



Beth Canfield – Children's Study Leader

Beth works as nurse practitioner for Cleveland Clinic Pain Management. She has been married to Brian Canfield for thirty years. Their daughter Emma graduated last year from ONU and is completing pharmacy residency. Their son Ike graduated from Otterbein Univ. and is taking a year off before returning to school. Zoey, their one-year-old corgi will pass canine good citizen training later this year to start pet therapy.



Mary Beth Manns – Children's Study Leader

Mary Beth has been a teacher with Northwest Local Schools for 33 years and is a member of the Canal Fulton UMC. She is active in various community groups. Mary Beth enjoys reading, crafting, gardening, bike riding and spending time with family. She is the mother of Matthew, Meredith and Ryan, and Morgan, and grandmother to Henry. Being a grandmother is her greatest joy.



Mikaela Ashburn and Olivia Dixon – Youth Study Leaders

They became instant friends during their first Mission u in 2010. From opposite corners of the state – Olivia, the Dayton area, and Mikaela, the Youngstown area, they maintained their friendship via social media when not at Mission u. After multiple years of only getting to see one another once a year, a higher power said enough is enough. Both girls decided to attend Ohio University, where rather than living 230 miles away from one another, they lived less than a quarter-mile. While attending Ohio

University, Olivia and Mikaela were asked to join the Mission u team as the Youth study leaders, a dream they had shared since they were 13. Both girls were also involved with the Kappa Phi Christian Sisterhood, where they continued to grow not only their faith but also their friendship. Mikaela graduated from Ohio University in 2019 with her Degree in Journalism; Olivia followed in 2020 with degrees in Social Work and Political Science. Both are currently in Grad School studying social work. Currently, Olivia is a School-Based Therapist at Monticello elementary school in Huber Heights, and Mikaela is an Employment Specialist at OhioMeansJobs in Stark County. When not working or doing something for school, you can find Olivia hiking, volunteering, or at a concert. Mikaela can be found volunteering, baking, snuggling with her two cats, Noodle and Lucian, going to Disney, or at a concert with Olivia. Both are so excited to be coming back to lead the Mission u Youth Program again this year.



Rev. Robin Dillon – Adult Study Leader

Robin is an Elder in the East Ohio Conference and is currently the Lead Pastor at Lakewood United Methodist Church. She has served in several leadership roles within the Conference including the Dean of the Clergy Licensing School and on the Conference Board of Ministry. Robin is a gifted teacher and storyteller who uses humor to encourage others on the journey. She loves to laugh and can play a mean game of cards! The Gospel of Luke is one of her favorite scriptures because of its emphasis on women. She is excited to lead this year's study on Luke 13 that calls us into abundant living as a community of justice-oriented believers.