

THE TRUE
Light
HAS COME INTO THE WORLD.

John 1:9

WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Western Reserve United Methodist Church
January 11, 2026

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joyce Hoile

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Don Christensen

Mission Statement: ***Western Reserve Church will develop disciples who reflect Christ's love through worship, fellowship, and service.***

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

***Please rise in body or in spirit**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: There is good news here:

CONGREGATION: God's Spirit is alive in this place!

LEADER: Now is the time to release our burdens. Now is the time to let go of our worry,

CONGREGATION: and to breathe deeply of God's blessing and peace.

LEADER: Expect to be challenged as we worship.

CONGREGATION: We will be open to change and to new directions.

LEADER: Let us now begin the journey.

CONGREGATION: Let us praise the Lord together.

***OPENING HYMN:**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (UMH #185)

*ACT OF PRAISE (A Statement of Faith spoken in unison)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Offertory Prayer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"His Name Is Wonderful" (UMH #328)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 147:1-11

*John 1:1-9

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: ***"Starting the New Year Strong"***

*CLOSING HYMN:

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (UMH #334)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:
“On Eagle’s Wings” (UMH #143)

POSTLUDE

Thank you to those assisting in our worship services.

Sermon: Pastor Don (All Services)

Music: Leaha Marshall and the TOGGLE Praise Team (9:15 am)
Leaha Marshall (11:00 am)

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)
Melodee Titus (11:00 am)

Greeter: Sandy Ellis

Ushers: Steve & Kathy Simon (11:00 am)

Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week:

Those in Nursing Homes:

Park Vista of Youngstown: Linda Ward

Hampton Woods: Nancy Jarvis

Windsor House: Nancy Hull

St. Luke Lutheran Community: Margie Wagner

The Inn @ Glenellen: Richard Fox

The Addison @ Cornersburg: Ila Cochran

Those serving in our military:

Jeff Asch, Jared Eichert, JT Palmer, Riley Miller, Mark Kuntzman,
Jared Muntean

Those with other prayer concerns:

Bill Helsel, Sandra Ellis, Billy Tarr, Betty Brunswick, Tim Treleven,
Bill Robb, Ed Dambik, Terry Hassay, Jon Ramsbottom, Marjorie
Nelson, Halle Wright, Kennedy Turek, Brian Hassel, Marian Doerr,
Barb Rauschenburg, Stuart Hassel, Juanita Bloom, Chelsea
(Schmidt) Kachelries, Laurie Grischow, Eugene Pezzuto, Doug Price,
Jack Phillipson

Those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Jerry & Carolyn Arnsberger mourning the loss of her brother, Earl.

The prayer list is updated weekly. If you would like to be included in the prayer list, please let the Church Office know and keep us updated as to the status of these prayer requests so that we can remain current on those needing special prayer. Thank you!

A Warm WELCOME



WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP!
If you are visiting with us this morning and have any questions or need assistance, please see an usher.

WE THANK PASTOR DON CHRISTENSEN for leading us in worship this morning while Pastor Joyce is away on her Spiritual Renewal Leave. Pastor Joyce will be back February 17. If Pastoral Care is needed during her absence, please contact the Church Office.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING cans of soup for the Rescue Mission. Please bring cans of soup to the church and leave them in or around the marked collection box in the narthex. Large cans of Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Vegetable soup are most needed, but others are welcome. Please bring your donations to the Church by Sunday, February 1.



THE MISSION'S COMMITTEE is planning a mission trip to Asheville, NC in June or July of this year. Volunteers will focus on rebuilding hope and homes in communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. Anyone, ages 18 and up, is welcome to join us on this trip. There will be an informational meeting tomorrow, January 12 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

FAMILY *Game Night*

January 30

6:00 pm

Bring a snack
or dessert
to share.



THE JANUARY ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING has been postponed until February 19th. We will keep you updated if there are any other changes.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: A new directory for 2026 is being worked on as there have been a number of changes since last year. If you have any changes or additions to your current listing, or if you are not listed in the directory and would like to be, please let Deanna know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR JOYCE! Pastor Joyce celebrated her 65th birthday on January 7th and her family is asking us to help make the "magic" of her birthday last all year long. Throughout the year, just send her a card or a letter of encouragement or appreciation. It can be as simple or creative as you would like. You can do it once or multiple times as we go through 2026. Her family has set up an online signup, and you can visit [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) (Use access code 010726) to register there, or you can mark on your own calendars your reminders to send your cards whenever you would like.



Life's most persistent
and urgent question is,

**“What are you
doing for others?”**

-Martin Luther King Jr.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, January 19 in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Sponsors are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including January 18 and all Sundays in February. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20.

ALL CHURCH FUNDRAISER DINNER



OUR DELICIOUS MENU INCLUDES:

Stuffed chicken breast
California Vegetable Blend
mashed potatoes and gravy
roll and dessert

FEBRUARY 1 | 12:00 PM

A basket will be available for a free-will offering.
All proceeds will benefit the Church's general fund.

*Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center and let
us know how many are coming!*

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

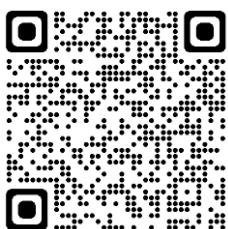
- Men's Bible study – Meets in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 8:30 am except for the 1st Tuesday when they meet at Trek Coffee House (1588 Mahoning Ave.).
- Adult Bible study & prayer group – Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room. If you would like more information or have any prayer requests for the group, please contact Laura (cell: 330-770-7017 or email: walton32000@yahoo.com).

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR SUNDAY, January 4

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	8
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	45
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	35
Total Worship Attendance	88

Amount needed to meet weekly budget: \$6,631

Total Giving amount: \$5,507 (This includes electronic giving)



Electronic Giving is available! Simply scan the QR code with your phone and you will be taken to the secure Vanco online giving platform where you can make your donation to WRUMC electronically and set up recurring donations if you would like. Credit cards are accepted. ***Thank you for your continued faithfulness in worship and giving!***

PARKING | FRONT DITCH



PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT

Received to date: \$13,817

(after payment for work completed)

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING TO
THE PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT!
WE STILL HAVE MORE WORK TO GET DONE!***

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TODAY

Worship Services (8:30, 9:15, 11:00 am)

Sunday school/Bible study (9:30 am)

MONDAY

Mission Trip Informational Meeting (7:00 pm)

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (8:00 am)

Helping Hands Closet (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Sewing Circle (9:00 am)

Trustees Meeting (6:00 pm)

Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:30 pm)

COMING UP!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed (January 19)

Family Game Night (January 30 | 6:00 pm)

All Church Dinner (February 1 | 12:00 pm)

United Women in Faith Luncheon (February 5 | 12:00 pm)