

The East Ohio Conference Media Center has been permanently closed. WUMC now has a subscription to AMPLIFY MEDIA (a division of the United Methodist Publishing House) which is an all digital media service with countless videos, podcasts, and audio books for use by any of our members. If you or your group would like to use this new media resource, please contact the main office for access information.

The 2023 altar flowers calendar is posted outside the church office. If you'd like to provide flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion, claim your date now!

Volunteers are needed for February & March for our post-service Holy Grounds fellowship time!

Would you be willing to:

- 1) provide food and host
- 2) provide food, someone else hosts
- 3) donate money, someone else buys the food and hosts

Contact Kay Bergen (kbergen340@aol.com)

63rd ANNUAL
YOUTH SPAGHETTI dinner

Carry out & delivery only

SAVE THE DATE!!
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 • 4:30-6:00P

ASP Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT warmer. safer. drier.®

Are you someone (youth grade 6 and up or adult) who would like to make a difference? WUMC is planning a mission trip with ASP (Appalachia Service Project). We may have a combined youth and adult trip or a two separate trips depending on interest. Check out asphome.org and/or contact Lisa Browning-Wiseman (lbrowning@woosterumc.org) or Bob Reynolds (rjr714@hotmail.com) to get more information.

Woven Women's Group
New 9-week study · Wednesday, February 8 · 6:30p in Room A

Discovering Joy in Philippians is an in-depth and interactive Bible study that engages your creativity as you study Scripture. This guide is designed to help you establish habits that lead to greater joy and peace. All are invited to discover joy in Philippians!

Books will be available at the first session and are free of charge.

Contact Beth Poremba (beth_michael@hotmail.com) or the church office to sign up for the study.

WUMC COLLECTS

Aluminum Pull Tabs
Like the kind you find on soft drinks or soup cans. These benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Used Eyeglasses
Collected for Wooster Noon Lions, who recycle them as part of their "Lions Recycle for Sight" program.

Cancelled Stamps
Kay Bergen oversees this collection which benefits Wickliffe Bible Translators (no flag stamps, please!).

Used Injet Cartridges
Revenue from recycling these benefits WUMC.

Collection containers can be found in the office hallway.

Weather-related WUMC closings will be reported on WQKT radio and on our Facebook Members & Friends page.



Circuit Rider

February 2023

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH connect • grow • serve


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Wednesday

Service at WUMC

7:00 p

Sanctuary



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The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

To Wooster UMC church family from Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Pastor Jim met with the Staff-Parish committee on January 12, where plans for moving forward and what our church needs in our next pastor were discussed. Mike Mann and Jane Braddock represented the committee in a meeting with District Superintendent Angela Lewis on January 18 and relayed the following points:

1. We are praying for a pastor who will be committed to children, youth, and family ministry.
2. We are praying for a pastor with a centrist theology, solid in our core beliefs stated in our Affirmations of Faith, while also being respectful of the views of others.
3. We pray for a pastor who is committed to moving our church forward through the building of personal relationships.
4. We pray for a pastor who will give strong sermons, preaching and teaching in areas focused on developing leadership, stewardship, discipleship, evangelism, and outreach.

We ask that you consider committing the next 30 days to prayer for our congregation, for Pastor Jim, for church leaders, and for Our East Ohio Bishop and Cabinet as they recommend appointment of our next pastor. We pray that our church may continue to "invite all to glorify God through discipleship in an active Christian community" (Wooster UMC Mission statement).

In addition, SPRC committee has contacted our District Superintendent Angela Lewis, giving her an opportunity to respond to Pastor Jim's letter with what it will mean for us to remain a United Methodist Church moving forward.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Craig Reynolds, Sue Redman, Mike Mann, Mark Bucher, Jane Braddock, Kay Bergen

Kind words

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul, and health to the body.

Proverbs 16:24

Dear Church, Thanks for naming me person of the week. I am blessed with the love and welcoming I have felt here. The poinsettia is beautiful! I know that this is where God wants me to be at this time in my life. Thanks and love, Deb Clow

Dear Church Family, I want to thank you for the birthday wishes for Clyde and for the beautiful kalanchoe plant. It certainly brightens things up. Thanks again and a Happy New Year to everyone. Clyde and Joanne Ebert

Betty and I gratefully received our UMC Youth Carolers and the cookies delivered to us recently. Thanks much, Betty and Richard Smith

Thank you United Methodist Church of Wooster for your generous donation and continued support. You are really helping to make a positive difference in the lives of our Club Kids in Wooster. By helping to provide a safe place for the kids to go after school, you've helped to provide them with a bright future. Warmest Gratitude, Jon Hutchison

Thanks so much for the "Person of the Week" poinsettia. It's a beautiful plant and reminds me of past years with the front of the sanctuary filled with poinsettias. Sincerely, Lou Umbach

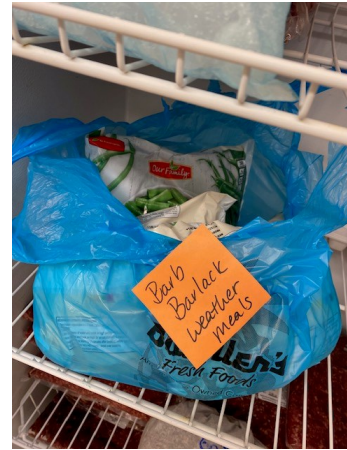
Please keep the church informed of illness and hospitalization of any person who may need a caring visit or phone call. Unless specifically requested by the patient, hospitals are no longer able to call the church, or give us information when we call.

Recently ill/hospitalized:

Recent deaths:



Far left: Staff gather at the Gerber's home for a holiday party.
Left: Bell choir members gather at the Shirer home for a holiday party.



Above: WUMC members provide meals for the Salvation Army when the temperatures dip.



Left: WUMC members ring the bells for the Salvation Army.

Below: Centershot archery program began at WUMC!



Above: This year's Mitten Tree gathered 29 hats and 43 pairs of gloves that were delivered to the residential students at the Christian Children's Home of Ohio.

Above & Left: WUMC members tubing at Snow Trails.