



Family REUNION

“I WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU.”



Abraham & Sarah



WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Western Reserve United Methodist Church

August 2, 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: Come gather brothers and sisters.

CONGREGATION: Come gather children of God.

LEADER: Come gather people of goodwill seeking and eager to learn.

CONGREGATION: Come gather in the presence of the Spirit of God as one family.

ALL: Let us worship and praise the Lord, our God.

***OPENING HYMN:** *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (UMH #64)

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

God of love and light, You surround us with Your love. In times of loss and pain, we come to You. Comfort us and hold us close in Your arms. In times of confusion and struggle, we come to You. Be near us and guide us. In times of decision and growth, we come to You. Lead us and strengthen us for the journey ahead. In times of joy and new life, we come to You. Rejoice with us and be our guide. Be with us, Lord, in all we do and say surrounding us with Your love and care. Amen.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Offertory Prayer

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES – *Board of Trustees*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *"I Love You, Lord"* (TFWS #2068)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Genesis 11:10-32; Genesis 12:1-9

Ephesians 3:1-6; 14-21

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *"Family Reunion: Abraham and Sarah"*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *"Come, Share the Lord"* (TFWS #2269)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (UMH Pg. 12)

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

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** *"Open Our Eyes, Lord"* (TFWS #2086)

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THOSE ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

Sermon: Pastor Joyce (All Services)

Music: Diane Price and the TOGGLE Praise Team (9:15 am)
Karen Myers (11:00 am)

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)
Karen Halley (11:00 am)

Greeter: Judy Briggs

Ushers: Jim Griischow (11:00 am)

Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week:

Those in Nursing Homes:

Park Vista of Youngstown: Linda Ward

Windsor House: Nancy Hull

The Inn at Poland Way: Nancy Jarvis

St. Luke Lutheran Community: Margie Wagner

The Inn @ Glenellen: Richard Fox

The Addison @ Cornersburg: Ila Cochran

Woodlands @ Austinwoods: Dorothy Adams

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

UPCOMING *Events*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today we begin our Family Reunion sermon series with the story of Abraham and Sarah—a story of faith, family, and God's promises.

Like a tree with deep roots and branches reaching toward the future, God's covenant has continued through generations. Abraham and Sarah trusted God's call, even when the path ahead was uncertain, and their faith became part of a story that still continues today.

As we worship, may we celebrate the faith of those who came before us, trust God's promises for our lives, and remember that we are all part of God's family story.

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

GIFT CARD SCAM: A number of our members have received messages saying that Pastor Joyce urgently needed them to get gift cards for cancer patients. **THIS IS A SCAM!** Pastor Joyce will never ask you to go buy gift cards.



NEW YEAR...NEW ERA – Save the date!
Church Rummage Sale, April 8-10, 2027.
Details to be announced soon!



ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Sandy Ellis in celebration of Emily's first birthday. Sponsors are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including August 23, September 13 & 20. 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** – Tuesday at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- **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).

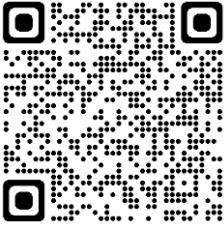
THE PRAYER LIST IS UPDATED WEEKLY. If you would like to be included in the prayer list, please let the Church Office know and keep us updated as to the status of these prayer requests so that we can remain current on those needing special prayer. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	13
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	45
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	38
Total Worship Attendance	96

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

Total Giving amount: \$2,794 (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: \$9,569

(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/Adult Bible Study (9:30 am)

Young Adult Bible Study (11:00 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)

SATURDAY

Campfire (6:30 pm)

COMING UP!

Trustees Meeting (August 11 | 6:00 pm)

Administrative Board Meeting (August 13 | 7:00 pm)

Family Movie Night (August 21 | 8:00 pm)

Family Game Night (August 28 | 6:00 pm)