

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship ~ January 19, 2025

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Pastor David Rittgers

Special Music: "Lead On O King Eternal" by Judy Phillips ~ Campanile Bells (Cannot be livestreamed due to licensing requirements)

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: Welcome to a time of wonder and music that calls us home.

C: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality.

L: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others.

C: Leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

Praise Song: "Build Your Kingdom Here" by Gilkeson, Llewellyn and Herron

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading: Psalm 36: 5-10 ~ Liturgist

Special Music: "A La Ru (A Christmas Lullaby)" arr. Jane McFadden

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" UMH #61

(Dismissal for Children's Church after the hymn)

Sermon: (Story #14) "A Kingdom Torn in Two" ~ Pastor David Rittgers

Main Scriptures: 1 Kings 12: 1-24 (NIV)

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95 UMH

Offering Prayer: **Gracious God, we give these gifts because you ask us to share. We dedicate this offering and our lives to your service, that the hungry may be fed, the oppressed may receive justice, and the stranger may be welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the bearer of your good news, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" UMH #715

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Serving in worship today

Greeters: Bob & Nikki Reynolds | Organist: Steve Gerber | Liturgist: Tony Lane
A/V: Dave Braddock, Nathan Greene, Steve Grenert, Dave Riley | Bells Director: Inez Shirer
Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch | Welcome Center: Beth & Lake Poremba
Altar flowers are provided by Kay Bergen ~In memory of my Parents.
Holy Grounds invites you to Wesley Hall after the service. Thank you for your support.



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IN PERSON:
• VIA OFFERING PLATES IN THE SANCTUARY
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**WOOSTER UMC
VALUES DISCOVERY WORKSHOP**

WHO WE ARE • WHY WE EXIST • WHERE WE WANT TO GO

Saturday, January 25 | 9:00a-3:00p

Come to the Values Discovery Workshop and help shape WUMC's future as we begin the process of discovering

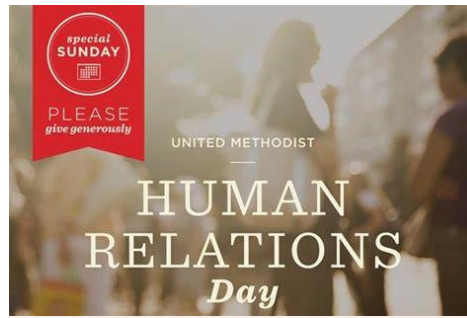
**WHO we are,
WHY we exist, and
WHERE we're headed.**

Our focus for this all-church event is on collaborating with others to discover our Shared Values. In other words, what are the most deeply held beliefs that we share congregation-wide?

We will gather and begin at 9:00a. Lunch is included.

We hope to have at least half of our congregation in attendance!

To help us know how much food to order, please sign up at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall, contact the church office, or use the mini sign up sheets at the end of the pews today!



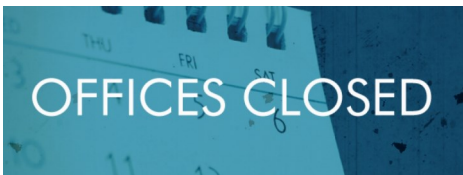
Today is one of six Special Sundays in the United Methodist Church, Human Relations Day, focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. On the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we take up a special offering to help bring his vision of a "beloved community" to life. Your gifts support important programs like Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation. Donations can be made at woosterumc.org by selecting the "Human Relations Day" tile on the GIVE page. You can also give via your usual method, noting "Human Relations Day."



Meals Together will provide a meal to the Wooster Homeward Bound shelter on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Volunteers are needed to pick up the prepared meal at WUMC, transport it to Homeward Bound on Grosjean Road, and help serve the meal. Sign up at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall or call the church office.



Join us for a special screening of **SCREEN AGERS**
Wednesday, January 29 | 6:00-8:00p
Wooster UMC will be hosting a screening of the documentary Screenagers. Join us as we learn more about the effects of screen time on kids and how caring adults can help them learn to navigate the digital world.



Please note that WUMC offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



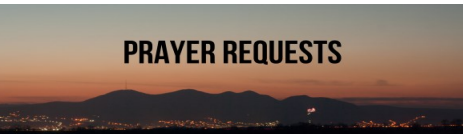
TODAY! January 19 | 4:00-6:00p
Join your church family in Wesley Hall for a fun evening of fellowship, pizza and games! Bring your favorite pizza to share (homemade or purchased), a beverage, and a board/card game. An event for all ages!



Monday, February 17
Carpooling is available if anyone needs a ride. Cost will be \$15 per person. Tickets for this event sell out fast so please let Ali know if you plan to attend.



Sunday, January 26 | 5:30p | Wesley Hall
Still thinking about joining the WUMC ASP (Appalachia Service Project) mission team? The trip is June 8-14; interested adults and students (completed 6-12 grade) should come to this meeting!



- Conflict around the world
- Becca McCready, ongoing blood cancer recovery
- Those impacted by the New Orleans attack
- Those impacted by California fires
- Families struggling with division
- Cease fire in the Middle East
- Family of Susan Umbach (Lou's daughter) on her January 7 passing (www.mcintirebradhamsleek.com)

Prayer requests remain on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.



The Lappers sewing group would like to request donations of heavy fabric (duck, corduroy, decorator fabrics) and Velcro (sew in type with no adhesive) for their upcoming projects. Place donations in the basket at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall or bring to the church office. Thanks for your support!



You are encouraged to send a note or card.
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