. As an adult, if you would like to volunteer with the youth, please let me know. I look forward to inter-generational groups that help people to grow in their walk with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Part-Time music director position open at Canfield United Methodist Church. Involves directing Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and possibility of Children's Choir. Choirs practice every other week on Thursday evenings and usually sing/ring during worship twice per month. Part-time, 15-20 hours per month. Previous experience desired. Send resume & references to Canfield United Methodist Church, [27 South Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406](#), or email office@canfieldumc.org

Dear Church Family,

Thank you, thank you for all the good wishes for me and celebration at the 100th Corn Roast! I was there in 1978 and most years that followed. What a tradition, thanks to the Hull family and members of our church who have gathered over the years to organize and celebrate the fellowship and feast of food, plus especially the dessert table!

I will be observing (at a distance) in support of the continuing evolution of music ministry at CUMC! I am grateful for your appreciative support over many years of playing music and/or directing choirs and singers/ instrumentalists of all ages! Thank you, Amy Nash, for stepping in to play the organ and keyboard. She is trained to play the organ pedal-board, while I “faked” it!

Your financial support of the Music Fund (including the Christmas Offering for Music Ministry) has enabled music offerings over the years: music and supplies for the music “pageants,” hands-on instruments for children to explore, guitars for beginners, hand chimes, music for choirs and well-deserved payment to trained musicians for their skilled contributions to enrich our worship services.

During the summer, I organized the “best” resources of our music library and was given permission to sell the musical instruments acquired through the years to help the Music Fund. Christie Lutterbie assisted in this effort!

The recipients included:

- a “drum circle” recipient who plays with a regional group (therapy!) and also uses percussion instruments to tutoring children who need a “boost” in learning to read.
- an adult from Pittsburgh who has long wanted to join his friends in a band
- an area church
- Valley Little Melodies in Canfield, where young children are immersed in learning with their “parent” through movement and music
- a fourth year Kent State student majoring in music education as she prepares for her career.

I always speak highly of our singing congregation at CUMC, believing that WE worship together best when we are voicing our praise and prayers together, often through music.

I am well and have shed unhealthy stress! Back in the days of kids choirs, guitars and percussion instruments, I had a mountain dulcimer custom made for me. That was in 2006. In 2026 it is now literally “out of the closet” for a part in this next chapter of my music-making.

Thank you, CUMC!

-Janet Williams



(left) Presentation by Don Christensen from Operation Blessing as a thank you for hosting Operation Blessing while the Presbyterian Church was being remodeled.

(right) Miranda Johnson presenting the children's moment about book bags and knowing that even when we're scared about going to school or anywhere else, God is with us.



Attendees at the 100th Annual Corn Roast held at White House Fruit Farm on September 15th. Thank you so much to the Hull family for hosting us!



Sing Together!

Megan Miller has invited anyone interested to sing in the Christmas Cantata at Poland UMC on **December 13, at the 11 a.m.** worship service. Rehearsals are on **Mondays, 6-6:45 p.m.**, at Poland UMC.

Concert - "Just Praise!"

Presented by Simple Gifts Choir which includes Karin DiNardo, Jill Kercher, Janet Williams
Sunday, October 25, at 4 p.m.

Hubbard First Presbyterian Church

Sing along with the 50-voice choir's performance of classic, gospel, and contemporary hymn favorites!

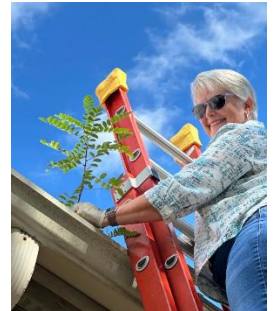
News & Notes from the Steering Council – September 2026

From 1 Thessalonians chapter 1, verses 2 and 3. It says, "We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

In that spirit, September included a huge thank you to Janet Williams for so many years of her music ministry at CUMC. Thanks to Amy Nash for stepping in to play organ and piano, accompanying the choir and providing a special music offering from Ron Lutterbie. Thanks to Megan Miller (Poland UMC) for directing the choir for two weeks and to Janet Lawson for her willingness to step in during our search for a full-time director.

Thank you teachers and preschool families for a great start to the new school year and our preschool sunday worship September 13th. We know what a blessing you are to so many families in our community.

Thank you to our nine volunteers who successfully completed another "workday" on September 12th, cleaning, gardening, and changing fixtures to keep CUMC "looking good". Thanks to the ladies working in our gardens, the tree trimming and gutter cleaning team, and the for the new welcome signs placed in the atrium inviting CUMC visitors to join us for worship on Sunday mornings.



We also appreciate the beautiful evening celebrating our 100th annual corn roast (special thanks to the Hull family for hosting us at White House Fruit Farm), the coleslaw production team - as we prepare for the famous turkey dinner on November 2nd, the new Grief support group launched in September, the Safe Sanctuary training offered and the ongoing work by so many people including the AV team, worship and music team, counters, and office support that keeps everything running smoothly!

Impossible to name all involved in keeping CUMC vibrant and meaningful in our community... but please keep up the good work and reach out to the council if there are other ministries you feel passionately about supporting or would like to further explore.

We are truly blessed to be a church family united in love and service to God. As we look ahead to the fall, let us consider how we can continue to support our church's mission and ministries during our upcoming stewardship pledge drive.

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

We are looking forward to helping with Operation Blessing's Chicken Challenge by collecting monetary donations so chickens can be purchased for clients at Thanksgiving. Also, see Don Trotter about an opportunity to build accessible ramps at The Mission Barn in New Castle, PA, on October 24.



Upcoming mission projects:

Adopt-A-Family collection from November 1 - November 15

Collection for Operation Blessing's Toyland from November 15 to December 1.

Angel Tree with names of those at home, in care facilities, or in need of a special card, call, or visit begins on November 29.

Walking Through Grief Together

A 10-Week Grief Support Group

Canfield United Methodist Church Parlor

Wednesdays, September 23 - 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!

Weekly topics are posted on the bulletin board near the office.

Contact Jill Kercher 330-553-9799 or Church Office 330-533-9801 for details.

Preschool News

October is always a special month at CUMC Preschool! Our classrooms are filled with fall fun, learning, friendship, and opportunities to teach our students about kindness, generosity, and serving others.

Our **Handel's Pint Card Fundraiser** is underway! Cards will be available through **October 7**. Pint cards make a great treat for families while helping support our preschool. **All payments should be made payable to CUMC Preschool.** Thank you for supporting our preschool!



Our **Preschool Boo Bash** is on **October 18!** Our preschool families will gather for some fall fun, including **Trunk or Treat**. We are looking forward to seeing our students dressed in their favorite costumes and enjoying a fun-filled evening with their preschool friends and families.

One of the things we value most at CUMC Preschool is teaching children that even little hands can make a big difference. This month, our students will have the opportunity to **visit Operation Blessing** and learn more about how our community helps families in need. As part of our **monthly Chapel lessons**, our students will also begin bringing in **food donations for Operation Blessing**. These lessons give our children a hands-on way to practice generosity and understand the importance of helping others. We are so proud of our preschoolers as they learn that kindness isn't just something we talk about; it is something we can put into action!

We are grateful for another wonderful month at CUMC Preschool and for the continued support of our church family. Thank you for helping us create a preschool community where children can **learn, grow, serve, and shine!**

Happy Fall from CUMC Preschool!

Children's Church

Children aged 3 through 4th grade meet upstairs after Children's Moments to learn about Favorite Bible Stories this quarter! If you would like to lead or assist with these easy-to-follow lessons (averaging one or two times per quarter for January through March 2027), please let Jill Kercher know.

Bibles! Bibles! Bibles!

Bible Sunday is October 18th! Bring your favorite Bible to show the children and youth that it's a special book to you. We will have you hold them up to demonstrate your appreciation! This year, we will be giving Bibles to the following groups:

Kindergarten – 2nd grades: Bible Basics Storybook

3rd – 8th grades: The Adventure Bible

9th – 12th grades: The Student Bible

If your child or youth has not received a Bible from Canfield UMC and will attend worship on October 18, please call the church office at [330-533-9801](tel:330-533-9801) so we may have them ready.

CUMC Book Club

On **Thursday, October 15th at 4:30 p.m.**, **Canfield UMC Book Club** will be discussing [The Frozen River](#) by Ariel Lawhon. A great discussion awaits. We meet in the parlor. All readers welcome.

United Methodist Women

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 family heirlooms so bring along one family heirloom so Debbie can assess its value. Miranda (our Canfield United Methodist Preschool Director) will briefly talk about the Canfield School Levy. We will also have a meeting and refreshments.



United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday November 5 in the Fellowship Hall at noon. The Canfield Fire Department will send a representative to teach/reteach us how to use the AED machine in our church and how to perform CPR without it. We will have a meeting and refreshments. Bring a friend.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Safe Sanctuary Training 2026 has concluded. Participants are reminded to return papers to Jill Kercher or the church office with receipts of background checks and requests for reimbursement. Safe Sanctuary 2027 will provide training in the Spring and Fall. Please sign up at the Safe Sanctuary Training table in the Atrium.

Poland UMC Fall Festival

Canfield United Methodist Church members are invited to the Poland Fall Festival, **Sunday, October 25th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** at Poland UMC.



Amazing Love!
Songs of Praise and Reflections!

Pastor Paul with other pastors will be reflecting on favorite hymns.

Sunday, October 18th at 7:00pm
Youngstown Trinity United Methodist Church.

2027 Garage Sale News

Mark your 2027 calendars for our annual garage sale:

Fri April 30 & Sat May 1

We are on the church calendar. Set up and pricing will be April 25-29.

For those Snow Birds ONLY who will be leaving Canfield Oct-Jan and not returning until May 2027 we will have early drop off. Please contact Lois to make arrangements. You can get my phone number by contacting Jeff at the church office at 330-533-9801, between Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Again this is only for Snow Birds. We will have other early drop offs like last year in March and April. So start collecting items and store them in your home NOT at the church.

Our first Garage Sale meeting will be in January. Look for future info in the Friendly Visitor and the church bulletin.

CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOLS LEVY ON THE BALLOT NOVEMBER 3  5.9 MILLS OPERATING LEVY FOR 5 YEARS An operating levy provides funding for the day-to-day operations of the school district. For more information, visit: supportcanfieldschools.org The website also includes an option for Canfield residents to request a yard sign.	Pasta FOR A PURPOSE RIGATONI DINNER   OCTOBER 25 CANFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (CUMC)  TICKETS: \$10 PURCHASE ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR
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Our members at home.