



# A TIME OF TRANSITION FOR WUMC

As WUMC prepares to bid farewell to Pastor Jim and welcome Pastor David, please note the following items:

- Following worship on June 18, Staff Parish Relations Committee will host a farewell reception in Wesley Hall for Pastor Jim and Shannon. Cards, letters, and love offerings should be turned into the office prior to that date and will be presented to Pastor Jim during the service.
- Following worship on July 2, Staff Parish Relations Committee will host a welcome reception in Wesley Hall for Pastor David and family.
- Staff-Parish Relations Committee encourages intentional prayer during this time of transition; that God will bless the Coopers in their ministry in a new place; that God will continue to bless WUMC as the Rittgers family arrives; and that the WUMC congregation will remain faithful, open to new things and all that God has in store for us. For this purpose, the church sanctuary and chapel will be open each Wednesday, from 9:00a-4:00p. You are encouraged to sign up for a prayer time at the "What's Up at WUMC?" table in Wesley Hall or just stop in when you have some time!

**Kids Sing on Father's Day!**

Dates are still available on the WUMC 2023 Altar Flowers Calendar. 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 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)

**CONTAINERS FOR MEALS TOGETHER**

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!

**JOIN THE SANCTUARY SUPPORT TEAM**

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 and you don't need to be a tech whiz! Contact Nathan Greene (ngreene@woosterumc.org) for more info.

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Circuit Rider

June 2023

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**MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

**WHO:** WUMC adults and youth · **WHAT:** Building "DaVinci bridges" at CCHO

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 19—Saturday, July 22 · **WHERE:** CCHO campus

WUMC is forming a mission team to join with others to help CCHO build up to four "DaVinci bridges", clear new hiking trails, and clean up an existing 9-hole disc golf course. This is a great opportunity for those who cannot commit to a longer mission trip:

- you can return to your home each evening
- you can participate all four days, only one day, a partial day, or anything in between
- there is no cost to participate (other than providing your own lunch each day)

If you'd like to be in the loop for further details:

- see the sign-up sheet at the "What's Up at WUMC?" table in Wesley Hall
- contact Bob Reynolds (rjr714@hotmail.com)
- call the church office

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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 for my potted begonia plant. I will plant it on my patio and enjoy it all summer. Thanks again!  
Doris Snoddy

I received many cards from members of our church, even from many I do not know. I thank you all for thinking of my birthday. I also want to thank you for the spaghetti dinner and dessert. Thank you, Yvonne Durrant

Many thanks for the flowers and all the cards I received as Person of the Week. Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated. Dianne Sleek

I would like to thank you for the beautiful cyclamen plant you sent to me as Person of the Week. I have been rehabbing at West View since January for injuries sustained from a fall. Yvonne Brown

Dear Church Family: What a blessing it was to be Birthday Person of the Week! The beautiful cards and lovely plant have been great reminders of our wonderful church family. Kathy Kapp



**NEW NAME TAGS ARE HERE!** Let's make Pastor Rittgers' transition to WUMC a little easier and help him learn our names! There's a new way to identify yourself at WUMC! We have phased out the plastic name tags that have been in use for many years, and integrated updated name tags. The new design can be produced here at WUMC, will be more cost-efficient, and will be easier to update when necessary.

You will find new name tags in alphabetical order in the office hallway (if your nametag was on the Larwill racks, we simply switched those out and you should find your nametag in your usual spot). Need a nametag? Add your name to the list near the name tag racks in the office hallway.

Don't worry, if you want to keep your plastic nametag for old time's sake, we'll hold on to them for a while so you have time to stop in the office to claim yours.



### WUMC LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, June 21

Noon in Wesley Hall

Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Bring \$5 towards pizza.

Bring a side or snack to share if you wish!

### WUMC HELPING HANDS

Sometimes you just need a little help—WUMC Helping Hands is here to offer just that! Do you have a small job (30-90 minutes) around your house that you cannot do by yourself? Let us help! Contact Mike Mann (mdm\_mann3@hotmail.com or 330.749.1752) for more information!

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: Mary Alice Barrett



## Photo Gallery



Below: Thanks to our spring work day crew for working together to beautify WUMC!



Above: Thanks to Lisa Browning Wiseman and Jillian Hostetler for making Mother's Day treats!



Above: Sunday school classes decorate WUMC windows with guidance from teacher Emily Zuercher.



Above: The Mary Martha Circle invited Cheryl Prem to share her doll ministry.



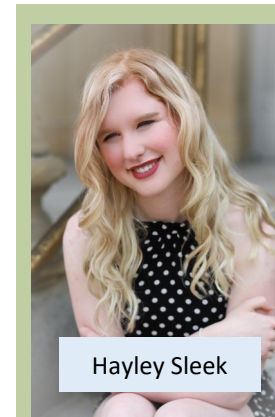
Right: Mother's Day Brunch.



Left: Youth mission day at Wooster Goodwill.



## Congrats to 2023 WUMC grads!



Hayley Sleek

Hayley Sleek was an active member of the drama club and choir while at Wooster High School.

After graduation she plans to attend Cleveland State University with a major in psychology and a minor in biology.



Anna Tefs

While at Wooster High School, Anna participated in swimming and drama.

She will attend the University of Illinois-Chicago, with plans to be a pediatric nurse in a hospital setting and work with children.

not pictured: Riley Brisbine

### We also extend our congratulations to these college grads:

Cameron Brisbine · Danny Fash graduates from Grove City College with a degree in Biblical and Religious Studies and plans to pursue an MBA