



WELCOME THIS EASTER

<p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Communion Service 7:00p in the sanctuary</p>	<p>Good Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noon at WUMC • 7:00p–Cantata at Oak Chapel UMC 	<p>Easter Worship</p> <p>Sunrise Service 7:00a front lawn</p> <p>10:00a Worship in the sanctuary</p>
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Sunday Evening Lenten Services

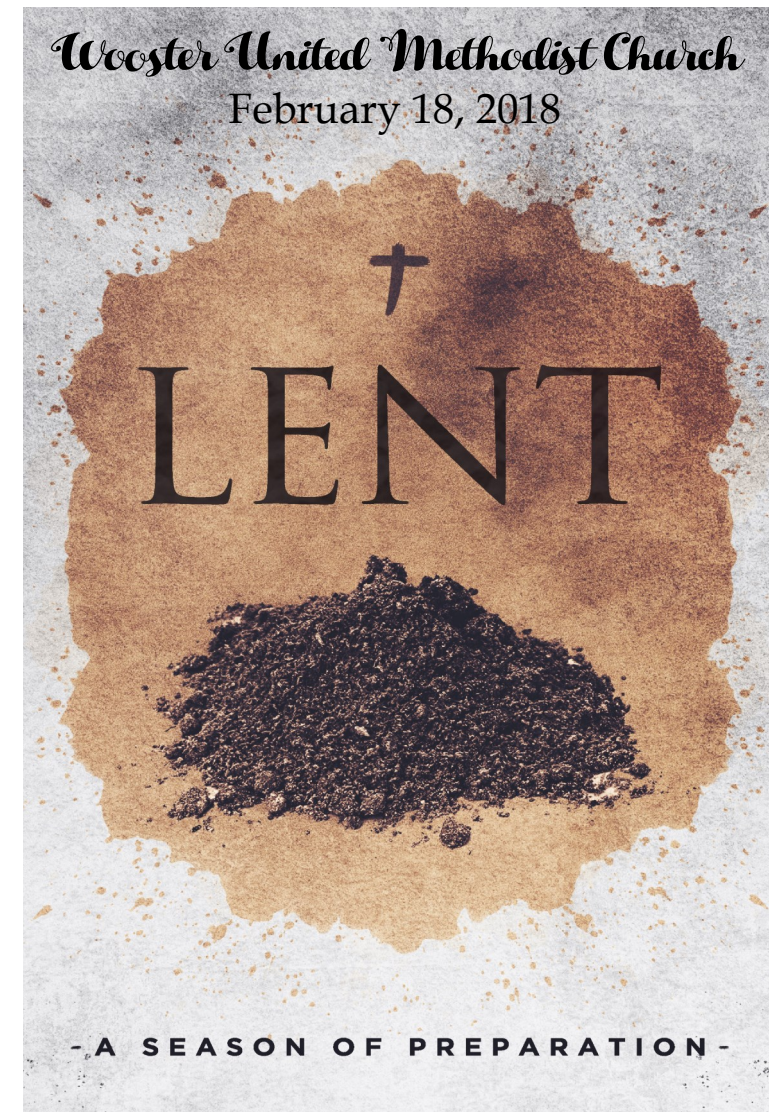
Sunday, February 18: Church of the Cross U.M.C.
 Sunday, February 25: Wooster U.M.C.
 Sunday, March 4: Oak Chapel U.M.C.
 Sunday, March 11: Moreland U.M.C.
 Sunday, March 18: New Pittsburg U.M.C.
 All services are at 7 p.m.

ART SHOW at Wooster U.M.C.

We have many talented artists and crafters in our congregation. We would like to showcase this talent during the Easter season. Art work expressing the theme of “New Life” will be displayed in Wesley Hall and the sanctuary from Easter (April 1) through Pentecost (May 20). Please contact the office if you would like to participate in this event.

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Wooster United Methodist Church
 February 18, 2018



LENT

- A SEASON OF PREPARATION -

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

believe don't believe tree hugger non-recycler married single divorced gay filthy rich dirt poor liberal conservative just browsing lifetime attender here to impress someone need to lose a few skinny children no children couch potato athletic young old in-between inked pierced down in the dumps happy go lucky vegetarians **IT DOESN'T MATTER.** artists sings beautifully cant all at the jail do-gooder still addicted in recovery soccer moms single parents have it all together **YOU'RE WELCOME HERE.** net works too hard doesn't sleep computer geeks tea drinkers have all the power sloppy neat self serving faithful unfaithful city person prefer the country money savers money wasters rock solid beliefs still searching dreads crew cut dressed up dressed down fake real loves jesus think he's a fraud lonely connected adventurous cautious on time running late callous sympathetic generous stingy open minded closed minded polite rude proud humble

As we gather for worship, we welcome all who are guests with us today. We encourage both guests and members to sign the attendance register found at the end of each pew. Please leave any messages for the church office on the register as you record your presence.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

+ PRAISE CHORUS "Awesome God" Rich Mullins

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord,

People: who leads the humble in what is right.

Leader: God makes known the way of righteousness,

People: and teaches the Lord's paths.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Hymnal No. 269

+ OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pam Corbett

Following the Children's Message, children have the option to attend their own age-specific classrooms. They should be picked up after the worship service (see room listing in our "Church Today" section).

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Allergro Spiritoso"

Greg Underwood

Campanile Bells is playing this piece in memory of the composer, Greg Underwood, who passed away in December 2017. He is the nephew of Donna Featherstone.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 9:8-17 OT pg. 9

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Peter 3:18-22 NT pg. 281

+ GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15 NT pg. 42

+ GLORIA PATRI Hymnal No. 70

HYMN "Lead Me, Lord" Hymnal No. 473

SERMON "Water-Washed" Rev. Charles Tobias

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal No. 881

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN PRAYER

The Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

The Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (spoken, using trespasses / trespass) Hymnal No. 895

WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

The Offertory "A La Ru" arr. Jane McFadden

+ The Doxology Hymnal No. 94

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ CLOSING SONG "Shall We Gather at the River" Hymnal No. 723

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Leader: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Leader: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

+ GO NOW IN PEACE Hymnal No. 665

POSTLUDE

+ You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.