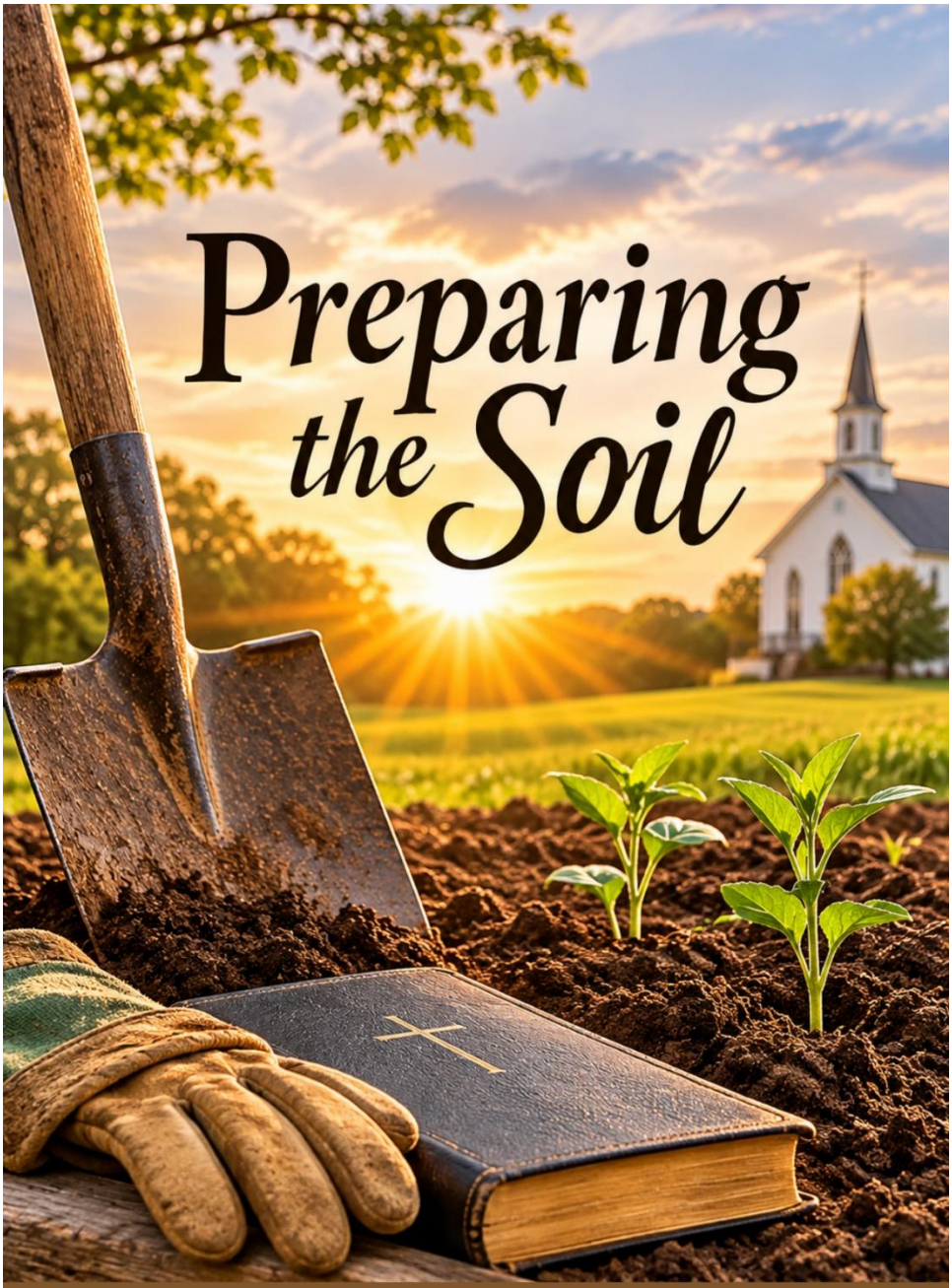


WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Western Reserve United Methodist Church
November 22, 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 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**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (UMH #694)

***OPENING PRAYER** (spoken in unison)
Lord, we come to You today thankful for all the ways You have led us in the past year. We pray You will continue to be with us – leading and guiding us – as we look toward a new year of ministry. Help each one of us to listen for Your call to serve and to respond with an enthusiastic, "Yes," when that call comes. Bring Your power and compassion to our souls so that we may be strengthened for the journey ahead. Make us worthy of Your call and guide us as we strive to keep our commitments to You and those You love. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BLANKETS

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 1:3-6
*Mark 4:1-20

RESPONSE
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *"Stewardship: Preparing the Soil"*

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

RECEIVING AND CONSECRATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS

***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)
	Rev. Don Christensen (11:00 am)
Greeter:	Rev. Bruce & Barb Irwin
Ushers:	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 & Dorothy Adams

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, Roberta Romack

Those mourning the loss of loved ones:

The family of Cathy Dorus

UPCOMING *Events*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today is Consecration Sunday and the final Sunday of our Stewardship Campaign. As we gather for worship and hear the message, “Preparing the Soil,” may we open our hearts to the ways God is calling us to grow, serve, and share our blessings with others. Every gift, every act of kindness, and every commitment helps plant seeds for the future of our church and the ministries we share.

Whether you have been part of our church family for years or are visiting with us today, you are welcome here. Let us celebrate all God has done, give thanks for the blessings we share, and look forward with hope to all that God will grow through us!

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TODAY WE CELEBRATE CONSECRATION SUNDAY which is the day we make our commitment to the church for the next year. If you forgot to bring your Commitment Card or did not receive one in the mail, they are available near the offering plates and baskets in each service. You will be asked to place your Commitment Card in the special basket or offering plate during the singing of the last hymn or worship song.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving. If you have any announcements for the bulletin for next Sunday, November 29, please have them turned in tomorrow. Thank you!



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS!

MILK JUG COLLECTION: Please save your transparent or translucent gallon milk or water jugs. Containers need to be washed and brought to church by Sunday, December 13. Our young adults will be preparing them on Wednesday, December 16.



COOKIES ARE NEEDED for the reception following the Christmas Concert on December 20th. If you can provide cookies, please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center. Cookies can be dropped off on Saturday, December 10 from 10 am – 12 pm and 5 pm – 7 pm. Thank you!

POP-UP MOVIE AND LUNCH: Stay after the 11:00 service next Sunday, November 29, for a light lunch and movie. We will be watching the George C. Scott version of "A Christmas Carol." Come, get in the spirit of the season as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Young Adult Group will meet at the church at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 6 and then go to Dunkin' Donuts.

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



HELPING HANDS

CUSTOMER & DONOR APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY



DECEMBER 1

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

UWF CHRISTMAS LUNCH: All women are invited to our United Women in Faith Christmas Lunch on Thursday, December 10, at 11:30 AM at Kennsington Grille (4171 Westford Place in Canfield). We will be ordering off the menu individually. Please RSVP to Diane Price, 330-786-7517, by December 2 if possible.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MOVIE AND PARTY: Come and enjoy "A Muppets Christmas Carol", snacks, and some surprises as we get into the spirit of Christmas. The movie will begin at 10:30 am on Sunday, December 13 (right after Sunday school).

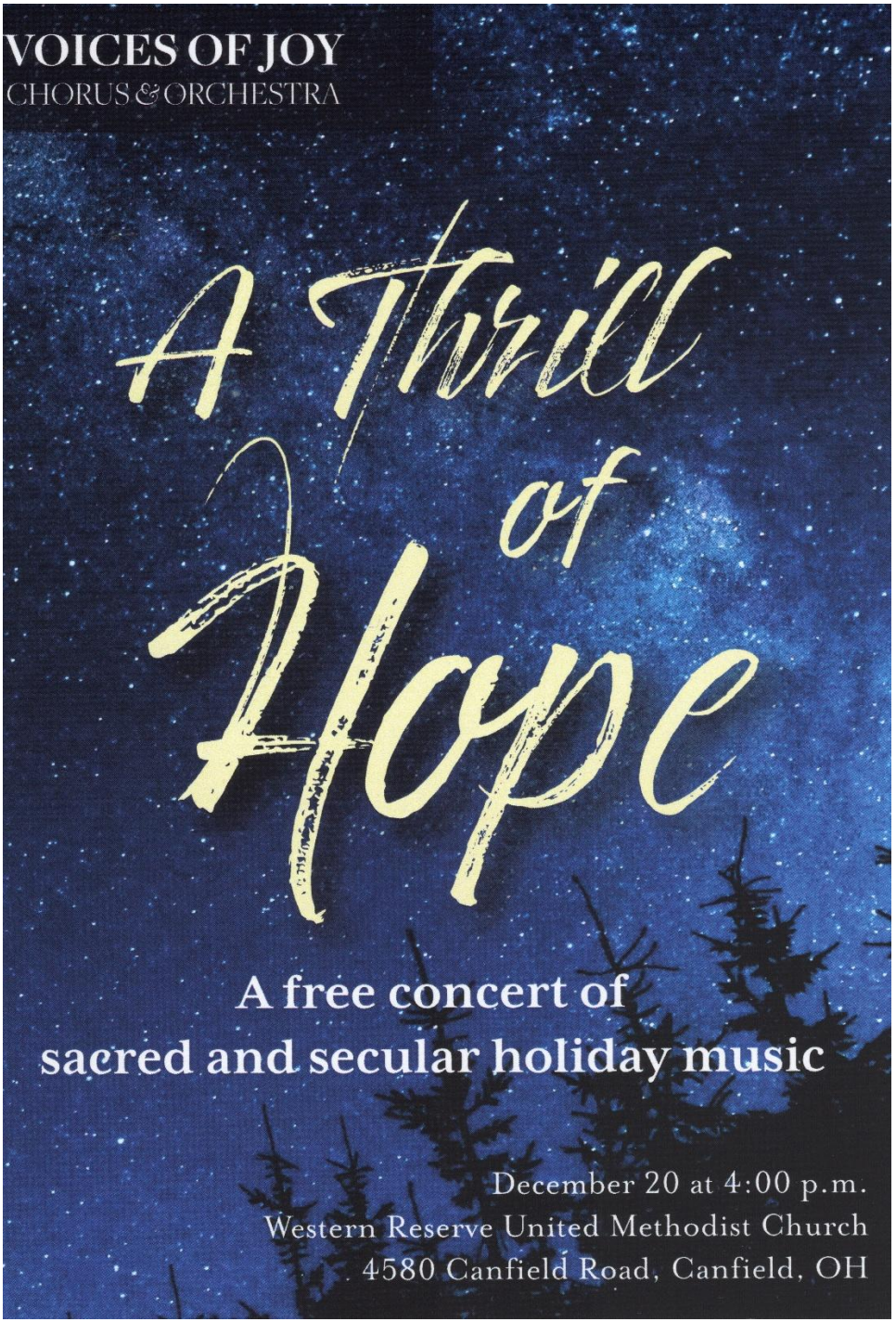


THE GIVING TREE is located in the narthex. Simply take a tag, purchase the gift requested, and return them by December 13. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Norma Rowland in memory of loved ones. Sponsors are needed for Sunday, December 13. 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).


VOICES OF JOY
CHORUS & ORCHESTRA
A Thrill of Hope
A free concert of
sacred and secular holiday music
December 20 at 4:00 p.m.
Western Reserve United Methodist Church
4580 Canfield Road, Canfield, OH

ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	10
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	52
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	39
Total Worship Attendance	**101**

Amount needed to meet weekly budget: $6,631

Total Giving amount: $4,976 (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

Amount Available: $60

(after payments for work completed)

THIS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT AND WE 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)

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FRIDAY

Church Office Closed

COMING UP!

Pop-Up Movie & Light Lunch (November 29 @ 12:15 pm)
Helping Hands Christmas Party (December 1)