

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship ~ August 2, 2026

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection.

C: **We come as children of the Father,**

L: Reconciled by grace through the Son,

C: **And filled with God's love through the Spirit.**

Praise Song ~ "As the Deer" by Martin Nystrom

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 17:1-7 ~ Liturgist

Children's Moment (*Dismissal for Children's Church*)

Hymn ~ "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH #618

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering Collections/Special Music ~

"Four Serious Songs Op. 121: IV. Though I Speak with Tongues of Men" by Johannes Brahms
Cameron Randall, OLO

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer ~ Almighty God, we give in the name of Christ, to whom all authority is given. Renew our commitment to live as your disciples and let our lives reflect your love in action. May these gifts bear witness to your grace, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Sermon ~ "Making Space for More: A Culture of Multiplication" ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Main Scriptures: Acts 1:8; 2:42-47; John 15:16; Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; Romans 8:9

Communion

Closing Hymn ~ "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" UMH #584

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Serving in worship

Greeters: Mike & Connie Mann | Liturgist: Pam Corbett | Welcome Center: Ali Vizzo

Communion Stewards: Dave & Sandy Riley

Music Director: Nancy Franck | Guest Lead Musician: Jeffrey Anderson

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

Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Gallander,

Altar flowers provided by Jim & Lori Fishburn in memory of Gene & Joan Buehler, Rich & Virginia Fishburn

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



**WAYS
TO GIVE
@ WUMC**



IN PERSON:

- VIA OFFERING PLATES IN THE SANCTUARY
- PERSONALIZED OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE:
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AUTO WITHDRAWAL:
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NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITY

"Holy Spirit: God's Presence and Power at Work In Us"

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Tuesday Morning Bible Study returns August 18-September 15, meeting Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Join us for a study that complements Pastor David's sermon series on the Holy Spirit, based on Adam Hamilton's *Holy Spirit: God's Presence and Power at Work in Us*. Together, we'll discover how the Holy Spirit works throughout Scripture and in our lives today.



JOIN THE WUMC CHOIR!

Join the WUMC Colla Voce Choir!

Choir reconvenes on September 13!

Now is the perfect time to join!

Rehearsals start August 27 at 7:00p in the WUMC Music Room; please contact Director of Music Nancy Franck for more info (nfranck@woosterumc.org).

Can't stand for long periods?

We can accommodate you!



Evening IN THE FLOWERS

Wednesday, August 5 | 6:00p | \$25
Yellow Shovel Floral

(1033 W. Sterling Rd., Burbank)

Spend an evening in the flowers! We'll gather at Yellow Shovel Floral at 6:00p to pick a beautiful bouquet for you to take home. Sign up at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall!



Today is Peace With Justice Sunday, one of six Special Sundays in the UMC, dedicated to finding peaceful resolutions together. Your gift supports the development of social justice mandates in every Annual Conference, with half of the collections remaining within each conference.

To donate, head to the GIVE page at woosterumc.org—or donate via your usual method, noting "Peace With Justice Sunday."



Sunday, August 16 | Following Worship

What would we be without all of the volunteers who make up Wooster UMC? From Sunday morning worship, to Vacation Bible School, to WUMC in the Community events, and everything in between, we run on volunteers.

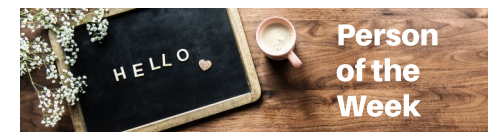
WUMC staff would like to thank all who give of their time and talents. All are welcome—whether you volunteer or simply want to honor those who do!



Wednesday, August 19 | Noon

Join your church family for Lunch Bunch!

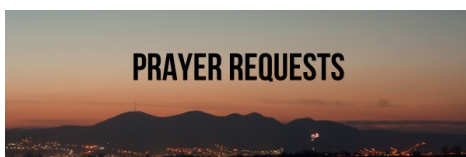
We'll be enjoying everyone's favorite—pizza! Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost, and snacks to share are always welcome. Not a pizza fan? Feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch.



Person of the Week

You are encouraged to send a note or card.

Joanne & Clyde Ebert
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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 Marge Wilcox), undergoing cancer treatment
- ◆ Family of Yvonne Brown on her July 18 passing
- ◆ Jocelyn Peck, health concerns
- ◆ Marie Rutledge, transitioning to assisted living (Danbury, 939 Portage Rd. #143, Wooster)

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



WUMC thanks Cameron Randall for enhancing worship today!

CAMERON RANDALL, trombone, is excited to return for his fourth season with OLO. Based in Chicago, he recently earned his MM from DePaul University and holds a BM from Oberlin Conservatory. Known for his versatility as a low-brass doubler, Cameron has performed with orchestras throughout the Midwest on a wide range of instruments. In addition to freelancing and teaching, he works as a stage manager and is looking forward to another summer in Wooster.



"HELP AFTER HELENE"
TOTAL RAISED: \$12,382.00

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. Help

us invest in ASP's mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. Pick up a project overview at the What's Up Table and scan the QR code to donate.



Donate to "Help After Helene."