

OCTOBER 2026

PASTOR'S 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 growth 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 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 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 the 4th Sunday of the month from 5:00 -7:00pm at Canfield UMC. **(On October 25th, the youth group will meet from 4:00-6:00pm at Poland UMC for the Fall Fest).** Grades 5th -12th are welcome 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 Asbury Camp, 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 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 generational groups that help people grow in their walk with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Pastor Paul

GLANCE AT FINANCE

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$29,982.00	\$159,813.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 1,684.00	\$ 17,089.00
Other revenues	\$ 1,901.00	\$ 13,729.00
Reimbursements	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 11,116.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$29,550.00</u>	<u>\$203,536.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	\$ 5,147.00	(\$ 1,789.00)

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6



POLAND UMC'S ANNUAL
FALL FEST
OCTOBER 25 | 4-6PM | FREE EVENT
POLAND UMC - 1940 BOARDMAN POLAND RD - POLAND, OH 44514
BRING YOUR BEST BATCH OF HOMEMADE
SOUP FOR OUR SOUP COOK-OFF!
BAKE SALE - S'MORE STATION - TRUNK OR TREAT - GAMES - SOUPER BOWL
POLANDUMC.ORG

CANDY DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR
OUR FALL FEST TRUNK OR TREAT!
BASKET IN NARTHEX



SEP 30-DEC 2
Kids Klub
Poland UMC | Wednesdays | 5-6:30PM | 3yrs-6th Grade
Bible Story ☺ Kids Choir ☺ Crafts ☺ Games ☺ Dinner

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MISSION TRIP
MEETING
October 12
7PM
@ PUMC



YOUTH PAGE

Poland UMC

YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS GRADES 7-12

11 AM
YOUTH RM

Poland UMC

Youth GROUP

Sundays | 5:30-7:30PM | Poland UMC Gym | Grades 5-12
BIBLE STUDY & MORE - ALL KIDS WELCOME!

POLAND & CANFIELD UMC'S

Combined Youth Group

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH | @CUMC | 5-7PM
START DATE SEPT 27TH



CONFIRMATION RETREAT
For Youth 6th - 12th Grade
FEB 12-14 | CAMP ASBURY
CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER

In the beginning....

If you are wondering if God really speaks to people, I am here to testify He does! The idea was so strong that I could not ignore it. In 2017 I told Pastor Ken that God had spoken to me—to reach out to our community by presenting a drive thru LIVE NATIVITY. The driveway in front of PUMC was the perfect place. Without hesitation he said it was a great idea and to let him know if I needed anything.

Every great idea needs a reliable committee. Once the word was out, wonderful people let me know they were interested. Some were long time friends and some people I barely knew.

We met at church to brain storm. We asked God to guide us. As we walked around the church, ideas started to develop in ways I hadn't thought of. Each of us took control of a committee that he/she felt an interest in. Each of us felt God's hand in our work.

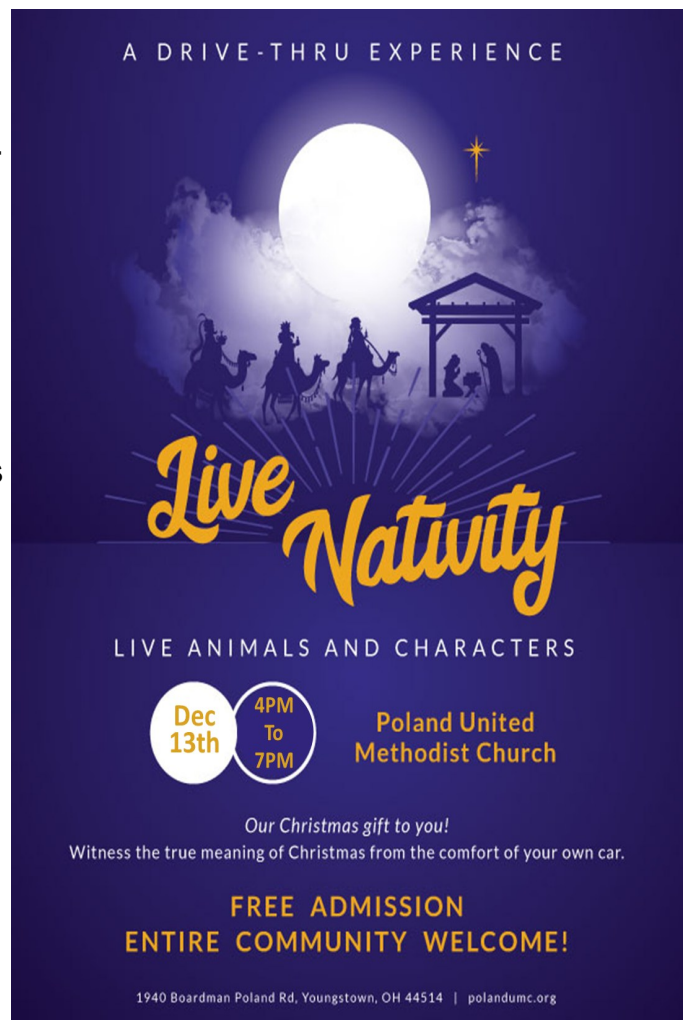
The first LIVE NATIVITY was December 16, 2018

This ministry has reached countless people in our community that faithfully come back to be blessed each year! And I hope it will continue for the years to come.

I would like to pass the baton to someone or a group of people to take over this ministry completely starting next year. If you are interested and feel God's calling, please reach out to me. It is my hope to walk the next person/group through the process this year so they could be ready to take full control for 2027.

Thank you to everyone that has been a part of this ministry since it's inception in 2017.

Sherry Klimas

A vertical poster for a 'Live Nativity' drive-thru experience. The background is dark blue. At the top, it says 'A DRIVE-THRU EXPERIENCE' in white. Below that is a silhouette of the Nativity scene with three wise men on camels, Mary, and Joseph under a star, set against a large white full moon. The title 'Live Nativity' is written in a large, stylized yellow font. Below the title, it says 'LIVE ANIMALS AND CHARACTERS' in white. To the left, a yellow circle contains the text 'Dec 13th'. To the right, a yellow circle contains '4PM To 7PM'. Further right, it says 'Poland United Methodist Church' in yellow. Below this, in white, is the text 'Our Christmas gift to you!' and 'Witness the true meaning of Christmas from the comfort of your own car.' At the bottom, it says 'FREE ADMISSION' and 'ENTIRE COMMUNITY WELCOME!' in yellow. At the very bottom, in small white text, is the address '1940 Boardman Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH 44514' and the website 'polandumc.org'.



DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER

POLAND

United Methodist Church

Thursday, Oct 1st

3:30PM til Sold Out

\$10 ea

1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland OH 44514

To support our UM outreach and Missions



"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35

Poland UMC | 1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland, OH 44514 | polandumc.org

TUES OCT 27 6-7PM OR OCT 28 9-10AM

AMAZING LOVE!
Songs of Praise with Reflections
 An Ecumenical Evening of Beloved Hymns

Music Builds Brighter Tomorrows

Sunday, October 18, 2026
 7:00 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
 30 W. Front Street • Downtown Youngstown

FREE PARKING