

# WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Order of Worship ~ April 27, 2025

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Special Music ~ "My Lord, What a Morning" arr. Greg Gilpin ~ Colla Voce Choir

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

**L:** Christ is alive! He is risen from the dead!

**C:** The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.

**L:** Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit!

**C:** We live with Christ in our hearts.

**L:** Clap your hands and shout to God with songs of joy!

**C:** Sing praises to God, who fills the world with power, forgiveness, and grace!

Praise Song ~ "What a Beautiful Name" by Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 150 ~ Liturgist

Special Music ~ "Sing the Mighty Power of God" by Lloyd Larson ~ Colla Voce Choir

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn ~ "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152 (Dismissal for Children's Church after the hymn)

Sermon (Story #28) "You Will Receive Power" ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Main Scripture ~ Acts 1:1-11

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95

**Offering Prayer ~ Peaceful God, as we remember the risen Christ offering peace to His disciples, we bring these gifts before you, filled with gratitude for the new life and hope you have given us. Just as Jesus sent his followers into the world with the message of forgiveness, may these offerings be used to share that message of peace, healing, and reconciliation with others. Bless these gifts, that they may help spread the good news of your resurrection and bring light to a world in need of your love. Amen.**

Closing Hymn ~ "This is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH #383

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

### Serving in worship today

**Greeters:** Kay Bergen & Cindy Rohrbaugh | **Organist:** Steve Gerber | **Liturgist:** Kathy Kapp  
**A/V:** Dave Braddock, Nathan Greene, Steve Grenert, Dave Riley | **Music Director:** Nancy Franck  
**Ushers:** Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Gallander | **Welcome Center:** Beth & Lake Poremba  
Holy Grounds invites you to Wesley Hall after the service. Thanks for your support



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#### IN PERSON:

- VIA OFFERING PLATES IN THE SANCTUARY
- PERSONALIZED OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE: CONTACT MARJ BUTLER (MBUTLER@WOOSTERUMC.ORG)



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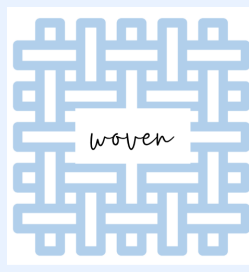


## LAY VISITATION TEAM

Would you like to serve others but need something flexible that works with your schedule?

Please consider joining the Lay Visitation Team where you can brighten up the day of one of our limited mobility or care facility members with a monthly visit! WUMC even provides gifts for you to take so your person is reminded of their church family.

Interested in finding out more about this ministry? Stop into their meeting TODAY following worship in Room C!




Woven women's group has begun their spring study, "Growing Slow" by Jennifer Dukes, and it's not too late to join in! Come to the Morton Room at WUMC on Wednesdays at 6:30p. The study will conclude on June 4. All women are welcome, you need not be a member of WUMC to participate!



## CELEBRATION LUNCH!

Sunday, May 18 | Following Worship  
In celebration of the conclusion of both "The Story" and the "Dynamite Prayer" 28-day prayer experiment, we will enjoy a picnic-style lunch! SPRC will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Bring either a side dish or dessert to share!



## United Women in Faith

**Wednesday, May 7**  
**5:30 Gathering | 6:00 Program**  
U.W.F. Unit Meeting  
Program: Elizabeth Feldman  
Central Valley U.W.F.



## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

**Sunday, May 4 | Following Worship**  
Pastor David is eager to meet with anyone wanting to learn more about connecting at Wooster UMC! We'll tour the church and share a meal together; bring any questions you may have about WUMC! Sign up at the What's Up Table, Welcome Center, or by contacting the church office.



## DYNAMITE PRAYER

WUMC is participating in a 28-day prayer experiment using the book "Dynamite Prayer" as we begin a new step in our visioning process and ask God to reveal WHERE he wants us to go. Free books are available at the Welcome Center at the rear of the sanctuary or What's Up table in Wesley Hall—pick one up today!

Pastor David is posting daily (around 7:30a) on our Facebook Members & Friends group to give insights into each day's reading. If you're not already a member of this private group, search WUMC Members & Friends and click "join group".



## UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY


Your support funds over 70 scholarships

# 100%

of your donation funds scholarships for United Methodist students

United Methodist Student Day, celebrated at WUMC on May 25, is one of six church-wide Special Sundays, calling the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants.

To donate, visit [woosterumc.org](http://woosterumc.org) GIVE page and select the UM Student Day tile, or give via your usual method, noting "UM Student Day".




## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Marj Butler will be retiring from her position as WUMC Financial Manager at the end of June. We are searching for a detail-oriented individual for this part-time position, who will work with other paid staff, congregation members, and business partners to assure compliance with accepted accounting procedures and state and federal laws pertaining to the operation of a nonprofit organization. Contact the office for a complete job description.



## PERSON OF THE WEEK

You are encouraged to send a note or card.  
Becca McCready (recently married!)  
10589 Robindale Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45241



**This year's East Ohio Annual Conference (June 12-14) will take place on the College of Wooster campus for the first time!**  
The EOC is looking to local churches to help make this event a success—can you help? Scan the code and take a short survey to indicate interest and availability.


## ONGOING COLLECTION!

- 1) Shelf-stable food items for area give-and-take food pantries (not too large, no glass)
- 2) Hygiene items for OneEighty (most needed: 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, razors, lotion)  
You'll find a collection bin at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall!  
Electronic donations can be made via the tile on the GIVE page at [woosterumc.org](http://woosterumc.org) or by using your usual method and noting "ongoing donation".

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- World leaders as they navigate conflict
- People of Ukraine and Russia
- People of Palestine and Israel
- Linda Schantz, health concerns
- Kathy Allen (sister of Marge Wilcox), undergoing cancer treatment
- Family of Alta Bucher on her April 12 passing ([www.mcintirebradhamstelek.com](http://www.mcintirebradhamstelek.com))
- Family of Jo Strauch on her April 17 passing ([www.robertsfuneralhome.com](http://www.robertsfuneralhome.com))
- Our Catholic brothers and sisters as they navigate the transition to a new Pope.
- Ishwar Harris, broken vertebrae after a fall; also Jyotsna Harris as she tries to manage many things

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



## Circuit Rider

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Have you read this month's Circuit Rider? If not, you're missing Pastor David's monthly letter to the congregation, photos of recent events, thank you notes received by WUMC, and information on upcoming events. You can find copies at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall, Welcome Center in the Sanctuary, and other locations throughout the church!