

# Peace

“Glory to God  
in the highest  
heaven, and on  
earth peace to  
those on whom  
his favor rests.”

*Luke 2:14, NIV*



WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# Western Reserve United Methodist Church

December 7, 2025

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

INTROIT: *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We are here to worship God.

CONGREGATION: Our God gives us hope.

LEADER: We are here to worship God.

CONGREGATION: Our God brings us peace.

LEADER: We have heard the proclamation,

CONGREGATION: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

***ALL: Help us feel the peace that comes with that light.***

\*OPENING HYMN: *"There's a Song in the Air"* (UMH #249)

\*OPENING PRAYER (Spoken in unison)

Lord, when talking to Your disciples, You said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid." We confess, Lord, that we do not always feel that peace in our lives and our souls. Be with us today as we worship and help us let go of all that brings us fear and concern. Help us let go of everything that weighs on our hearts so we can truly experience the peace that You bring. Amen.

# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - *The Candle of Peace*

## DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

\*Doxology (UMH #95)

\*Offertory Prayer

## CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Will We Know Him?"*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## HYMN OF RESPONSE: *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"* (UMH #204)

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 9:1-7; \*Luke 4:48-55

## RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALL: Thanks be to God.***

## MESSAGE: ***"Chrismons: The Star of Peace"***

## HYMN OF PREPARATION:

*"His Name Is Wonderful"* (UMH #174)

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (UMH Pg. 12)

\*CLOSING HYMN: *"The Snow Lay on the Ground"* (TFWS #2093)

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"* (UMH #221 vv. 1,4)

## 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)

Greeter: Judy Briggs

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)  
Laura Morlan (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, Judy R., Sandra Ellis, Billy Tarr, Betty Brunswick, Tim  
Treleven, Bill Robb, Ed Dambik, Dawn Owens, 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, Bob M.

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!



WELCOME TO ADVENT AT WESTERN RESERVE UMC!

We are glad you joined us today. Our theme for Advent and Christmas this year is Chrismons. Chrismons are symbols of Jesus' life and are so often used to decorate Christmas trees. We will focus on one each Sunday, and following the services each week, you will have the opportunity to create your own Chrismon to take home.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO STAY following the services to share breakfast and a time of fellowship in the Narthex. Breakfast will be available all morning. Our Chrismon today is the star, and you are welcome to make a Chrismon ornament to take home. If you missed last week's scroll, it is still available as well. Join us next Sunday for cookies, cocoa, and coffee between services. Our Chrismon next week will be the angel.

PLEASE SAVE your transparent or translucent gallon milk or water jugs for luminaries for Christmas Eve. Containers need to be washed and brought to church by Sunday, December 14. Our Young Adults will be preparing them this year.



# YOUNG ADULT *Christmas* PARTY

Get ready to jingle and mingle!

It's time to unwrap the joy,  
laughter, and festive fun at our  
Christmas Party. We will have a  
White Elephant Gift Exchange  
and enjoy a Christmas movie  
complete with popcorn and other  
treats. Bring your friends and  
enjoy a relaxing evening of fun  
and fellowship!

DECEMBER 10 | 6:30 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL





SAVE THE DATE! Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends as we watch a family-friendly Christmas movie complete with popcorn, movie treats, and a few other surprises!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our Sunday school children will present a Christmas program on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> during the 9:15 and 11:00 worship services. Everyone is welcome to come and share the joy of Christmas!

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** The Church office hours will be changing a bit over the holidays and will be open M-TH the week of December 14 and will be closed Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The office will also be closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day and January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bulletin deadlines are as follows:

- Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> due no later than Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> due no later than Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> due no later than Monday, December 29.

VOICES OF JOY  
CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

# Cantique de Noël

A free concert of  
sacred and secular holiday music

December 14 at 4:00 p.m.  
Western Reserve United Methodist Church  
4580 Canfield Road, Canfield, OH

***If you can provide cookies for the reception,  
please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center.  
Thank you!***



WORSHIP WITH US THIS

*Christmas*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

3:00 PM

7:00 PM

11:00 PM



ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Frank & Linda Stellato in memory of Doris James' birthday and David James & Terry James; and by Joyce Aey in memory of Jack Aey's birthday. Sponsors are needed for Sunday, December 28. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20. ***The Flower Chart for 2026 is now available at the Welcome Center.***

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

- Men's Bible study – Meets in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 8:30 am except for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:walton32000@yahoo.com)). ***PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Bible study on December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.***

## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR SUNDAY, November 30

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	11
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	39
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	37
Total Worship Attendance	87

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

Total Giving amount: \$3,651 (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 support of WRUMC and its ministries!

***Thank you for your continued faithfulness in worship and giving!***



**PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT**

**Received to date: \$13,667**

**(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!***

# NOTES



## **TODAY**

Worship Services (8:30, 9:15, 11:00 am)  
Sunday school/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)  
Trustees' Meeting (6:00 pm)

## **WEDNESDAY**

Young Adult's Christmas Party (6:30 pm)

## **THURSDAY**

UWF Christmas Luncheon @ Picadilly Parlor (11:30 am)  
Evening Vespers on our Facebook Page (7:30 pm)

## **SATURDAY**

Family Christmas Movie Celebration (4:00 pm)

## COMING UP!

Children's Christmas Presentation (December 14 | 11:00 am)  
"Cantique de Noel" holiday concert (December 14 | 4:00 pm)  
Mission's Committee Meeting (December 16 | 11:00 am)  
Family Game Night (December 19 | 6:00 pm)  
Christmas Eve Services (December 24 | 3:00, 7:00, 11:00 pm)