



*The Road to*  
**Emmaus**

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

**WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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# Western Reserve United Methodist Church

May 3, 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**

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

LEADER: Put away the things of this world and turn your focus to God.

**CONGREGATION: We are here to worship and praise the Lord, our God.**

LEADER: Leave behind the things that distract you.

**CONGREGATION: We are here to worship and praise the Lord, our God.**

LEADER: Be present in this Sanctuary and at home and listen to the Word of the Lord.

**CONGREGATION: We are here to worship and praise the Lord, our God.**

***ALL: Speak, Lord. We are here.***

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *"He Lives"* (UMH #310)

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

**Lord, this morning we come together to worship You and be led in Your presence. Speak to our hearts, Lord, and help us to hear Your word anew. Come fully into our lives so we may know You better and be better prepared to live out our call. 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**

*"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* (UMH #328)

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

Ephesians 1:15-23

\*Luke 1:1-4

\*Luke 24:13-35

## **RESPONSE**

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

### **MESSAGE: "Were Not Our Hearts Burning?"**

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"Spirit of the Living God"* (UMH #393)

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

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"The Day of Resurrection"* (UMH #303)

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*"He Is Exalted"* (TFWS #2070)

## **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)  
Diane Price (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,  
Stuart Hassel, Juanita Bloom, Chelsea (Schmidt) Kachelries, Laurie  
Grischow, Lugene Pezzuto, Doug Price, Jack Phillipson, Linda  
Daugherty, Pastor Joyce, Jim Grischow

**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** as we celebrate the beauty and renewal of spring. As the earth awakens with new life, we are reminded of God's grace, faithfulness, and the hope we have in Christ. Whether you join us each week or are visiting for the first time, we are grateful you are here. May this season refresh your spirit, fill your heart with joy, and bless you through our time together in worship.



Did you know that we send out a "Weekend Update" to our members every week? If you are not receiving these phone calls or emails and would like to, please contact Deanna in the Church Office to sign up.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Judy Briggs in memory of her father, Lee Briggs' birthday. Sponsors are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including May 24. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20.

## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS:**

We are having an Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, May 5 from 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM (or until sold out). We could still use a few individuals to help sell items that day and we need home-baked goods to sell. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center at church or contact Diane Price or Ruth Baldwin. Your baked goods can be brought to the church on Monday, May 4 during office hours (9 am – 2 pm) or from 5 – 7 pm that evening, or early Tuesday morning. Thank you for your support!

On Thursday, May 14 at 11:00 AM, we will meet for lunch at Das Dutch Haus restaurant in Columbiana. We will be ordering off the menu. Afterward we can shop in the gift shops there or tour the Hippley Gardens nearby. Contact Diane Price for more information or to RSVP.



**GAB SALE TEAM:** We are looking for a team of up to 5 people who would be willing to lead the GAB Sale. 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.

## **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES**

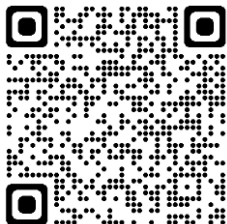
- **Men's Bible study** – Meets in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 8:00 am except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday when they meet at Trek Coffee House (1588 Mahoning Ave.).
- **Adult Bible study & prayer group** – Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room. If you would like more information or have any prayer requests for the group, please contact Laura (cell: 330-770-7017 or email: [walton32000@yahoo.com](mailto:walton32000@yahoo.com)).

## **ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

**Joint Worship Service: 68**

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

**Total Giving amount: \$3,353** (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: \$9,349**

(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!***

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## **TODAY**

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

## **TUESDAY**

UWF Bake Sale (6:30 am - 6:30 pm)  
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)

## **COMING UP!**

Trustee Meeting (May 11 @ 6:00 pm)  
UWF Lunch @ Das Dutch Haus (May 14 @ 11:00 am)  
Memorial Day - Church Office Closed (May 25)  
Family Game Night (May 29 @ 6:00 pm)