

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship ~ May 19, 2024

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Pastor David Rittgers

Special Music: "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" by Chuck Bridwell ~ Colla Voce & Kathy Helmuth, flute

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: Come, Holy Spirit,

C: **The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit,

C: **Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit,

C: **Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit,

C: **Grantor of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit.

C: **May we feel God breathing through our worship.**

ALL: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

Praise Song: "Rest on Us" by Lake, Smith, Bashta, Jay, White, and Brown

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading: Psalm 104:24-35 ~ Liturgist

Special Music: "The Great Commission" by Mary Kay Beall ~ Colla Voce

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Be Still My Soul" ~ UMH #534

(Dismissal for Children's Church ~ pre-k thru 5th)

Sermon: "Rest in the Spirit" ~ Pastor David Rittgers

Main Scripture(s): Genesis 2:1-4; Exodus 20:8-11

Impact Moment ~ Rev. Bill McFadden, "Lift Her Up" Campaign for Africa University

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer: Holy Spirit, come upon us this day. We feel your joy and delight as we celebrate this glorious day. With a sense of happiness and gratitude, we eagerly offer you these financial gifts for your ministry in this community and beyond. May all who call upon your name be saved from selfishness and filled with God-honoring habits of generous giving. All praise and glory be unto you. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Surely the Presence of the Lord" *(sung twice)* ~ UMH #328

Dismissal With Blessing

Postlude



**IN THIS SERMON SERIES,
PASTOR DAVID WILL COVER EACH
OF THE "DAYS" OF CREATION:**

APRIL 7: LIGHT

APRIL 14: WATER

APRIL 21: SOIL

APRIL 28: HEAVENS

MAY 5: ANIMALS

MAY 12: HUMANITY

MAY 19: REST



Serving in worship today

Greeters: Steve & Barb Grenert | Organist: Steve Gerber | Liturgist: Jillian Hostetler

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

Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch

Altar Flowers are provided by the Dave & Sandy Riley Family in memory of Sue Carol Riley.

Holy Grounds invites you to Wesley Hall after the service. Thanks for your support.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today is Pentecost, a day to recall when the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The book of Acts describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people, Over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church.

Pancakes & Posies: Don't forget to stay after worship today to enjoy Pancakes for Pentecost, hosted by the Trail Seekers adult Sunday school class. A free will offering will support Kay Bergen and her upcoming Liberia mission trip. Kay will be handing out flowers at the lunch as well!

Bake Sale: The Mary Martha Circle hosts a bake sale today in Wesley Hall; proceeds will assist Pastor David with expenses for his upcoming trip to Dakota Wesleyan University. Thank you for your support!



Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County
Baby Bottle Fundraiser
WUMC IN THE COMMUNITY

WUMC in the Community is supporting the Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County with a Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Visit the What's Up table to pick up a bottle, take it home, fill with spare change, currency, or a check (made payable to The Pregnancy Care Center) and return to WUMC. We'll collect through Father's Day!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Middle East conflict
- People and churches of Ukraine
- Becca McCready, blood cancer, discharged from hospital, recovering at home
- Ishwar Harris, recovering at home
- Linda Smith, surgery recovery
- Family of Janet Wilcox (sister of David Wilcox) on her May 9 death
- Janet Hershberger, May 22 shoulder surgery
- Shirley Buehler, hospice care
- Family of Sue Carol Riley (mother of David Riley) on her May 16 death.

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

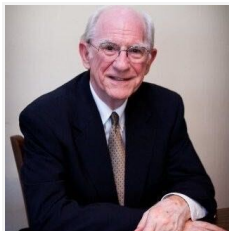


PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Pizza with the Pastor · Sunday, June 2
Join Pastor David and other staff members after worship to learn more about WUMC, tour the building, and ask questions. All are welcome; sign up at the What's Up table or contact the church office to RSVP.



Do you know a WUMC college grad? Submit their name/school/degree to the church office!



WUMC welcomes Rev. Bill McFadden to worship; he will speak about Africa University and the Lift Her Up initiative, an effort to provide scholarships to African women who are eligible for admission to AU, but are unable to attend due to financial constraints. Longstanding advocates for Africa University, Rev. Bill and Marty McFadden offered a generous challenge gift to the East Ohio Conference during the Teach • Reach • Bless campaign which successfully endeavored to build a women's dormitory on the campus of AU. You may recall that WUMC also took part in the Teach • Reach • Bless campaign, pledging \$35,000 to the construction of the dormitory.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS @ WUMC

SATURDAY, JUNE 8



Saturday, June 8 | 10a-2p | free lunch
Summer schedules are busy; this one-day membership class will be offered to make life a little easier! If you would like to explore the UM faith and/or make a deeper connection to Christ through this congregation, consider signing up by visiting the What's Up table or contacting the church office.
*We hope to offer another one-day class later this summer.



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 16 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).



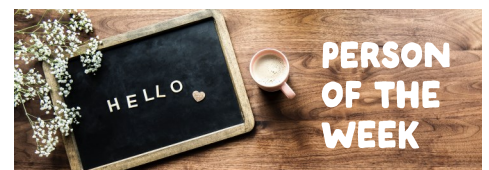
Send happy wishes to WUMC kids who are attending camp this summer! Look for the card on the What's Up table and add your greeting. All greetings will be combined into one card that will be mailed to campers!



SMITHVILLE UMC
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
JUNE 7 & 8
FRIDAY: 6-8:30
(INCLUDES DINNER)
SATURDAY: 10A-3P
(INCLUDES LUNCH
SCAN FOR MORE INFO
AND TO REGISTER!



For this year's VBS, old t-shirts or fabric scraps are needed. These will be used by students to create cozy beds for pets at a local shelter. Your donations will not only help teach about service and compassion, but also provide comfort to animals awaiting their forever homes. Drop off donations at the What's Up table in Wesley Hall! The VBS team thanks you!



You are encouraged to send a note or card.
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