

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS USING OUR GIFTS FOR HOSPITALITY

Over the next several months at both the Canfield and Poland United Methodist Churches we will be looking at using our Spiritual Gifts from God to serve other people and to show hospitality to them. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are born again into a new life of grace and love that brings us a fullness of life now and for eternity.

Through Christ saving grace we grow in faith that has an impact on our personal life and the life of others both in the church and in the world. Please read carefully and pray over the passage from 1 Peter 4:8 *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*⁹ *Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*¹⁰ *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*¹¹ *If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

In the months ahead we will be doing a spiritual gift inventory and look to see where God given gifts mix in with the gifts of others in the life of the church and the life of others. Both churches will be working on hospitality and greeting one another and new people. We will at the two churches work to be grace filled ambassadors that steward the grace and love of Jesus Christ to the world.

Canfield and Poland UMC's will be putting together ministry teams that will work with children's, youth, and adult's ministries. Together through the Holy Spirit and a spiritual gift inventory we will put together teams to do ministries that feed people spiritually. The Lord is moving at both churches, and we need to be open to how God is using us to share Jesus Christ Good News with the world, Amen!

Pastor Paul



G.L.O.W. EGG HUNT

Pre-register for our G.L.O.W. in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt - it is safe & fun for all ages. We use ultra-violet lighting so the kids are able to see well, it is not scary at all. We have fun decorations, lights and music with lots of glow in the dark eggs for them to find. We have a designated section for the little kids so they will be safe while egg hunting. The Easter Bunny will be there to say hello! You **MUST PRE REGISTER** to

reserve your spot; either online or call the church office. We have allotted 40 spots for each timed group & spots always fill up very fast. Time slots are set for every 20 minutes. Just like last year, the 5:40 time slot is for children with special needs and their families; we lower the music and we don't make the room as dark. If this is something you might be interested in, you can call the church if you have any questions or go online to register. Check in will be in the narthex & you will wait with your group in the sanctuary until it is your time slot. You do not have to wait outside; plan to arrive 5-10 minutes before your assigned time. All families are welcomed & all children must be accompanied by an adult. Join us for a fun event as we celebrate God's Light Over the World.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations of small Easter candy for our egg hunt. We anticipate 250-300 kids, so your donations will be a great help! But we need candy by April 6th please in order to get everything prepared by the 13th.

KIDS KLUB

Kids Klub has finished our winter session; we had our Spring Sing on March 26th. Our older children spoke about the Power of Prayer and the littles shared their lights during "This little light of mine". And they all sang songs together - featuring our Mr. Wagner's "Apple Red Happiness". We had our blankets & pillows on display that all the children worked on these last few weeks for the foster children of the Comfort & Hope organization. We made fleece blankets & stuffed matching pillows as well as little pocket hugs and then we prayed over them each night. They will be delivered to Comfort & Hope soon. We also traveled to the Blackburn Home earlier in March & the kids assembled treat bags for everyone there. It was so nice to see them all again this year. We also want to acknowledge some of our older kids that volunteer every week to help clean up after dinner: Andrew Codner, Isla Klimas, Adeline Sauline, Marcella Cowles and Mellina Bowers. Parents, be proud of them, they are setting good examples for others. Kids Klub will resume in September 2025.

Blessings, *Kitty & Janell*

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

CAMP 2025 DON'T MISS OUT

Remember to check out all the fun summer camps online to see if there is something that appeals to your children. Lots of different venues; something for everyone. Financial aid is available through camp offices and our church will pay half of your camper's fees. I am here to answer your questions.



Happy Camping,
Kitty Matteson

GLANCE AT FINANCE

	<u>FEB</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$20,175.00	\$ 32,644.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 3,169.00	\$ 5,757.00
Other revenues	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 3,376.00
Reimbursements	\$ 2,118.00	\$ 3,218.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$ 23,178.00</u>	<u>\$ 42,726.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	\$ 3,909.00	\$ 2,269.00

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



Thank you to all of the children, families and church members who visited The Blackburn Home to bring us the joy of youth, music and cookies too!

Everyone at The Blackburn Home

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 29 - 6-7PM OR WED APR 30 - 9-10AM

TAKE OUT CHICKEN DINNER

Poland UMC'S
Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner

Thur, April 3rd

3:30PM til Sold Out

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1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland OH 44514

To support our UM outreach and Missions



Good Friday Service

THE SEVEN WORDS

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION:
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH,
2729 CENTER ROAD, POLAND, OHIO
330-757-1545

Please join us as the Poland Churches gather together in prayer, led by the clergy from Poland Presbyterian, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Heritage Presbyterian, Bethel Friends, Poland United Methodist, and Holy Family Parish.

First Word- “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

- Dr. Paul W. Anderson, Poland Presbyterian

Second Word- “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in paradise.”

-Pastor Audra Franley, Prince of Peace Lutheran

Third Word- “Woman, Behold your son! Behold your mother!”

-Very Rev. Martin Celuch, Holy Family Parish

Fourth Word- “Eli, Eli, Lema Sabachthani?” “My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?”

-Dr. Meta Cramer, Bridge Pastor, Heritage Presbyterian

Fifth Word- “I thirst.”

-Senior Pastor, Steve Rhodes, Bethel Friends

Sixth Word- “It is finished.”

- Pastor Paul Turner, Poland United Methodist Church

Seventh Word- “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.”

-Rev. John Rovnak, Holy Family Parish

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

MISSION TRIP NEWS

We are now selling Our Homemade Easter Candy . We have eggs in the following flavors: Peanut Butter, Vanilla, Chocolate, m&m, Coconut, Chocolate Nut these are \$5 each. We also have chocolate covered: pretzels, graham crackers, marshmallows, Oreos, mint Oreos and chocolate suckers these items are \$2 each. All money goes to the Mission Trip. available now - while supplies last.

We have set the dates and will be doing our Mission work with Habitat and the Mission Barn July 8-11. We would like to invite everyone to a community Worship Service (with the other churches participating with us) on Sunday July 13 to share about our week . More details will be coming later, this is just the 'save the date".

If you or you know someone interested in attending with us please let Eileen Crites or Pastor Paul know. We have to have paperwork and final counts to give to The organizations we are partnering with by the end of May.

In May and June we will be collecting items and money for the Mission Barn. More information will be sent out next month.

Thank you for the continued support. Your generosity enables us to do this.



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.

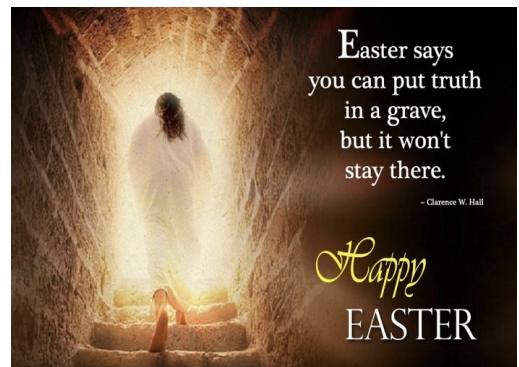


LET'S RIDE AND ROLL WITH THE LORD, AMEN!



DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are now in the stages of putting the directory together! Please stay tuned for a completed date!



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News from last month:

In the **Kindergarten Readiness classes** they learned the following letters --and did coordinating activities on them:

Z (Zoo animals), L (Leprechauns), R (Rain and the Water Cycle), and N (Nests).

In the **Rainbow class** the themes were: Baby Animals in Springtime, Birds in Springtime, St. Patrick's Day & Rainbows, and Clouds, Wind, and Rain.

In the **Teddy Bear class** the themes were Under the Sea, Rain, Rain Go Away, St. Patrick' Day, and Going On A Safari.

All four classes also enjoyed a fun filled St. Patrick's Day! That sneaky Leprechaun came and caused havoc in the classrooms--he broke through our traps and made a mess everywhere, but at least he left some gold coins and treats behind for the children!

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 Fall Term---and will be starting enrollment for our Summer Fun Camp next week. You can reach us at the child care office (330-757-9747) or email: pbccc@polandumc.org.

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