THE MESSENGER
POLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2026

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

THE DISCIPLINE OF DISCIPLESHIP

One of the concerns I see as a pastor in the life of both the Canfield and Poland United Methodist Churches is a lack of spiritual formation for adults. Both churches are in need of working on have adult spiritual formation groups such as Bible Studies, Sunday School Classes, and other small groups that help current adult church members and new members to grow in their faith walk with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We are called as the Church and the Body of Jesus Christ to bring other people into relationship with Christ as their savior and Lord of all things. There is a need in both churches to help everyone to grow into mature Disciples of Jesus Christ. You may not consider yourself a Disciple of Jesus Christ but if you proclaim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you are a Disciple of Jesus called to serve him and the world with his grace and love. Read and really reflect upon Matthew 28: 16 *Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.* [17] *When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.* [18] *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* [19] *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* [20] *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

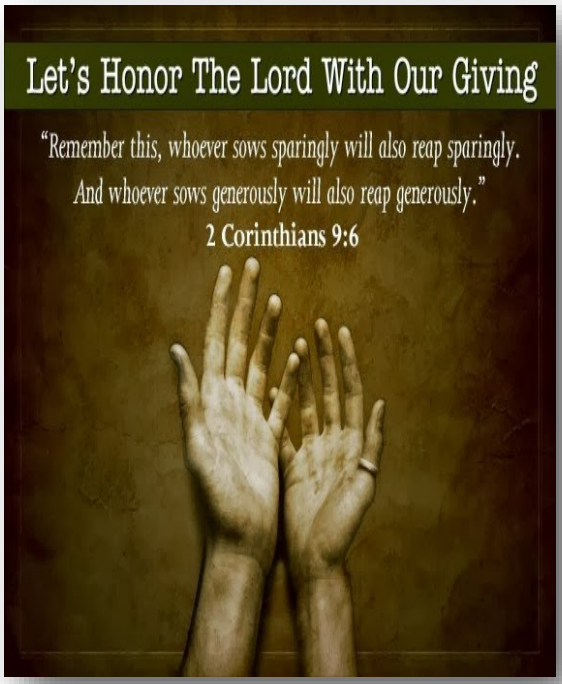
Matthew 28:16-20 is The Great Commission that Jesus gave the first Disciples was also given to the Church to us as Disciples of Jesus. We are called to use our gifts in Christ to bring others into relationship with the Heavenly Father through the saving grace of his Son Jesus Christ. Canfield and Poland UMC Disciples need to step forward into ministry that helps to serve the next generation of Disciples of Jesus at both churches and in the world.

Staring on January 9th 6:30pm at Poland UMC I will be leading a Disciple class entitled The Discipline of Discipleship. The first three class will be on the second Tuesday of the month 6:30pm at Poland UMC. Then in April through June, we will meet at Canfield UMC on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. The class length will last for 1 hour and a half. I need 6 people from each church to sign up for a total of 12 people for the first class. Out of this first class the Disciples that are trained will help to lead spiritual disciples for other members at the church so that we all grow together in the likeness of Christ. Sign up will be limited to 6 people at both churches so sign up right away. In order to be the Body of Christ we need to show up and encourage one another to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ and our knowledge of him helping one another and all to be more Christlike as his Disciples.

Pastor Paul

GLANCE AT FINANCE

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
Monthly physical contributions	$11,579.00	$171,392.00
Monthly on-line contributions	$ 1,409.00	$ 18,497.00
Other revenues	$ 1,858.00	$ 15,587.00
Reimbursements	$ 1,332.00	$ 12,448.00
Less monthly expenses	$28,985.00	$232,522.00
Net impact to Budget	($12,807.00)	($ 14,598.00)



In all things, give thanks!

GIVE THANKS WITH POLAND CHURCHES.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
4:00 PM

Poland Presbyterian
2 Poland Manor
Poland, Ohio 44514

SPONSORED BY THESE POLAND CONGREGATIONS:

Bethel Friends
Heritage Presbyterian
Holy Family
Poland Presbyterian
Poland United Methodist
Prince of Peace Lutheran

A freewill offering will be taken for Poland Pantry.
Non-perishable items will also be accepted.

All Are Welcome!

POLAND INTERFAITH

Food Pantry

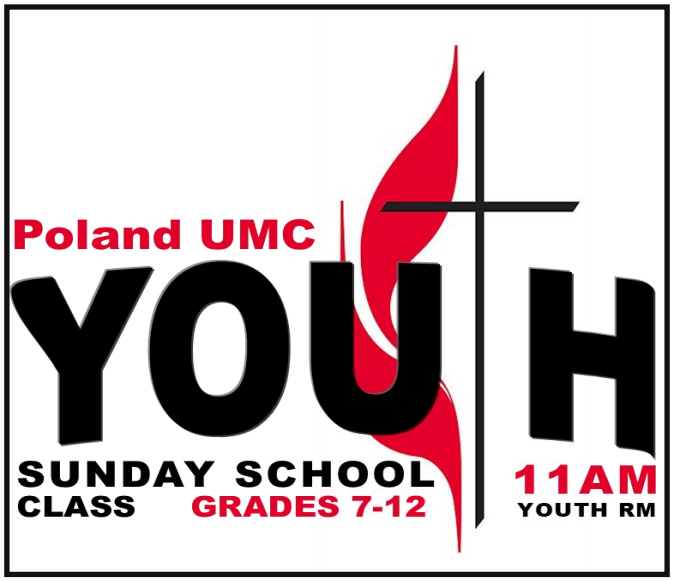


"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35

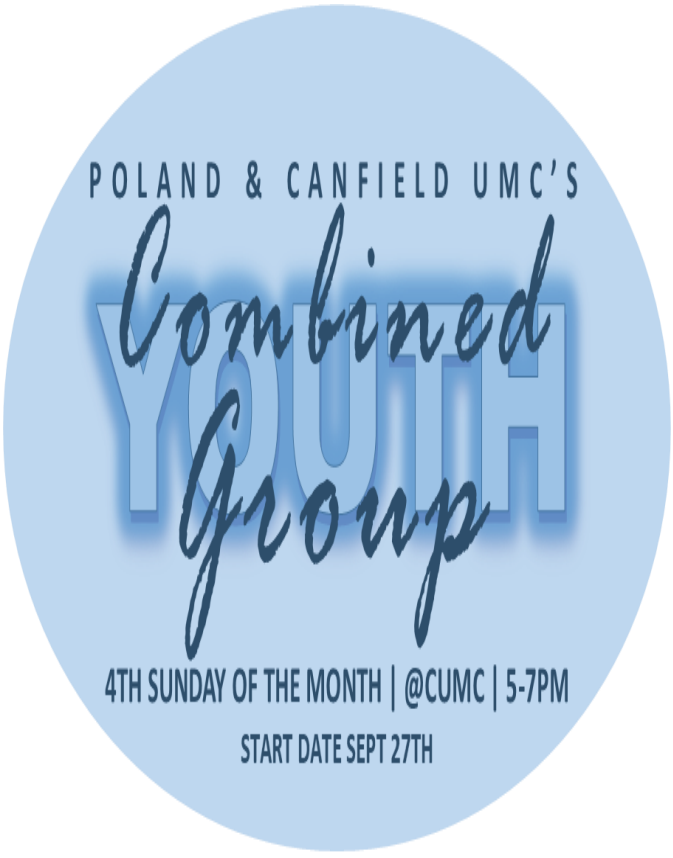
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TUES NOV 17 6-7PM OR NOV 18 9-10AM

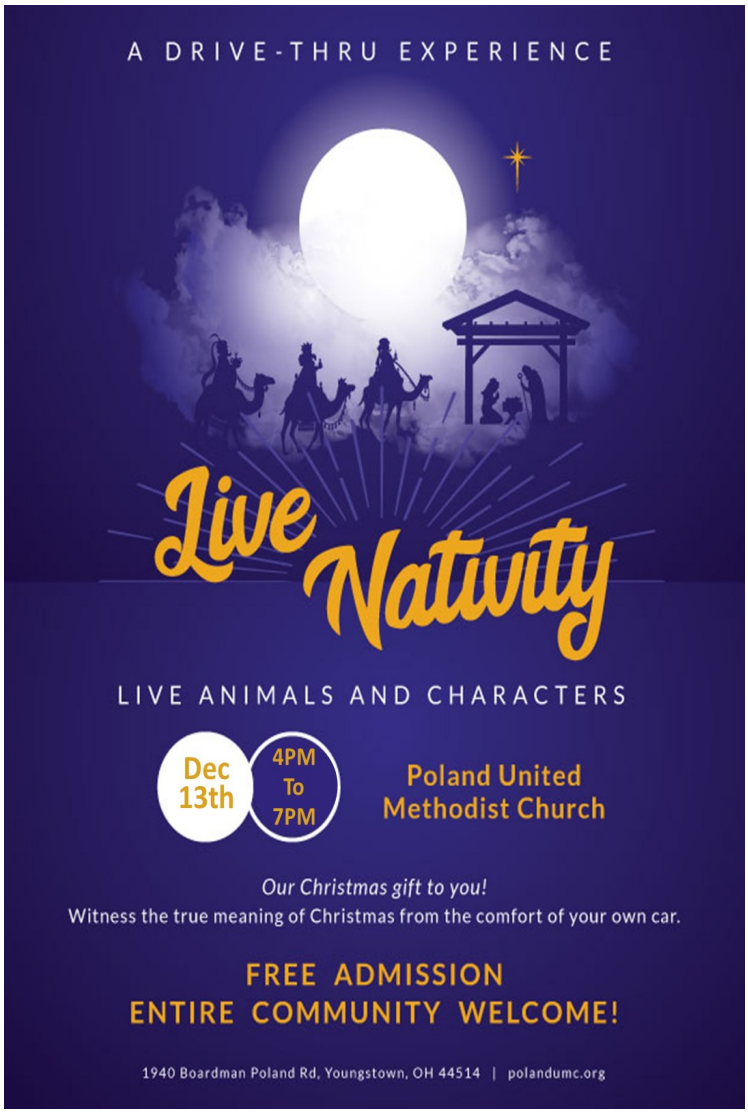
YOUTH PAGE


Poland UMC
YOUTH
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
GRADES 7-12
11AM
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







AKESO Health Care

Gifting for Seniors

Poland UMC Monthly Mission

Many of the elderly in care facilities are on fixed incomes and are unable to obtain adequate monthly necessities. We are looking to give gifts that are heart-warming, fun and fill their daily needs.

SOAP	BLANKETS	PENS
SHOWER GEL	PILLOWS	PENCILS
DEODERANT	SHEETS	CARD GAMES
TOOTHPASTE	SLIPPERS	CRAFTS
TOOTHBRUSHES	TOWEL SETS	YARN
WIPES	MARKERS	PUZZLES
BRUSHES	COLORING BOOKS	NAIL POLISH

Donations are being accepted in the Narthex by the Akeso table.

If you are interested in a monetary donation please make checks out to "The Akeso Charitable Fund at the Youngstown Foundation." Checks can be mailed to Akeso Corporate Office at 6600 Summit Dr., Canfield, OH 44406.

Located in the Narthex is a table in which we will have the opportunity to contribute to local charities.

Each month a local charity will be listed in the Messenger and bulletin. A flier with a list of items can be obtained at the Caring Corner table in the Narthex, in the Messenger and bulletin. Just place your donation in onve of the containers at the Caring Table.

Our first collection for the month of November is **Gifting for Seniors** located to your left. This non-profit charity supports elderly in care facilities who are unable to obtain adequate monthly necessities due to a limited income.



FALL FEST 2026 A big thank you for all the donations for our annual fall fest; for all the wonderfully decorated trunks, the delicious soups, those who baked for the missions bake sale, our volunteers, our youth group and our scouts. The weather was wonderful and everyone had fun! Attendance was over 250 (125 kids). Each year we try to add some new things to keep things exciting. This year, we replaced the maze with a mini golf course, and the kids loved it. Our winner of the Snoopy Challenge (guess how many M&M minis) was our own Vivian & little Sophia who attended KIds Klub last session. There were 3,898 mini M&Ms in the jar. And we can't forget our soup winners : we had 10 fabulous soups and the votes were very close. Congratulations to our winners: Sherry Klimas for her wonderful wedding soup and Alexis Cowles for her Yummy tomato soup. As I said, the votes were very close this year - thank you everyone! Our adult raffle winners were the Bowen family and Wesley Cowles; our Boo Buckets were won by Sylvie and Tay. I hope they all enjoy their winnings! If anyone would like to offer feedback from this event, it would be appreciated. We are always interested in ways to improve our outreach events for kids. KIDS KLUB FALL 2026-NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR JESUS Kids Klub has been taking advantage of the fall weather and spending some time outdoors. Currently, we are learning about Jesus healing the blind. Next , we move on to the story of Lazurus. We are collecting small items to fill Christmas stockings for kids in the community for Comfort & Hope. Our kids will be filling the stockings mid-November to enable us to deliver them early to meet their distribution dates. This session of Kids Klub will end December 2nd with our musical program & a visit to Whoville. Everyone is invited to attend. Our winter session will begin again in January.

KIDS KLUB KANDIES

Once again, Kids Klub will be taking orders for our homemade candies later this month.

We will have candy available to purchase on Sunday, November 22 & 29th, if you would like to try it before you place an order.

Orders are due by Dec. 6th and can be picked up on Sunday Dec 13 & 20.

This fundraiser helps us keep our program free to all children. We appreciate your support.



WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2 5:45-6:45PM

Friends & Families Welcome

Bring the kids to Whoville for a fun night of songs, crafts & refreshments. Take pictures and enjoy the sights & sounds of Whoville with Grinch mix; Who-Hash; and the Whoville cocoa bar! Gift bags for the kids, so rsvp please.

Reservation forms will be available later this month.

UPWARD SPORTS

Register Online!

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER

POLAND

United Methodist Church

Thursday, Nov 5th

3:30PM til Sold Out

$10 ea

1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland OH 44514

To support our UM outreach and Missions



MISSIONS TEAM

We are planning to do a travel trip this year the last week of June. More information will be announced In The near future.

We are also putting together a Mission team. This is to help plan, organize fundraise...you don't have to go on the trip to be a Part of this it will be more of a support team. Anyone that would like to be part of this is welcome. If you would like more information about either of these things-please talk to Eileen Crites or Pastor Paul.

Thank you for the continued support,

Eileen Crites



CHARGE CONFERENCE

SAT NOV 7 | 3PM

@ BERLIN CENTER UMC

15611 Akron-Canfield Road

Berlin Center 44401

ALL MEMBERS INVITED!

A BIG THANK YOU TO GOD

During November I will be preaching sermons on giving thanks to God. A pledge card will be sent to you this month and you can pray and discern how much financial money you want to give to the ministries of the Poland United Methodist Church. I encourage you to reflect upon the blessings God has given you and to pledge a financial gift to support ministries of the church in sharing Jesus Christ grace and love. Take time in November and give thanks and praise to God for the blessings he has given us. Reflect on this passage from, Mark 12:41-44 ***41*** *Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.* ***42*** *But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.* ***43*** *Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.* ***44*** *They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*
Mark 12:41-44 is referred to as the Widows offering and she gave what she could to say a Big Thank You to God. Take time this month to fill out a pledge card and decide how much financial you can give to the church to support God's ministry of sharing Christ with the world. You can mail the pledge cards to the church or bring them in person and on the final Sunday of November 29th we will be praying over the pledge cards in the church worship service. As your pastor I thank you for the financial support and time given to ministries of the Poland U.M.C. and I look forward to the ministries we will be doing with God the Father in this next year. Remember that Jesus Christ grace and love is generous in our lives, and he calls us to give God Nonstop

Thanks!

Pastor Paul

