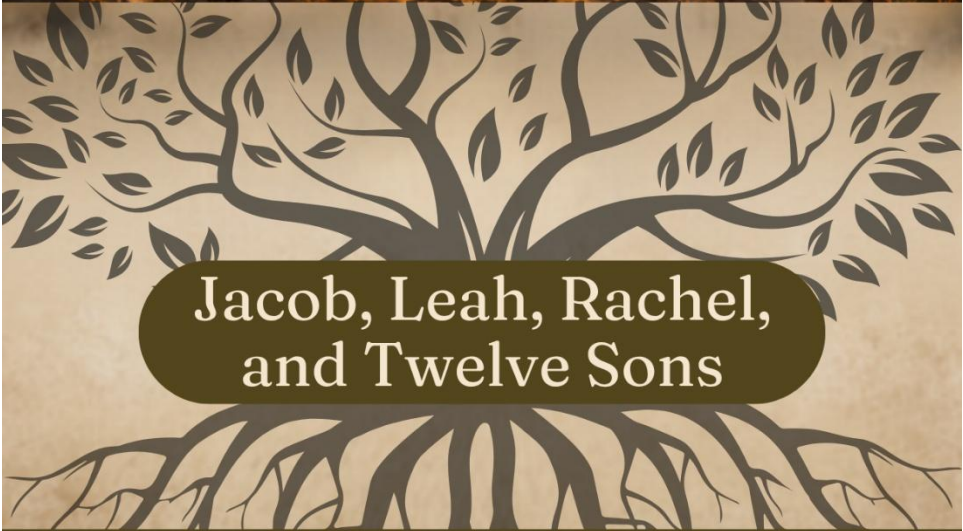




Family REUNION

WHEN FAMILY GETS COMPLICATED,
GOD KEEPS WORKING.



Jacob, Leah, Rachel,
and Twelve Sons

WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Western Reserve United Methodist Church

August 23, 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** (*Psalm 42, selected verses*)

LEADER: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

CONGREGATION: My soul thirst for God, for the living God.

LEADER: When shall I come and behold the face of God? These things I remember, as I pour out my soul;

CONGREGATION: how I went to the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God.

ALL: *Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.*

***OPENING HYMN**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (UMH #64)

***OPENING PRAYER** (spoken in unison) – UMH #329

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze, we need Your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what You have taught us. Help us learn the lessons You have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to You with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our spirits may come to You without shame. Amen.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Offertory Prayer

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 29:1-20; 30:25-30; 35:1-12,22b-29

*Matthew 1:1-3,6-8,15-16

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *"Family Reunion: Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and Twelve Sons"*

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (UMH #664)

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

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

Greeter: Rev. Bruce & Barb Irwin

Usher: Harriet MacAvoy (11:00 am)

Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—

The logo features the word "Church" in a black cursive script at the top. Below it, the word "FAMILY" is written in large, bold, teal block letters. A small white icon of a church with a family inside is centered 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

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

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

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! As we continue our Family Reunion series, today we meet Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and their twelve sons—a family filled with love, struggles, and imperfections.

Yet God remained faithful and worked through this family to fulfill His promises. Their story reminds us that God can use imperfect people and families to accomplish His purposes.

May we remember today that we, too, are part of God's family, rooted in grace and held together by His faithfulness.

Whether this is your first visit or you've been part of our church family for years, we are grateful you are here. Come, let us worship the Lord together!



- **The Church Office will be open** Monday – Thursday this week from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and will be closed Friday. Please have bulletin items turned in by Wednesday. Thank you!
- **The Office will be closed** on Friday, September 4th due to the driveway work being done and on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY will meet on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm for dinner and discussion. Our topic will be stress relief.



Everyone is welcome! Invite your family, friends, bring your favorite games and a snack or dessert to share.

DRIVEWAY REPAIRS: Weather permitting, the driveway entrance will be repaired on Friday, September 4. The driveway will be unusable that day, so if you have anything you need to do at the church that week, please plan accordingly.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! Stories from the Study will resume this Tuesday, August 25 at 4:00 pm and Evening Vespers will resume this Thursday, August 27 at 7:30 pm. These will be live on our Facebook page every week.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: All women are invited to our United Women in Faith luncheon and program on Thursday, September 10 at noon in the fellowship hall. Our speaker will be Tia Ciferno from the Bella Women's Center in Warren, who will tell us about this wonderful ministry for pregnant women. Lunch will be provided by our executive committee. Donations of newborn diapers, wipes or diaper cream would be greatly appreciated. Join us and bring a friend!



DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS for September – December are available and are located on the Welcome Center and on the table by the side entrance door.

DOROTHY ADAMS WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone who sent cards and prayed for her during her recent rehabilitation at Austinwoods. She is happy to let you all know that she has returned home!

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Jacob had two wives, two concubines (his wives' maids), 12 sons and one daughter. Who gave birth to the daughter, Dinah?

- A. Zilpah
- B. Bilhah
- C. Leah
- D. Rachel



Answer: C (See Genesis 30:19-21.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Harriet MacAvoy in honor of her son & daughter-in-law Tim & Nancy Caroline's 28th wedding anniversary. Sponsors are needed for Sundays throughout the rest of 2026, including September 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).

ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	7
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	36
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	37
Total Worship Attendance	80

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

Total Giving amount: \$5,737 (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: \$9,669

(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)

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (8:00 am)

Helping Hands Closet (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Sewing Circle (9:00 am)

Stories from the Study on our Facebook Page (4:00 pm)

Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY

Young Adult Ministry (6:30 pm)

THURSDAY

Evening Vespers on our Facebook Page (7:00 pm)

FRIDAY

Family Game Night (6:00 pm)

COMING UP!

Office Closed (September 4 & 7)

Trustees Meeting (September 8 | 6:00 pm)

UWF Luncheon (September 10 | 12:00 pm)