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As I write this (January 20), we're in a period when we know it is winter in Ohio. In preparation for the "polar vortex" earlier this month, on January 5 we sang a

winter hymn from the old 1964 Methodist Hymnal entitled "All Beautiful the March of Days," which celebrates God's creative hand, even in the winter. We sang:

All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go, the hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow. Hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, the flowing waters sealed, and laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.

Oér white expanses sparkling pure the radiant morns unfold; the solemn splendors of the night burn brighter with the cold. Life mounts in every throbbing vein, love deepens round the hearth, and clearer sounds the angel hymn, "Good will to men on earth."

O thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows, Thyself the vision passing by in crystal and in rose. Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim in everlasting words of light, the wonder of thy name.

I personally appreciate that hymn, and the beauty of God's creation as the seasons pass. If you like winter, remember that the depth of

winter really comes in early February. There's a lot more to come!

There's a curious irony in all this, however. Have you noticed that the daylight is already beginning to return? We haven't even gotten over the "hump" of winter (Ground Hog Day), and already the lengthening daylight hours are a harbinger that spring and warmer weather are, in fact, on their way.

So it is with many of our "spiritual winters," those difficult moments in life when there seems to be no spring in sight. The seeds of possible growth and recovery are present even when moments of difficulty most overshadow our lives.

Many a time someone has said to me, "That was a very difficult time, but I'm a better person for it." When next you feel a "spiritual winter" chilling your soul, remember that the promise of springtime is evident in the lengthening days, even as we approach the dead of winter.

David Wilcox, Senior Pastor



The Altar & Arts Committee works toward providing the best possible environment for our congregation to worship. In carrying out that mission, Altar & Arts finds weekly volunteers to donate flowers for the altar. We maintain sanctuary banners for communion, baptisms, Christmas, and other seasonal times throughout the year. Did you know that Kathy Miller is responsible for changing the paraments in accordance with the colors for the seasons throughout out the year? The committee is also responsible for decorating the church for

Palm Sunday, the glorious presentation of Easter flowers to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord, and leads the decorating for the hanging of the greens in preparation for the birth of Jesus and the traditional Christmas poinsettias.

Currently, our Committee is comprised of nine members. If you would like to share your gifts and talents with us, we would love to have you. Contact Lisa Browning or the church office to see how you could help.

Connect With United Methodist Women

UMWOnline is a social network geared for United Methodist Women to share ideas and resources that help us live out the PURPOSE. Registration on the network is open to UMW members as well as friends. Much of the content is open to network members and non-members alike, some is open to members only, while other groups have been created as private - open only to invited members. The web address is UMWOnline.org. You can also get there from unitedmethodistwomen.org by clicking

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Click "Sign In," found in the upper right corner or under "Quick Links" on the left hand side.

Existing members: The same username and password you used on the old UMWOnline.net will work on the new UMWOnline.org. If you have misplaced your login information, you can enter your email address on the new site and click the "Forgot Your Password?" link.

New members: Fill out the fields on the right; your User name can be a nickname, your email address or something else unique to you.

Check your email: If you just registered, you will need to confirm your membership by clicking a link in the email sent to you. If you have forgotten your password and clicked that link, you will receive an email with a link to reset it.

Explore! Click the tabs along the top: Groups are being moved every day and new groups can be started. Members are there and easy to search by name; find your old contacts or make a new friend (the Network Admin is a good place to start!) Start a Chat. Follow a Forum thread.

And if you get stuck, contact us: umwonline@unitedmethodistwomen.org



We are now into the second month of our UMW Reading Program for 2014. We are hoping

to have more readers this year. With the way our weather has been lately, we could curl up with our blanket and read a book. The book this month is "Grace and Grit -- My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond," by Lilly Ledbetter. In 1979, Lilly Ledbetter became one of the first women hired at management level at Goodyear. Although she faced daily discrimination and harassment, she pressed onward, believing that eventually things would change. This is the courageous story of the historic discrimination case that inspired the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act and her fight for equal rights in the workplace. This book is available through Clevnet at the library. Bea Smith, Reading Resource Secretary of Wooster UMW.



February 5, 2014 Fellowship @ 6 p.m. Dinner Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Carry-in Supper

Program: Installation of Officers

Executive Board **February 12** 3:00 p.m. Room A

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

UNIW Circles	
February 26 TBD	7:00 p.m.
February 27 Room A	9:30 a.m.
No Meeting Room A	11:00 a.m.
	TBD February 27 Room A No Meeting

Sarah Rebekah **February 27** 1:30 p.m. Room A

Our United Methodist Women will celebrate the new year at our dinner meeting on Wednesday, February 5 gathering at 6 p.m. for a social time with dinner at 6:30. Communion, installation of our new officers, a memorial service and mission recognition will be observed. Our dinner will be a carry-in supper so all are asked to bring one dish to pass in addition to tableware. We welcome all women of the church family, members and non-members of the congregation. Hope to see you there! *Kathy Kapp*



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

UMW Reading Circle February 17, 9:30 a.m., Room A

A Faithful Heart: Daily Guide for

Joyful Living by Sally Dyck. In the

pages of this book, Sally Dyck combines scripture, engaging stories and the faith of Mary to encourage you to grow and share your heart. Eight words, simple on a page, when lived out daily can change your heart and the hearts of those around you. This book is an eight week journey.

Sally Dyck is a former Wooster District Superintendent and currently Bishop of the Minnesota UMC Annual Conference. Thanks to everyone that brought a jar of peanut butter to church with them in January. For **February**, we will again be collecting **inexpensive flashlights** for People to People Ministries. If you would like to help, please purchase a **flashlight**

to church on Sunday, February 2.

on your next trip to the store and bring it with you



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?



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.



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 Questions? Call Kathy Miller at 330-262-5641.



◆ Dear RSM Ministry Friends and Parents, We are so blessed to be a part of this ministry and church family. This holiday season brought many blessings to us. Most unexpectedly we

received your generous gift. Thank you for the very thoughtful gesture. We look forward to another fruitful year of ministry together in 2014. Many thanks, Jon, Heather Hutchison & family

- ♥To the friends of the United Methodist Church, What a nice surprise and a delight to be remembered with a lovely red plant. Makes me think of Christmas with the snow on the ground. Joan Butler
- ♥Dear Friends, Thank you for recognizing me as a "person of the Week." I have been a member of the Wooster UMC for 65 years. It has been the most positive influence in my life. Thank you to all who serve our church. Betty Dush
- Thank you so much for the yummy cookies and lovely lap robe. God bless. Love always, Elizabeth Maynard
- ♥Dear Wooster UMC, I just wanted to say thank you for the care package I received in the mail a few weeks ago. It was such a sweet surprise and it really made my day! The homemade cookies were delicious and the gift card and pen were so thoughtful. It was the perfect gift to receive during finals week! Thanks again for such a lovely surprise. Sarah Mason

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Jr. Youth Events for February 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

February 9: Start a new topic: *Building Character* ~ "Honesty." Practice evaluating what makes something right or wrong, based on Christian teachings. Play a new version of "Truth or Dare."

February 23: Continue the topic of "Honesty." We will put Honesty on trial. The prosecution and defense will make their case.

Jesus And Me time worships the second, third



and fourth Sunday of each month after the Children's Message during the 11 a.m. & 11:07 services in Room 312. This is for children age four through fourth grade. Parents are asked to pick up their

children in Room 312 after church.

Blessings to our newly baptized:

Andrew Michael Zvolensky
December 1 @ 11:07 a.m. Nikita and
Michael Zvolensky

Lukas James Mackey December 29 @ 11:00 a.m. Lynette and Matthew

and older brother Aiden - grandparents Joyce and Tom Linebaugh and Nancy and Dick Mackey

Aiden Joshua Mackey December 29 @ 11:00 a.m. Lynette and Matthew and younger brother Lukas - grandparents Joyce and Tom Linebaugh and Nancy and Dick Mackey

William Lewis Graff December 29 @ 11:00 a.m. Lena and Timothy - grandparents Joyce and Tom Linebaugh and Cathy Graff



Calling All Cookie Providers: We are in need of cookies to serve during intermission at the next *Music on Market* event on **Sunday**,

February 9 - 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.



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.

February 9 - 7 p.m. CLARK WILSON Silent Film Organist

March 19 - 7 p.m. SONNENBERG STATION

Tim Shue. Director

From Kidron, this men's choral ensemble blends challenging harmonies from Gregorian Chants to Neil Young.

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!













Persons of the Week

February 2

LaVerne Van Bergen 1224 N. Bever St. Wooster

February 9

Donna & Harry Featherstone 4116 Swanson Blvd. Unit 55 Wooster

February 16

Vera Dilgard West View Manor #2 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster

February 23

Lorraine Thompson West View Manor #110 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster



Vera Rathbone, Michelle Sheppard, Beth Kail

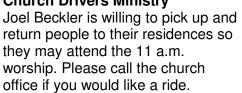
Please help keep the church informed of illness and / or hospitalizations of any person who may need a caring visit or

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

Esther Liehr, George Durrant, Pete Risser

Church Drivers Ministry



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, February 7 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

Circuit Rider Deadline is FEBRUARY 12, 2014

for the *March 2014 issue*.

Please e-mail ~

Ischantz@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.





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.

Time to "think chocolate"...Chocolate
Retreat for Women, that is! Come
Saturday, February 8 and enjoy some
fun and relaxing centers of interest, an
uplifting spiritual message from Rev.
Robin Dillon, and a delicious lunch! Brochures are
available to sign up for the centers...or do so
online at woosterumc.org. Invite a friend! Don't
delay. Jane Slater

The ABCs of Love! Use this alphabetical list of love-in-action verbs as a reminder of the many ways to reflect Christ's love:

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Chocolate Retreat Art with a Bark



Back by popular demand at this year's Chocolate Retreat will be "Art with a Bark." The BARK will be Peggy Hibbs' gentle Newfoundland giants. The ART will be a display of your talents. People love to see the gifts God gave us. If you have an art talent, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Kim Surgala @ 330-202-9097 or Jane Slater @ 330-698-6851.



"The Green Thing"

8 Surprising Household Uses for Lemons

Lemons are a natural disinfectant, stain remover and are wonderful for polishing metal. They're also inexpensive and eco-friendly. Try these eight surprising household uses for lemons.

Cleaning laminate countertops: Cut a whole lemon in half, squeeze the juice onto the counter. Using the lemon as a scrubber, work the juice over the stains. Leave the juice on until the stains disappear then rinse with water and dry. The citric acid will quickly remove the stains.

Bottled lemon juice can be substituted for a fresh lemon.

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

Native American Proverb Cutting boards: The same procedure works on cutting boards. Rub the lemon onto the stains and let it sit until the stains are gone. The lemon will also disinfect the board at the same time.

Cleaning copper: Cut a lemon in half and sprinkle salt (any kind -- even sea salt) onto the lemon. Massage the lemon wedge onto the brass, squeezing the juice out until the tarnish is buffed off. As it stops working, add more salt to the lemon. Rinse well with water and let dry. It is important to keep copper bottom pans clean because they redistribute the heat according to how clean they are on the bottom.

Cleaning brass: If a piece is brass plated, it will be brass on one side and solid black on the other side. Never use lemon on anything that is brass plated -- only solid brass. Brass plated items need to be cleaned very gently with an oil soap -- never use anything acidic on it. Use the same method for cleaning solid brass as for copper -- one half of a lemon with salt sprinkled on it and rub until it is clean. Rinse well with water.

Removing rust from clothes: Put lemon juice on the rust stain and then sprinkle cream of tartar onto the top of the juice. Rub in the solution and let it sit on the stain until the rust is gone. The citric acid will take the rust off. Some stains are tougher than others, but 15 to 30 minutes should work just fine. Launder as usual.

Bleaching white clothes with lemon juice: Mix 1/2 cup lemon juice (or sliced lemons) with one gallon of very hot water. Soak the clothes in the solution. Do not use for silk, it is best for cotton and polyester. Let the clothes soak from an hour to overnight, depending on how badly the clothing needs bleaching. Remove the clothing from the mix and pour the mix into the washing machine and wash as usual. It's impossible to over-bleach using lemon juice.

Getting stains out of Tupperware: Squeeze lemon juice in the container and then add baking soda. Use the lemon as a cleaning tool and work it in. If the stains are bad, let it sit overnight before scrubbing the stains.

By HGTV Family of Sites / Team Mom



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 February.* 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.

Attention Chairpersons

Please check the mailbox for your committee every week. The mailboxes are next to Pastor David's office. Not sure if there is a mailbox for you? Just give it a look!



Attention Chairpersons

COMMITTEE

Please bring minutes of your meetings to the church office or email them to Elizabeth as we are required to keep them for a permanent record. Also a good idea — add Elizabeth to your committee's email list and it will be automatic!

AED devices are located on all three floors to the RIGHT of the elevator doors. Second floor device is equipped with pediatric pads because of Peppermint Preschool, but there is an adult pad in the AED station. Please grab the adult pad for anyone over eight (8) years old. Thanks.

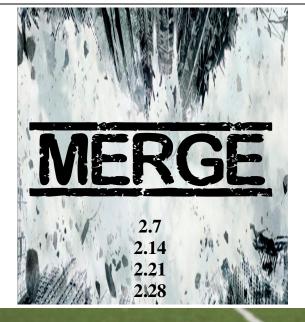
The Membership Committee would like to have

the addresses of our college students. If you are a parent or a grandparent, please give us the name and address of your student. You may put the address on the attendance

COLLEGE STUDENTS hew Addresses

pad or give it to Kay Bergen or Elizabeth Feldman in the church office.

YOUTH NEWS







Tickets in Wesley or at the door

Super Bowl Party Sunday, Feb. 2 6 pm Youth Center Bring a snack to share