

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS COMINGS AND GOINGS

Summertime is upon us and with the nicer weather people in church will be traveling with family and friends on vacations. During this time of travel take time to enjoy family and friends and all the beauty of God's creation. Acknowledge that God is with you on your summer outings and celebrate God with thanks and praise as you trek through life. Take comfort in knowing that God watches over you and the people you love and encounter in life. Read and pray over, Psalm 121:1-8 NIV *¹I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? ²My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; ⁴indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; ⁶the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; ⁸the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.* No matter what season of life we are traveling through the Lord is with you on your comings and goings in life.



Take time to check in with God this summer through prayers, scripture reading, and worship. Enjoy the gift of God's beautiful creation and the fellowship we have with each other and the Lord. I pray that your comings and goings would be blessed by God and that you would share those blessings with the people around you.

Pastor Paul

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

East Ohio Conference

56th Session

The East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church (EOCUMC) will hold its Annual Conference from June 12 to June 14, 2025. The event will be held at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

The East Ohio Conference is located in Northern Ohio. There are approximately 700 Methodist churches in our Conference. The EOCUMC is comprised of four districts. Poland UMC is in the Central Ohio district.

Each year the EOCUMC conducts its Annual Conference at which church business is considered. Every four years, the world-wide United Methodist Church conducts its General Conference which conducts an agenda that assists in governing the entire denomination.

The Poland UMC is represented at the Annual Conference this year by Larry Warren who will serve as our delegate,

Here is a summary of business that will be conducted:

Four amendments to the Constitution of the UMC will be considered:

An amendment to ensure equalization among the regions.

This amendment would add inclusion to the protections in the current constitution.

Amendment number three would recognize the church's role in combatting racism.

Amendment number four would somewhat broaden the educational requirements for clergy members.

Three Resolutions (Resolutions considered at Annual Conference are expressions of opinion).

This resolution condemns apartheid.

Resolution #2 deals with apartheid in the Holy Land.

This resolution asks that each UMC member consider their personal role as a confirmed follower of Jesus.

In addition, new clergy will be licensed, commissioned or ordained. Also, clergy retiring will be recognized along with the traditional business that is conducted at the Annual Conference.

As with every Annual Conference, much time is devoted to an appreciation of the glory of Christ and our appreciation of our risen savior.

“RISE UP, BELOVED”

LABOR OF LOVE

Bring your gloves, tools and smiling faces!



PUMC YARDWORK DAY | SAT JUNE 14 | 12PM



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 JUNE 24 - 6-7PM OR WED JUNE 25 - 9-10AM



DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Directory is in it's final stages. Will post when completed.

SOCCOR ZONE VBS

@ POLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD IS
 OUR
 GOAL!



FAITH
 FUN
 SKILLS
 DRILLS

AGES 3 YEARS THROUGH 6TH GRADE

JULY 14-18 6-8:15PM

MISSION TRIP NEWS

We will be doing our local Mission trip on July 8th through the 11th. We will be working with Habitat on a house build and The Mission Barn building Handicap ramps and assembling Hygiene kits, Menstrual Kits and flood buckets. We will be using our church as a base for the week. So you may see us around having meals and Devotions before and after the work. Keep us in your prayers.

If YOU would like to help, we are collecting items and money for the Mission Barn. Eileen will be running our kitchen if you would like to bake cookies for lunches or desserts for dinner please let her know.

Thank you for the continued support!!

We are collecting items to build Menstruation kits for the Mission Barn. The Director of the Mission Barn will be sharing with us on Sunday June 8 about all the services they provide. We will be collecting all of June. These are the most needed/ requested kits that they give out. They give to shelters, homeless, foster kids, and after disasters.

We are in need of the following items:

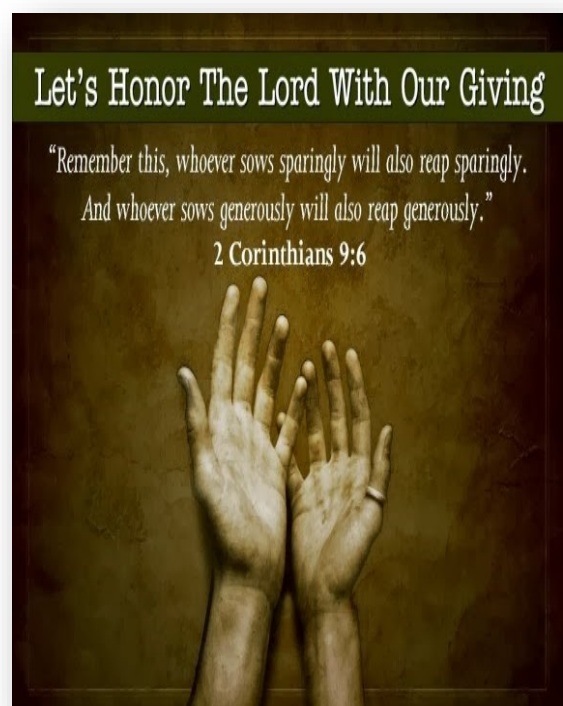
Sandwich size zip baggies, Gallon size zip baggies, 4 gallon bathroom size garbage bags, 2 oz. Bottles of hand sanitizer, travel size wet wipes, 42 count unscented flushable wipes, wrapped 3oz.bars of soap-please no Jergens or Ivory, laundry detergent sheets, tampons regular and super absorbency, sanitary pads- unscented long super ultra-thin, and money.

There is a table in the Narthex with a display of the needed items and a list.

Thank you for helping to support this Mission.

GLANCE AT FINANCE

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$39,550.00	\$100,711.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 3,509.00	\$ 12,539.00
Other revenues	\$ 1,676.00	\$ 6,677.00
Reimbursements	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 6,179.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$ 20,939.00</u>	<u>\$ 93,165.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	\$ 25,657.00	\$ 32,941.00



DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER

POLAND

United Methodist Church

Thur, June 5th

3:30PM til Sold Out

\$10 ea

1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland OH 44514

To support our UM outreach and Missions



NO CHICKEN DINNER IN JULY!

COMMUNION

Bob Long and Blaise Prentiss are putting together a list of people, who would like to assist with monthly communion in addition to the faithful few who continuously help each month and do a terrific job!

It is more than what you see during the worship service. We need people who would be willing to bake the bread and cube it when Jan Grich is on vacation, etc. (Isn't her bread the best ever?!) We need people to fill the bread and juice and place it in the communion rail before worship service so Karen and Bob can have a month off here and there. We REALLY need people to monitor communion during worship and ensure that everyone has the elements available during the worship service. We need people to clean up immediately following the ending of our worship service which only takes a few minutes and finally, we need people to come in once a month and clean the communion rail area.

Please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to serve in one of these capacities and let us know so that we can create a schedule. We are very grateful for the faithful few who have maintained the communion preparation all this time. We are just reaching out to ask for more help and give YOU an opportunity to serve PUMC!

Many hands make light work.

Blaise Prentiss
Bob Long

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News from last month:

In the **Kindergarten Readiness classes** they learned the following letters --and did coordinating activities on them: J (Jellyfish), B (Bees), and F (Flowers). The rest of the month was spent on Graduation activities as this is the class that will be moving on to Kindergarten this Fall. The month ended in a very special evening Graduation Program for the children and their families!

In the **Rainbow class** the themes were: All About Mom, Bugs and More Bugs, and Summer is Coming.

In the **Teddy Bear class** the themes were My Mom is Special, All About Opposites, and Summer Safety.

All four classes also participated in School Pictures Day and special Mother's Day projects!

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 for our Summer and Fall Terms---you can reach us at the child care office (330-757-9747) or email: pbccc@polandumc.org.



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