

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship ~ May 18, 2025

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Special Music ~ "Psalm 139" by Fred Gramann ~ Campanile Bells

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: We are the church that lives into God's future today.

C: A church united across space and time.

L: A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.

C: A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.

L: The one who is seated on the throne says to us: "See, I am making all things new!"

C: A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God's people.

L: God's future is epic, and it's good news.

C: Remember God's future, for this is our story!

Praise Song ~ "Revelation Song" by Jennie Lee Riddle

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 148 ~ Liturgist

Special Music ~ "In the Garden" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski ~ Campanile Bells

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn ~ "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707 (Dismissal for Children's Church after the hymn)

Sermon (Story #31) "New Heaven, New Earth: A Powerful Vision"

Main Scripture: Revelation 4:1-11

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer ~ God of new beginnings, you promise a new heaven and a new earth. As we give today, we pray that these gifts infuse peace, justice, and love for all. May our offerings be a step towards the vision of renewal that you have set before us. Through the power of your Son, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn ~ "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH #64

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Serving in worship today



Greeters: Mike & Connie Mann | **Organist:** Steve Gerber | **Liturgist:** Tony Lane

Bells Director: Inez Shirer | **Welcome Center:** Beth & Lake Poremba

A/V: Dave Braddock, Nathan Greene, Steve Grenert, Dave Riley

Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Gallander

Altar flowers provided by: Kay Bergen ~ To Glorify the Lord

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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CELEBRATION LUNCH!



TODAY May 18 | Following Worship
Stay after worship and enjoy a meal with your church family! In celebration of the conclusion of both "The Story" and the "Dynamite Prayer" 28-day prayer experiment, we will enjoy a picnic-style lunch! Thanks to SPRC for providing hamburgers and hot dogs!

Be sure to complete a "God-Sized Dream" card and share your dreams for WUMC. This is an important part of our visioning process (WHERE are we headed?) as we dream God's dream together!



June 23—25 | VBS

Add Road Trip VBS to your summer plans: Use this QR code to register!

Want to help support VBS at WUMC? See the display at the What's Up Table to find out how! Monetary donations are also accepted—visit woosterumc.org and click the VBS tile on our GIVE page, or donate via your usual method, noting "VBS".

Thanks for supporting VBS!



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- World leaders navigating conflict
- People of Ukraine, Russia, Palestine and Israel
- Linda Schantz, health concerns
- Kathy Allen (sister of Marge Wilcox), undergoing cancer treatment
- Jami Crichlow, healing for broken collarbone
- Ishwar Harris, health concerns

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

SUMMER SUNDAY SERIES

Do you have a musical talent you'd like to share with the WUMC congregation — or do you know someone who might? The **Summer Sunday Series** kicks off June 22 at WUMC and 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 this summer; contact her for more information (nfranck@woosterumc.org).



July 14-18 | Mission Team Forming!

Royal Family Kids Camp is a one-week resident camp for children in the foster care system, many of whom experience trauma brought about by abuse and neglect. Join this team to give those kids a great week full of fishing, swimming, arts and crafts, Bible stories, drama and singing! Live out your faith by simply loving these kids!

Adding your name to the list at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall or the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary will keep you in the loop going forward.

- There will be an informational meeting on May 25 following worship.
- RFKC veteran volunteer Rev. Dave Scavuzzo will be at WUMC on Sunday, June 8, to speak to the congregation.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Do you know a WUMC 2025 grad? Send name and degree earned to the church office; we'll honor grads on May 25!

Contribute to WUMC ongoing collections:

- Shelf-stable food items for area give-and-take food pantries
- Hygiene items for OneEighty clients
- Collection bin at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall
- Make electronic donations on the GIVE page at woosterumc.org or by using your usual method and noting "ongoing collection".



Wednesday, May 21 | 12:00p
Lunch Bunch will meet to share a meal—all are invited! Bring \$5 towards pizza; snacks to share are welcome!

Pancakes for PENTECOST



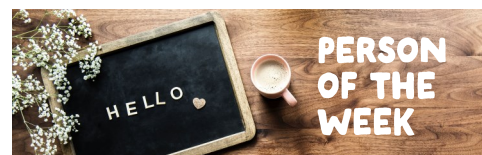
Sunday, June 8 | Wesley Hall

The Trailseekers adult Sunday school class will host a pancake breakfast following worship on June 8, with a free will offering to benefit Royal Family Kids Camp! Bring your appetite and enjoy a meal with your WUMC church family! Afterwards, congregation member Kay Bergen will distribute zinnias!



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 GIVE page and select the UM Student Day tile, or give via your usual method, noting "UM Student Day".



You are encouraged to send a note or card.

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