

## WUMC HELPING HANDS



### WE'RE READY TO HELP!

WUMC Helping Hands ministry began from a desire to lend a hand to those in our congregation and community who need a little help with small projects around their homes.



### WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

- moved a chair upstairs from a basement
- washed two windows above a sink
- fixed a keypad (replaced batteries)
- tilled, raked, and seeded a 4' x 6' area in a yard
- installed 6 window blinds
- stained and repaired some deck boards
- provided transportation to an appointment
- removed a basketball pole and recycled

### COULD YOU USE A HAND?

We're waiting to hear from you!



Contact Mike Mann  
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 • 330.749.1752



Do you have a musical talent to share with the WUMC congregation — or know someone who does? The **Summer Sunday Series** at WUMC will feature the talents of Ohio Light Opera performers, local groups, and members of the WUMC congregation.

Music Director Nancy Franck is looking to fill slots in August and September; contact her for more information (nfranck@woosterumc.org).



## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

### ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES!

SUNDAY, JULY 16

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Pastor David is eager to meet WUMC families with children or youth in the home! To do that, he is hosting two PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR lunches, one on July 16 and one on July 23. Come to the Rainbow Room following worship on one of these dates to enjoy lunch with the Rittgers family!

Volunteers are needed for July and August 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)



The combined Sunday school class is using Food Truck Party VBS curriculum for a fun summer program! Watch our Facebook Members & Friends page for photos of the kids having food truck party fun!

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date

We'll cap off summer Sunday school with a real food truck! The Rolling Leaf Food Truck will visit WUMC on Sunday, August 20!

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

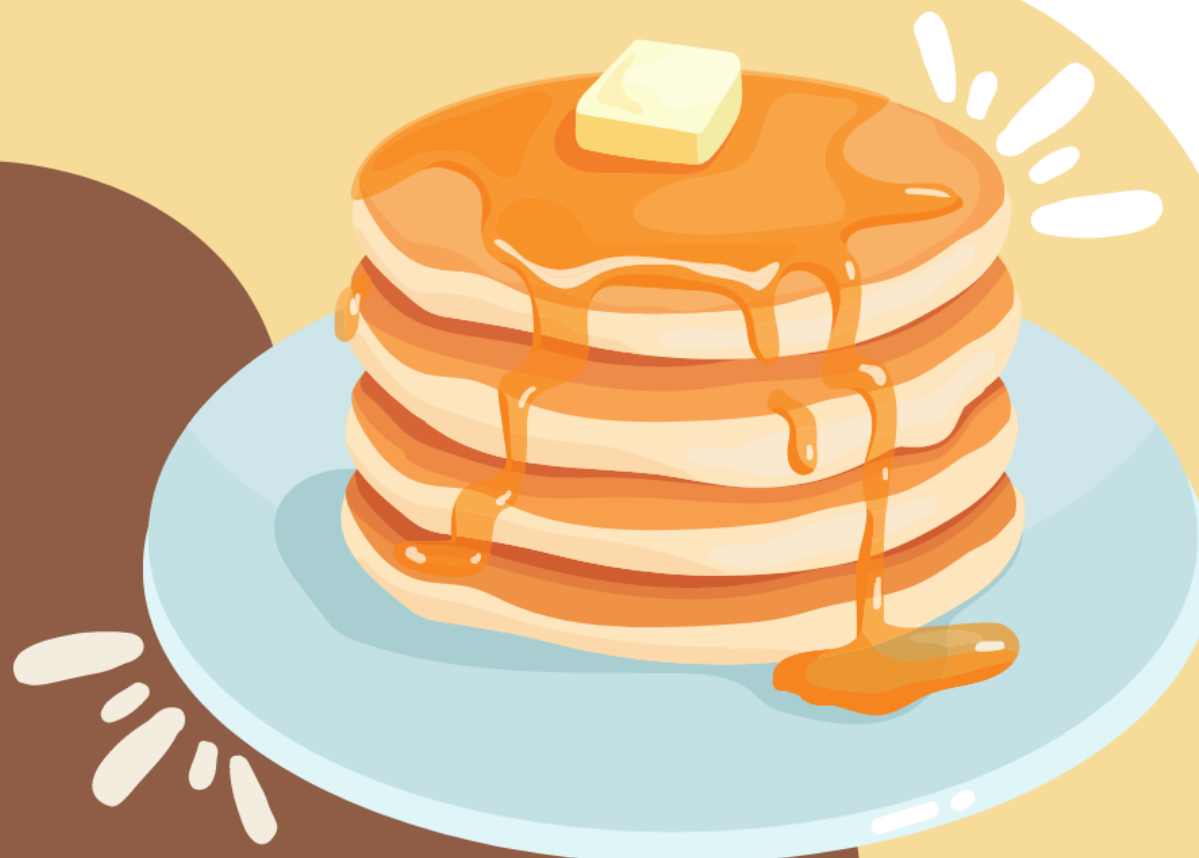


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# Pancake Breakfast

to welcome the Rittgers family on July 2 following worship!



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### Kind words

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

Proverbs 16:24

Thank you, Lappers group, for sewing book bags for the Fredericksburg Community Library's Summer Reading Program! These bags are so appreciated by our summer readers, encouraging them to keep reading year 'round! Thanks, Jane Braddock

Dear Ones, What a happy surprise to be honored as the WUMC Person of the Week. Thank you for the perky yellow Gerbera Daisy and the many kind words of appreciation. May God continue to bless our church family as we grow together in love and fellowship. Linda Smith

Thank you for the plant and cards you sent to me as Person of the Week. It just warmed my heart to hear from so many of you. Shirley Bauman

Thank you so much. Your thoughtfulness is bright enough to light the world. Thank you for all your kindness and effort. The Corbett Family

Church Members - Thanks for choosing me as Person of the Week. The pot of flowers are beautiful - thanks! My birthday was celebrated with family. 85 - cannot believe it! Janis Kennedy

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and for being "Person of the Week" for our 68th wedding anniversary. Jack has been in Hospice Care since July. We haven't been to the church lately but we do watch the service online. Thank you for caring for us and all who sent cards! God Bless! Jack and Jean Leonard

Thank you for choosing us as Persons of the Week. What a surprise to receive a beautiful flower and lovely cards! Jim & Barb Barlak



### WUMC welcomes Pastor David Rittgers and his family!

Pastor David is glad to be part of the Wooster community, having previously served as pastor of several United Methodist Churches in northeast Ohio for a total of about 20 years. He enjoys creating environments where the great story of God's love, grace, and mercy, shown to us in Jesus Christ, connects to people's everyday lives, bringing about transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Most recently, David has enjoyed helping the Church adapt as we move "off the map" into "uncharted territory." He plans to focus his attention primarily on four main areas of ministry: worship/preaching, administrative/staff oversight, pastoral care, and adult discipleship/leadership development.

David enjoys music and sports and plans to get involved with community groups outside of the church. David and Beth have been married since 1995 and have three children – Daniel, Joshua, and Anna.



Wednesday, July 19

Noon in Wesley Hall

Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Bring \$5 towards pizza.

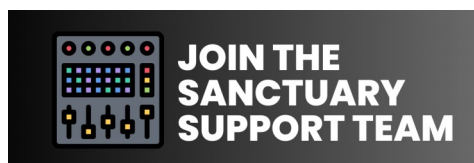
Bring a side or snack to share if you wish!



Meals Together is in need of plastic containers (new or clean used containers like those used for Cool Whip, sour cream, or yogurt).

Place donations on the kitchen pass-through window counter.

Thanks from Pat Merrill, Meals Together Director!



WUMC is looking to add members to the Sanctuary Support Team. The SST helps keep the congregation and community engaged with Sunday services.

Complete training is available; you don't need to be a tech whiz!

Contact Nathan Greene (ngreene@woosterumc.org) for more info.

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: Yvonne Durrant



## Photo Gallery



Above: Verna Oehlenschlager celebrates her 100th birthday with members of her circle.

Below: Sunday School classes are following the Food Truck Party VBS curriculum this summer.



Below: Lisa Browning-Wiseman and members of youth made these keychains for Father's Day.



Above: Youth serve at Goodwill & enjoy lunch together.

Below: WUMC participated in a combined area UMC VBS with a "Babylon: Daniels Courage in Captivity" theme.



Above: A special thank you to the Lappers group for sewing 40+ book bags for the Fredericksburg Community Library's Summer Reading kiddos!! Here are just a few of the happy recipients!

Below: Ladies Night Out at Buchwalter Greenhouse.



Below: WUMC collected pet items to supply St. James Pet Food Pantry as a WUMC in the Community project. Proceeds benefit local pet owners in need of assistance to care for their animals.

