


# The Circuit Rider



## Lenten Schedule

- April 13** Palm Sunday 8:45 & 11 a.m. & 11:07  
Stained Glass Windows & Aeolian Skinner Organ  
Re-dedication 4 p.m.
- April 17** Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 8:30 p.m.  
(Service scheduled for after sunset)
- April 18** Good Friday Cantata "We Were There"  
@ Oak Chapel 7 p.m.
- April 20** Easter 8:45 & 11 a.m. & 11:07
- April 23** *Music on Market* KC (Kroc Center) Big Band 7 p.m.



Every Easter morning the cross that graces the front lawn of Wooster UMC takes on a new meaning. It becomes more than a symbol of the crucifixion and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ as it transforms into a symbol of resurrection and the hope of eternal life for all who see it.

Those who come to church on Easter are invited to place flowers on the cross by slipping the stems into the wire covering on the cross that morning. Many place flowers in memory of a loved one as a symbol of their resurrection. Families may offer a prayer together around the cross. Our resurrection cross has become a symbol of hope in the community. You may bring flowers with you to church this Easter morning or use flowers provided by the Church.

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**Luau!**  
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**PASTOR'S THOUGHTS**

In 1543 Copernicus published a study which is considered to contain the insights that ushered in the modern discipline of astronomy. By observing the movement of celestial bodies, he concluded that the sun, and not the earth, was the center of the "universe." Predictably, many people continued to believe the earth was flat and the center of the universe. Such people lived with a perspective which was untrue.

**A**s we approach Easter this year, we need to remember that many people in our world still live with a Good Friday perspective—believing that force is greater than love, that judgment is greater than grace, that fear is greater than faith, and that death is the final word.

**E**ven the first disciples shared the Good Friday perspective until something amazing happened.

The greatest attitude adjustment in history occurred for the disciples when they discovered the tomb was empty and encountered the living Lord.

**A**nd this new perspective changed the disciples in dramatic ways. Peter, who had denied Jesus, was now the chief proclaimer of the resurrection faith. The other disciples, who had run away and had been hiding fearfully, became the vanguard of an army of believers who have spread the faith to the ends of the earth.

**W**hen we truly experience Easter we, also, are changed in dramatic ways. As we come to the close of Lent, and prepare again for the great celebration of Easter, prepare to have your perception of reality transformed once again!

David Wilcox, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Charles Tobias to be appointed pastor at Wooster UMC**



Bishop John Hopkins has announced his intention to appoint the Rev. Charles Tobias as the new Senior Pastor at Wooster UMC, effective July 1. Rev. Tobias is currently Senior Pastor at Ridgewood UMC in Parma, Ohio. He and his wife Diane are both graduates of Hiram College and Vanderbilt University. They have two adult children, Sarah and Andrew.

Rev. Tobias has been active in numerous Annual Conference and civic organizations, and has sung in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus for over 20 years. Charlie is a gifted preacher and pastor and is excited about the opportunity of serving as Senior Pastor at Wooster UMC.

Staff Parish Relations Committee is planning a welcoming event in early July. Details will follow in future editions of the Circuit Rider.

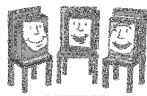
**Save the dates--**

June 22 Reception for David and Marge Wilcox; July 6 reception for Charlie and Diane Tobias.  
More information to follow.



Celebrate the risen Christ by singing with the Easter Choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.





You do not have to read the books to attend the gatherings.

**UMW Reading Circle**

**April 21, 9:30 a.m., Room A**

***An Invisible Thread*** by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski. According to

an old Chinese proverb, there's an invisible thread that connects two people who are destined to meet and influence each other's lives. With Tresniowski, Schroff tells how, as a busy advertising sales executive in New York, she easily passed panhandlers every day. One day, 11-year-old Maurice's plea for spare change caused Schroff to turn around and offer to buy him lunch. Thereafter, Schroff and Maurice met for dinner each week and slowly shared their life stories. Maurice's tales about his crack addict mother, absent father, and array of drug-dealing uncles were only part of his desperate longing for a life in a safe neighborhood in an apartment with more than one room. As they grow to depend on each other, Maurice asks Schroff to attend his school's parents' night, where his teacher asks Schroff not to abandon the boy. In some weeks, the meals they share become some of the few he has, because any money his mother might "earn" goes to her habit.

**Attention gardeners!** Our church will once again be helping to provide a community garden between 355 and 367 West Larwill Street. Please call Jo Pugh (330-262-2832) if you can help.



United Methodist Women

**This month** I am going to honor our wonderful readers in our reading group. The following

people have completed these plans in the 2013 UMW Reading Program: Plan I, Linda Smith; Plan III, Jean Aceto, Janice Corfman, Maxine Gehrman, Anita Greene, Eva Miller, Marie Rutledge and Bea Smith. We are inviting other women to join us in the reading group. We have an amazing leader, Anita Greene, who does a wonderful job leading the discussions for the books we are reading each month. We meet the third Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Room A at the church. Please come and join us in our discussions. *Bea Smith, Reading Resource Secretary of Wooster UMW.*



**April 2, 2014**

**Fellowship @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.**

Program: MOCA / NAMI House

Speaker: Kathy Rusiska

Executive Board **April 9** 3:00 p.m.  
Room A

Please let Jan Braund know if you are unable to attend.

### UMW Circles

Mary Martha **April 23** 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Pat Carmony

Esther **April 24** 9:30 a.m.  
Home of Pat Tinker

Deborah Dorcas **April 24** 11:00 a.m.  
Room A

Sarah Rebekah **April 24** 1:30 p.m.  
Room A

Warmer weather, spring flowers and the **UMW Rummage Sale**--all sure signs of spring! Mark your calendars: Friday, **May 2**, 9-5 and Saturday, **May 3**, 9-12. Items for sale may be placed in Wesley Hall beginning Monday, **April 21**. Time to clean out those closets and donate clean, used clothing, shoes, housewares, home decor items, clean linens, books, games, toys, puzzles, electronics, lawn and garden items, sporting goods, sewing and craft materials, pet items, and small hardware. Include clothing and season and holiday items for spring and summer only. Please place in bags or boxes by category. Thank you!



Rummage Sale

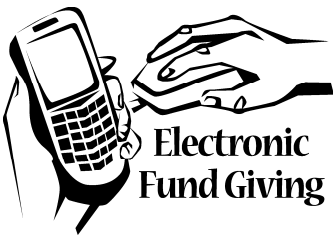
**In January** the Wooster United Methodist Women were recipients of an unexpected compliment and a generous gift check from Norma Risser and her children, Dennis, Greg and Diane. In their letter they said that before Pete died he said that he knew the support United Methodist Women gives to the church, community and world, and through Norma's involvement for many years he saw the difference UMW makes in people's lives, and he wanted to part of that work. We gratefully acknowledge the gift, and are encourage by Pete's words. *Jan Braund and Jean Aceto*

Thanks for all of the pancake mix delivered to the church in March. People to People Ministries now has a need for **canned fruit**, so that is what we will be collecting in April. Please bring **a can of fruit** with you to church on **Sunday, April 6.**



### Giving on the Web

Would you like to send your contributions or extra financial gifts to the church from the comfort of home? Now you can access on-line giving on our web page! [www.woosterumc.org](http://www.woosterumc.org) Questions? Call Kathy Miller at 330-262-5641.



### Electronic Fund Giving

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? Wooster UMC now offers Electronic Giving for those of you

who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. It allows you to avoid having to make up the difference later. Contact the church office for more details.

For those who give online, Kathy has **tokens** which can be placed in the offering plate for dedication during each worship service.

**Please use this QR** as another direct way to send your offering to us.



### Credit Card Giving Now Available

No cash? No checks? No problem! We now have available a credit card machine that will take your generous donations. You will find it on the third floor just to the left of the elevator. It accepts credit/debit cards and the directions for use are easy and posted by the machine. Thank you for your continued support for Wooster UMC.

Would you like to receive envelopes? Are you interested in electronic giving? Are your gifts already sent electronically but you need to update the amount? Do you just have questions?

### Offering Envelopes



Please call Kathy Miller at 330-262-5641 for answers and help.

### Please Save

**Stamps**—any stamps but **PLEASE** keep at least 1/4 inch border around each stamp.  
**Empty Inkjet Printer Cartridges**—**PLEASE** wrap and seal before bringing to church.

**Our Family** brand UPC labels for the UMW scholarship fund.

**Campbell's soup label**—This is the part that we need you to save.



### Habitat Update

It has been several months since Wooster UMC volunteers worked on the Habitat for Humanity Ecumenical Build; September and October to be exact. The ecumenical build has slowed down through these cold winter months. They have though, finally gotten the rough-in wiring complete and inspected which allows for having heaters running to provide heat throughout the house. The garage drywall has been hung and by print time the door between the garage and house will be hung and the drywall finishers will come and complete the sheet rock process. When the weather warms a bit, the basement floor can be poured and volunteers can come again to finish Heidi's house. *This update comes from director Beth Weaver in the Habitat Newsletter.*

Healing and hope appear to those impacted by catastrophes through the work of The United



Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

**Sunday, March 30** is designated for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering: the annual offering that underwrites UMCOR's cost of doing business. Why is this so special? Because of this offering, **100% of every dollar you give to designated UMCOR programs goes directly to those impacted.** Prepare to change lives and to give generously on March 30!



*With Gratitude*

♥ Thank you for the lovely flowers. *Lorraine Thompson*  
♥ Sincere gratitude for the concern and good wishes of my church family for my recent illness, and to Pastor David for his visits. *Jean Aceto*

♥ Thank you for the beautiful cyclamen plant. It brightened my day. Also, thanks for having me as Person of the Week. Bless you, *Betty Emler*

# April 2014 ~ Wooster UMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - Worship - YC</p> <p>4pm - Ramsey Financial - C</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 78 - YC</p> <p>8:30pm - Remedy - YC</p>	<p>Spring Break</p> <p>5:30pm - Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Kapp's</p>	<p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - LT</p> <p>6pm - GS - C</p> <p>7pm - CIC - A</p> <p>7:30pm - MacDowell - W</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study - C</p> <p>6pm - 24 H - W,C</p> <p>8pm - UMW Dinner - W</p>	<p>PAUMCS Asheville NC</p> <p>10am - BOM - C</p> <p>4:15pm - Thurs Kids - 216</p> <p>4:30pm - Meals Together - W</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30pm - 11:07 Praise Tm - YC</p>	<p>11:30am - Meet &amp; Eat - TJs</p>	<p>5pm - Dinner - W</p>
<p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - Worship - YC</p> <p>12:15pm - Rooted - Left</p> <p>4pm - Ramsey Financial - C</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 78 - YC</p> <p>8:30pm - Remedy - YC</p>	<p>1pm - Fireside Club - T</p> <p>1pm - Organ Tuned</p> <p>5:30pm - Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Kapp's</p>	<p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - LT</p>	<p>CR Deadline</p> <p>9am - Bible Study - C</p> <p>9am - Lappers - Lib anx</p> <p>3pm - UMW Exec - A</p> <p>6pm - 24 H - W,C</p> <p>8pm - GIFT - A</p>	<p>4:15pm - Thurs Kids - 216</p> <p>4:30pm - Meals Together - W</p> <p>6:30pm - Tech Team - C</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>7pm - Finance - A</p> <p>7:30pm - 11:07 Praise Tm - YC</p>	<p>10am - Decorate - YC</p> <p>5pm - Hawaiian Luau</p>	
<p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Bells play</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - Worship - YC</p> <p>4pm - Window/Organ Dedication</p> <p>6pm - Jr Youth - 216</p> <p>8:30pm - Club 78 - YC</p>	<p>5:30pm - Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Kapp's</p>	<p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - LT</p> <p>7pm - Church Council - A</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study - C</p> <p>1pm - Alzheimers Support - A</p> <p>6pm - 24 H - W,C</p> <p>8pm - GIFT - A</p>	<p>4:15pm - Thurs Kids - 216</p> <p>4:30pm - Meals Together - W</p> <p>6pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30pm - 11:07 Praise Tm - YC</p> <p>8:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>Good Friday</p> <p>7pm - Cantata - Oak Chapel UMC</p>	
<p>EASTER</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - Worship - YC</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 78 - YC</p> <p>8:30pm - Remedy - YC</p>	<p>9:30am - Reading Cir - A</p> <p>5:30pm - Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>6pm - GS Unit mtg - W</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>7pm - Trustees - A</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Kapp's</p>	<p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - LT</p>	<p>Secretaries' Day</p> <p>8:30am - CR Team - W</p> <p>9am - Bible Study - C</p> <p>9am - Lappers - Lib anx</p> <p>6pm - 24 H - W,C</p> <p>8pm - GIFT - A</p> <p>7pm - Mary Martha Cr</p> <p>7pm - MoM - KROC CTR</p>	<p>9:30am - Esther Cr</p> <p>11am - Deb Dorcas - A</p> <p>1:30pm - Sarah Rebekah - A</p> <p>4:15pm - Thurs Kids - 216</p> <p>4:30pm - Meals Together - W</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30pm - 11:07 Praise Tm - YC</p>	<p>Bell Festival - Maumee St Pk</p> <p>UMW Nat'l Assembly - Louisville KY</p>	
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**Jr. Youth Events for April 2014**

All children grades three through six are invited to join in on the fun from 6-7:30 p.m. the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Sunday nights in Room 216 for small group discussions, a healthy snack and fun activities outside or in the gym

**April 13:** Invite your younger siblings and friends four years and older to join you for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and party. More details to follow.

**April 27:** Wrap up our year with some board games, follow-up discussions on Friendship and Building Character, then walk to Dairy Land for a treat.

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School:**


July 14-18 from 9 a.m.—noon

This year's theme is "Workshop of Wonders." We're looking for a few "good men and women" to volunteer this exciting week, so if you're entering high school or beyond, and are interested in helping as an activity center leader or a faith guide, please contact Suzanne Souers at 330-262-5641.



**Save the Date!**

Stained glass windows and Aeolian-Skinner organ will be re-dedicated on **April 13 at 4 p.m.** As a part of the re-dedication event, Joshua Brodbeck, organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington, will be playing the organ.

 **Calling All Cookie Providers:** We are in need of cookies to serve during intermission at the next *Music on Market* event on **Wednesday, April 23** - any type, any amount, store-bought is ok, too! Cookies can be brought in anytime prior to 6 p.m.; just mark them "Music on Market." Thank you so much! *Tina Fowler*

**Attention Parents of Young Children**



Our WUMC nursery is being staffed each Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for morning worship.

**Changing area** is now available on the north side of the Sanctuary. Rocking chair and changing table available. Ask an Usher for help.



Even though the snow is all but gone, the **Summer Sunday Series** is just around the corner. This is the time when we invite folks from the congregation and other musical friends to share their gifts and talents with us. The SSS runs from approximately the end of June to early September. If you've participated in previous years, we'd love to include you again. If you're new to the series, please contact Nancy Franck for more information.

# Music on Market

series is co-sponsored by Main Street Wooster and Wayne Center for the Arts, in collaboration with Wooster UMC. All events are FREE with a free-will offering. Most do not require tickets. These events are funded by donation, and organized and managed by a dedicated group of volunteers who believe that everyone should have the opportunity to attend these fantastic concerts.

April 23 - 7 p.m.

KC (Kroc Center) BIG BAND

Neil "Big Daddy" Ebert, Director

The premier ensemble group of the new Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Ashland.

May 21 - 7 p.m.

RICHARD FIGGE as CLARENCE DARROW

Clarence Darrow is coming to town. The legendary American lawyer will be portrayed by actor Richard Figge in this one-man performance.

June 18 - 7 p.m.

HONEYTOWN

This 4-piece band delivers a unique blend of unpredictable folk Americana, rock and roll and progressive bluegrass.

We hope to see you there!



# FAMILY MINISTRY

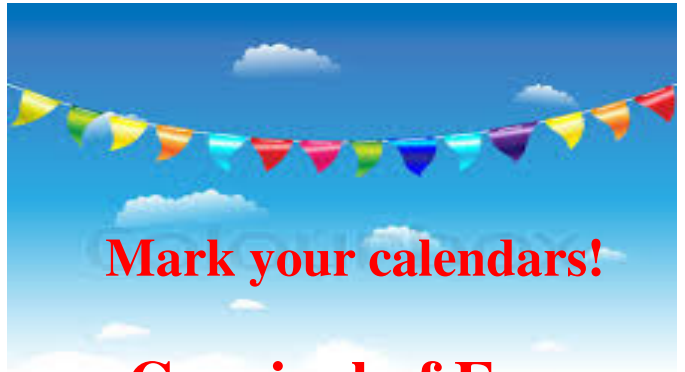
Golfing for Missions

2nd Annual

GOLF OUTING

Sunday, May 4 \* The Pines

Tee Time: 1:30 p.m. \* \$85.00 per player



Mark your calendars!

Carnival of Fun

May 23

# YOUNG ADULTS

ministry

4-6 @ 12:30

ROOTED

bring \$3 for lunch

Golfing for Missions

2nd Annual

GOLF OUTING

Sunday, May 4 \* The Pines

Tee Time: 1:30 p.m. \* \$85.00 per player

## Persons of the Week

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 6</b> Ethel Parker West View Manor 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 13</b> Jean Fife Smithville Western Care Center 4110 E Smithville Western Rd. Wooster</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 20</b> Pauline Gray 951 Ridgcrest Dr. Wooster</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 27</b> Freddy Shearer 4532 Hunters Chase Lane Wooster</p>
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**Ill or Hospitalized**

Pat Hiuser, Harriett Monahan

**Please help keep the church informed of illness and / or hospitalizations of any person who may need a caring visit or phone call.** Unless specifically

requested by the patient, hospitals are no longer able to call the church, or give us information when we call.

### Recent Deaths

Marge Evans, Stanley Carmean

**Circuit Rider Deadline is**  
**APRIL 9, 2014**  
for the *May 2014 issue.*  
Please e-mail ~  
[lschantz@woosterumc.org](mailto:lschantz@woosterumc.org)

**Stephen Ministry** is one way our congregation shows Jesus' love to people who have deep needs for care. Contact Sylvia Hurst or Rev. Black for more information.



*Need a Ride?*



**Church Drivers Ministry**  
Joel Beckler is willing to pick up and return people to their residences so they may attend the 11 a.m. worship. Please call the church office if you would like a ride.

### Communion in Your Home

Communion can be brought to you at home or in the hospital when you have been unable to receive the sacrament at the church. Please call Pastor Larry Black or email him to arrange for communion in your home.



**The Meet and Eat group** will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at **T.J.'s** on **Friday, April 4, 2014**. All seniors welcome. Come and enjoy friendships and stimulating conversation. No reservation needed. No program. No responsibilities (except to pay your bill)  
*Jan Braund*

### Coming this Spring! UMW Plant Sale!

**Friday, May 9 (9 am-5 pm) and**  
**Saturday, May 10 (9 am-3pm)**

**Location – Kay Bergen's Yard and Garden,**  
**3678 DeWitte St Wooster (It's in Guerne)**

We need helpers for the sale and setup, donations of perennials, bulbs, yard and garden ornaments, other equipment and SHOPPERS! This is your chance to thin out your perennial garden and/or enhance your yard at a nominal cost. So mark your calendar and come to work, SHOP or donate plants – or do all three! Help your UMW in their mission work. Plants and other donations can be dropped off at Kay Bergen's home.



**Do we have your e-mail address?**

**Are you having trouble** opening the Short Circuit? If you have email, but prefer a paper copy of the Circuit Rider, please call the office. These two publications have

lots of good information about your church! The church office is using email communication more and more these days. We will continue to email the *Short Circuit* and the *Circuit Rider* and now the *Prayer Connection!* We will continue to mail some hard copies of the newsletter. The email list is a work in progress. Let's work together in finding the best possible way to share information. If you have an idea for us, let us know.



# Welcome New Members

Judy and Scott Beichler ~ 11:00 service

754 Fairview Court, Wooster, 44691

330-439-8456 Judy / 330-439-8299 Scott

jolenn77@hotmail.com / beakemon@oh.net



Judy and Scott joined our church family on February 9, 2014. Judy works at Coshocton Health and Rehab and Scott is currently between jobs. Both like to travel and they have small dogs. Scott likes to read, play guitar and small wood working. Judy joins by transfer from Peace UMC in Pickerington, Ohio and Scott transfers from Grace Brethren.

Betty and Roger Conner ~ 11:00 service

7820 CR 373, Big Prairie, 44611

330-567-2563

rogerconner70@hotmail.com



Betty and Roger joined our church family on February 9, 2014. Betty is retired from the College of Wooster and Roger is a retired hydraulics technician. Betty enjoys reading and knitting while Roger likes drag racing, and making things. They join by transfer from First Presbyterian.

Doug Mineweaser ~ 11:07 service

1180 Mindy Lane, Wooster, 44691

216-256-5091

dmineweaser@gmail.com



Doug joined our church family on February 9, 2014. He is the plant manager at Appalachian Hardwood. He has a 15 year old daughter Samantha. Doug joined by Profession of Faith.

## "The Green Thing"

### How Your Face Wash and Toothpaste Are Destroying the Great Lakes

Already under duress from algae blooms, Asian carp, and industrial pollution, the Great Lakes face a new, invisible threat: microscopic plastic pollution. Just how much plastic pollution is lurking under the pristine waters of Lake Erie? The Great Lakes are littered with "millions of plastic litter bits," and my first question is: Should we really be surprised given how much plastic detritus is floating in the world's oceans? According to scientists, this newfound Great Lake plastic is only visible through a microscope, unlike the plastic filth in, say, the Pacific Ocean, most of which is visible to the naked eye.

"If you're out boating in the Great Lakes, you're not going to see large islands of plastic," said Sherri Mason, a chemist with State University of New York at Fredonia, to the Associated Press. "But all these bits of plastic are out there." While not totally sure about the source of this pollution in the Great Lakes, scientists do have a good lead: A lot of the particles are perfectly round pellets. This leads many of the same experts to believe they're "micro beads" used in personal care products such as facial and body washes, and toothpaste.

#### According to the Associated Press:

These beads are "so minuscule that they flow through screens at waste treatment plants and wind up in the lakes," said Lorena Rios Mendoza, a chemist with the University of Wisconsin-Superior. At the urging of scientists and advocates, some big companies have agreed to phase them out. Plastics now account for up to 90 percent of ocean pollution. The Great Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch, for example, is believed to be "twice the size of Texas," with plastic particles outweighing plankton six-to-one.

As bad as that is, it's worse in the Great Lakes, one in particular: The sheer number of plastic specks in some samples hauled from Lake Erie, the shallowest and smallest by volume, were higher than in comparable samples taken in the oceans. The scientists behind the study fear these tiny particles will one day enter the food chain through fish and eventually make their way up to human consumers. Who's ready for white lakefish a la micro bead?

My biggest fear with this story? Since plastic pollution is microscopic, it's a problem that will (sadly) fall into the "out of sight, out of mind" thinking that stymies so many of our toughest ecological fistfights, climate change chief among them.

Think about it: If we could anthropomorphize the atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gases—if we put a beating heart into a carbon molecule—don't you think the American public would be further down the road to acknowledging and then fighting the problem? I do. *By Salvatore Cardoni. Sal holds a Political Science degree from the George Washington University. He's written about all things environment since 2007.*



*We do not inherit the Earth  
from our ancestors, we  
borrow it from our children. ~  
Native American Proverb*



Brought to you by the Membership/Evangelism Commission to honor and care for members of Wooster UMC. The list below shows members who have a birthday in the **month of April**. This list is taken from our membership database. If there is an omission or correction, please call the office and we will update our information. Each member on the list will receive a birthday card and then a phone call to extend birthday blessings—sometime during the month of their birth.

4/1 Kay Hastings	4/7 Katalyn Yenne	4/16 Carol McCullough	4/23 Pete Reynolds
4/1 Heather Bodle	4/8 Kathy Miller	4/16 Jennifer Stenglein	4/24 Jack Reynolds
4/1 Colin Steele	4/8 Chris Stokes	4/16 Douglas Johnston	4/24 Alex Hauenstein
4/2 Natalie Swartz	4/8 Carol Smith	4/17 George Yoder	4/25 Sydney Sleek
4/2 Pam Rose	4/8 Larry Shirer	4/17 Betty Smith	4/26 Emily McNeil
4/2 Kris Plant	4/9 Patty Crook	4/17 Kyle Plumly	4/26 Janell Cooper
4/2 Audrey Moorhead	4/9 Tyson Kirk	4/17 Nick Leppla	4/26 Heidi Klise
4/2 Jon Hutchison	4/9 Jeff Snyder	4/17 Lavonne Miller	4/27 Jason Metz
4/4 Bill DeHaan	4/9 Jo Pugh	4/17 Jim Gallander	4/27 Barb Grenert
4/4 Karen Doty	4/10 Mike Brugger	4/18 Janice Corfman	4/28 Leslie Knowling
4/4 Helen McKee	4/10 Kaitlynn Wilson	4/18 Larry Stewart	4/28 Becca McCready
4/5 Don Prince	4/12 Tedd Carr	4/18 Norman Woodward	4/28 Jim Barnard
4/5 Georgene Lytle	4/13 Sara Oswald	4/18 Tom Huettner	4/29 Andrew Carmony
4/5 Carrie Weiss	4/13 Doris Snoddy	4/19 Shirley Bauman	4/29 Helen Franks
4/6 Jim Parcell	4/13 Dianne Sleek	4/19 Nancy Mishler	4/30 Scott Allen
4/6 Dottie Jordan	4/14 John Hochstetler	4/19 Shirley Beckler	4/30 Dave McLaughlin
4/7 Bea Smith	4/14 Donna Jean Franks	4/20 Jason Reith	4/30 Sandra Kauffman
4/7 Eric Stenglein	4/14 Debbie Cramer	4/21 Rob Gesler	
4/7 Chris Jones	4/15 Matt Smith	4/22 Diane Weitzel	
4/7 Barb Wilson	4/15 Dorothy Hill	4/23 Max Geary	



This Easter Sunday, what better way to share in celebrating Jesus' resurrection than by singing the **Hallelujah Chorus**. Anyone interested in participating, is invited to join the choir on the chancel during the last hymn. If you'd like to review the music in advance, please contact Nancy Franck or any member of the Chancel Choir and share in the **Hallelujah Chorus**.

**We are grateful** for the efforts that all church members are making to welcome everyone to our worship services. Our guests remark about our "friendly" church. When you get to know those who come repeatedly, encourage them to join any group that has been meaningful for you. When anyone comes to a group for the first or second time, make sure that each participant knows everyone's name. We even have long time members who join a new group and do not know all the participants. This is our new effort for 2014.  
*Hospitality Team*

**Luau sign up!** Church Life Committee is sponsoring a **Potluck** Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, April 12. It will be from 5-7 p.m. in Wesley Hall (eating, card and board games) and the Youth Center (volleyball game). **Sign up to bring a dish to share** (Hawaiian or not) and beverages and table service will be provided. There will be games and crafts for all ages. Mike Brugger returns to take pictures. Dress Hawaiian if you are able. It will be a great time of casual fellowship with our church family. *Michelle Sheppard*



### UMW Scholarship Applications



The Wooster United Methodist Women will make available scholarships to eligible students who wish to further their education. A recipient must: 1) be a high school graduate or will be a 2014 graduate, 2) be an active member of the Wooster United Methodist Church or have a relationship to an active member of the Wooster UMW. Applications may be obtained from the Church office. Application **deadline** is Wednesday, April 30.

# YOUTH NEWS

Golfing for Missions

*2nd Annual*

GOLF OUTING

Sunday, May 4 \* The Pines

Tee Time: 1:30 p.m. \* \$85.00 per player

next merge april 25th 9pm - 11:30pm

**MERGE**

"you tube video contest"

bring your favorite appropriate you tube videos

fun\*pizza\*video games