



THE MESSENGER

POLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Dear friends in Christ,

It's been over 100 years since we have had a pandemic of this magnitude. We are currently seeing medical workers, grocery store employees, truckers and a multitude of other essential professions working countless hours to keep us safe and functioning. While at the same time we are experiencing millions of people stuck at home feeling not only stir crazy but a little anxious.

Since this is new territory we are uncertain what to make of this and what to do next. How much is too much? How much is not enough? Who do we listen to and how do we respond?

Well, I believe there is a two part response to this dilemma. First, from a practical perspective, we listen and respond to Dr. Acton, the Ohio Dept. of Health Director. If you have ever read her back story you will realize that she not only has the wisdom but also the heart to keep us all safe. She has no agenda other than our well being. This is truly a blessing.

Secondly, for our spiritual and emotional well being we seek God. God has not only provided people such as Dr. Acton and others to assist us, but will personally be with each and every one of us each and every moment of the day.

Just as the Apostle Paul tells us in the scripture above, "Do not lose heart," we need to remember that God has not left us. This pandemic may be new, but all of us individually and as a nation and world have gone through difficult times in the past. And even though some of those times may have been extremely hard, God has seen us through them.

When we look around we may see turmoil, but as the scripture tells us, we should not focus on simply what we see but rather the unseen. Which is the power of God at work in our lives.

This may be the new norm for a little while longer. And as much as none of us are excited about this, we need to remember that god is still with us and has sent us people to assist. So as long as we use our wisdom, our discernment and our faith, will not only survive but thrive.

God's Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ken

SINGLE BOARD

CONNECT, SERVE, GROW

"Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go; May daily labor to pursue, Thee only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do. The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill, In all my works thy presence find and prove thy good and perfect will."

Charles Wesley

PUMC has needs, right now, for volunteers to participate in various committees to fulfill the charge we have been given, "To Make and Mature Disciples of Jesus Christ".

Please review the "Cabinet Primary Roles and Responsibilities" matrix attached. We are asking you to find an area where your gifts and talents lead you assist or perhaps even chair.

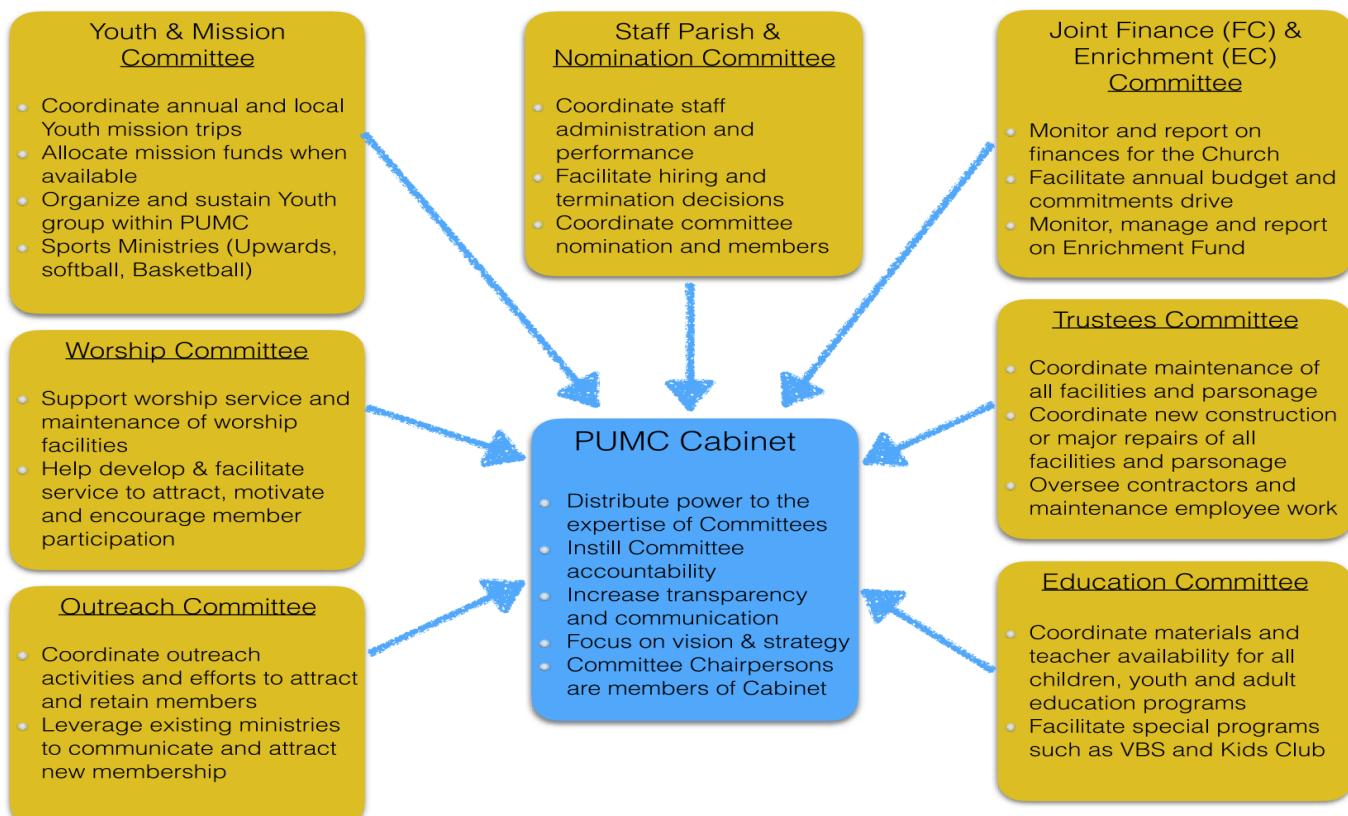
Youth and Missions, Trustees, Worship, Outreach and Education are committees that need some attention. We are also looking to assemble a Tech team.

If you wish to participate contact Pastor Ken or any member of the Single Board, Eileen Crites, Rick Horvath, Charlie Lasky, Bob Long, Blaise Prentiss, Patty Tchoryk or Larry Warren.

Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers currently serving.

PUMC Single Board

Cabinet Primary Roles & Responsibilities



PUMC APP

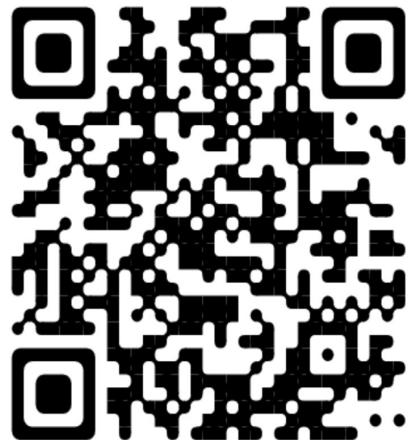
Hi everyone,

We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe! If you haven't already done so, use this extra time you have to download the Poland UMC app for iPhone and Android! You can even use it on an iPad! We currently have 109 unique devices using the app for updates, reading the bible, submitting prayer requests to the prayer wall, accessing devotionals and giving to our church!

We advertised this to our Upward Basketball families, Kids Club, our congregation through signage and church announcements, the community through Facebook, the childcare center through Erica and the Boy Scouts through Tom Semer. We activated a sign-up sheet for any youth who may be interested in joining the events we are planning in the future. There are 8 who have set up giving through the app and we encourage people to use it for all its features but giving at this time, in any form, is very important to keep the ministries of our church going.

If you are reading this email from your phone, you can click on <https://tithely.app.link/poland-united-methodist-church> or the scan code found in this messenger as well. Feel free to reach out to Tristan Codner, Becca Simon or Charlie Lasky with questions.

NEW PUMC CHURCH APP



IN MEMORIAM



Here at Poland United Methodist Church we have three flexible avenues to remember those loved ones who have passed on to be in the presence of our Lord or bequeath to PUMC part of your estate. Gifts may be donated directly to the church or through the Memorials committee. Gifts can also be given directly to the PUMC endowment fund so that they can be a part of the long term funding of the Church ministries or capital improvements.

Either way you can decide where or how you would like those gifts to be used to continue our ministries. Over the years there have been donations for college scholarships, stained glass windows, the general operating fund, trees planted, hymnals, Bibles, Enrichment Funds just to name a few. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Ken, Finance, Enrichment or Memorials.

MISSION TRIP

We are heading to South Carolina June 20 to the 28th. We could really use another adult or 2. At this time I am the only adult from Poland, making the trip. I could use a little help along with needing an adult to help with crews and be a driver or copilot for the traveling.

The other area we could use help with is a need to restock some of our supplies/materials. We will have a box in the back of the Foyer for donated items for example: paint supplies (rollers, pans/trays, brushes, painters tape....) dry wall items (squares, trowels, scrapers, sandpaper, dust masks.....) drill bits, duct tape, masking tape, carpenter pencils, utility knives, sharpies, ratchet straps, wonder/pry bars, heavy duty hand wipes..... We have used a lot of these items the past few years and are in need of restocking enough to go around for multiple crews. Any help we can get to replace these items would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for the continued support. If you have any questions or can help in any way, please call or text me, **Eileen Crites** at 330-402-5215.



**POLAND-BOARDMAN
CHILD CARE CENTER**

**Preschool
and
Childcare**

330-757-9747

We have been approved by the State of Ohio to be able to stay open as a pandemic child care center. Please pass the word to anyone you know who is working in a field that provides health, safety, and other essential services that need to stay open during this pandemic. They will be able to bring their children to our center while they work. I believe the state will be offering financial assistance to help with the fees of children whose parents are in this category.

DONATED ITEMS NEEDED

NEW ITEMS:

- Drawing paper
- Writing paper
- Play dough
- Paper plates
- Lunch bags
- Coloring books
- Duct tape
- Markers
- Crayons
- Cotton balls
- Straws
- Q-tips
- Popsicle sticks
- String or yarn
- Rubber bands
- Staples
- Paper clips
- Beads
- Ziploc bags
- Hand sanitizer
- Plastic shoe box containers

USED OR RECYCLED MATERIALS:

- Paper for drawing
- Toilet paper rolls (just the cardboard inserts)
- Paper towel rolls (just the cardboard inserts)
- Empty oatmeal canisters with lids
- Bottles with lids
- Lids of any size
- Baby wipe containers
- Empty Pringles cans
- Magazines
- Buttons
- Any plastic containers with lids
- Microscope or other Science items

CHICK DINNER

Believe it or not, it takes about 25 people to put together the monthly chicken dinner. With sickness, vacations, etc., we need to expand our pool of volunteers. This ministry was started to help our UM outreach and missions. We hope to continue for many years to come, but more help is needed. Here is what a typical day consists of:

Morning Jobs (9AM)

Trimming and stuffing chicken breasts (8 people).

Midafternoon Job (1PM)

Making mashed potatoes (1 person).

Afternoon Jobs (3PM)

Filling foam containers with mashed potatoes and green beans (8 people)

Running a utility cart of dinners to the Foyer as they are being filled (1 person)

Packing the dinners in bags (2 people)

Recording the number of dinners sold (1 person)

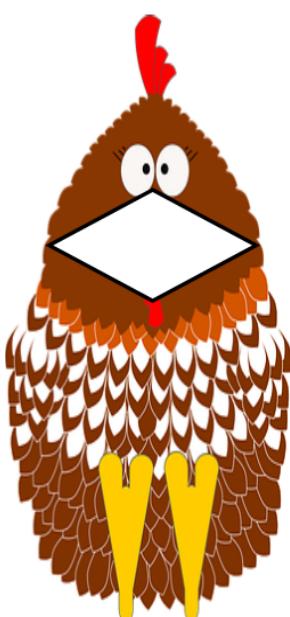
Taking dinners to the cars and collecting money (2 people)

Washing pots and pans (1 person)

If you would be interested in helping out with any of these jobs, please contact Jan Sharp 330-728-7774 or let Connie know in the office.

Thank you so much!

Jan Sharp



POLAND UMC'S
DRIVE THRU
CHICKEN DINNER
CANCELLED

Thu, Apr 2

3:30 til sold out!

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UM outreach and missions



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