



THIS WEEK @ WUMC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:45a: Pathfinders Class | Morton Room
8:45a: Trailseekers Class | Turney Lounge
9:00a: Sunday School for Kids and Adults ~ Rally Day!
10:00a: Worship Service | Sanctuary
11:00a: Ministry Fair

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:30p: Campanile Bell Choir Rehearsal | Music Room
7:00p: Men's Bible Study | Room A

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00a: Holy Spirit Bible Study | Room A
1:00p: Staff Meeting
6:00p: Finance Committee Meeting | Room A
7:00p: Church Council Meeting | Room A

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:15a: Walking Group | Kinney Field
12:00p: Lunch Bunch | Wesley Hall
1:00p: Alzheimers Support Group | Morton
6:30p: Woven Ice Cream Bible Study | Hartzler's
6:30p: Mission-Focused Strategic Planning Group | Wesley

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:30p: Meals Together | Wesley Hall
7:00p: Choir Practice | Choir Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30a: Mission-Focused Strategic Planning Group Session | Wesley

Please note: Dates and times are subject to change. For the most current information, please visit woosterumc.org or contact the individual group leader.



PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of John Wesley who taught people to “Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God” we lift these prayers:

- For leaders and nations that they may choose the path of peace over the path of destruction
- Kathy Allen (sister of David Wilcox), undergoing cancer treatment
- Sheryl Edwards (sister of Kim Panter), pancreatic cancer treatments
- Chuck Vizzo (uncle of Aaron) on his August 30 passing



QUICK NOTES

- United Methodist Women invites new members; visit the What's Up Table for details!
- Don't forget about our ongoing collections; visit the What's Up Table for details!
- New at WUMC: LIFT (Living in Faith Together), an intergenerational faith formation curriculum. Watch the bulletin for details!
- The next Walk to Emmaus women's retreat will take place October 15-18. Learn more at heartofohioemmaus.org. Contact Sandy Riley (330.461.2526), Beth McCready (330.464.1166), or Jenni Patterson (330.621.4766) with questions.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Kathy Kapp and Cathy Nicholson | Liturgist: Pam Corbett
Music Director: Nancy Franck | Organist: Kyle Gould
A/V: Dave Braddock, Nathan Greene, Steve Grenert, Dave Riley, Aaron Vizzo
Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Fishburn, Jim Gallander | Acolyte: Boston Wilson
Altar flowers provided by Nancy Franck in celebration of family.
Holy Grounds invites you to Wesley Hall after the service. Thanks for your support!

WOOSTER UMC OUR SHARED VALUES

SERVING OTHERS

We join Jesus in recognizing and unconditionally serving those in need through fellowship and community outreach.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We provide opportunities for people to become more like Jesus by experiencing God's Word and sharing through worship and study.

INCLUSION/DIVERSITY

We celebrate and are strengthened by individual differences and the gifts that each person brings to the Body of Christ.

CHERISH YOUTH/CHILDREN/FAMILY

We nurture our children and youth through supportive relationships that help them grow in their walk with Christ.

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S RESOURCES

We joyfully and responsibly manage all that God has entrusted to our care.



WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

connect • grow • serve

Purpose:
We seek
to glorify
God.

Mission:
Love God
and Love
People.

Order of Worship for September 13, 2026

Processional Hymns ~ “Holy, Holy, Holy” UMH #64

“What Gift Can We Bring?” UMH #87

Greeting ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Special Music ~ “Deep, Deep Love” Arr. Mark Hayes ~ Colla Voce Choir featuring Eric Fairhurst, saxophone

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God:

C: Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.

L: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.

C: You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!

L: You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.

C: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.

L: O God, we are your children, created by and with your love.

C: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.

Praise Song ~ “House of the Lord” by Wickham and Smith

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 100 ~ Liturgist

Special Recognition Moment ~ Connie Mann

Litany of Blessing

Children's Moment (followed by dismissal for Children's Church)

Hymn of Preparation ~ “Surely the Presence of the Lord” UMH #328 (sung twice)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering Collections/Special Music

Special Music ~ “To Love Our God” by Mark Hayes ~ Colla Voce Choir

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer: God of Grace, you continually forgive and renew us. Teach us to extend that same mercy to others. Transform these offerings into ministries of compassion that reflect your love for the world. We give with grateful hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sermon: “Gifts and Fruit: Living in the Spirit” ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Main Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4:11; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, Galatians 5:13-18,

Galatians 5:19-23, Romans 8:26-28

Closing Hymn ~ “Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me” UMH #336

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

PLEASE STAY FOR A GROUP PHOTO IN THE NEWLY RENOVATED SANCTUARY!

WAYS
TO GIVE
@ WUMC



IN PERSON:
• VIA OFFERING PLATES IN THE SANCTUARY
• PERSONALIZED OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE:
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To Love Our God

Where does the wind come from?
Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?
Where does the wind come from?
Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?

The rain flows gently to the sea,
yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be?
How can these things be?
How can these things be?

Humanity works hard to make a name,
toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return to dust from whence we came.
All is empty,
All is empty, all is vain.

Chorus
To love our God, the reason we live;
To love our God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul, give life meaning,
makes us whole
For this purpose we were made...
to love our God.

To love our God, the reason that we live is
to love our God.

Chorus

Tag
To love our God, to love our God!



Welcome to Eric Fairhurst who will be accompanying the choir this morning. Eric was born and raised in Wooster, and earned his bachelor’s degree in instrumental music education from B.G.S.U. After teaching a year in public education he entered Christian ministry and has served in four different churches as minister of music, youth, senior adults, care pastor, and missions pastor. He currently serves as director of spiritual formation at Wooster Christian School where he teaches Bible, and provides pastoral care for the campus. In addition he performs with numerous musical ensembles and is commonly heard with the local jazz combo, “Standard Time Jazz”, along with Wooster UMC’s own Ed Rindfleisch! Eric is married to Becky, and they have three adult children, and two granddaughters.

Deep, Deep Love

Chorus
Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear
Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Chorus

Verse 1
Lord, my heart is filled with praises,
for Your goodness makes me sing.
Jesus, I'm forever grateful,
for Your love has done a work in me.

Chorus

Verse 1

Chorus

Tag
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.



RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY!
RALLY DAY! MINISTRY FAIR!





FALL
Gathering
OCTOBER 3

Sunday, October 4 | 4:00p | Moore’s Pond
(3675 West Smithville Western Rd., Wooster)
All are invited for kayaking, crafts and games. A great time to connect with church family! Bring a chair to sit on and a picnic dish to share (if your last name starts with A-M, bring a side dish, if it starts with N-Z, bring a dessert).



MINISTRY FAIR



Today Following Worship!
Don’t forget to browse the Ministry Fair, where you can discover new ways to connect, serve, and get involved at WUMC (and enjoy a special treat courtesy of SPRC).



“HELP AFTER HELENE”

Building Beyond Our Walls
As WUMC renovates our sanctuary, Pastor David and Church Council invite us to bless others who are building something new and support the ASP *Help After Helene* campaign to fill the \$50,000 financial gap to build a new home for a family impacted by Hurricane Helene. **A generous donor will double donations received between now and September 30, up to \$10,000!** Visit the What’s Up Table to learn more; scan the QR code to donate!



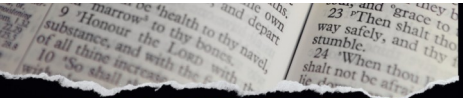
WELCOME BACK WUMC
COLLA VOCE CHOIR!





PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Sunday, October 4
Following Worship
Pastor David is eager to meet with anyone wanting to learn more about connecting at Wooster UMC! We’ll allow time for a church tour and then enjoy pizza and conversation! Sign up at the What’s Up Table in Wesley Hall or call the church office!



MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Begins September 23 | 6:30p
This 6-week study, Matt Chandler’s *Becoming Like Jesus* will explore the transformative power of the Beatitudes. The class will meet in Room C. Sign up at the What’s Up Table or contact Mark Bucher (msabucher@aol.com).

WOVEN WOMEN’S GROUP



NEW STUDY BEGINS!

Wednesday, September 23 | 6:30p
The Woven Women’s Group will begin the six-week study *Revelation: Extravagant Hope* by Margaret Feinberg. The group meets in Large Turney Lounge. Books are \$10. Visit the What’s Up Table in Wesley Hall to sign up!



BOOKS & PUZZLES

There were some changes in the spaces outside the sanctuary as well! Check out the former Rose Room, where you’ll find a free give-and-take library and a puzzle table!

WUMC LUNCH BUNCH



Wednesday, September 16 | Noon
All are invited to join us for Lunch Bunch—a casual time of food and fellowship for the whole congregation! Bring \$5 toward the pizza, or bring your own lunch if pizza isn’t your thing. Side dishes and snacks to share are welcome!



United Women in Faith

Monday, 9/21
9:30a | Room A
Reading Program

UWF’s Reading Program is a bit different from a typical book club—participants choose a book from a list or from the UWF library in Room A and share a brief summary of the book. Learning together and listening to each other can be a sacred encounter. You don’t need to be a United Women in Faith member to participate in the Reading Program. All are welcome to attend!



Person of the Week

You are encouraged to send a note or card.

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