



*This is my story,
This is my song,
Praising my Savior
All the day long.*

WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Western Reserve United Methodist Church

February 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***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT: *"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: On this first Sunday of Lent, we have come to worship God.

CONGREGATION: We have come to hear and understand the stories of our God.

LEADER: We have come to pray for God's presence in our lives today.

CONGREGATION: We seek to feel and know the steadfast love of God shown throughout the Bible.

LEADER: As You led the people in the Scriptures, lead us, Lord, today.

CONGREGATION: As You spoke to them, speak to us today, Lord.

ALL: We praise You and honor You, O Lord, our God.

*OPENING HYMN: *"Blessed Assurance"* (UMH #369)

*PRAYER (spoken in unison)

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Offertory Prayer

ANTHEM

"As I Have Done for You"

MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"Wonderful Words of Life" (UMH #600 vs. 1)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Hebrews 11:1-12, 17-40

*Matthew 28:18-20

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: ***"This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song: My Story"***

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story" (UMH #156)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"On Eagle's Wings" (UMH #143)

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)

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)
Barb Irwin (11:00 am)

Greeters: Rev. Bruce & Barb Irwin

Usher: Harriet MacAvoy (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, Lugene Pezzuto, Doug Price,
Jack Phillipson, Joy Eichert

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 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.

LENTEN BIBLE READING: Throughout Lent, we will be reading the Bible aloud in the Sanctuary. You are invited to come to the Sanctuary whenever you are in the building for a meeting or activity and spend some time reading God's Word. There will be a log kept by the Bible to enter where you started and stopped so the next person will know where to begin. You may read as little or as much as your time allows. Our goal is to read through the entire Bible by Easter.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to serve as Offering counters (1st and/or 5th Sundays) and Ushers. If you are willing to help in either of these important ministries, please contact the church office, Pastor Joyce, or Harriet MacAvoy. Thank you for serving!

HELPING HANDS CLOSET: If you haven't checked out the H.H. Closet, you are missing out on some great deals on clothing, jewelry, and now Greeting Cards and other items that were donated to us from a local drug store that closed. Greeting cards of all kinds are priced at just \$.25 each. Helping Hands is open every Tuesday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and is located at the back of the church.

A graphic for a Game Night event. The background is a red and white checkerboard pattern. On the left, there are several playing cards (Ace of Spades, King of Hearts, Queen of Diamonds, Jack of Clubs) and three pawns (yellow, red, blue). The text 'Game Night' is written in a large, white, cursive font with a red outline. To the right, the date and time are listed in white text: 'February 27' and '6:00 pm'. Below that, the instruction 'bring a dessert or snack to share.' is written in a white, cursive font.

Game Night

February 27
6:00 pm

*bring a dessert or
snack to share.*

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: All women are invited to our United Women in Faith meeting on Thursday, March 12 at noon in the fellowship hall. We will start with a potluck lunch, followed by a speaker from Hospice of the Valley, who will give us valuable information about services offered by this agency. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. Join us and bring a friend!

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: With your generous donations to Heifer International we were able to purchase 2 cows, 2 goats, and 2 flocks of chickens and wanted to share a note from Heifer International.

We wanted to take a moment to personally thank you for your generous donation of \$1,280, which we received on February 10, 2026. Your kindness has a profound impact, and it will help so many families around the world who need it most. We are deeply grateful for your support and feel fortunate to have you as part of our community. Thank you again for making such a meaningful difference!

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Mission Trip Fundraising Italian Buffet

MENU INCLUDES:

WEDDING SOUP

CHICKEN PARMESAN

SHRIMP LINGUINI

CHICKEN ALFREDO LASAGNA

TOSSSED SALAD | BREAD | DESSERT

MARCH 11

5:00 PM



A basket will be provided for free-will donations and proceeds will benefit the Mission Trip to Asheville, NC this summer. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center and let us know how many are coming!



AND SO IS THE GAB SALE! Start saving your donations for this annual event that will be held on April 30-May 3. Donations of clothes, housewares, small appliances, home décor, jewelry, baby items, collectibles, furniture (especially furniture) and more are appreciated, but please, no large appliances, encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, mattresses, oversize sofas, China cabinets, entertainment centers, computers, or televisions. More information will be coming soon.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

- Men's Bible study – Meets in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 8:00 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).

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Sandy & Tim Treleven in honor of their granddaughter, Taylor Sheffield's birthday. Jim & Ellen Pence provided the flowers last Sunday in memory of Margaret Vollmer. Sponsors are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including March 1, 8, 15, & 29. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20.



Spring

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

THE SHOPS AT HARTVILLE KITCHEN

APR. 28

6:00 PM

DOORS OPEN
5:30 PM

\$45.00

INCLUDES DINNER,
GIFT BAG FILLED WITH
COUPONS & GIFTS, CHANCE
TO WIN FABULOUS PRIZES!

If you would like to go to this incredible event,
please give your money to Melodee by
Tuesday, March 10.

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

You can meet us there or plan to carpool.
If you are available to drive or would like to carpool,
please let Melodee know (330-502-6083).

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR SUNDAY, February 15

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	11
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	42
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	44
Total Worship Attendance	97

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

Total Giving amount: \$3,172.50 (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: \$13,857
(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

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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)
Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:30 pm)

FRIDAY

Family Game Night (6:00 pm)

COMING UP!

Trustees' Meeting (March 10 | 6:00 pm)
Mission Fundraising Italian Dinner (March 11 | 5:00 pm)
United Women in Faith Luncheon (March 12 | 12:00 pm)
Easter Egg Hunt (March 29 | 11:15 am - 1:00 pm)