

Burning River
BRASS save the date

Wooster UMC will once again host a holiday concert with Burning River Brass on Saturday, December 21! A free will offering will benefit the WUMC Giving Tree, which will provide winter accessories to Meals Together patrons.

HOP ON - HOP OFF
Historic Church Tour

WUMC will be a stop on this year's Church Walk on Friday, December 6, 4:00-7:00p. The Cleveland Carolers will again perform on the WUMC front lawn from 5:00-7:00p.

WUMC WORK DAY

A WUMC work day has been scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 8:30-11:30a. Bring your rakes and leaf blowers to spruce up WUMC grounds!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
Friday, December 6

Parents! Do you need a night off to do some shopping, have a quiet dinner, or just sit in silence? Plan to drop your kids off at the church gym on December 6 from 6:00-8:00p for some fun activities planned and provided by our youth!

ASP
Appalachia
SERVICE PROJECT

Sunday, November 17
5:30p in Wesley Hall.
An organizational meeting for the June 8-14 youth mission trip will be held for parents, students (grades 6-12), and any interested adults.

LADIES NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Ladies, come to Wesley Hall at WUMC on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30p. We'll enjoy dessert together and create Christmas ornaments under the direction of Nancy Franck. Sign up at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall or call the church office.

Hanging of the Greens

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, November 24 to help decorate WUMC for the Christmas season! Pizza will be served!

WUMC LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, November 20 ~ Noon
Pizza and beverages provided!
Bring \$5 towards pizza.
Bring a side or snack to share if you wish!
All are invited!

CHARGE CONFERENCE
Central Valley District of the United Methodist Church
Saturday, November 2

Saturday, November 2 @ 10:00a
Church of the Cross UMC, Wooster
See Pastor David or Kay Bergen if you're interested in attending.
The charge conference is the basic governing body of the local church.

United Women in Faith

United Women of Faith Unit Meeting
Wednesday, November 6
Gather @ 5:30p Program @ 6:00
Charlie Brain will share information about the Homeward Bound program, which will provide shelter and services for the homeless in our area. All are welcome!

GET YOUR CHORAL FIX!

SHORT-TERM!
TRY IT OUT!

Like to sing but can't make a long-term commitment? Try it out over the Advent/Christmas season! Just come to a practice (Thursdays @ 7:00p) or talk to Director of Music Nancy Franck for details.

November 23, 2024 | 10:00a-3:00p
Worthington UMC | 600 High St.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung invites all to come together for an inspiring day of prayer, worship, and learning. "Hearts Strangely Warmed," is the theme for the day, with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Paul W. Chilcote.

The Day of Prayer will include opportunities for worship and celebrating our unity in The UMC. The registration fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Register on the Events Registration page of the Conference website by November 11.

GRIEF SHARE
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Thursday, November 7 · 10:00-11:30a
Morton Room
WUMC will present "GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays" for those who may be facing the holiday season after losing a loved one. You will receive a devotional to take home. Sign up at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall or by calling the church office.

All Saints Day
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated November 3, recognizing WUMC members who have passed since last November, along with other submitted friends and family members. Complete a form at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall, click the "All Saints Day" button on the homepage at woosterumc.org, or contact the church office to have someone recognized.

Circuit Rider

November 2024

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FEAST OF THANKS

Sunday, November 17 following worship

WUMC provides turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, hot vegetables, rolls, beverage and table service. Congregation members are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Feast of Thanks coordinators Bob and Nikki Reynolds are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Sign up at the "What's Up at WUMC?" table in Wesley Hall!

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The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Pastor's Ponderings: Giving Thanks

Thank you for the recent celebration on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. As I like to say, "It feels good to be appreciated!" I'm sure you feel the same way when someone takes the time to notice something about what you do and then lets you know how much you mean to them. Thanks to our Staff Parish Relations Committee who organized the Pastor Appreciation focus.

The outpouring of your cards and personal notes, along with several tokens of your appreciation, showed me and my family how warmly you've received us. Although we've only been with you for a little more than a year, we feel like we've known you much longer. We couldn't be more thankful to be connecting, growing, and serving among you! It's important for me to note that I couldn't do what I do well without the support of my family, our gifted paid staff team, and our faithful lay leadership here at the church.

November is a month that we normally associate with gratitude and thanksgiving. Somehow, even in our busy culture, we've widely agreed to slow down for a few days in late November to pause and give thanks for our blessings. Most, if not all, of us will be making a special effort to celebrate on Thanksgiving by gathering with others over a meal or touching base by phone or a Zoom call, showing expressions of love and care because of the special relationships we have. I wish you the joy of the Lord as you gather, which may involve traveling and/or hosting.

We want to make you aware that our Thanksgiving will look a little different this year. Normally, we travel to the Columbus area to gather with family. This year, we'll be focusing on nursing my wife, Beth, back to full health as a week before Thanksgiving Day, she will undergo surgery on her left hip to repair a torn labrum. You may know that she has been living with chronic pain in that area for well over a year. Late this summer, an MRI revealed the source of the problem. Since Beth will be unable to put any weight on her leg for at least two weeks following the surgery, I'm taking some time away from the office to focus on helping with her needs around the house. I'm thankful for Rev. David Wilcox who will be preaching on Sunday, November 24, the same day as Hanging of the Greens. David will also be available to cover any pastoral visitation that may arise during that time period. I plan to be back with you for the Advent season, which begins on Sunday, Dec. 1.

I wish you a joyous Thanksgiving that invites you to turn your eyes to the goodness of God!

With Gratitude in Christ, Pastor David Rittgers drittgers@woosterumc.org

Kind words

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

We wanted to say thanks so much for recognizing us as "Persons of the Week" and for the lovely flower basket, especially give our recent circumstances. The flowers were a very nice surprise. We are so fortunate to have Wooster UMC as our new church family, and greatly appreciate you all! Grace and Peace, Barb & Tony Lane

Our family would like to extend appreciation to Wooster UMC for the lovely plant in honor of the 101st birthday of our mother, Mary Black. She really has enjoyed it, and the church calls and cards for her birthday and throughout the year. We are grateful that the church we grew up in is still so caring about folks of every age and stage. Gratefully, Warren Armstrong, Helen Dusschee, & Phyllis Brodie

Church Friends: Thank you very much for all the lovely birthday cards I have received and well wishes. I have wonderful memories. I am able to live alone with assistance from family, as necessary but really not able to attend church services. I enjoy the weekly bulletin and church news and think of you very often. Blessings, Marie Rutledge

Dear Church Friends: Thank you all so much for helping me to celebrate my 95th Birthday. It was a wonderful day with most of my family here. My girls brought cake, cupcakes and lovely flowers. It was fun to be greeted by my church friends—the sweet young ones and of course, my dear older friends. The beautiful potted plant from WUMC came on my real birthday, October 8. I'm such a lucky old girl. My love to you all, Amanda Roller

Dear Church Family: Words can't describe the outpouring of Christian love that I felt last week as the church's "Person of the Week". The caring words, prayers, cards and beautiful flowers were greatly appreciated! Thank you, Cathy Dunaway

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

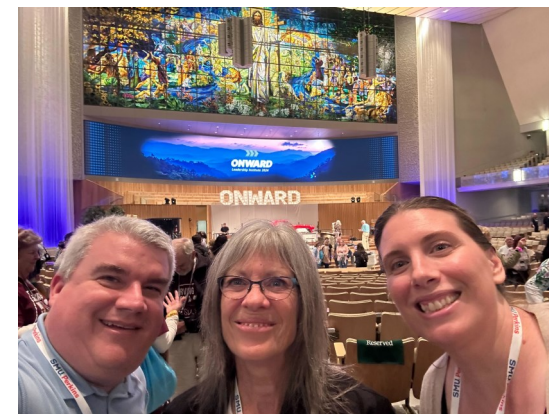
Recently ill/hospitalized:

Recent deaths: Mary Black, John Strine



Above: WUMC youth participate in all aspects of Sunday services.

Right: WUMC staff at the Leadership Institute in Kansas City.



Beautiful cards created by Janis Kennedy!

Left: The new electronic sign is installed!

Below: On October 20, Bibles were distributed (left) and Pastor Appreciation was celebrated (right).



Above: WUMC youth prepare for a Bake Sale to raise money for missions and camp.

