

# I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.



The one who believes in me will live,  
even though they die; and whoever lives  
by believing in me will never die.

*Do you believe this?*

John 11: 25-26

WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# Western Reserve United Methodist Church

March 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***

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Worship the Lord all of you gathered here.

CONGREGATION: Our God is good and worthy of our worship and praise.

LEADER: Worship the Lord when your hearts leap high and when they have sunk to the depths.

CONGREGATION: We will worship God at all times and in all things.

***ALL: Cling fast to the Lord and know God's love.***

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* (UMH #474)

### **\*PRAYER (spoken in unison)**

This morning, Lord, we come to You with our joys and our heartaches. There are times when it is easy to see You at work in and around us and other times when You seem so very far away. There are times when it is easy to trust in Your promises and point them out to those around us and other times when Your promises seem so very hard to believe. Remind us of Your faithfulness, Lord. Show us Your light and help us to believe when we could so easily fall away. 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

*"God Is So Good"* (TFWS #2056 sung twice)

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 34

Revelation 21:1-6a

\*John 11:1-7, 17-26, 32-43

### RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

### MESSAGE

***"This Is Our Story; This Is Our Song: 'I've Just Seen Too Much"***

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*" (UMH #557)

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Your Peace)"* (UMH #376)

### 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)  
Amy Nash (11:00 am)

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)  
Rev. Don Christensen (11:00 am)

Greeter: Rev. Bruce & Barb Irwin

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:***

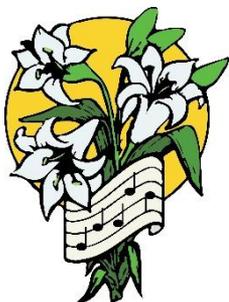
Bill Helsel, Sandra Ellis, Billy Tarr, Betty Brunswick, Tim Treleven,  
Bill Robb, Ed Dambik, Terry Hassay, Jon Ramsbottom, Marjorie  
Nelson, Halle Wright, Kennedy Turek, Brian Hassel, Marian Doerr,  
Barb Rauschenburg, Stuart Hassel, Juanita Bloom, Chelsea  
(Schmidt) Kachelries, Laurie Grischow, Lugene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

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. *We have reached the book of Exodus!*



THEME SONGS for the Lenten Sermon Series can be found in our Spring Brochure which is available in the worship spaces and the Welcome Center area. Please take one for yourself and take some home to share with friends and family members.

# Game Night



March 27

6:00 pm

*bring a dessert or  
snack to share.*

**SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER:** On Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 5:00 pm, we are having a soup and bread supper. We need about 4 people to donate a crockpot of soup and others to bring a variety of breads. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



**WOMEN'S SUNDAY:** We will be celebrating women in mission on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> with a joint worship service at 10:00 am. There will be no other services that day as we come together in worship and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to stay after the service for a reception.

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS** for March-May are available. They are located on the Welcome Center. Take one for yourself and one to share with a friend!



**LUNCH  
INCLUDED!**

**EASTER  
EGG  
HUNT**



**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 29** | **11:15 AM**



There will also be a "Palm Parade"  
at the beginning of the 9:15 and 11:00 services.

THANK YOU to everyone who has graciously donated Easter candy for our Easter egg hunt. If you brought some with you this morning, please put them in the basket in the Narthex.

# Holy Week

Join us as we journey through the most sacred week of the Christian year during Holy Week. Together we will walk with Christ from celebration, to sacrifice, to resurrection hope. Come and worship with us during these meaningful services.



## PALM Sunday

### CELEBRATE JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY!

With palm branches and joyful worship, we remember the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as the crowds shouted, "*Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*"

**SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT 8:30, 9:15, 11:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL | BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30 AM**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH AT 11:15 AM**



## MAUNDY Thursday

### AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

Come share a simple meal together as we remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples. Following supper, we will gather for a meaningful worship service and celebrate Holy Communion as we reflect on Christ's command to love and serve one another.

**SUPPER AT 5:00 PM | SERVICE AT 7:00 PM**



## GOOD Friday

### PRAYER VIGIL (12:00 - 3:00 PM)

The sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer and reflection during the hours traditionally remembered as the time Christ hung on the cross.

### TENEBRAE SERVICE (7:30 PM)

Join us for a moving service of Scripture, prayer, and the gradual extinguishing of candles as we reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord.



## EASTER Sunday

### REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!

Together we will worship with joyful music, inspiring Scripture, and the message of hope that Easter brings. This is a day of celebration as we proclaim the good news of Christ's victory over death.

**EASTER BREAKFAST | 7:00-9:00 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICES | 8:30, 9:15, 11:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY | 9:30 AM**

**GAB SALE TEAM:** We are looking for a team of up to 5 people who would be willing to lead the GAB Sale. You would meet with JoAnn to see how things are currently organized, visit the GAB Sale to experience it firsthand, and then begin meeting as a team to plan for next year. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact the Church Office. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Pastor Joyce or JoAnn.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Judy Briggs in memory of her mother, Dorothy Briggs' birthday. Sponsors are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including Palm Sunday, March 29 and April 19. 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 – Meets in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 8:00 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 6:00 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](mailto:walton32000@yahoo.com)).



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# SALE

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JoAnn Truax (330-318-7952)

## CELEBRATING OVER 50 YEARS!

Thursday, April 30  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Friday, May 1  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Saturday, May 2  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	11
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	32
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	40
Total Worship Attendance	83

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

Total Giving amount: \$6,845 (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: \$9,309

(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!***

# 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 (6:00 pm)

## FRIDAY

Game Night (6:00 pm)

## PALM SUNDAY

Worship Services (8:30, 9:15, 11:00 am)  
Sunday school & Bible Study (9:30 am)  
Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch (11:15 am)

## COMING UP!

HOLY WEEK - see the schedule inside the bulletin  
Office Closed (April 6)

United Women in Faith Lunch (April 9 | 12:00 pm)  
Women's Sunday Joint Worship Service (April 12 | 10:00 am)  
Trustees' Meeting (April 13 | 6:00 pm)  
Administrative Board Meeting (April 16 | 7:00 pm)