



**WUMC IN THE COMMUNITY UPDATE**

The Wooster Homelessness Task Force had requested Wooster UMC's help again this winter with their Severe Weather Shelter meals. This program operates whenever temperatures reach a wind chill reading of 25 degrees or lower.

We were asked to cover any Thursdays the shelter would be open this winter. On these Thursdays, Wooster UMC would be on call for a meal to feed 25-30 people.

Many hands are necessary to honor this commitment - volunteers were needed to prepare meals in advance, deliver meals to the shelter, serve meals, and organize volunteers.

We were able to gather 8 to prepare freezer meals, 2 to prepare a meal at home and deliver to the shelter, 5 to pick up meals at WUMC and deliver to the shelter, 7 to serve meals at the shelter, and 2 to coordinate it all!

Thanks to your generosity, a warm meal will be served on this winter's coldest days!

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




**WOOSTER UMC COLLECTS:**

- Aluminum pull tabs
- Our Family UPC codes
- Cancelled stamps (no flag stamps please)
- Used inkjet cartridges

Collection bins are in the church office hallway.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

HELPING HANDS NEEDED TO TAKE DOWN AND PUT AWAY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON JANUARY 8; PLAN TO STAY AFTER WORSHIP!

*Bible Study*

The Pathfinder's class invites all interested youth and adults to join us for an in-depth study of the Book of The Acts of the Apostles, detailing the missionary journeys of the first Christian disciples and apostles Peter, John, Paul, Silas, Barnabas, Timothy and others, who spread the message of Resurrection throughout the region surrounding the Mediterranean Sea and changed the world.

Our text will be The Acts of the Apostles, authored by renowned Biblical Scholar, Theologian, and Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism at the University of Glasgow, Dr. William Barclay. Books can be ordered at Books In Stock (140 E. Liberty Street). We look forward to having you join us for this study beginning January 15 at 8:45 a.m. in the Morton Room.

**HELLO THERE!**  
MY NAME IS

Name tags are back!  
Pick yours up in Wesley Hall!

If you need a replacement,  
please contact the office.

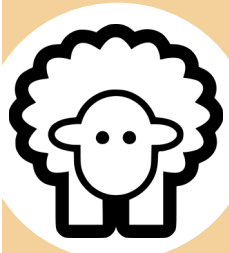



**Circuit Rider**

January 2023

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Christmas**  
MISSION RESULTS AT WUMC

-  WUMC Children's Ministry raised money to purchase 4 sheep from Heiffer International for families in need.
-  20 WUMC congregation members rang the bells for the Salvation Army.
-  75+ hats and gloves were gathered on the Mitten Tree and presented to Christian Children's Home of Ohio.
-  Over \$1,000 in donations for Alternative Christmas agencies People to People and Boys & Girls Club, Meals Together, and One Eighty.


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





**Kind words**  
**Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul, and health to the body.**  
 Proverbs 16:24

Sending a sincere thanks for the lovely mum plant, a real day brightener with bright yellow and orange blooms. Though I am unable to attend the church activities and services, I think it is encouraging and lovely to keep in touch with my church fellowship. Wishing everyone a lovely Holiday Season!  
 Sincerely, Marie Rutledge

Dear WUMC Congregation:  
 Again you have helped Meals Together by donating containers. Thanks for supporting us!  
 Pat Merrill, Director

WUMC STAFF would like to thank the SPRC committee for the holiday luncheon they provided us. We enjoyed the opportunity to gather together for a delicious meal.

Dear Friends,  
 Thank you so much for the plant and all of your heartfelt messages. The plant is growing, looking like it will bloom in time for Christmas. I will receive chemo as an in-patient starting December 14 for about two weeks.  
 Hope to get home after Christmas.  
 Thank you, especially for your prayers. I feel them!  
 Love, Jan Miskimen



**Holy Grounds**  
 Sponsors needed!

**Sponsors are needed for Holy Grounds!**

Options:  
 1) You provide food and host,  
 2) You provide food, others host, or  
 3) You provide money, others purchase food and host.

See Kay Bergen or contact the church office if you can help!

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:** Jan Miskimen, George Yoder  
**Recent deaths:**



**WOOSTER UMC is starting a Centershot Ministries Program!**

**WHAT IS CENTERSHOT?**

Centershot Ministries is a non-denominational outreach program for students in grades 4-12 that shares the Gospel of Jesus using the life-skills of archery.

**WHY ARCHERY?**

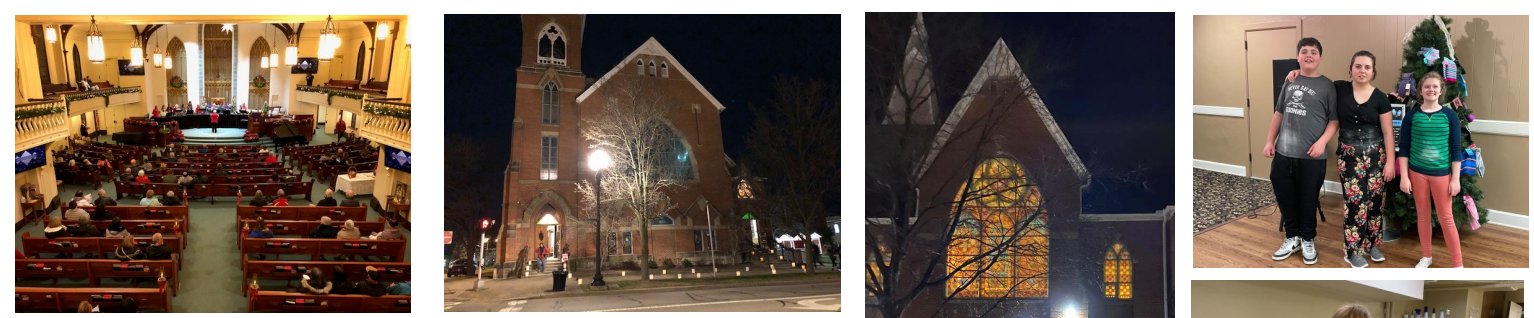
- It is affordable and can be done year-round!
- It levels the playing field and is very safe!
- It promotes a growth, fitness and endurance!
- It is fun, exciting, and adventurous!

**WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?**

The first league will begin at WUMC in January and will last 8 weeks.  
 Cost is \$50.  
 Limited space available; get more info by visiting [woosterumc.org](http://woosterumc.org) and clicking the Centershot button on the homepage.



**Photo Gallery**



Above & right: Scenes from the Wooster Historic Church Tour.

Below: WUMC youth organized a Parent's Night Out and planned activities for kids left in their care.

Below: Directed by Lisa Browning-Wiseman, WUMC kids performed "Simeon the Grumpy Shepherd" on December 18.



Above: Youth making cookies for caroling, Holy Grounds, and the Burning River Brass concert.

Left: WUMC Carolers visited Ferne Haghiri and other WUMC members.