

All Saints Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2



Sunday, November 2
All Saints Sunday will be celebrated November 2 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 to have someone recognized.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 1:00p | ACT SOON!



Join a WUMC group to see *A Christmas Carol* at Ohio Star Theatre! Tickets are \$49; reserve by September 15 before they sell out! Contact Nancy Franck (nfranck@woosterumc.org) or sign up at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall!



JOIN THE NEW WOOSTER UMC WALKING GROUP!

Wednesday, October 8 | 9:30a
Ready to get some fresh air and fellowship? Join the new WUMC walking group! We'll meet at the pavilion next to the parking lot at the corner of Oldman and Burbank and walk the Kinney Path. All are welcome, no matter your pace—come walk as far and as fast as you'd like. We can't wait to see you there!



PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Sunday, October 12
Following Worship

You're invited to pizza with the pastor to learn more about Wooster UMC! Pastor David is eager to meet with anyone wanting to learn more about connecting at Wooster UMC! Sign up at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall or call the church office!

SCHEDULE

11:15a - Following worship, meet at the rear of the sanctuary to tour the church building.
11:45a - Meet for lunch/discussion with Pastor David and other WUMC staff members.



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, October 15 · Noon
Pizza and beverages provided!
Bring \$5 towards pizza.
Bring a side or snack to share if you wish!
All are invited!



OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE!

Offering envelopes are available for pick up in Wesley Fellowship Hall today, or stop by the church during the week!

We are the people of God!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

umc.org/wcs

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday is one of six Special Sundays supporting ministries and causes important to the UMC. On this Sunday, United Methodists join Christians worldwide in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language, or culture. But it's more than worship. It's also a time to support scholarships and leadership training for students from underrepresented communities—helping the Church become more inclusive and better equipped to serve. You can support this cause through the GIVE page at woosterumc.org—look for the WCS tile!

WUMC, DON'T FALL FOR PHISHING!



Occasionally, WUMC will receive reports of folks getting emails, that appear at first glance to be from Pastor David, asking for assistance. If you look closely, you will see that the return email address is not actually Pastor David's (which is drittgers@woosterumc.org).

Please do not respond to these emails and remember that Pastor David will never reach out to you in this way. If you are in doubt, please call the church office!



OVER 800 ITEMS DONATED!

DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Contribute to WUMC ongoing collections:

- Shelf-stable (no glass, small enough to fit in the pantries) 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".

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Central Valley District (West) of the United Methodist Church

Saturday, November 1

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Fusion Community Church
110 N. Main St., Killbuck

A Charge Conference for the west side of the Central Valley District (which includes WUMC) will take place on November 1. Wondering what happens there? The Charge Conference must meet at least once per year and is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

Pastor David and lay leader Kay Bergen plan to attend and would welcome others who would like to attend as well—see either of them for more information!

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October 2025

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PASTOR APPRECIATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 10:00A WORSHIP

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR PASTOR DAVID AND ALL HE DOES FOR WUMC! WHILE WE APPRECIATE HIM EVERY DAY, WE ARE SETTING ASIDE A SPECIAL TIME TO HONOR HIM.

- **CARDS AND WORDS OF APPRECIATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BE PRESENTED DURING WORSHIP.**
- **A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN WESLEY HALL— PLEASE PLAN TO STAY!**

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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: October 2025

"Making Change" Together!

Please accept my gratitude for your generosity and support of the work of God through our congregation. As you know, our ministries impact so many people's lives. Truly we have been blessed to be a blessing as we give of ourselves to God's work through the church.

As we are moving into the last quarter of the year, I want to make you aware that our Consecration Sunday is soon approaching. On the morning of Sunday, October 26, we will have a special moment of dedication in our 10:00am worship service where people will bring their Estimate of Giving cards forward as an act of worship.

During the month of October, I will be sharing a series of messages with you on the topic of "Making Change" where we will explore what it looks like for us to be Changemakers in the way of Jesus. A Changemaker is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Jesus was a Changemaker. And the Good News is..., so are we. Made in the image of God, sharing in the purposes of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, we are the "assets" we've been looking for and praying about. Our wealth lies in the Compassion, Collaboration, Creativity, and Empowerment that sustains us through change, for change, for the sake of a better world.

Our main Scripture passage for the month is from Mark 6:30-44. I encourage you to go ahead and read this familiar story as we prepare to see how Jesus empowers us to make change.

Please know that you will receive a letter in the mail in the coming weeks with more details about Consecration Sunday. The contents of the letter are designed to help you prayerfully consider how you will give to the work of God through Wooster UMC in the coming year, 2026.

The biblical idea of stewardship reminds us that all we have is truly God's. Nothing that we have comes from our own hands, but from God's. As faithful stewards, we've been entrusted with valuable resources such as time, talents, and treasure. God wants and hopes that we will use these things well for Christ's kingdom purposes, in the same way that a steward would use the resources entrusted to them to honor the wishes of the master/owner.

Thanks for taking time to prayerfully consider how you will invest in God's work!

Grace and Peace in Christ, 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 making us persons of the week. The flower arrangement was beautiful. John & Linda Crouch

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



Above and Left: WUMC sponsored the Buckeye St. Community Cook Out in our neighborhood, providing food and people to serve it!
 Below and Left: WUMC Youth Group Kick-Off was held at Secret Arboretum.

Above and Left: WUMC sent a team of workers to The Mission Barn in PA. The Mission Barn is part of the UMCOR Relief Supply Network where volunteers assemble disaster kits and build ramp sections for those in need.



Rally Day was the official kick-off of a new Sunday School year! Kids played games in the gym, met their teachers, and had a lesson in their classrooms.

