

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

SIT AND CHAT

In October the Canfield and Poland United Methodist Churches will have a “Sit and Chat” gathering with Pastor. The “Sit and Chat” will be held at the churches and will be a time for Pastor Paul and the congregations to get to know each other. There will be time to talk and have some light refreshments and to share stories of ministry and church histories. During the month of September read over and ponder the four questions below. Come prepared to talk amongst one another and with me as the new pastor.

1. What is one thing that I (your new pastor) need to know about our church?
2. What is one thing that I need to know about our community?
3. What is one way that you believe we can reach new people in our community?
4. What is one dream that you have for our church?

The “Sit and Chat” is just away for me as your new pastor to get to know the church and the community we serve. Make were communicate as a community of faith that brings the living grace and love of Jesus Christ. I love this passage from Proverbs 18:21 ²¹ *The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.* As we talk as a church, let us be fruitful and bring life through our conversations as we share the joys of Christ stories in our lives.

The Canfield UMC “Sit and Chat” will be at the Canfield church in the fellowship hall on Sunday **October the 15th at 2pm**. Come prepared to talk around the four questions listed above.

On Sunday October the 22nd at 2pm Poland UMC will have a “Sit and Chat” at the Poland church in the fellowship hall. Read and ponder the four questions and come ready to talk to one another and Pastor Paul.

The “Sit and Chats” will lead into my Sermon Series for October around Bishop Robert Schnase’s book, Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Bishop Schnase’s Fruitful Practices are, Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

The “Sit and Chat” will be part of exploring how to do Fruitful Practices of Faith in the church and communities we serve. I look forward to getting to know you as we “Sit and Chat” about Christ Church and the beautiful communities we care for and serve.

MISSIONS

Micah 5:4

Our September **MISSIONS COLLECTION** will be for the students at our **Poland-Boardman Child Care Center**.

Below you will find a list of needs for about 60 students. A basket/cart will be in the Foyer and west entrance each Sunday for donations!



**CRAYOLA CRAYONS-COLORED MARKERS-COLORED PENCILS-DRY ERASE MARKERS
ELMERS GLUE-ELMERS GLUE STICKS-TEMPERA PAINT-ALL COLORS
CONSTRUCTION PAPER-ALL COLORS -POSTER BOARD-WHITE-CARDSTOCK-WHITE AND
COLORED-DRAWING PAPER-COLORING BOOKS-COLORED TISSUE PAPER
PAPER PLATES-BOTH LARGE AND SMALL-POMPOMS-WIGGLE EYES-BEADS-MASKING TAPE-
WASHI TAPE-STICKERS-DOT MARKERS-CRAFT STICKS-PLAY DOUGH-RIBBON-GLITTER-
PLASTIC SPOONS AND FORKS-YARN-ALL COLORS-CRAFT FOAM SHEETS
ZIPLOC SANDWICH BAGGIES**

Please continue to be generous in your donations.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

POLAND INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

The pantry can be found in the basement of our church. Food distribution is typically the last Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning of every month.

Thanks to the incredible amount of generous donations from the participating churches and community the Pantry is still a major outreach of PUMC, so please if you know of someone or family in the community that needs food, please let them know. The Pantry is in a great position to help them.

God Bless you all. ***PUMC Cabinet***



As the last member of the Prayer Shawl team, I am still knitting away. I have 15 shawls ready to go. Please let me know if you need one to give. Each one is an outreach and a comfort. I cannot tell you how many times that I have been told that it was the most comforting and warm hug !!

Please contact me or Connie at the church. I am in the process of bagging and tagging them. You can come in choose the one you need. I will keep knitting till my stock of yarn is gone.

Anyone who would like to share in the knitting can call me, I will gladly donate your first 3 skeins.

Debbie 330-261-5726 (leave a message! I only answer known numbers) I will call back.

SIT and CHAT

Sunday, October 22

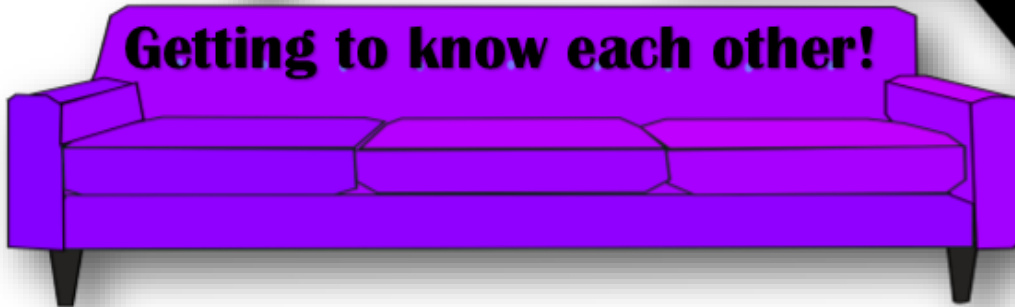
2PM

PUMC Fellowship Hall

Questions to think over:

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Getting to know each other!



Laymen's Quest Sunday School class

Our first study will be *"The 10 Most Important Things You Can Say to a Catholic"* by Ron Rhodes. We will examine together the claims that the tradition and interpretation of the Scriptures are supreme over the Bible. Each week we will cover one chapter that discusses the Church's teachings and the tools that we need to effectively talk to our Catholic family and friends about their faith and guide them to the Good News of God's free grace through Jesus Christ. If you have ever had questions about Catholic beliefs and how to lovingly minister to our Catholic brothers and sisters, then this is the place for you.

We will begin meeting on Sunday mornings at 10:00am in Room 307 on September 10. We invite any adults to join us in person or via Zoom. As of this writing, I have one more copy of the book to give to someone. Please contact Blaise Prentiss in person or by email me at blaiseprentiss@zoominternet.net if you would like to join us.

Laymen's
Quest

The 10 Most Important Things You Can Say to a Catholic

Begins Sunday Sep 10 ♦ 10AM ♦ Room 307

Email Blaise Prentiss to join - blaiseprentiss@zoominternet.net

PolandUMC | polandumc.org | 330-757-1553

**Abigail
Circle
to meet
Sept. 12th
6:30
Rm 202**

Attendees should bring Quart Mason Jars, Nail polish, Nail Clippers & Ladies Socks to create client gifts for Pregnancy Help Center Client Celebration Day.
Questions – Patti Prentiss (330)770-2148

POLAND INTERFAITH

Food Pantry



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

Tues SEP 26, 6-7PM or Wed SEP 27, 9-10AM

FALL FEST
 **TRUNK OR TREAT**  **CHILI COOK-OFF**
FREE kids games
October 29 5:00-7:00 pm

****ALL CHURCH EVENT****

This year, we are giving our annual Trunk or Treat a boost....adding fun games, a kid-friendly maze, a chili cook off and more. And, Yes, there will be prizes for the winners!

We want to get everyone involved!

We need volunteers to help; we need contestants to cook their chili; we need decorated trunks; we want this to be lots of fun for everyone!
Also, we are now accepting candy donations for Trunk or Treat!

We will have sign up sheets available soon in the Narthex for Fall Fest volunteers.
Please, we need your help....don't miss out on ALL THE FUN!

TRUSTEES September 2023

The Lord's House

The steeple and cross repair project is very close to starting. The contractor has ordered materials and the scaffolding has been erected. Please pray for the safety of those working up so high off the ground and good weather.

Other recent work included repairs to the parsonage chimneys, water pipe leaks and toilet repairs on the basement and an additional security flood light was installed on the east side of the building. The elevator was also recently serviced. We contracted an exterminator for yellow jackets about the grounds and building. You may have noticed how aggressive the yellow jackets have been.



Many of you know that PUMC no longer has a custodian and there are many tasks inside and outside the church. With the new fall Kids Klub coming up we will be needing outside weeding, cleaning, and shrub trimming help.

Many thanks to the following persons who go above and beyond:

Tom Semer has been bringing the electrical service up to the new code and is concentrating on child-care and Sunday school rooms. As always Budd Barger and Tom Semer have been inspecting the boilers, working to keep you all warm and cozy.

Sandy Beckwith, and Shannon Paris for their work in the sanctuary.

Tom Long, Marty Matteson, Dave Wagner, and Doc Resch for cleaning in the kitchen.

Tristan Codner and Blaise and Patty Prentiss for the wedding coordination.

What a blessing it is to have such workers.

Sorry if we missed anyone.

Thanks to you all.

PUMC Cabinet

GLANCE AT FINANCE

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$28,688.00	\$107,487.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 1,859.00	\$ 13,887.00
Other revenues	\$ 2,895.00	\$ 17,862.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$26,587.00</u>	<u>\$170,026.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	\$ 6,855.00	(\$ 30,790.00)

SIMPLIFIED Accountability

STRUCTURE TRAINING
with Rev. Rick Oaks

SAT, SEP 23RD

9:30AM @ Canfield UMC

COMBINED TRAINING FOR CUMC & PUMC




On Saturday **September the 23rd at 9:30am** at Canfield United Methodist Church, Revered Rick Oaks will be leading a learning training on the Simplified Accountability Structure. This training event is open to all members of the Poland and Canfield United Methodist Churches. I encourage all members of both churches to attend and learn about the Simplified Accountability Structure for leadership for local United Methodist Churches. The Simplified Accountability Structure forms a board of nine church members that combine the church duties of the administrative council, the trustees, financial council, and the staff

pastor relationship committee. Through combining the church councils and committee's, local churches have less committees to fill and chair, and it opens people to be part of ministry teams that get people to do ministries in the church and in the community. This meeting is an informational meeting to help learn more about the Simplified Accountability Structure and how it works within the life of the church. This is a worth while training for both the Canfield and Poland UMC members to attend that will have an impact on doing fruitful ministries going forward.

We are looking for volunteers for the children's sermons. This is a great opportunity for kids to hear about Jesus from different members. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone who is interested, even if you sign up for one Sunday it would be a great help to our children's ministry. You can also reach out to Kelsey Klimas if you have any questions.

BUILDING ON JESUS

KIDS KLUB
FALL SESSION 2023



SEPTEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 6

FAITH PRAY SING GROW

Sep 20 - Dec 6

Kids Klub



Poland UMC | Wednesdays | 4:45-6:30PM | 3yrs-6th Grade

Bible Story ☺ Kids Choir ☺ Crafts ☺ Games ☺ Dinner

Our fall session of Kids Klubs begins Wednesday, September 20; 4:45-6:30 pm. Kids ages 3 yrs through 6th grade are welcome..

Registration is happening now; we are a free program that includes Bible class, music, activities & dinner. You can join us at any time throughout the session; we keep things light & easy, so kids can jump in at any time.

Email me at k4matt@aol.com or you can call the church office with any questions.





Sept. 10 Second Sunday Program - "The Garden of Eden"

This program will follow Children's Sermon.

Parents are welcome to attend



September Lessons:

Sept. 3 – Creation Story – Karrie Mumaw/Dan Klimas

Sept. 17 – The First Sin – Rachel Sellers/Tristan Codner

Sept. 24 – Cain and Abel – Amy Winner/Kevin Rabindra

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The new term has begun and the center is buzzing with activities! There are some spots left in most of these programs—if interested please call 330-757-9747 or email at pbccc@polandumc.org.

Below is an overview of what we offer:

We are an outreach program owned and operated by the Poland United Methodist Church. We are licensed to operate by the state of Ohio, and are one of Ohio's Step Up To Quality star rated programs. We use a structured curriculum that aligns with the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards. We offer lower staff to child ratios and higher staff credentials than many other centers. Our programs stress growth and development of the "whole child" in a Christian atmosphere of creativity and exploration. We have technology in every classroom, a full gymnasium, a separate cafeteria, a huge fenced in outdoor playground plus pavilion. playground plus pavilion.

We offer separate programs for children from the ages of 2 1/2 to 10 years of age. We currently have preschool sessions, half day sessions, full day sessions, kindergarten readiness enrichment sessions, and after school sessions. Poland schools provide transportation to our center for the after school sessions. We also offer school age sessions during school holidays and snow days.

Kindergarten Readiness Class

This class is the level before the child starts kindergarten. They will work on the skills they will need for kindergarten (alphabet, numbers, pre-reading, science, rhyming, patterning, positional concepts, fine and large motor skills) along with art, music, and fun sensory activities. An evaluation will be done on each child to test for kindergarten readiness and parent teacher conferences will ensure that teacher and parents are on the same page when it comes time for the child to enroll for kindergarten.

KR Enrichment Class

This session is an extension of the Kindergarten Readiness class. This class will better prepare the child for a longer day, and give them reinforcement of the skills they are learning in the Kindergarten Readiness class. This class is recommended for any child due to enter kindergarten the next term.

Rainbow Class

This class has a different theme every day. The themes will focus on a particular topic and the children will be learning as they have fun. My Five Senses, Healthy Foods, Fire and Personal Safety, and Earth Day are just a few of the many themes they will encounter. Concepts they will be exposed to are: colors, shapes, pre-number skills, pre-reading skills, fine and large motor skills, language skills, art projects and music.

Teddy Bear Class

This is the youngest level of preschool we offer, starting at the age of two. Sharing, group cooperation, listening skills, learning to make independent achievements, and socialization skills are all a big goal in this class. Music, art, and language development are incorporated into every session, in fun and creative ways.

School Age Sessions

We offer an enriching before and after school program for school aged children up to the age of ten. They will get to spend time with friends and enjoy activities geared to their age level.

Poland Schools provide bus transportation from all of the Poland schools; children from other school systems arrive by car. Homework help is given, and several dozen Chrome-books are available for the children's use if needed for homework or technology support. Our playground, pavilion, and/or indoor gymnasium provide lots of space for games and activities.

We also offer care for school-aged children during their school holidays, teacher in-service days, snow days, and summer breaks.

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