

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

WE ARE HEALED

February 18th is Ash Wednesday this year and there will be a joint service between Poland and Canfield United Methodist Churches on Ash Wednesday at 7pm at Canfield UMC. Drive up ashes will be available 6-8am at Poland UMC and at Canfield UMC 10-1pm and at the Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday starts the forty days of Lent in the life of the church. On Ash Wednesday and in the season of Lent we reflect upon our own immortality and the need for Jesus Christ saving grace that brings us life now and for eternity. As Christians we recognize our need of healing and how Christ gives us a new life through his grace and love. We reflect in Lent upon the sacrifice Christ made for us upon the cross and examine how he calls us to make sacrifices for his Kingdom and how we care for each other through sharing his healing grace and love.

Starting on Ash Wednesday and through out Lent and leading up to Easter Sunday I will be preaching on scriptures that tell of Jesus Christ healings. The sermon series will be six weeks long and is titled, “By His Wounds We are Healed.” During this Lent season read 1 Peter 2:24 NIV ²⁴ “*He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.*”

Take time during Lent to read 1 Peter 2:24 and pray over it and reflect and celebrate how Christ brings healing into your life and the lives of others. Remember when you find yourself in need of healing that through Christ wounds upon the cross that we are healed and that his grace and love have conquered death and pain. I pray that in this season of lent and in all seasons of life that you share the healing presence of Christ love with all. Remember we have been healed by Christ and We are Easter people that have hope now and for eternity.

Pastor Paul



POLAND INTERFAITH

Food Pantry



"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 FEB 24 6-7PM OR WED FEB 25 9-10AM

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER

POLAND

United Methodist Church

Thursday, February 5th

3:30PM til Sold Out

\$10 ea

1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland OH 44514

To support our UM outreach and Missions



KIDS KLUB ANNUAL SUB SALE

FEBRUARY 8

PICKUP AFTER CHURCH SERVICE

14" Sub with 2 meats & cheese & condiments packaged separately for freshness

\$10 each

Order now for your SuperBowl party!

Our fundraisers help keep Kids Klub a free program. We appreciate your support.



Sister Circle invites you to BINGO!!

Join us on Sunday March 8th in Fellowship Hall immediately following 11:00 service for a light lunch and everyone's favorite game of chance....BINGO! No money needed to play.

Winners will receive prizes.

All ages welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

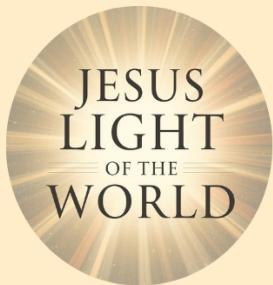
Everyone is asked to RSVP to the office by March 1st or sign up in the Narthex.

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun!

Poland Churches Lenten Luncheon Series 2026

The ecumenical leadership teams from Bethel Friends Church, Heritage Presbyterian Church, Poland Presbyterian Church, Poland United Methodist Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran, and Holy Family Catholic Church invite you to a Lenten reflection series on:

“Different Names for Jesus”



Location
Holy Family Parish Center
2729 Center Road, Poland
330-757-1545



- **February 24, 2026** **Jesus: Prince of Peace**
Speaker- Very Rev. Martin Celuch, Holy Family Parish
- **March 3, 2026** **Jesus: The Vine**
Speaker- Dr. Meta Cramer, Bridge Pastor, Heritage Presbyterian
- **March 10, 2026** **Jesus: The Lamb of God**
Speaker- Senior Pastor, Steve Rhodes, Bethel Friends
- **March 17, 2026** **Jesus: Light of the World**
Speaker- Pastor Audra Franley, Prince of Peace Lutheran
- **March 24, 2026** **Jesus: Good Shepherd**
Speaker- Dr. Paul W. Anderson, Poland Presbyterian

Session Schedule: 12:00pm-12:15pm Meditation
12:15pm-1:00pm Luncheon*

*Luncheon reservations can be purchased at any of the participating church offices. Deadline to secure a lunch is Monday preceding each Tuesday luncheon. The cost is \$10.00 per lunch.

ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON

Come join in the Fellowship!

**FEB 22ND
12PM**



FELLOWSHIP TIME

Let's have SOUP together! We are having our annual soup luncheon on Sunday, FEBRUARY 22 immediately following the 11:00 church service.

Our **FREE** Luncheon will include various types of homemade soups, crackers & rolls, dessert & drink. Bring your appetites, as you can try as many different soups as you like. If anyone is willing to make their favorite homemade soup for that Sunday, we will have sign up sheets in the narthex. You can bring your hot soup to church that morning & we will have it ready to serve at noon (and we will have people available if you need help carrying your soup into church).

Any type of soup is welcome, we will supply all the bowls, spoons, etc. We hope to see everyone there - ***Let's have soup together!*** Reservations are appreciated.

GLANCE AT FINANCE

	<u>DEC</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$32,766.00	\$238,259.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 2,884.00	\$ 34,121.00
Other revenues	\$ 1,676.00	\$ 20,131.00
Reimbursements	\$ 1,853.00	\$ 20,010.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$ 35,812.00</u>	<u>\$300,409.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	\$ 3,367.00	\$ 12,112.00

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



Open Gym @ PUMC

Wednesdays
6:45-9PM

Ages High School
on Up!



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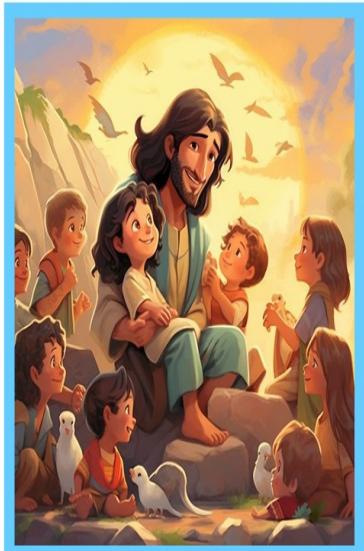
Ashes Go

DRIVE THRU
Imposition of Ashes and Prayer

Wed Feb 18
6-8AM @ POLAND UMC
OR 10AM-1PM @ CANFIELD UMC

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
@ CANFIELD UMC @ 7PM

The Christian Education Department is planning
A Children's Program - "The Jesus We Know"
for March 15th at 11:00am

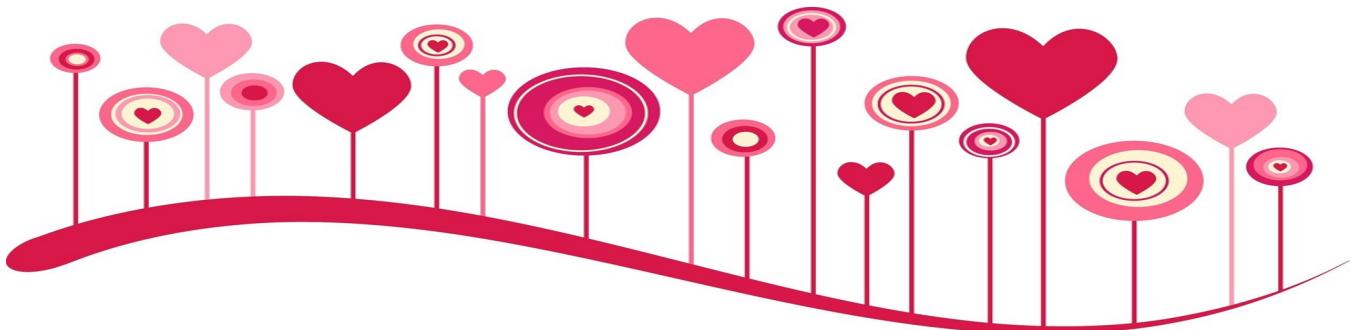


If you want to participate or help please contact Patti Prentiss.



Laymen's
Quest
Sunday School Class
Sundays - Rm 307 - 9:55AM
Email Blaise Prentiss to join online - blaiseprentiss@zoominternet.net
PolandUMC | polandumc.org | 330-757-1553

POLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
UPWARDTM
SPORTS
GAMES EVERY SATURDAY 9AM-5PM



**** SAVE THE DATE****

SUNDAY----GLOW EASTER EGG HUNT-----MARCH 29



G.L.O.W.



GOD LIGHTS OUR WORLD

Our G.L.O.W. in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt - it is safe & fun for all ages. We use ultra-violet lighting so the kids are able to see well, it is not scary at all. We have fun decorations, lights and music with lots of glow in the dark eggs for them to find. We have a designated section for the little kids so they will be safe while egg hunting.

The Easter Bunny will be there to say hello!

You MUST PRE REGISTER to reserve your spot; either online or call the church office.

REGISTRATION DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

We have allotted 40 spots for each timed group & spots always fill up very fast.

Time slots are set for every 20 minutes.

Just like last year, the 5:40 time slot is for children with special needs and their families; we lower the music and we don't make the room as dark. If this is something you might be interested in, you can call the church if you have any questions or go online to register.

Check in will be in the narthex & you will wait with your group in the sanctuary until it is your time slot. You do not have to wait outside; plan to arrive 5-10 minutes before your assigned time.

All families are welcomed & all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for a fun event as we celebrate God's Light Over the World!

More information to follow for registration dates, and we are now accepting easter candy donations due by March 15 please.

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Themes for the month of January were:

Kindergarten Readiness Classes:

THE LETTER I and all about Ice

THE LETTER S and all about Snow

THE LETTER P and all about Phones and Communication

The LETTER M and all about Money

Rainbow Class:

WINTER WONDERLAND

BEARS IN HIBERNATION

PENGUINS IN THE ARTIC

DENTAL HEALTH

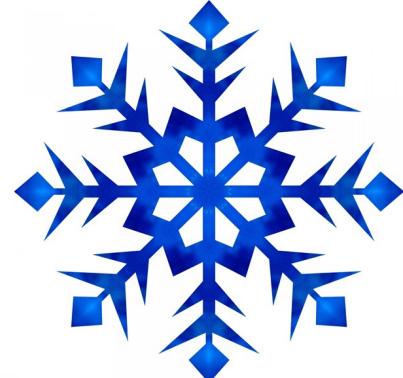
Teddy Bear Class:

NURSERY RHYMES

NUMBERS 1-5

OUR FROZEN EARTH

MITTENS WEEK



Once again, along with all of the fun activities based on those themes, the children enjoyed plenty of outdoor play (or large motor in the gym on inclement weather days) and games/activities.

Gymsters also came in weekly for gymnastics and creative movement activities with the children.

*We are still accepting enrollments ---you can reach us at the child care office (330-757-9747) or email: pbccc@polandumc.org.