

# WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship ~ May 31, 2026

## Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Special Music ~ "River in Judea" arr. John Leavitt ~ Colla Voce Choir

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: We gather together in the presence of God,

**C: The Lord of heaven and earth:**

L: The Creator of our world and everything in it;

**C: The One who gave us life and breath,**

L: The One who is never far away from any of us,

**C: The One in whom we live and move and have our being.**

**ALL: Let's worship God together!**

Praise Song ~ "What He's Done" by Golden, Sooter, Stanfill and Leonard

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 8 ~ Liturgist

Children's Moment

Hymn ~ "Our Parent, by Whose Name" UMH #447 (*Dismissal for Children's Church after the hymn*)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering Collections/Special Music

"Because He Lives" arr. Jack Schrader (**cannot be livestreamed**) Colla Voce Choir

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 ~ "What God Has Done" Rev. David Rittgers

Main Scriptures: Acts 2:22-24; 3:11-16; 13:26-33; 17:22-34

Closing Hymn ~ "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH #117

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

## Serving in worship

Greeters: Kay Bergen & Cindy Rohrbaugh | Liturgist: Pam Corbett | Welcome Center: Ali Vizzo

Music Director: Nancy Franck | Musician: Deb Clow | Acolyte: Gwen Vizzo

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

Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Gallander

Altar flowers provided by Micah, Beth and Lake Poremba in memory of our moms & grandmas, Mary Sue Peters & Cathy 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
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# WELCOME to WUMC



**Susan Franz**

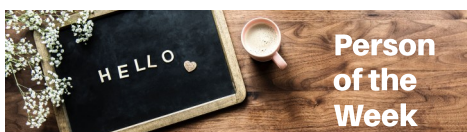
WUMC is pleased to announce that we have hired Susan Franz as bell choir director! Susan was born and raised in Lisbon, Ohio, and graduated from Kent State University with majors in Special and Elementary Education. She taught two years in Lisbon before marrying Jack in 1978 and moving to Wadsworth, where she taught for 33 years. Over her 35-year career, she taught 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades as well as Special Education. Susan earned a master's degree from Ashland University and later taught in its College of Teacher Education for 14 years after "flunking" retirement.

Jack and Susan have two grown children and four grandchildren. Nathan and his wife Rachel live in Columbus with their son Jackson, and Whitney and her husband Kris live in North Carolina with Lydia, Gracie, and Ben. Susan and Jack live in Westfield Center and attend LeRoy UMC, where Susan has served as Bell Choir Director for 36 years. They enjoy gardening, cooking, the outdoors, and volunteering at Secrest Arboretum, but most of all spending time with family.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The East Ohio Annual Conference (June 11-13) returns to the College of Wooster campus, giving WUMC a great opportunity to help and show hospitality to those visiting Wooster! Volunteers are needed for roles like greeters, parking, prayer team, cafeteria help, and more. Scan the code to complete a short survey and share your availability!



## Person of the Week

You are encouraged to send a note or card.

Ron & Prue Holtman  
500 Memory Lane  
Wooster, OH 44691



## Friday, June 19

Spend a fun evening with your WUMC church family at the 2026 Church Picnic! We'll meet at the 7 17 Credit Union Park—an all-you-can-eat picnic will be served at 6:15, the game starts at 7:15, and fireworks will finish the evening! You pay \$20 per ticket; WUMC covers the rest! Sign up at the What's Up Table by Friday, June 4!



Items will be collected for Midwest Mission during 2026 Annual Conference on the College of Wooster campus. Each of these life-changing items will go to people in need, both globally and locally. Visit the What's Up Table to get a list of kits that are being collected. Return completed kits to the church office and WUMC will deliver—or drop off yourself during collection times on campus. If needed, a few 5-gallon buckets are on hand to help with assembly of Personal Dignity Kits.

**WUMC raised \$174 to donate to Midwest Mission through free will donations at Pancakes for Pentecost. Thank you for your generosity!**

## 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
- ◆ Graduating students as they begin their next chapters
- ◆ The family of Gary Bumgardner on his May 16 passing (robertsfuneralhome.com)
- ◆ Family of Mike Serra on his May 29 passing
- ◆ Dennis Higgins, upcoming surgery
- ◆ Carol McCullough, health concerns

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

## Thanks Deb!

Thanks to Deb Clow who serves as accompanist for today's service! Deb moved to Wooster about 4 years ago to live closer to grandkids and she is finishing her 4th year of singing with the Colla Voce choir. At Oakwood UMC in Illinois she was the pianist for church services and the handbell choir director for 25 years.



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

### Pastoral Note

Pastor David will be out of the office June 1-5. Rev. David Wilcox will attend to any pastoral needs that may arise during that time. You can reach Rev. Wilcox via the church office.

### Men's Choir on June 14

Voices are needed for the Men's Choir on June 14! Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00p. Chairs are available for anyone who has difficulty standing for extended periods. Music is available now; contact Nancy Franck (nfranck@woosterumc.org) if you'd like to participate.

### 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 showcase the talents of Ohio Light Opera performers, local ensembles, members of the WUMC congregation, and others! Director of Music Nancy Franck is currently scheduling musicians and groups for the summer season. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Nancy at nfranck@woosterumc.org.

### 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).

**An all-women choir will be part of this service with rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00p; contact Nancy Franck (nfranck@woosterumc.org) if you'd like to be part of it!**

### Mission Team Forming | July 20-24

Royal Family Kids Camps serves area foster children, giving them a summer camp experience. Find out more at the What's Up Table and see if it might be a good opportunity for you!