

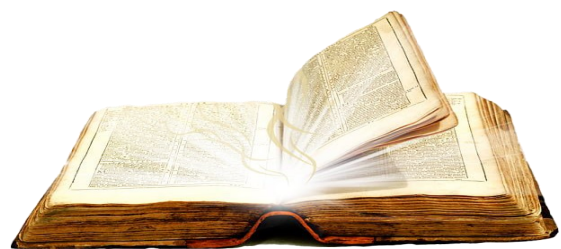
PASTOR'S PONDERINGS JESUS LIGHTS THE WAY

Scripture tells us that God lights the way in life when it gets dark. We know that God's Word is the Living Word that brings the Good News of Jesus Christ love and grace into our lives and the world. At times life can be challenging and hard and when it is we need to look for the light that is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. I love the passage from Psalm 108: 105-107. Read this passage and may God illuminate you with hope through Jesus Christ.

Psalm 108: ¹⁰⁵ NIV Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. ¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.

When I read Psalm 108:105 I sometimes hear Amy Grant singing this psalm and I find that her voice illuminates and gives some light to God's Word. The light of Christ gives us light on our path of life now and into the future. We confirm God is righteous in how we receive his love and how we share it with the people and world around us. Jesus lights the way back to a relationship with God and in kind we are called to be the light of Christ for others. As we move into the newness of spring and summer let us confirm our faith in God by sharing the light of Christ with the world.

Pastor Paul





As our Chicken Dinner kitchen crew was taking a coffee break, they started talking about the beginning of the take-out meals and started doing some math. Can you guess approximately how many meals have been served to our community, out of our kitchen, drive-thru alone? Did you guess? Can you imagine, 40,000!!! Yes, that's right, 40,000. What started as a vision to supplement our finances on June 7, 2007 has grown from a tiny seed of faith to a long-standing staple in our community. Our new brightly colored sign out front draws phone calls with questions about the dinner and sometimes sparks conversations about what our church offers in terms of kids programs and worship times!

Over the years we have had many faithful souls that have worked through it all, heat, power outages, construction, you name it. We can never say thank you to everyone who at one point has had a helping hand in this journey. The faithful that have now taken over to prepare, cook and serve continue to do so with compassion and love to our community. It's what we are all called to do – Connect, Grow, Serve – that is our PUMC motto.

There is always a need for more volunteers. Always. I promise you will find the atmosphere cheerful with Dave Wagner whistling while he works with Sandy Beckwith, Debbie Melvin – and that's just the volunteers for this morning's crew!

I have been at PUMC for 19 years now. I have seen the beginning to the present of this monthly tradition and it's an inspiration. I remember when we "technically" started the drive-thru idea and many others followed suite. I like to say we saw a good thing coming and ran with it – others just followed a good thing! I've loved to see everyone that comes to help, hear the laughter from the kitchen with the pans banging and the dishes being washed – knowing that a good meal will feed the many that line up, waiting for a kind word and a good meal!

So, thank you. Thank you to everyone that has been and continues to be a part of this ministry.

Connie Arnoto



The Directory is being formatted and designed. As soon as we have a completion date, we will post!


GLANCE AT FINANCE

	<u>MAR</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$28,517.00	\$ 61,161.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 3,274.00	\$ 9,031.00
Other revenues	\$ 1,626.00	\$ 5,002.00
Reimbursements	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 4,318.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$ 29,385.00</u>	<u>\$ 72,226.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	\$ 5,132.00	\$ 7,286.00

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



PEDAL WITH PASTOR PAUL AND ROBIN

Pedaling with the pastor and Robin will be starting up again in May. All are welcomed to come and ride, and Pastor Paul has extra bikes if you need one. Please bring a helmet and make sure you have water to drink. The rides are easy-paced and not far, the group decides how far they want to go. All age groups are welcome. Text Pastor Paul the day of the ride to see if the ride will be canceled due to the weather at 740-421-0715. The rides will be on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. (May 11, 25, June 8, 22, July 13, 27, Aug 10, 24, Sept 14, 28). We will meet at 3pm for all the rides and then roll out at 3:15pm. All rides on the second Sunday of the month will be at the Stavich Trailhead located at 2913 West Washington Street in New Castle, PA. The rides on the fourth Sunday will be at the Metro Parks Bikeway Farm Trailhead located at 7574 Columbiana-Canfield, OH.

LET'S RIDE AND ROLL WITH THE LORD, AMEN!



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 MAY 27 - 6-7PM OR WED MAY 28 - 9-10AM

ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON
 POLAND UMC | SUN JUNE 1 | 12PM



BAKED POTATO BAR

JOIN US FOR A HOT BAKED POTATO WITH YOUR CHOICE OF TOPPINGS—SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT AND BEVERAGE ALSO.



RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED—FREE!

MISSION TRIP NEWS



Katie Peterson

Deaconess, Church & Community Worker
United States GBGM Advance #982942

Katie coordinates the donations and distribution of UMCOR relief supply kits. She assists New Castle UMCs to enhance ministries in poverty alleviation. These ministries include building handicap ramps.

What can I do to support Global Ministries missionary, Katie Peterson?

1. Pray for Katie: our prayer is welcome and strengthens the missionary's ministry.
2. Stay in contact with Katie: ask to receive her newsletter and follow her website or Facebook site.
3. Seek to participate in the ministry Katie serves with: ask her about ways to help with missionary support.
4. Donate to Katie's Advance #982942 : 100% of your gifts are used to support missionaries and they powerfully contribute to the continued health and vitality of United Methodist missionary outreach.

Contribute to
Advance #982942 online at www.umcmmission.org,
by phoning 1-888-252-6174, or through your church.



MAGNET SALE

Support Mission Barn by purchasing
a United Methodist Magnet for your
car, home or office.

Suggested Donation: \$5 each

T-Shirt Sale

Support Mission Barn by purchasing a T-Shirt.

Suggested Donation: \$15 each

All profits will support the mission projects
with the Mission Barn!

For more information and/or to order magnets/t-shirts – please contact

Mission Barn at 724-856-8241

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Please make checks payable to:

Mission Barn

181 Columbus Dr, New Castle, PA 16101

For Kit information please go to UMCOR.ORG website.

BOOK REVIEW CLUB AT BOARDMAN UMC'S LIBRARY

The Book Review Club will meet
Tuesday, May 6th at 11:30AM
at Boardman UMC.

Book topic - AGING

Bring your own lunch.

Dessert and coffee provided.

Any questions call/text

Chris Grabert 330-720-9461.

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**

Help support our VBS by purchasing 2 fresh grilled hot dogs & condiments/ a bag of chips/ water bottle and a sweet treat!
You can purchase after church or drive thru before 2:00. Our fundraisers keep our programs free; we appreciate your continued support!

Poland UMC
1940 Boardman Poland Rd. | Poland, OH | polandumc.org

Hot Dog Sale
Drive-Thru Only

SUNDAY, MAY 18
12-2PM | \$4 per meal
2 Grilled Hot Dogs, Chips, Water & Treat!
Proceeds go directly to our VBS!

A close-up image of a hot dog in a bun with mustard and chips, part of a promotional poster for a hot dog sale.

GLOW EGG HUNT

A big thank you to everyone who supported our annual egg hunt...what a wonderful night we had. The Easter Bunny was ready for photos & everyone had a great time! Many thanks for all the candy donations and the many volunteers that made this event possible for the kids.

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News from last month:

In the **Kindergarten Readiness classes** they learned the following letters -- and did coordinating activities on them:
K (Kites), U (Umbrellas), and S (Space).

In the **Rainbow class** the themes were: Ocean Animals, Rabbits and their Habitats, and April Showers Bring May Flowers.

In the **Teddy Bear class** the themes were Butterflies & Bees, In the Garden, and Zoo Animals.

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The second week of April was the **National Week of the Young Child** and each class celebrated the week with special events:

KR Classes:

Monday: Music Monday
Tuesday: Taco Tuesday
Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday
Thursday: Artsy Thursday
Friday: Friendship Friday

Rainbow Class:

Monday: Under the Sea
Tuesday: Sweets & Treats
Wednesday: Creative Art Day
Thursday: LEGO Day
Friday: Under the Rainbow

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Teddy Bear Class:

Monday: Cupcake Decorating
Tuesday: Planting Flowers
Wednesday: Stuffy Friend Picnic
Thursday: Making Playdough
Friday: Show & Tell Day

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**During the week of the 14th all four classes learned about the true meaning of Easter and did activities and crafts based on Jesus and his Resurrection. The week ended in a fun Easter Party and Candy/Egg Hunt!

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.

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*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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HERE COMES SUMMER!!!

**BELOW IS SOME INFORMATION ON OUR
UPCOMING SUMMER PROGRAM:**

Our Summer program divides the children into groups appropriate for their age level and plans for activities and events based on each level.

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Each week the children will enjoy creative arts and crafts, outdoor games and activities, picnics and party days all based around special themes.

Each summer we offer new themes and events so that the repeating children have new experiences every summer.

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Our school age summer program is geared for older children, and along with the above themes and events, they will participate in field trips to places such as the YMCA for swimming, and Camelot Lanes for bowling.

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Also in the summer, the KONA ICE TRUCK comes once a week to offer special icy treats to all the children.

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