



SUPPORT WUMC KIDS AT CAMP!

Several WUMC kids will be attending an East Ohio Camp this summer. In addition to supporting them with your prayers the week they are at camp, you can send along a tangible reminder that their WUMC church family is thinking of them!

Pick up cards at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall, add your words of encouragement, and return to the basket on the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall, or give to Ali Vizzo or Deb Clow.



WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO WUMC!

- Alexis Greene
- Lisa Haberbush & Gary Sidle
- Kim Panter
- Maxton & Katie Miller
- Todd, Melanie & Addison Runkle



PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Sunday, July 27 | Following Worship

Pastor David is eager to meet with anyone wanting to learn more about connecting at Wooster UMC! We'll tour the church and share a meal together; bring any questions you may have about WUMC! Sign up at the What's Up Table, Welcome Center, or by contacting the church office.



July 14-18 | Mission Team Forming!

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 or the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary will keep you in the loop going forward.



congratulations to CHARLES DONLEY ORDER OF THE ARROW

Congratulations to Charles Donley! He was nominated and attended the Order of the Arrow, recognizing Scouts who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law daily.

The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society. As an integral part of Scouting America, the OA delivers peer-led advanced leadership experiences that help to build lifelong bonds through service and enrich each member's Scouting journey. OA members are defined by the fellowship they share, service to others, commitment to personal growth, and self-driven initiative to make a difference in their community.

COMING UP AT WUMC

July at WUMC

Exciting things are happening at Wooster UMC in July! Don't miss this great lineup of guest speakers:

- July 6: Josh Rittgers
- July 13: Rev. Kyle Gould
- July 20: The ASP Mission Team shares photos and stories from their recent mission trip to Harlan County, KY



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, July 16 • Noon
Pizza and beverages provided!
Bring \$5 towards pizza.
Bring a side or snack to share if you wish!
All are invited!



OVER 800 ITEMS DONATED!

Contribute to WUMC ongoing collections:

- Shelf-stable food items for area give-and-take food pantries
- Hygiene items for OneEighty clients
- Collection bin at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall
- Make electronic donations on the GIVE page at woosterumc.org or by using your usual method and noting "ongoing collection".



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!



SUMMER SUNDAY SERIES

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 22 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 in August and September; contact her for more information (nfranck@woosterumc.org).



Circuit Rider

July 2025

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Looking for a meaningful way to serve others this summer? Consider a one-day trip to the Mission Barn in New Castle, PA, one of six UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Supply Network depots across the United States. Since 2008 volunteers have assembled over \$1 million worth of UMCOR kits and built 190+ ramps for those in need. Interested in being part of this hands-on mission opportunity? Sign up at the What's Up Table! Once we have a team assembled, we'll choose a day that works for everyone!

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Pastor's Ponderings: Drinking From the Waters of God's Grace

Water is an amazingly simple and powerful part of our world. At this time of year, during these very hot stretches, we're reminded that water is absolutely essential to our own well-being. Dehydration can lead to physical problems, so don't forget to drink enough water! In this season, I am being more conscious than usual about drinking larger amounts of water.

Water is a gift! It sustains life for all kinds of creatures in God's creation, not just us. As you know, water is needed for flowers and trees and crops to thrive. We clean with water and can relax in water. We find peace and comfort listening to the sound of the gurgling of a stream, the waves rolling onto the shore, the powerful roar of a waterfall, and the gentle falling rain.

One of my goals during the recent Easter and Pentecost seasons was to make our baptismal font more visibly prominent during our worship services. Why? Because I want you to remember your baptism and be thankful! In doing so, you will come to know how God sees you and loves you. As was declared over Jesus at his own baptism, we also are beloved children of God!

If you've ever looked inside our 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 one 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.

Recently, one of our young adults was baptized and a group of new members was 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 enough for us the first time around. At the same time, baptism is important for us to remember because it reminds us of who we are and where we are. Thanks be to God for the gift of baptismal waters!

Grace and Peace,

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 Kalanchoe plant that I received from the church! Yvonne Brown

Thanks for everyone who supported the Pancakes for Pentecost free will offering! The offering raised \$343, which went directly to the Strongsville Royal Family Kids Camp that WUMC will be a part of this summer!

Thanks to the Pathfinders Sunday school class for hosting Pancakes for Pentecost!

Thank you so much for the flowers and cards in being persons of the week. We are blessed to be a part of this church family!

Dave & Jane Braddock.

To our friends at WUMC, Thank you for your gift we received on May 30th. Thanks to your generosity the children living on our campus will enjoy a safe, happy and healthy summer. Your gift provides fun field trips, and lots of campus activities. Hiking, swimming, and horseback riding. We are grateful! Peace, David Walker, Encompass.

Dear WUMC ASP Team, Thank you so much for volunteering with us and serving Shirley and Goliath. You all were a great group and we hope to see you again. Thank you, Victoria, David, Alex & Eliah. ASP.

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



Above: Verna Oehlenschlager has been part of WUMC choirs for 75 years!

Below: WUMC was part of the East Ohio Annual Conference held on the College of Wooster campus.



Above and Right: ASP Mission Team

Below and Right: VBS @ WUMC

