



**OUR MISSION:**

We exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In response to God's invitation, a disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ who is committed to:

**CONNECT**

Being part of the Body of Christ

**GROW**

Becoming More Like Jesus

**SERVE**

Joining Jesus in Ministry

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**WUMC OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4 AND 5.**

**T-SHIRT SALES**

If you'd like a WUMC t-shirt, visit the What's Up table in Wesley Hall or call the church office.

Baseball tees (gray/blue) are \$15 each, short-sleeved tees are \$10 each. Orders will be taken through July 7.

**PRAY FOR WUMC MISSION TEAMS!**

- KEEP WUMC MISSION TEAMS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**
- APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT JULY 7-13**  
 Pastor David  
 Deb Clow  
 Maddie Clow  
 Charles Donley  
 Makaya Krownapple  
 Anna Rittgers
  - ROYAL FAMILY KID'S CAMP JULY 14-19**  
 Jane Braddock  
 Pam Corbett  
 Connie Mann  
 Mike Mann  
 Jennifer Reynolds  
 Sandy Riley  
 Ali Vizzo
  - CAMPBOR MISSION IN LIBERIA JULY 20-AUGUST 5**  
 Kay Bergen  
 Sarah Mendiola  
 Josh Rittgers

**Circuit Rider**

July 2024

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH connect • grow • serve

**WUMC COLLECTS**

- Aluminum Pull Tabs**  
 Like the kind you find on soft drinks or soup cans. These benefit Ronald McDonald House.
- Used Eyeglasses**  
 Collected for Wooster Noon Lions, who recycle them as part of their "Lions Recycle for Sight" program.
- Cancelled Stamps**  
 Kay Bergen oversees this collection which benefits Wickliffe Bible Translators (no flag stamps, please!).
- Used Injet Cartridges**  
 Revenue from recycling these benefits WUMC.

Collection containers can be found in the office hallway.

Has your contact info changed? If so, please take a moment to let the church office know so we can keep you in the loop about what's happening at WUMC!

**WUMC LUNCH BUNCH**

**Wednesday, July 17 • Noon**  
 Pizza and beverages provided!  
 Bring \$5 towards pizza.  
 Bring a side or snack to share if you wish!  
 All are invited!

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Public Page: @woosterumc  
 Private Page: search for WUMC Members & Friends and click "join group"

**WUMC IN THE COMMUNITY**

**BUCKEYE ST. PICNIC**

**3-5P**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

**2024 WUMC TEAM**

WUMC in the Community will once again sponsor a "Great Buckeye Neighborhood Cookout" for our neighbors on Buckeye St.! Cookies and volunteers for the event are needed! Visit the What's Up table to sign up or call the church office!

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## Pastor's Ponderings: Baptismal Waters of God's Grace



Water is an amazingly simple and powerful part of our world. At this time of year, during hot and dry stretches, we're reminded that water is essential to our own well-being. Those who are dehydrated often suffer physical problems. So, don't forget to drink enough water!

Water sustains life for all kinds of creatures in God's creation. Water is needed for flowers and trees and crops to thrive. We can clean with water and relax in water. We find peace listening to the sound of the waves rolling onto the shore as well as the rain gently falling.

You may have noticed this Spring that, for several weeks following Confirmation Sunday, I placed our baptismal font in a very visible location toward the center of the sanctuary. I did that on purpose. Why? Because I want you to remember your baptism! In doing so, you will come to know how God sees you and loves you – as a beloved child of God!

If you've ever looked inside the baptismal font, you'll find a small bowl that holds the water that is used in our baptism services. The water is a tangible sign of God's grace at work in our lives.

Baptism is one of two sacraments that we recognize in the United Methodist Church. The other is Holy Communion. In baptism, we reject the power that sin has had over us and we begin our journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. In baptism, God's love for us is affirmed and we become part of the church universal.

On Confirmation Sunday, one of our young people was baptized and the other confirmands were invited to "remember their baptism" as they made a new commitment to grow in their faith within the church. In fact, the entire congregation was invited to remember their baptism.

We only baptize a person once because the work of God is good enough for us the first time around. Yet, at the same time, it's important for us to remember why baptism is important and how it reminds us of who we are and whose we are. Thanks be to God for the gift of baptism!

Grace and Peace in the Lord, Pastor David Rittgers



### Kind words

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul, and health to the body. Proverbs 16:24

Thank you for the beautiful pink calandiva plant I received as Person of the Week. Yvonne Brown

Pastor David & WUMC Family: Thank you so much for sponsoring our OHuddle Hour at Edgewood Middle school! The teachers, staff, and mentors really appreciated the yummy treat from Oh-Yo. We are so grateful for you!

Carrie Gordon, Edgewood Site Coordinator.

Dear Pastor Rittgers and WUMC: Thank you for your donation to sponsor the Wooster High School OHuddle Hour. It was a great experience for the staff to take part in. Your contribution allows us to support teachers and staff to make them feel seen. We are so grateful for you and your support to OHuddle and mentorship. Gratefully, The OHuddle Team

Dear WUMC Family: I want to thank all of the people who took time out of their busy days to brighten my day as Person of the Week. The cards, phone calls and get well wishes were very much appreciated. The beautiful plant which arrived Monday morning was a pleasant surprise. Also, I want to thank all the people who were praying for me during my recent illness. God bless all of you, Doris Bucher

Please keep the church informed of illness and hospitalization of any person who may need a caring visit or phone call.

Recently ill/hospitalized:

Recent deaths:



WUMC youth successfully escaped at "Unlocked: Escape Room Wooster" and then enjoyed a meal together.



VBS SET UP



VBS SNACKS



WUMC YOUTH SERVED AS LEADERS



2024 VBS "Olympic Games: Run for the Crown"



Annual Conference 2024



WUMC received some beautiful new banners for the sanctuary! Thanks go out to Laura Sheppard for doing the piecing, Sarah Beck for machine quilting, and Jane Braddock for binding!



VBS CRAFTS