

A monarch butterfly with orange and black wings is perched on the yellow petals of a sunflower. The background is a soft-focus green field.

*Rest*  
IN THE  
*quiet*  
*assurance*  
OF  
*God's*  
*presence.*

WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# **Western Reserve United Methodist Church**

**September 6, 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 away from the tasks of the week.

**CONGREGATION: Experience a Sabbath rest.**

LEADER: Leave your worries and cares in a drawer.

**CONGREGATION: Experience a Sabbath rest.**

LEADER: Rest and rejuvenate in the presence of the Lord, our God.

**CONGREGATION: Experience a Sabbath rest.**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Open My Eyes That I May See" (UMH #454)*

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

**Dear God, who calls us to rest, we know we have been too busy. We have been busy with chores. We have been busy with classes. We have been busy with distractions. We have been busy doing everything that needs to be done in our world. We have often been too busy for You, Lord. Help us to make time to spend with You refreshing our souls and feeling Your presence in our lives so we can be fully equipped for each day of our lives. 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**

*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"* (UMH #349)

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

Genesis 2:1-2

Exodus 20:8-11

\*Matthew 11:28-30

## **RESPONSE**

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **MESSAGE**

***"Means of Grace: The Refreshment of a Sabbath Rest"***

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"Be Still, My Soul"* (UMH #534)

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

## **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* (UMH #420)

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*"On Eagles Wings"* (UMH #143)

## **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)  
Steve Simon (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

**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

### ***Those mourning the loss of a loved one:***

Family of Fred Bassett: A funeral will take place here at WRUMC on  
Saturday, September 12. Calling Hours will be held beginning at  
9:30 am with the funeral at 11:00. Lunch will follow the service.

# UPCOMING *Events*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** As we gather this Labor Day weekend, we are reminded that God created us not only to work, but also to rest. Sabbath is God's invitation to slow down, breathe deeply, and receive the refreshment that comes when we make space for Him.

Today, let us set aside our busy schedules and allow God to renew our hearts, restore our spirits, and remind us that our worth is not measured by how much we accomplish. May this time of worship be a true Sabbath—a place of rest, renewal, and joy in God's presence.



**The Church Office will be closed** tomorrow for Labor Day and will be open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**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!

**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!



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by the Treleven family in honor of family birthdays in September. 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](mailto:walton32000@yahoo.com)).

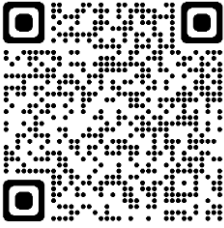


## ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Early Worship Service (8:30 am) | 10        |
| T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)  | 36        |
| Traditional Service (11:00 am)  | 43        |
| <b>Total Worship Attendance</b> | <b>89</b> |

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

**Total Giving amount:** \$5,120 (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!***

# NOTES

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## **TODAY**

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

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study (9:30 am)

## **MONDAY**

Labor Day - Office Closed

## **TUESDAY**

Men's Bible Study (8:00 am)

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

Sewing Circle (9:00 am)

Mission Committee (11:30 am)

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

Trustees Meeting (6:00 pm)

Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:00 pm)

## **THURSDAY**

United Women in Faith Luncheon (12:00 pm)

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

## **SATURDAY**

Fred Bassett Calling Hours & Funeral (9:30 am | 11:00 am)

Campfire (6:30 pm)

## **COMING UP!**

Finance Board (September 14 | 7:00 pm)

Family Game Night (September 25 | 6:00 pm)