

GRIEF SHARE
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Thursday, November 7 · 10:00-11:30a

WUMC will present "GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays" for those who may be facing the holiday season after losing a loved one. Pastor David will facilitate the video-based teaching and group discussion. 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.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR BISHOP JUNG AT WUMC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 11:00a

Laity and clergy of the East Ohio Conference are invited and encouraged to attend The Service of Installation for Bishop Hee-Soo Jung at WUMC. The service will be followed by a reception in Wesley Fellowship Hall. This is your opportunity to greet Bishop Jung and his wife Im-Hyon and welcome them to the East Ohio Conference.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Save the Date! We'll be making Christmas ornaments under the tutelage of Nancy Franck!

LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, October 16 @ noon

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

WUMC IN THE COMMUNITY

WUMC will be a stop along the path of the 1-mile Spooky Sprint at the Heart & Ghoul Community Walk/Run for United Way on Saturday, October 26 at 9:00a!

Ways to get involved:

- Provide candy for treat bags that will be assembled and distributed at our Spooky Sprint Stop. Candy donations (no nuts, please and individually wrapped) can be placed in the basket at the kitchen pass-through window. Or let us do the shopping and make a donation via the Spooky Sprint tile on the GIVE page at woosterumc.org.
- Those who would like to be part of the team that will pass out treat bags can sign up at the What's Up table or contact the church office.

BAKE SALE

OCTOBER 27 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

WUMC youth will be holding a Bake Sale to raise funds for ASP and summer camp. Youth will make treats, but donations of additional baked goods would also be greatly appreciated!

Meals Together

BLANKET DRIVE

WUMC in the Community is partnering with Meals Together to collect money for the purchase of various blankets to be distributed to Meals Together patrons. Each blanket is approximately \$15.

Donate by October 31 via woosterumc.org, at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall, or via your usual method, making sure to note "Blanket Drive."

All Saints Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated November 3 at our 10:00a worship service. We will recognize 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 if there is someone you would like to recognize.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is coming up on October 20; direct cards and words of appreciation to the church office; those will be presented on October 20 during worship. Plan to stay for a reception following worship!

One of the six special Sundays in the United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 6. Watch for more information to be distributed in the coming weeks. To donate now, click the "World Communion Sunday" tile on the GIVE page at woosterumc.org, or give via your usual method, noting "World Communion Sunday".

Central Valley District Superintendents Rev. Cara Stultz Costello and Rev. Edgar Brady invite all to participate in a 6-week "Do Unto Others" Bible study on cultivating kindness. The study will take place via Zoom on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30p, beginning October 9. To join in, email the District Office for the Zoom link (centralvalley@eocumc.com).

Please note that Stewardship Sunday is coming up on October 27.

A Charge Conference will take place on Saturday, November 2, 10:00a at Church of the Cross in Wooster.

Circuit Rider

October 2024

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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RAMSEYER FARMS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 3:00-6:00P

WUMC HAS RENTED A CAMPFIRE SITE AND WILL PROVIDE SNACKS!

RSVP TO ALI VIZZO BY OCTOBER 3.
(AVIZZO@WOOSTERUMC.ORG OR 330.465.8870)

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PURCHASE ENTRY TICKETS ONLINE AHEAD OF TIME.

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Pastor's Page

A Season of Gratitude and Celebration

We're moving into the last quarter of the year. For me, these final months have often been a time of looking back with gratitude and appreciation for all that's happened during the entire year. Perhaps you take time to do the same kind of thing as the year winds down.

For generations, the American celebration of the culmination of harvest has been the Thanksgiving Feast. By that time of the year, the laborers' work is done, the harvest has been bountiful, and portions of the harvest have been distributed to all who share in the experience. Although we're not nearly as much of an agrarian society as we used to be, we can still see the theme of the harvest woven into the extravagant Thanksgiving meals for which we gather to share and celebrate with our loved ones.

In the same way, as people of faith, we want to engage in a spiritual celebration which will joyfully give praise and thanks to God for the work of seed planting, cultivation, and harvest in our lives. How we celebrate our spiritual growth says something important about Who we believe is doing the work of providing abundance and blessing in our lives. If we celebrate with joy, our generosity not only shows the depth of our faith, but it also gives glory to God.

One of the ways we can celebrate God's goodness is to realize the impact of being part of a faith community such as the one we have here at Wooster United Methodist Church. Pastor Adam Hamilton of Church of the Resurrection UMC in the Kansas City area has often asked:

Why might people choose to believe in Jesus?

Why might people choose to be part of a church?

Why might people choose to be part of your church?

I've found these questions helpful as I think about the impact that being connected to the Body of Christ makes in people's lives. With that in mind, let me ask you, "How has being part of this congregation made an impact on your life?" It's a great question to reflect upon.

Allow me to go a step further and ask, "Would you be willing to share your answer to that question?" As you know, I've been in the habit of sharing "Impact Moments" in our worship services using video clips. I've been hoping to expand this witness to what God is doing with us to include more and more voices. Maybe that includes yours! If you'd be willing to share your thoughts about how being part of this faith community has made an impact on you, I'd love to capture that on video. Just let me know and we can arrange a time to make it happen.

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

Dear Wooster UMC: What a joy to deliver a carload of supplies to Flat Rock following my visit on August 11th. These supplies will be immediately put to good use by our individuals. Thank you! Thanks also, for the many people who lent a helping hand during that morning. You are all so deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless your work and worship, there in lovely Wooster, Ohio! Warmest blessings, Rose Darling, Church & Community Engagement Coordinator with Flat Rock Homes.

Good news, the electric chair lift is in place. We really appreciate all your help and support from the church! Thanks a million. Jyotsna & Ishwar Harris

Members of WUMC: Thank you for naming us "Persons of the Week". We are enjoying the plant. Several people kindly sent cards. I know many are praying for us as I recover from surgery and am having chemotherapy. Betty & Roger Conner

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:

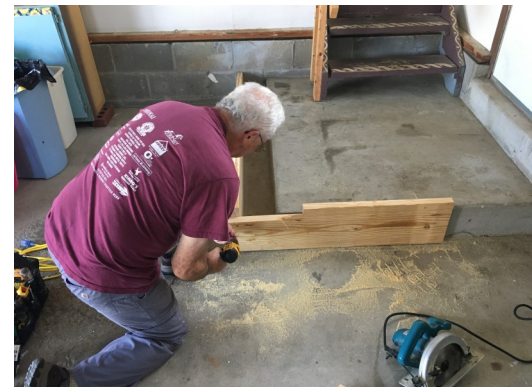


Above: Rally Day was a kick-off for a new year of Sunday school classes. Kay Bergen shared stories about her trip to Liberia and folks were able to "Meet the Authors" of the new church-wide "The Story" curriculum.

Left: A 9-square tournament and pizza party for families.



Above: Marie Rutledge celebrated her 100th birthday!



Right: Roofing work was completed.



Pastor David welcoming new members Barb & Tony Lane and Dave Smailes.

Above: A lift was installed at the Harris home.

