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WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Western Reserve United Methodist Church

September 20, 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, worship the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving.

CONGREGATION: Come into the Lord's presence with joyful songs.

LEADER: Come, praise the Lord for God's bountiful blessings.

CONGREGATION: Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.

***OPENING HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (UMH #92 vv. 1-4)

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

Oh, Lord, we come with our hearts full of worldly concerns and life decisions. We pray that You will re-focus our minds on You and lead us forward in Your hope and guidance so that we can face the new week restored and strengthened by Your love and presence. 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)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Genesis 1:1-13

Micah 4:1-5

*Luke 19:1-10

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Taste and See: Figs"

HYMN OF PREPARATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (UMH Pg. 12)

***CLOSING HYMN**

"It Is Well with My Soul" (UMH #534)

***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)
Harriet MacAvoy (11:00 am)

Greeter: Diane Kamenitsa

Usher: Steve & Kathy Simon (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

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! Today we continue our "Taste and See" series as we explore the humble fig and what it can teach us about faith. Figs remind us that God often brings growth, nourishment, and blessing in ways we may not expect. As we worship together, may we open our hearts to God's presence and discover anew that the Lord is good.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Pastor APPRECIATION

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, October 11th. There will be light refreshments provided between services. If you would like to give a card to Pastor Joyce and Pastor Don, please place them in the basket on the Welcome Center. Thank you!



ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Marian Zickefoose in memory of her dad, Larry Jutras. Sponsors are needed for Sundays throughout the rest of 2026, including Sundays in October. 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, SEPTEMBER 13

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	8
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	36
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	38
Total Worship Attendance	82

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

Total Giving amount: \$4,656 (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: \$9,909

(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)

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

Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:00 pm)

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Family Game Night (6:00 pm)

COMING UP!

United Women in Faith Luncheon (October 8 @ 12:00 pm)

Campfire (October 10 @ 6:30 pm)