Wooster United Methodist Church 243 N Market Street Wooster, Ohio 44691-3511

The Circuit Rider

Lenten Schedule

March 2	UMW Dinner Meeting	6 p.m.
March 5	Spaghetti Dinner	5–7 p.m.
March 6	Lenten Service @ New Pittsburg UMC / Rev. Robin Dillon	7 p.m.
March 13	Daylight Savings Time begins	
March 13	Lenten Service @ Church of the Cross / Rev. Charles Tobias	7 p.m.
March 16	*Music on Market* Timothy Noble	7 p.m.
March 20	Palm Sunday	8:45 & 11 & 11:07 a.m.
March 24	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	7 p.m.
March 25	Good Friday Service	12 noon
	Ecumenical Service @ Gazebo	5:30 p.m.
	Good Friday Cantata @ Oak Chapel	7 p.m.
	"Jesus Son of God" combined choirs	
March 27	Easter	8:45 & 11 & 11:07 a.m.

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Please remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed March 12!

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Answering the Call

The East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church has recently entered into an agreement with our counterparts in West Ohio to offer a series of Candidacy Summits in order to help folks from all across our state to consider the matter of God's call on their lives especially as it relates to ordained and licensed ministry.

"I believe each of you have been called by God," said Bishop John Hopkins at the most recent Summit held in January at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Speaking to forty-four participants, Bishop Hopkins, and his West Ohio counterpart, Bishop Gregory Palmer, joined a number of other leaders in speaking of the joys and sorrows, the laughter and tears, the triumphs and tragedies of local church ministry.

"All of you are here because you are followers of Jesus Christ," said the Rev. Wade Giffin, Director of the West Ohio Office of Ministry. "Your spiritual formation has just taken an interesting turn because God has placed a call on your life."

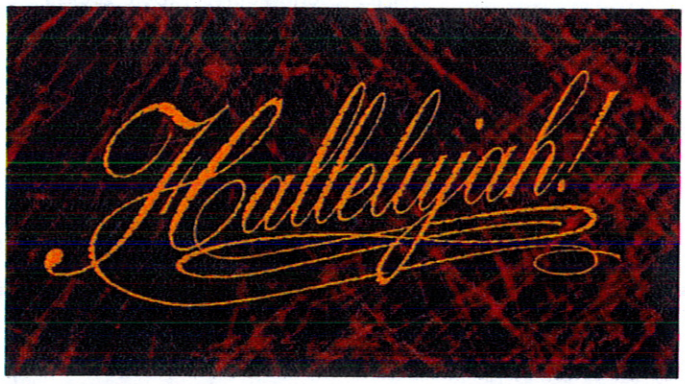
Over the years as a candidacy mentor I've worked with numerous persons who have heard the call to pursue ministry, and a number of those are now colleagues in ministry, both in East Ohio and across the connection. And, as part of this work, I attended the Summit last summer, and then, along with Rev. Betsy Schenk from Girard, met for several months with six persons (five men, one woman) who were seeking clarification of their call.

If you are interested in exploring the call to ordained or licensed ministry in The United Methodist Church, please feel free to contact me. I would be glad to discuss the matter with you, and to point you in the right direction in terms of next steps.

"This whole Candidacy Summit gives me a lot of hope for The United Methodist Church," says the Rev. Abby Auman, co-director of Candidacy Mentoring for East Ohio. "There are a lot of people who are still feeling God's call in their lives and answering that in the best way that they know how, and it's really exciting to help them figure out how they will be the hands and feet of Jesus in their particular lives."

Charlie Tobias

Rev. Charles E. Tobias, Senior Pastor



This Easter Sunday, what better way to share in celebrating Jesus' resurrection than by singing the **Hallelujah Chorus**, from Handel's Messiah. Perhaps this will be your first time, or maybe it's been years since you last had an opportunity. 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**.

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 and 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. *Altar and Arts Committee*

Did you know that every four years the United Methodist Women select four prominent social issues for study and action during the upcoming quadrenium? The social problems selected for focus during the next four years beginning in July of 2016 are: Climate Justice, Maternal and Child Health, Criminalization and Racial Justice, and Economic Inequality.

The January 2016 issue of **response** magazine reports on the National Seminar conducted by UMW to prepare women to assume leadership roles in their local churches and communities. The Seminar offers women from across the country, representing a variety of race, ethnicity, age, and geographic diversity, a chance to engage in workshops that offer a variety of opportunities to interact with one another while listening to experienced experts, watching documentary films, visiting local community agencies to observe and experience effective advocacy methods, and learning new skills first hand.

The 2015 National Seminar was held at the University of Chicago last August. The theme of the seminar was: "Interrupting Indifference: Jesus, Justice and Joy." The daily Bible Study was led by Dr. Mai-Anh Le Tran of Eden Theological Seminar in St. Louis, who at one point focused on two events during Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem to remind her audience that following Jesus' lead has political implications. For the crowd to proclaim Jesus as Lord was, in fact, a public act and, therefore, a political one, which threatened the political order. Instead of quieting the crowd as the scribes and elders told him to do, Jesus defied them saying: "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." A little later Jesus again challenged the established religious leadership when he overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple and accused the authorities of openly allowing the moneychangers to take advantage of the poor pilgrims coming to the city, simply by being indifferent.

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UMW Spring Rummage sale

Friday, March 11, 9-5:00
Saturday, March 12, 9-12:00 ($5 bag day)
Please clean your closets and cupboards and donate your unwanted items to our sale to support UMW missions. You may start dropping off items at Church on March 1. *The Rummage Sale Committee*

March 2, 2015
Fellowship @ 6:00 p.m.
Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.
Carry-in dinner. Bring a dish or two to share.
Program: Judge Latecia E. Wiles / Wayne Co. Probate & Juvenile Court

Executive Board	**March 9** Room A	3:00 p.m.
	UMW Circles	
Mary Martha	**March 23** Home of Michelle Sheppard	7:00 p.m.
Esther	**March 24** Large Turney Lounge	10:00 a.m.
Deborah Dorcas	**NO meeting**	

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 2016 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 Saturday, April 30.

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

March 21, 9:30 a.m. Room A
Education for Mission

* Coffee, Tea and Holy Water: One Woman's Journey to Experience Christianity Around the Globe.

April 18, - 9:30 a.m. Room A
Leadership Development

* The Weight of Mercy
* I Am Malala
* Lean In

You can now make a contribution to Wooster United Methodist Church with a quick text message!

Simply send a text to 330-556-6232 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount (example:$25). Within a few minutes you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically! Minimum donation is $3.

The default is the General Fund. If you choose you may also use the following codes to give to other funds:

- GS for Good Shepherd Fund
- CP for Capital Fund
- OF for other

Thank you for supporting our mission.

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.

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

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.

Thanks to everyone who brought in a flashlight for People to People Ministries in February. In **March**, we will be collecting **pancake mix**. Please bring a box or two of **pancake mix** with you to church on **Sunday, March 6.**

Did you know that Wooster UMC recycles? After a clever bit of negotiating on the part of the trustees, WUMC now handles its own recycling, saving the church lots of money. If you see a trustee, be sure to thank them for keeping us green and saving us green!

Attention Chairpersons

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

♥Dear Faith Friends, Thank you for the lovely and fragrant pink hyacinth. It makes me feel that spring is coming soon! I appreciate being remembered by my church community. Sincerely, *Ruth Carothers*

♥I would like to thank everyone who made my 95th birthday a special celebration with their flowers, cards, and phone calls. Also a thank you for honoring me as Person of the Week and getting such a beautiful flower. *Jean Briggs*

♥On behalf of Every Woman's House thank you for the gloves, hats and scarfs from the Mitten Tree. They will be given to the women in the houses and the clinics who do not have winter items. *Nancy Metze*

♥Happy New Year! I wanted to take this time to thank you for your efforts in paying your apportioned shared ministry funds at 100% for 2015. Those funds are impacting lives and are greatly appreciated! Best wishes to your congregation in 2016. *Jessica Vargo, Conference Treasurer*

♥A very sincere "Thank You" to my fellow church members: For once I am speechless! I don't know how to express my thank you adequately for the beautiful birthday and Person of the Week cards I received from you. You give me reason to try for another year. This would make me a member for seventy years! I have many thanks, too, for the lovely white cyclamen plant I received as Person of the Week. In faith and friendship, *Jan Braund*

Mar 2016 (Eastern Time)

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Children's Ministry Sunday Service Schedule Change starting April 3.

J. A. M. (Jesus and Me) Time will be offered both at 8:45 and during the 11/11:07 services EVERY WEEK for ages 4-4th grade. Be sure to bring your kids to worship for singing and after a short children's moment they will go with their teachers.

Also starting April 3, we will launch our 4-5 year old Sunday School class. Children will continue to gather in room 312 (the large room on the top floor of the education wing) before they disperse to different classrooms (rooms 211 for 4-5 year olds, room 311 for Kindergarten-4th grade, and room 316 for 5-7th grade). Interested in getting involved? Email Sarah Gregory at skgregory73@gmail.com

Maundy Thursday Communion service: 7 p.m. here at WUMC on March 24.
Good Friday services: 12 noon here at WUMC on March 25. 5:30 p.m. at Gazebo on the square. 7 p.m. Cantata at Oak Chapel UMC.

Music on Market

is sponsored by Main Street Wooster in collaboration with Wooster UMC. All events are FREE with a free-will offering. 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.

Wednesday, March 16—7 p.m.
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
TIMOTHY NOBLE
At the age of 17, this outstanding young pianist touches all by the message that is expressed so vividly through his playing and piano-picture presentations.

We hope to see you there!

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.

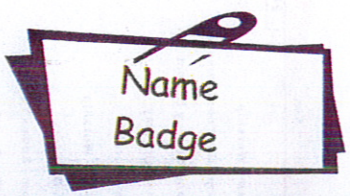
Changing area is available on the north side of the Sanctuary. Rocking chair and changing table available. Ask an Usher for help.

Child care help needed for "Mom to Mom" group on first and third Tuesdays of each month, 9 a. m.-11:15. We're off to a good start in the New Year with six moms and their babies/toddlers (nine in total with two on the way). You get to play, hug, read if you choose and in general have a great time! There will be a total of three care givers so it's a great social time as well. If you come once you'll be hooked! Call Connie Mann to sign up 330-264-4804. Hope to hear from you!!

Meet & Eat
Are you over 65 years of age? Where are you? Several of us who are in this age area have been enjoying **Meet & Eat** at T. J.'s Restaurant for lunch the first Friday of each month. We think you would enjoy it too. We certainly would be pleased having you and becoming better acquainted. Do come **Friday, March 4,** to T. J.'s at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy happy conversation and fellowship. Please give this event a try! *Jan Braund*

Calling All Cookie Providers: We are in need of cookies to serve during intermission at the next *Music on Market* event on **Wednesday, March 16**- any type, any amount, store-bought is ok, too! Cookies can be brought in anytime prior to the performance. Please mark them "Music on Market." Thanks so much! *Tina Fowler*

Please wear your name badge every Sunday for worship services and also when Wooster UMC hosts events.



The following presentation was delivered by Ed Yuhas, Chairperson of our Finance Committee, at all three services of worship, 8:45, 11, and 11:07, on Sunday, February 21, 2016, in order to explain the need for a Second Mile Stewardship Campaign.

All Second Mile pledge cards will be received and dedicated on **Sunday, March 6, 2016,** during that morning's communion services. Thank you for your generosity!

"Second Mile" Presentation

Thank you Charlie, and good morning everyone.

Back In 2009, my wife, Jo, our son Tim, and I, moved here from St. Louis. We have an older daughter who was off to college at that time so she has not shared the Wooster experience with us.

At the heart of that experience these past seven years has been our life here at church. And I can say, without a doubt, that my walk with, and love of Jesus Christ-- has accelerated beyond measure. We have also formed relationships that will be life-lasting, regardless of where Jo and I end up in our journey of faith. I simply can't imagine our life here in Wooster without this church.

Curiously, in 2010, I was asked to join a very small committee of people who were to review the church's finances. I say "curiously" because there is nothing in my background that would have prepared me to be successful for such a role. I am not an accountant; I don't have a CPA, and I found my college courses in accounting to be less than inspiring. In 2011—more levity ensued. I was asked to join the Finance Committee. And to prove once again that God not only works mysteriously but with a sense of humor, in 2014 I was asked to be the chairperson of the Finance Committee. But in all seriousness, I find the work to be meaningful and relevant; often times challenging, but always rewarding.

Of all the subjects attributed to Jesus in the Gospels, the one subject he spoke of—more than any other—with the exception of the Kingdom of God-- was about a person and their money. Many of you are familiar with those passages and may recall that there were times when Jesus could be very, very direct. This morning, I come before you asking your permission for me to be plainspoken—not about your relationship with God and money—but about something more practical—the day to day finances in running this church—but we all understand our relationship with God and money and our church's finances are linked together.

So here it is.

At the end of 2014, the Finance Committee recommended to the Church Council a budget for 2015 containing an $85,000-dollar deficit. While the Church Council approved the budget, it raised some eyebrows and caused some angst. We believed however that a deficit of $85,000 was neither inconsequential nor insurmountable, so we forged ahead. And by the Grace of God, your generosity, and the hard work done by our budget holders to control spending, we reduced the deficit from $85,000 to $9,000. With God, all things are possible.

But we clearly saw an undercurrent developing over the last year or two which is now front and center as we begin 2016. The $85,000 deficit to start the year in 2015 is now $200,000 as we begin this year. And simply put, the Church Council would not, nor should they, approve a budget with that kind of deficit. The undercurrent I referred to is this: our demography as a congregation is aging, and as some of our members pass away, move into a nursing home, or relocate to be cared for by their own children, they tend to no longer make a financial contribution to the church.

So what do we do? Well if your family is like mine-- when financial concerns creep into our own household, given a job change, or an unexpected bill comes due, we sit around the kitchen table, pray, and we look at what is coming in and what is going out, and we make hard choices. We either have to find other sources of money or we cut our spending. In reality, we often do both.

So the first course of action is that the Finance Committee recommended to the Church Council-- which was approved last Tuesday evening,-- that immediately, all budget holders would reduce their program expenses by 10% which would save $30,000.

Shortly, you will be receiving a letter from Charlie and the Finance Committee asking for your help. When you receive that letter, the hope is that you will read through it, and prayerfully consider if you can make an additional pledge to the church for 2016. If so, we would ask you to consider your second pledge not just a way to help reduce the deficit, but serve—if at all possible- as a new baseline of your generosity to avoid a recurring deficit year after year.

We ask you to return those commitment cards by Sunday, March the 6th—Communion Sunday. From there we will determine where we are so we can make the smart decisions necessary to continue God's work here on a secure and sustainable footing. We will certainly keep you informed of our progress.

Finally, I would like to conclude with this scripture reading from Luke, Chapter 6; Verse 38:
"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Thank you.

Ed Yuhas, 21 Feb 2016

YOUNG ADULTS CALENDAR

ROOTED (our young adult group) meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.
Upcoming dates are March 9 & 23
Watch for a postcard with details!

Congratulations to leaders Bill & Tina Cristino on the birth of their son, Charlie!

Want to receive text updates about Rooted events? Text @wumcyam to 81010 to be added to the list!

Persons of the Week

March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Marjorie McKinsie Glendora Health Care Center 1552 N Honeytown Rd. Wooster	Joyce Van Keuren 1940 Christmas Run Blvd. Wooster	Jean Fife Smithville Western Care Center 4110 E. Smithville Western Rd. Wooster	Bonnie Durrant 1719 Highland Park Rd. Wooster

Ill or Hospitalized

Caroline Lilburn

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.

***Circuit Rider* Deadline is MARCH 9, 2016** for the *April 2016 issue.* Please e-mail ~ lschantz@woosterumc.org

Recent Deaths

Joan Butler, Harry Weckesser

Safety Reminder! After office hours, *every group must be responsible* for letting in their members. This may be done by a designated person either standing at the door to let members in or by posting their cell number on the door to be contacted. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our building secure.

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.

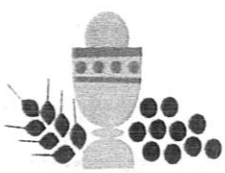
AED devices are located on all three floors to the **RIGHT** of the elevator doors. Second floor device is equipped with pediatric pad *but* there is an adult pad in the AED station. Please grab the adult pad for anyone over eight (8) years old. Thanks.

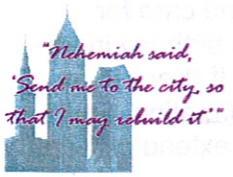
Drivers Needed! We are looking for several people willing to pick-up members for the 11:00 a.m. worship service and take them home again. If this a way you could serve, please call 330.262.5641, or email the church office. Thanks.

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.

Communion in Your Home

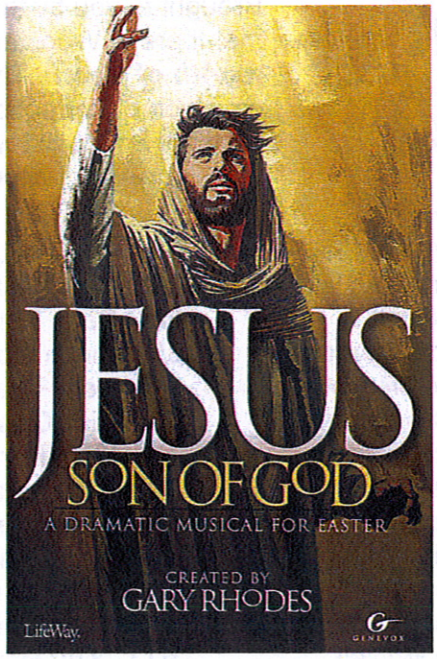
Communion can be brought to you at home or in the hospital when you have been unable to receive the sacrament at the church. Please call the church office to arrange for communion in your home.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
The Adult Mission Team will be headed to Cleveland once again this summer to work with the Nehemiah Mission project. The group will be leaving Wooster the evening of Sunday, July 24, and returning the evening of Friday, July 29. Please consider joining us. The cost for the week is $300 per person, and that includes meals. Financial assistance is available. For more details, please contact the church office or someone who has participated on a prior trip.
Bob Reynolds

Are you an occasional singer?
Celebrate the risen Christ by singing with the Easter Choir. Contact Nancy Franck for rehearsal information.



Good Friday Cantata
March 25, 7:00 p.m.
Oak Chapel United Methodist Church

This is a collaborative cantata with singers from Wooster UMC, Moreland UMC, Church of the Cross UMC, and Oak Chapel UMC.

"The Green Thing"

Five ways Americans should — and shouldn't — recycle

With the vast majority of U.S. towns and cities opting to let residents toss all their recyclables in one blue bin (and leave the sorting to machines), here are five ways residents can make sure more of what they bother to recycle actually gets reused:

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

1. Do not bag your recyclables.

Yes, it's less messy to put all those leaky bottles and cans in a bag and take them to the curb later. But the first thing recyclers have to do is to break open every paper or plastic bag. And with conveyor belts moving at speeds of 35 to 60 feet per second, sorters don't have time to open every well-tied bag and make sure what's inside won't damage machinery later on. More often than you'd probably like to know, a full bag of recyclables can get diverted to the trash pile.

2. Just because it should be recyclable, doesn't mean it is.

Yes, a garden hose is rubber. So is the sole of a shoe. A Halloween costume is plastic, and so are Christmas lights. A few viral Internet stories about China reusing such items don't mean that your local recycling facility is equipped to handle them. Long, stringy things are some of the worst for recycling machinery and can shut down an entire line. Another surprise: In most cities — including the District — pizza boxes are NOT recyclable.

3. Concrete, barbells, hypodermic needles!

Seriously, see above. Not recyclable. At the Materials Recovery Facility in Elkridge, Md., which handles all blue-bin contents from the District and Baltimore, sorters wear rubber guards up to their elbows to protect against things that should really never be sent through the normal recycling stream. That includes a scary amount of hypodermic needles. Apparently it's a thing to put used needles in a plastic water bottle and then put that bottle of biohazard in the blue bin. Every week, the Maryland facility ships to a medical waste company a 35-pound box filled with used needles.

4. Don't worry about every last drop of whatever.

Yes, recyclables should be clean, but they do not have to be sterile. Trust me. The odor at a recycling plant is only a shade better than your average garbage dump. In fact, a few drops of water in a super-lightweight plastic bottle can help ensure that it gets pushed in the right direction, (and not blown up in the air with paper waste). The crushers and balers will squish out the last drops. That said, don't be lazy and leave the Styrofoam, plastic and peanut packaging in with the cardboard – there's a good chance it will mean the whole box gets directed back to the landfill.

5. When you can, sort.

Some large cities, including Nashville and Salt Lake City, have never allowed glass in their recycling bins and have separate drop off locations for that material. Anywhere sorting is offered, use it. Perhaps the single most important thing you can do is NOT put plastic shopping or newspaper bags in the recycling bin. Take those back to the grocery store. In the Maryland facility, recyclers have to shut down each line every two hours to scrape hundreds of plastic bags out of the system.

Bonus points: Composting.

Environmentalists say the next frontier in U.S. recycling is to go the way of San Francisco, Seattle and Portland and institute citywide composting. By mandating that residents separate food scraps and grass clippings, San Francisco now claims to be recycling about 80 percent of all waste. If done on a large scale, composting might have a more direct impact on global warming, environmentalists say, than keeping any plastic bottle or can out of the garbage. By some estimates, organic material rotting in landfills is now the country's third biggest source of methane gas.

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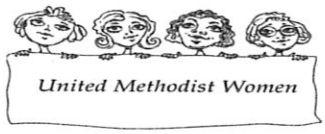
As we participate in the season of Lent and prepare to celebrate the Day of Jesus' Resurrection, during this primary election season, we too, are challenged to faithfully examine the priorities Jesus gives to us—to recognize the desires of the lowly and challenge those who would take advantage of the poor. UMW resources are available for all of us to study and prepare for the things he is summoning us to do, and our local monthly dinner meetings keep us abreast of the opportunities to participate in the work needing to be done in Wooster and the surrounding area. Please feel free to join us at any time. Our March 2 dinner may be a good place to start as our speaker, Judge Latecia Wiles, will talk about incarceration of our local youth. *Linda Smith, UMW President*



As I write this article it is really, really cold outside and apparently is going to get colder by the weekend and a good time to wrap up in a warm blanket and read. Hopefully spring will come soon. The book I am telling you about this month is "Dreamers: An Immigrant Generation's Fight for their American Dream," by Eileen Truax and is in the Nurturing for Community category of the Reading Program. The author illuminates the stories of the roughly two-million undocumented immigrants living in the United States who came here as children. They grew up here, going to elementary, middle and high school, but are ineligible for financial aid for college and are unable to be legally employed in recent years. This young generation of dreamers has begun organizing, becoming the newest face of the human rights movement. This book is available through Clevenet at The Wayne County Library. *Bea Smith, Reading Resource Secretary of Wooster UMW.*

YOUTH NEWS

Middle School Calendar

Jr. F.B.I. (Faithful Bible Investigators)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 13, 20

(NO JR. F.B.I. ON MARCH 27, BUT COME & HELP WITH FAMILY FUN DAY!)

9:45 A.M.

ROOM 312

EDGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 13, 20

(NO EDGE ON MARCH 27)

5:30-6:30 P.M. IN THE GYM

RIOT NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

TUBING AT SNOW TRAILS!

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Want to receive text updates regarding middle school events? Text @wumcmsm to 81010 to be added to the list!

High School Calendar

F.B.I. (Faithful Bible Investigators)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 13, 20

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10:00-10:45

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B.A.R.

(Building & Affirming Relationships)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 13, 20

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