

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE

We are coming into the season of Lent that will start with Ash Wednesday and be forty days long. Ash Wednesday kicks off Lent and reminds us of our own human mortality. Going back to the book of Genesis we remember that God created us from dust and to dust we shall return or ashes to ashes.

In the season of Lent, we reflect upon our human condition and the flow of life from birth to death. As Christians in Lent, we move towards the new life we have in the spirit of Jesus Christ conquering death and bring new life through resurrection. Our Christian faith resides in the new life we have now and eternally through Jesus Christ saving grace and love that gives us eternal hope. We are Christian people that know that death has lost its sting, and Christ has the final victory over death and his love rules supreme.

Read this passage from Romans 6:5-11 NIV. *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. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,<sup>[a]</sup> that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Our sins that have led to death have been taken away from Christ crucifixion on the cross and we have a new life now and for eternity. Not just in Lent or the Easter Season do we have this new life but always when we put our faith in Jesus's saving grace we are made anew. We are Easter People, and we will be exploring our resurrection roots during Lent in a sermon series entitled "We Are Easter People". I invite you to come this Lenten Season to have a new abundant life in Christ and to say together that We Are Easter People!!

*Pastor Paul*



## VBS FUNDRAISER DRIVE THRU PEPPERONI ROLL SALE

Order your fresh baked pepperoni rolls again!. These are a favorite at our Upward Basketball Games. Loaded with lots of pepperoni & cheese baked in our hand-rolled dough. Individual size rolls are \$4.00 each. Pre-order to ensure we don't sell out. Sunday March 9th from 12-2:00 pm. They can be picked up immediately after church inside OR you can use our drive thru from 12-2:00 pm. Order forms are available or you can call the church office before March 5th. Please help support our Vacation Bible School!

## VBS FUNDRAISER

### FRESH BAKED PEPPERONI ROLLS



*Loaded with pepperoni & cheese*

*\*An Upward Game Day Favorite\**



## SAVE THE DATE ---GLOW EGG HUNT SUNDAY APRIL 13TH

More information to follow soon for registration dates, but we are now accepting individually wrapped candy donations for this Easter Egg Hunt. Donations by April 1st please.

## KIDS KLUB UPDATE

It's hard to believe this session of Kids Klub has only 4 Wednesdays left, but we have a busy month ahead. We will continue working on our projects for Comfort & Hope; the kids work each night on pillows, blankets & pocket hugs and then we



gather around & pray over them together. They have made 6 pillows, 6 blankets & 50 pocket hugs, so far. On March 12, we will again be visiting our friends at the Blackburn Home. The kids will sing some songs & we will give the residents & staff a St. Patrick's Day treat bag that the kids made for them. We will be taking our church bus, which the kids love! Our Spring Sing will be March 29th; this will be our last night until fall. It's been such a blessing being with all the kids & having such a devoted Kids Klub team!

*Blessings, Kitty & Janell*

## CAMP 2025 DON'T MISS OUT



# GLANCE AT FINANCE


	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$12,469.00	\$ 12,469.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 2,589.00	\$ 2,589.00
Other revenues	\$ 1,751.00	\$ 1,751.00
Reimbursements	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$ 19,548.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,548.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	\$( 1,639.00)	\$ ( 1,639.00)

***Thank you to each one who continues to support PUMC!***

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



POLAND INTERFAITH <sup>+</sup>

*Food Pantry*



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

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**TUES MAR 25 - 6-7PM OR WED MAR 26 - 9-10AM**

**TAKE OUT CHICKEN DINNER**

Poland UMC'S  
Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner

Thur, March 6

3:30PM til Sold Out

\$10 ea

1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland OH 44514

To support our UM outreach and Missions





# Poland Churches Lenten Luncheon Series 2025

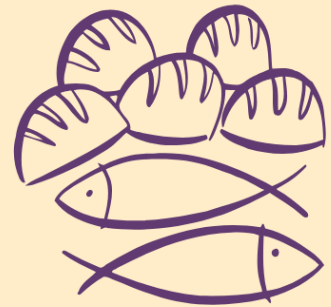
The ecumenical leadership teams from Bethel Friends Church, Heritage Presbyterian Church, Poland Presbyterian Church, Poland United Methodist Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran, and Holy Family Catholic Church invite you to a Lenten reflection series on:

## "JESUS REVEALED THROUGH SIGNS"



### Location

Holy Family Parish Center  
2729 Center Road, Poland  
330-757-1545



*Faith is an action word, as we have that personal relationship with our living Savior, we need to be doing something for God every day. This Lenten season, as we explore a time of sacrifice and penitence, fasting and renewal, we want to explore the things Jesus did, and apply them to our journey of faith.*

- **March 12, 2025**      **Signs of Abundance**  
Speaker- Pastor Audra Franley, Prince of Peace Lutheran
- **March 19, 2025**      **Signs of Cleansing**  
Speaker- Senior Pastor Steve Rhodes, Bethel Friends
- **March 26, 2025**      **Signs of Healing**  
Speaker- Dr. Paul W. Anderson, Poland Presbyterians
- **April 2, 2025**      **Signs of Plenty**  
Speaker- Pastor Paul Turner, Poland United Methodist
- **April 9, 2025**      **Signs of New Life**  
Speaker- Bridge Pastor Meta Cramer, Heritage Presbyterian

Session Schedule: 12:00pm-12:15pm      Meditation  
12:15pm-1:00pm      Luncheon\*

**CALL HOLY FAMILY DIRECTLY TO MAKE A RESERVATION - 330-757-1545.**

# **BOOK REVIEW CLUB** **AT BOARDMAN UMC'S LIBRARY**



The Book Review Club will meet  
Tuesday, March 4th at 11:30AM  
at Boardman UMC.

**Penny Wells from *Sojourn to the Past***

Bring your own lunch.  
Dessert and coffee provided.  
Any questions call/text  
Chris Grabert 330-720-9461.



Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and taking down the Christmas decorations! So appreciative for all the willing helpers that made it that much faster and easier!

***Sandy Beckwith***

Thank you to Marty and Kitty Matteson for cleaning up the floors and freezer when the thermostat went out! And thank you to Rob Simon for putting in the new thermostat sensor for such emergencies!

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

*March 5, 2025*

### **Receive Ashes**

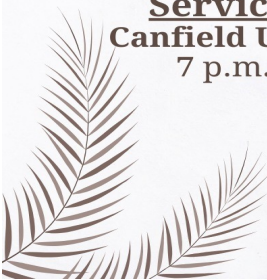
**Poland UMC**

6 a.m. - 8 a.m.

**Canfield UMC**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Service**  
**Canfield UMC**  
7 p.m.



## **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

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

**Order your Easter flowers by March 20th!**

Daffodils | Tulips | Lilies | Hyacinths | \$10 ea  
Order forms in the Foyer or call Connie in the office.



# PUMC Sister Circle Presents: Adult Cabin Fever Craft & Hobby Get Away Day



Children's Activities & Childcare  
NOT Provided for this event

Lunch provided  
Bring your  
Own Crafts &  
Hobbies: Puzzles,  
Card Games,  
Board Games, etc.

Sunday,  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
12 - 5pm

Simple craft kits  
Available for participants



Bring a snack  
to share



Join us for a creative afternoon of uninterrupted hobby time.  
Come and Go as you please. RSVP (330) 757-1553  
For additional information see Karen Visingardi or Barb Moore



# BOY SCOUT UPDATE



Cameron Wheatley had his Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday February 23rd at PUMC. He became the 122nd Eagle Scout in Scout Troop 9002 to place his name on the Eagle Honor Roll plaque. His project was to build large shelving for Ronald McDonald house in Akron.

**Tom Semer**

- Thank you PUMC for your continue support of Scouting!



# MISSION TRIP NEWS

We will be doing a at home Mission trip this year. The dates will be July 8-12. We are partnering with Habitat to build a house, and with the United Methodist Mission Barn. We will be helping to build handicap ramps, as well as putting together and sorting through Hygiene kits, Flood buckets (cleaning kits) and Menstration kits. We will share more information on how everyone can help collect these items in the near future.

We will meet each morning to have breakfast and devotions then head out to the work sites. We will join back up in the evening for dinner and a nightly devotion. Then everyone can go home to sleep in their own beds. To come back the next morning. We welcome any help even if you can only participate in a couple of the days. Please talk to Eileen Crites or Pastor Paul .

We will also be having our Easter candy fundraiser. We will be making filled eggs, and chocolate covered goodies. They will be sold the three Sundays before Easter or until we run out.



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**News from last month:**

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

Y (Yoga), Q (Queens and Kings), V (Valentines), W (Whales) and D (Dinosaurs).

In the **Rainbow class** the themes were: All About Reptiles, Love and Kindness, Dental Hygiene, and Dr Suess Week.

In the **Teddy Bear class** the themes were Good Manners, Spreading Love and Kindness, Outer Space, and Down on the Farm.

All four classes also enjoyed a fun filled Valentine Party on Valentine's day!

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---you can reach us at the child care office (330-757-9747) or email: [pbccc@polandumc.org](mailto:pbccc@polandumc.org).



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