



EASTER *Sunday*

“Don’t be alarmed,”
he said.
“You are looking for
Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified.
He has risen!
He is not here.
See the place
where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6, NIV

WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Western Reserve United Methodist Church

April 5, 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.***

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!

****Please rise in body or in spirit***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT: *"Up from the Grave He Arose"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Easter is God's light shining in our darkness!

CONGREGATION: Easter is hope washing over despair.

LEADER: Easter is joy brimming over,

CONGREGATION: Flowing into each day and setting alleluias loose.

LEADER: Let us rejoice—Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

*OPENING HYMN:

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (UMH #302 vv. 1,2,4)

*PRAYER (spoken in unison)

God of surprises, You have confounded our neat categories, exceeded our expectations, and transcended our hopes with the resurrection of Jesus! We confess our tendency to doubt the resurrection, or to believe it superficially and for all the wrong reasons. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to witness again this wondrous event, but now with the wonder-filled eyes of faith.

Give us the words we need to express our gladness; that finding again the empty tomb, we may move beyond simple shock and surprise to belief and boldness on behalf of our risen Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Offertory Prayer

ANTHEM: *"In the Garden"*

MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalms 118:1-5, 13-14, 22-24

*John 20:1-8

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Revelation Song"* – Regan Marshall

MESSAGE: ***"Kingdom, Power and Glory Forever!"***

*CLOSING HYMN

"He Lives!" (UMH #310)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you to those assisting in our worship services.

Sermon: Pastor Don Christensen (All Services)

Music: Leaha Marshall and the TOGGLE Praise Team (9:15 am)
Leaha Marshall (11:00 am)

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)
Laura Morlan (11:00 am)

Greeter: Judy Briggs

Usher: Jim Grischow (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

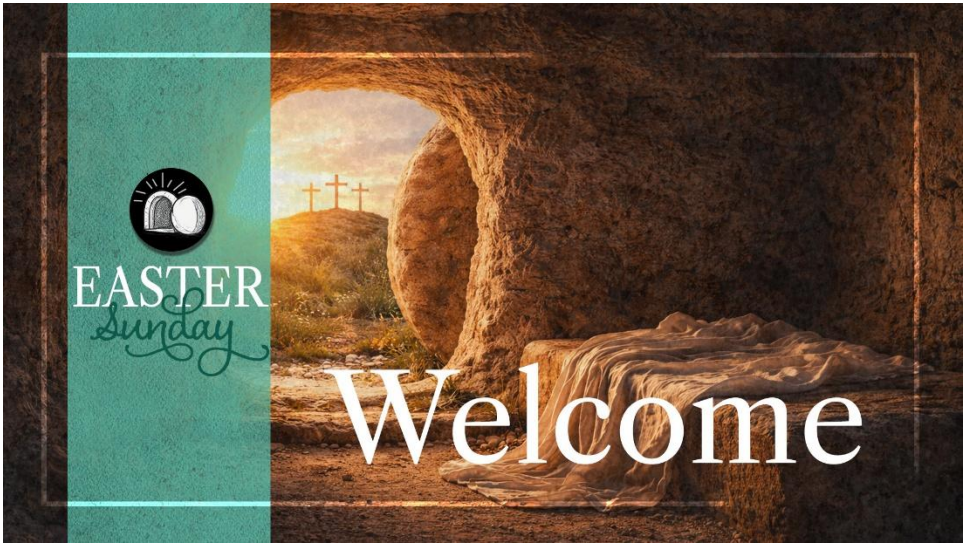
Those serving in our military:

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 TO WORSHIP THIS EASTER SUNDAY! He is risen! We rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the new life He brings. Whether this is your first visit or you have worshipped with us for years, we are glad you are here. May God's love and grace fill your heart with hope and joy today.

WE THANK REV. DON CHRISTENSEN for leading us in worship this morning as Pastor Joyce continues to recover at home.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP PASTOR JOYCE in your prayers as she continues her recovery at home.

Cards can be sent to:

1318 Marlow Ave.

Lakewood, OH 44107



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow and will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.



THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH EXECUTIVE OFFICERS will meet at 10:30 am on Thursday, April 9th.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO OUR UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH meeting on Thursday, April 9 at noon in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided, and afterward, Karen Halley will tell us about the ministry of our church's sewing circle. Join us and bring a friend!

WOMEN'S SUNDAY: We will be celebrating women in mission next Sunday, April 12th 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.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SPRING GATHERING: On Saturday, April 18, we will be hosting the Central Valley District United Women in Faith Spring Gathering beginning at 8:30 AM. The program will start with a light brunch followed by music and worship, reports from District and Conference representatives, and a presentation by Wanda Marland about the Comfort and Hope ministry for foster children. The program will end with lunch at noon. All women are welcome. The cost is \$12.00. Please RSVP to Diane Price.



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: Sponsors are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including 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 1st 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).

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Roberta Romack will be celebrating her **101st birthday** on April 15th and we want to bless her with birthday cards from her church family.

Cards can be sent to:
1260 Boardman-Canfield Rd. #26
Youngstown, OH 44512

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED! GAB SALE



THE GAB SALE IS APRIL 30 - MAY 2 and your trash might be someone else's treasure! Donated items can be dropped off on Monday, April 20 through Tuesday, April 28. We are not accepting donations of magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, televisions, computers, large appliances (stove, refrigerator, etc.), exercise equipment, or China cabinets.

We will pick up donations if needed, but we will need trucks, vans, and other larger vehicles in order to do this. If you can help pick up large items and have a truck or larger automobile, please let JoAnn know.

This event is really something special as it is an opportunity to come together with others in our church and community to share kindness and make a difference. Your time and heart can brighten someone's day and help support the ministry of WRUMC.

Volunteers of all ages are needed from April 19 (following the 9:15 worship service to set up tables in the Fellowship Hall) – May 2. Help is needed prior to the sale to set up, during the sale for carryout, door watchers, etc., and after the sale to clean up and tear down on May 2nd. Whether you can come for just a couple of hours, a day, or even for the whole time your help would be greatly appreciated! We even promise to feed you! Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center if you can help. All proceeds will be given to help with church needs.

For more information contact JoAnn Truax (330-318-7952). Please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.



Easter Flowers are provided by:

Dorothy Adams

in memory of John Adams & Helen Raub

Jerry & Carolyn Arnsberger

in memory of loved ones

Shelly Colucci

in memory of loved ones

Paula Droege

in memory of loved ones and
in honor of her family, the Raub & Droege Families

Sandy Ellis

in memory of her mom and dad

Terry Hassay & Melodie Titus

in memory of their mothers

Pastor Joyce & Keith

in memory of Pastor Joyce's parents, Gerald & Joan Lamison and loved ones;
in honor of Keith's parents, John & Martha Hoile; their children and
grandchildren; and in honor of the members and ministries of WRUMC;
Confirmation Class; Young Adults & the Coffee Bar

Joan Hoile

in memory of Joan Lamison

Don Knauf

in honor of his grandchildren

Harriet MacAvoy

in honor of her great-grandsons

Jan Mitchell

in memory of family

Doug & Diane Price

in memory of their parents and brother

Sandy & Tim Treleven

in memory of loved ones



ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	10
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	56
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	58
Total Worship Attendance	124

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

Total Giving amount: \$7,005 (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



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Breakfast (7:00 - 9:00 am)

Worship Services (8:30, 9:15, 11:00 am)

Sunday school/Bible study (9:30 am)

MONDAY

Church Office Closed

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)

THURSDAY

UWF Executive Officers' Meeting (10:30 am)

United Women in Faith Luncheon (12:00 pm)

WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Joint Worship Service & Reception (10:00 am)

COMING UP!

Trustees Meeting (April 13 | 6:00 pm)

Administrative Board (April 16 | 7:00 pm)

UWF Spring Rally (April 18)

Family Game Night (April 24)

GAB Sale (April 30-May 2)