Tending the Crops

"Seek first the Kingdom of God."



WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Western Reserve United Methodist Church
November 8, 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

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
LEADER: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

CONGREGATION: When I look at your heavens, the work of your hands,

LEADER: The moon and stars that you have established.

CONGREGATION: What are human beings that you are mindful of them? Mortals that you care for them?

LEADER: You have made them a little lower than the angels.

CONGREGATION: And crowned them with honor and glory.

ALL: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

***OPENING HYMN**
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (UMH #89)

***OPENING PRAYER** (spoken in unison)
Creator and Sustainer God, we pause this morning to thank You for Your graciousness and care for us. We ask that You inspire our hearts this morning and open us to hear Your voice as we worship You. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Offering Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF RESPONSE
"Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)" (UMH #376)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD
Isaiah 43:1-19
Colossians 1:3-14
*Matthew 6:25-34

RESPONSE
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *"Stewardship: Tending the Crops"*

***CLOSING HYMN**
"Let All Things Now Living" (TFWS #2008)

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (UMH #664 vs. 1)

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THOSE ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

Sermon:	Pastor Joyce (All Services)
Music:	Leaha Marshall and the TOGGLE Praise Team (9:15 am)
	Leaha Marshall (11:00 am)
Liturgists:	Doug Price (9:15 am)
	Steve Simon (11:00 am)
Greeter:	Sandy Ellis
Usher:	Jim Grischow & Harriet MacAvoy (11:00 am)

Church FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week:

Those in Nursing Homes:

Park Vista of Youngstown: Linda Ward

Windsor House: Nancy Hull

The Inn at Poland Way: Nancy Jarvis

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, Ed Dambik, Terry Hassay, Jon Ramsbottom, Marjorie Nelson, Halle Wright, Kennedy Turek, Brian Hassel, Marian Doerr, Stuart Hassel, Juanita Bloom, Laurie Grischow, Jack Phillipson, Linda Daugherty, Pastor Joyce, Jim Grischow, Bill Blatchford, Bill & Linda Robb, Frank Eich, Bill & Lynette Host, Dorothy Adams, Jeff Yohe

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!

UPCOMING *Events*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! As we continue our Stewardship Campaign, we are reminded that growing in faith takes care, patience, and trust in God. In our Gospel lesson, Jesus reminds us not to worry about tomorrow, but to trust that God knows our needs and faithfully provides for us.

Just as a garden needs tending to grow and flourish, our faith needs nurturing through prayer, worship, generosity, and service. God invites us to let go of our worries, focus on what matters most, and faithfully care for the gifts and blessings entrusted to us.

As we worship together today, may we remember that God provides the growth, but we are called to tend the seeds planted in our lives and in our church.

Welcome to worship! May we grow in faith, trust in God's provision, and faithfully tend all that God has placed in our care.

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LUNCH: Men and women are invited to attend the UWF Lunch on Thursday, November 12 beginning at NOON. Lunch will be provided and we will have a speaker from the Mahoning County Veteran's Commission, who will tell us about benefits and programs for survivors and families of veterans. We will also be collecting donations for the World Thank Offering. The Executive Officers will meet before lunch at 10:30 am.

WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHILI COOK OFF

Get ready to taste, vote, and crown the ultimate chili champion!



- Taste the best chili in Church
- Vote for your favorite
- Fun for everyone



TODAY!

FOLLOWING THE 11:00 SERVICE (APPROX. 12:00 PM)

Don't miss this sizzling event!



TO-GO CONTAINERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR $5 AS LONG AS SUPPLIES LAST. DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL GO TO SUPPORT NEW AND ONGOING MINISTRIES AND NEEDS OF THE CHURCH.

THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH would like to thank everyone who supported the Bake Sale. They made over $1,200 which will be split between missions and the church's general fund.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASSES are open to anyone whether or not you are pursuing Lay Servant or Speaker status. These classes will be held here at the Church on Saturday, November 14 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. There is a $35 registration fee which includes breakfast and lunch. Sign in and breakfast begins at 7:30 am. One class that may be of interest to some is "Ministry with the Forgotten" which deals with caregiving and ministry to those who have Dementia. You can purchase the book "Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lense" on Amazon. To register for a class you can visit https://eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/lsmcvbasic72.

THANK YOU for the expressions of gratitude and appreciation that were given on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We greatly appreciate the cards, gifts and prayers as our ministry for Christ continues here at WRUMC.

Pastor Don & Brenda



Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 21
4-6 pm

$15
per person

Western Reserve United Methodist Church
Dine-in or take it to go!

Family and Friends are welcome!



Reservations required.

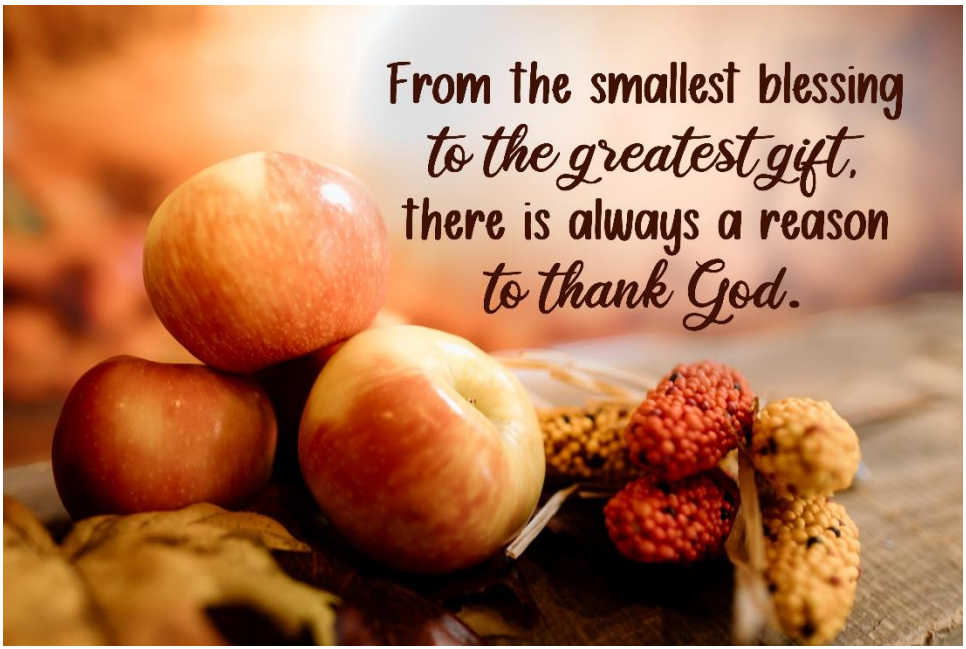
Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center.

All proceeds will help the Rescue Mission purchase turkeys for their Thanksgiving Dinner.

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Karen Himes in memory of loved ones. Sponsors are needed for Sundays, December 13 & 27. The flower chart for 2027 is now available on the Welcome Center. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is $20.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

- **Men's Bible Study** – Tuesday at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- **Adult Bible study & prayer group** – Tuesday at 6:00 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 & GIVING FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	10
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	46
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	35
Total Worship Attendance	**91**

Amount needed to meet weekly budget: $6,631

Total Giving amount: $7,786 (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.



PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT

Received to date: $4,529

(after payments 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 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am)
Sunday School/Adult Bible Study (9:30 am)
Chili Cookoff (12:00 pm)

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (8:00 am)
Helping Hands Closet (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)
Sewing Circle (9:00 am)
Mission Committee (10:00 am)
Stories from the Study on our Facebook Page (4:00 pm)
Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:00 pm)
Trustees Meeting (6:00 pm)

THURSDAY

UWF Luncheon (12:00 pm)

SATURDAY

Lay Ministry Training (All Day)

COMING UP!

Church Thanksgiving Dinner (November 21)
Thanksgiving Day (November 26)
Church Office Closed (November 26-27)