

# THE PARABLE OF *The* SOWER



“A sower went out to sow...  
Some seed fell on the path,  
some on rocky places,  
some among thorns,  
and some on good soil.

*And it produced  
a crop.”*

Matthew 13:1-23

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# Western Reserve United Methodist Church

July 12, 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** *(Adapted from umcdiscipleship.org)*

LEADER: For the packed down soil that makes travel swift and sure;

**CONGREGATION: For the institutions we have made, for churches, governments, and corporations;**

LEADER: For thin soils over thick rock that harbor mosses, grasses and other rock-converting, soil-making vegetation;

**CONGREGATION: For all who are engaged in ministries of healing, hope, and restoration, and all they remember and care for, at the hardest edges of this life;**

LEADER: For weed-rich soils that foster biodiversity and defend themselves from erosion;

**CONGREGATION: For all who seek and speak insistent truths that choke out every form of ignorance, hatred, and self-deceit;**

LEADER: For the richest soils that have produced harvests for Your kingdom beyond imagining;

**CONGREGATION: For every mustard seed of Your kingdom planted in every one of Your disciples;**

***ALL: May we rejoice with You in Your abundant harvests everywhere on earth as in the new creation.***

## **OPENING HYMN**

*"O Worship the King" (UMH #73)*

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

**O Lord, our God, You are always more ready to bestow Your good gifts on us than we are to seek them and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of Your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

\*Doxology (UMH #95)

\*Offertory Prayer

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** – *Missions Committee*

## **MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **MORNING PRAYERS** – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*"As the Deer" (TFWS #2025)*

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

Isaiah 55:5-13

\*Matthew 13:1-23

## **RESPONSE**

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **MESSAGE**

***"Summer Camp: Parables – The Sower"***

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Hymn of Promise" (UMH #707)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*"This Little Light of Mine" (UMH #585, vs. 1)*

**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)  
Kathy Simon (11:00 am)

Greeter: Sandy Ellis

Ushers: The Baldwin Family (11:00 am)

# Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—

The logo features the word "Church" in a black cursive font at the top. Below it, the word "FAMILY" is written in large, bold, teal block letters. A small white icon of a church steeple with a family silhouette inside is positioned over the letter "I" in "FAMILY". At the bottom, the words "—PRAYER LIST—" are written in teal block letters, flanked by horizontal lines.

**Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week:**

***Those in Nursing Homes:***

**Park Vista of Youngstown:** Linda Ward

**The Inn at Poland Way:** Nancy Jarvis

**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,  
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, Jack  
Phillipson, Linda Daugherty, Pastor Joyce, Jim Grischow, Bill  
Blatchford, Jeff Yohe (Deanna's son-in-law), Bill & Linda Robb

**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!

# UPCOMING *Events*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Whether this is your first visit or you've been part of our church family for years, we are grateful you are here.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the Parable of the Sower, reminding us that God's Word is generously planted in every heart. As we gather, may the Holy Spirit prepare us to receive that Word with faith, allowing it to take root, grow, and bear fruit through lives of love, grace, and service.

May this time of worship draw us closer to God and to one another as we open our hearts to Christ's transforming love.

## **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

- The Office will be closed on Tuesday
- We are still dealing with the aftermath of last Sunday's storms, and our phones and internet are down until further notice. If you have anything for the bulletin, please leave a note in Deanna's mailbox in the library.



## **BIKE RALLY & CHURCH PICNIC**

***AUGUST 1***

Bike Rally begins at 11:00 am

Church Picnic at NOON

food provided by Mission's Committee;

free will donation appreciated

**GAB SALE 2.0 MEETING:** Monday, July 13 @ 6:00 pm – We will start making decisions based on the dreams we dreamed and the information we received at the last meeting.



## **OUR BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY**

will be held on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm at our Helping Hands Closet located at the back of the Church!

### **DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!**

- *Any size gently used Children's coats, jackets, hoodies, boots, shoes, hats, and gloves*
- *School supplies such as backpacks, pencil boxes, #2 pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, markers, crayons (16-24 ct.), pens, highlighters, rulers, scissors (rounded tips), rulers, glue or glue sticks, paper clips, index cards, spiral notebooks, 3-4 ring binders, paper, loose leaf notebooks, small packages of tissues. School supplies can be new or gently used items you have at home.*

**Any donations will be greatly appreciated!**

**Please put your donations in the box in the narthex  
by Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**SHOPPING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT HHC THAT DAY!** Come and get your gift certificate to use when shopping for clothes.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED!** If you would like to volunteer, or have any other questions, please call JoAnn (330-318-7952).

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK** everyone for your prayers for my son-in-law, Jeff, over the past couple of weeks as he had to undergo two emergency surgeries to remove abscesses from his liver caused by Crohn's disease. He is now home recovering and we know that this is going to be a long recovery process. Thank you also to everyone who donated to their "Meal Train" as that has been a great blessing to them while my daughter takes care of Jeff as well as their home and 1-year old daughter, Isabelle, all while expecting their second child (it's a boy!) in February. I also want to thank Pastor Joyce, Diane Price, and everyone else who has helped out during my absence. Please continue to us all in your prayers during this very challenging season of our lives. - *Deanna*

### **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Debbi Manginelli in memory of her mother, Thelma Burndt. Flowers were also provided by Norma Rowland in memory of Frank & Mildred McGinnis on June 28; and by Sandy Ellis in honor of her birthday on July 5. Sponsors are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including August 23. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20.



## **THIS WEEK:**

**TODAY:**       Worship Services (8:30, 9:15, 11:00 am)  
                  Sunday school/Bible study (9:30 am)

**MONDAY:**    GAB Sale 2.0 Meeting (6:00 pm)

**TUESDAY:**   Church Office Closed  
                  Helping Hands (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)  
                  Sewing Circle (9:00 am)  
                  Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:00 pm)  
                  Trustees Meeting (6:00 pm)

## **COMING UP!**

Mission Trip to NC (July 19-26)

Back to School Give-a-Way (July 28 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

Young Adults Bonfire and Cornhole (July 29 in the Pavilion | 6:30 pm)

Family Game Night (July 31 | 6:00 pm)

Bike Rally & Picnic (August 1 | 11:00 am)

Young Adult Bible Study (August 2 | 11:00 am)

