

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

WE ARE UNITED IN CHRIST RESURRECTION

By the time you read this Pastor's Ponderings we as the Universal Church will have celebrated Palm Sunday and are looking forward to Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday and the Church are established around the resurrection of God's Son Jesus Christ and we are Easter People. As Christians we are baptized into the Christian faith and Church which praises God the Father for the new life we have individually and together as the Body of Jesus Christ in the world. Read and reflect upon, Romans 6: 5-11 ⁵ *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.* ⁶ *For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,^[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin—* ⁷ *because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.* ⁸ *Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.* ⁹ *For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.* ¹⁰ *The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.* ¹¹ *In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Through Christ saving grace we are united together in a resurrection like Christ. We are dead to sin and alive in Christ when we accept him as our Lord and Savior. Moving into spring and summer we enjoy the warmer weather and the newness of spring and all of God's creation blooming. Likewise in our faith in Christ, we move into a new life of grace that calls us to be sanctified and more holy in our relationships with the people around us and the world. We are united in Christ resurrection bringing His grace and love to all. I pray that as Easter People we would encourage one other to be Easter People that experience Christ grace and love in this life and the life to come.

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 APR 28 6-7PM OR WED APR 29 9-10AM

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER

POLAND

United Methodist Church

Thursday, April 2nd

3:30PM til Sold Out

\$10 ea

1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland OH 44514

To support our UM outreach and Missions



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

JOIN THE POLAND UMC CHOIR

Practice Mondays
6:30-8PM

Weekly Performances

Ages 10+ Welcome

BURRITOS AND BIBLES

CANFIELD & POLAND UNITED METHODIST COMBINED BIBLE STUDY
TUES NIGHTS | 6PM | LA CASA MEXICANA, BOARDMAN



Holy Week

Poland UMC | 1940 Boardman Poland Rd. | Poland OH 44514

Canfield UMC | 27 S. Broad St. | Canfield, OH 44406

Maundy Thursday

7PM Service @ Canfield UMC

Good Friday

12PM Holy Family - 7 Last Words

7PM Service @ Poland UMC

Easter Sunday

9:30AM Breakfast in Poland UMC

Fellowship Hall

11AM Service @ Poland UMC



GLANCE AT FINANCE

	<u>FEB</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$16,336.00	\$ 34,032.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 2,339.00	\$ 4,287.00
Other revenues	\$ 3,451.00	\$ 3,451.00
Reimbursements	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 2,260.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$23,318.00</u>	<u>\$ 45,432.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	\$ 1,068.00	(\$ 1,402.00)

****Other revenues/reimbursements of are for Jan & Feb.**

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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THE KING
IS COMING!



Kids Klub

Our winter session is now over; cold & flu season always hits us hard and this session was no exception; but the kids were still able to fill 25 Comfort Bags for our service project. Each bag is filled with small items such as fidget toys, games, tablets, puzzles, books, poppers and a Cuddle Pillow that the kids made themselves. Each pillow is tagged: " I am a Cuddle Pillow, Made especially for you; When you are feeling sad or blue: I am here to Cuddle with you!" These bags will be distributed locally to kids who are going through difficult times. We hope to bring them a little comfort & a smile.

We visited our friends at the **Blackburn Home**; it was so nice to see them all again. We miss our friend, Peg Shirey,; she always had a smile for us. It wasn't the same without her. We sang some songs and shared some cookies. They are always so welcoming!

And thank you to all our **volunteers** that keep our program strong! After a long school day, the kids need to be in a relaxed, friendly setting. We try to keep Kids Klub light and fun, while making new friends & learning about Jesus, through lessons & songs!

See you in the fall!

"Let all that you do be done in love"
1 Corinthians 16:14

Vacation Bible School pepperoni roll fundraiser will be April 19 . Order forms will be available soon for your fresh baked personal size rolls. Thank you for your support!



Thank you to everyone who donated candy for our **GLOW** easter egg hunt. We had lots & lots of kids and had such fun! We gave out free raffle tickets for a chance to win one of 3 baskets filled with all kinds of fun things for kids of all ages. Each basket was valued over \$50.00. We were very pleased to see that GLOW is still a hit. A million thanks for our children's outreach team; these events require lots of work setting up & tearing down. Best team ever!!

Happy Easter!

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Themes for the month of March were:

Kindergarten Readiness Classes:

THE LETTERS R & U (Rain and Umbrellas)

THE LETTER Z (Zoo Animals)

THE LETTER L (Leprechauns)

The LETTER N (Nests)



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Rainbow Class:

DR SEUSS WEEK

ALL ABOUT WEATHER

ST.PATRICK'S DAY & RAINBOWS

ALL ABOUT BIRDS



C

Teddy Bear Class:

DR SEUSS WEEK

THINGS THAT FLY IN THE SKY

ST.PATRICK'S DAY & SHAMROCKS

BUTTERFLIES & INSECTS

C

****ALL CLASSES ALSO ENJOYED A FUN FILLED ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION WITH A SNEAKY VISIT FROM THE LEPRECHAUN!!**

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.

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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.

polandboardmanchildcarecenter.com