

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship June 21, 2026

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Special Music ~

"You Are Welcome Here" by Chris Muglia, acc. by Scott Soper ~ Camryn Finn, soprano
Leah Finn, mezzo-soprano

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: On your feet now-applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

C: Know this: God is God. He made us; we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

L: Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

C: Make yourselves at home. Thank him. Worship him.

L: For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

C: Let us worship God with joy!

Praise Song ~ "You Never Let Go" by Beth and Matt Redman

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 86:1-10 ~ Liturgist

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

Hymn ~ "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH #519

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering Collections/Special Music ~

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Jane Holstein ~ Camryn Finn, Leah Finn, soloist

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer ~ Loving God, we come with hearts full of thanks—for creation, for Jesus, and for your Spirit among us. Now, we offer our gifts as a way of saying thank you. Let these gifts be part of your willingness to follow. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sermon ~ "Facing Opposition" Rev. David Rittgers

Main Scriptures: Acts 1:15-20; 8:9-25; 25:1-12

Closing Hymn ~ "We Are Called" TFWS #2172

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude



Serving in worship

Greeters: Terry & Sarah Beck | Liturgist: Jane Braddock | Welcome Center: Cathy Nicholson

Music Director: Nancy Franck | Guest Musician: Jeffrey Anderson

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

Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Gallander, David Raby

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

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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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RUTT TO SET UP

ASP
Appalachia
SERVICE PROJECT

"HELP AFTER HELENE"

Building Beyond Our Walls

As WUMC renovates our sanctuary, Pastor David invites us to bless others who are building something new and support the ASP *Help After Helene* campaign to fill the financial gap to build a new home for a family impacted by Hurricane Helene. Having sent our third ASP youth mission team to Buchanan County, VA, 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.



**WUMC
WOMEN-LED
SERVICE
PLANNED
JULY 19**

Sunday, July 19 | Women-led Service

WUMC United Women in Faith are planning a women-led service and need volunteers! Roles include greeters, ushers, acolytes, A/V, welcome center staff, and musicians. Interested? Contact Sandy Riley (330.461.2526) or Susan Donley (330.275.6016).

The all-women Treble Clef Choir will be part of this service with rehearsals on Thursday, July 9 and 16, at 7:00p; contact Nancy Franck (nfranck@woosterumc.org) if you'd like to be part of it!



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
- ◆ Carol McCullough, hospice care

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

VBS | July 13-15 | 5:30-8:00p
Calling all knights! Join us at WUMC for *Knights of North Castle*, where we'll storm the castle with fun, faith, games, music, and adventure.
Scan the code to register!

Kona Ice is Coming!
We'll invite all VBS families to worship on July 26 for a VBS celebration, including a visit from the Kona Ice food truck!

SUMMER SUNDAY SERIES

WUMC welcomes Camryn Finn and Leah Finn to the Summer Sunday Series!



CAMRYN FINN, soprano, is so excited to return to OLO for her second season, appearing as Adriana in *The Boys from Syracuse*, Sylviane in *The Merry Widow*, and in the ensemble of this summer's productions. A recent graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, favorite roles include Beth in *Little Women*. She is especially excited to share *The Boys from Syracuse* with her twin sister, Leah.



LEAH FINN, mezzo-soprano, is thrilled to be returning to OLO for her second summer, appearing as Luciana in *The Boys from Syracuse* and in the ensemble. Based in San Francisco, recent credits include Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Taller Daughter in *Proving Up*. In addition to performing, Leah enjoys directing and recently served as assistant director for the world premiere of *The Pigeon Keeper*. She is delighted to spend another summer on and offstage with her twin sister, Camryn.

Mission Team Forming | July 20-24
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 will keep you in the loop going forward.

WOOSTER UMC WALKING GROUP

Wednesdays | 9:30a
The WUMC Walking Group kicks it into high gear as the weather warms up! Join us Wednesdays at 9:30a for a walk along the Kinney Path. Meet in the parking lot at the corner of Burbank and Oldman. Kids and dogs are welcome—come enjoy fellowship, fresh air, and exercise!

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Summer Sunday Series
Do you have a musical talent you'd like to share with the WUMC congregation? Or know someone who might? The WUMC Summer Sunday Series begins June 21 and will feature Ohio Light Opera performers, local ensembles, WUMC members, and others!
Director of Music Nancy Franck (nfranck@woosterumc.org) is scheduling musicians and groups for the summer. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact Nancy!

Person of the Week

You are encouraged to send a note or card.

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