


The Circuit Rider



**From the Chairman of the Staff Parish Relations Committee:
Charles Brain**

The following information is about the process to select a pastor to replace Rev. Dr. David Wilcox. This information was presented to the congregation at all three services on February 9, but due to the severe weather that morning, attendance was very low. Therefore, I welcome the opportunity to provide you with this information again on behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

As I am sure you know, David announced he will be requesting retirement at the Annual Conference held in June and will conclude his active ministry with us at the end of June. Also, as you are aware, Rev. Larry Black announced his intention to step down as Minister of Congregational Care sometime this summer after consultation with the new Senior Pastor of our church.

Our new pastor will be appointed to our church through *the United Methodist Appointment Process*. The United Methodist Church functions as the Body of Christ through the "connectional system." This means that all United Methodist Churches work together and share resources in an effort to faithfully offer Christ to the world. In the connectional system, all churches pool their financial, physical and human resources through the paying of apportionments, the holding of all property "in trust" and the itinerancy of ordained pastors, which means the movement of pastors by the bishop to meet the leadership needs of the churches and mission field served by the conference. All ordained pastors, known as ordained elders, vow to be itinerant. In addition, the connectional system includes local pastors, such as Rev. Jon Hutchison, who are licensed for ministry and appointed to a church.

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REMEMBER?
Set Your
Clocks
Ahead!



**2 a.m.
March 9**

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The Appointment Process has three steps:

Step One follows the announcement that a church has an open position such as David's retirement or the appointment of a pastor to another church. In this step, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, representing the church, meets with the District Superintendent to explain the qualities in a pastor we need to advance the church and our mission for Christ's purposes. This has already occurred.

Step Two is when the person is identified who is perceived to be the best match for our church. The process involves the District Superintendent presenting the church profile developed with the SPR Committee to the Cabinet, which is composed of the bishop, the assistant to the bishop and the 10 district superintendents. This is a very prayerful process. Pastors are nominated to fill the "open" position with explanations as to why he or she would be a good fit for our church. All pray and vote for five persons. Questions for clarification are received. All pray and vote for three. All pray and initial each superintendent's top choice. Discussion and more prayer continue until all initials are on the same name. This is the person who is perceived to be the best match for the needs of the church and its mission field. This is the step of the process we are currently in.

Step Three is when the District Superintendent meets with the identified pastor and discusses our church profile and affirms a match. The superintendent calls the SPR Committee chair to arrange an introductory meeting with the committee. Conversation with the SPR Committee confirms the fit. Announcements are made at both the sending and receiving churches the following Sunday. The appointment is officially set at the Annual Conference and the new pastor starts his or her new appointment on July 1.

Some other points.

First, Larry Black's position is not subject to the Appointment Process. Once the new pastor is "on board," Larry's replacement will be filled upon the recommendation of the new pastor in consultation with Rev. Black and the SPR Committee.

Also, Church Council has approved the recommendation of the SPR Committee to purchase a parsonage for our Senior Pastor. A number of years ago, upon the retirement of Rev. Frank Marlett in 1992, the church sold the parsonage to Rev. Marlett. Since then, our Senior Pastors have received a housing allowance in lieu of our providing a parsonage. A committee has been formed to locate and purchase a parsonage upon the approval at a Charge Conference. This committee has already begun the process to identify an appropriate parsonage. Proceeds from the sale of the parsonage to Rev. Marlett were invested by the Trustees and the fund has grown sufficiently to provide adequate funding for a new parsonage.

I personally have been impressed with the process to obtain a replacement for Rev. Wilcox and am confident that the right person will be appointed to our church. Certainly if you have any questions about the process, please feel free to give me a call. I can be reached at 330-465-2617. My e-mail address is cbrain@3i-ingredients.com.

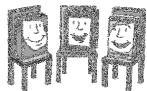
Charles H. Brown



Randy Rooster crows again!

Have you noticed changes in the second floor Turney lounges? Volunteers have scraped, painted, enlarged chair rails and taken up carpet to refresh these spaces. **This has been made possible by using the Kathleen Morton Memorial Funds.** Carpet, window treatments, recovered and new furniture will come next. Take a peek. Moving down the hall the "old Peppermint preschool room" and library will be refreshed and renewed as well. Look now to see the "before" and by the end of March it should be completed. We will then have multiple spaces to be used for Bible studies, Sunday school classes, meetings, quiet space to curl up and read in the library, etc. **Thank you Kathleen Morton!** All items that we couldn't use have been sold, consigned at Urban Cottage, recycled through Habitat for Humanity (carpet), Friendtique, or Goodwill. Giving back to the community is a good thing too.





**UMW
Reading
Circle**

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

March 10, 9:30 a.m., Room A
The Roma of Europe by Larry Beman.

This book will introduce you to the Roma, with an emphasis on Eastern Europe. You will discover their history up to and including the twentieth century. You can look into the ways they are treated in contemporary European culture. You will also be able to learn about their lifestyle and spirituality, and investigate ways the church and other organizations are working alongside the Roma.

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.



United Methodist Women

We can only hope that the weather will be better by now after the hard cold winter we have had.

"Please Look After Mom," A Novel by Kyung-Sook Shin is the book in the Nurturing for Community category of the Reading Program which I will tell a little bit about. So-Nyo has disappeared among the crowds of a Seoul subway station. As her family searches for her, long-held secrets and private sorrows begin to reveal themselves, forcing her children to wonder how well they actually knew the woman they called Mom.
Bea Smith, Reading Resource Secretary of Wooster UMW.



March 5, 2014

Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary

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

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

UMW Circles

Mary Martha **March 26** 7:00 p.m.
Home of Linda Smith

Esther **March 27** 9:30 a.m.
Home of Anita Reynolds

Deborah Dorcas **No Meeting** 11:00 a.m.
Room A

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

Prayers for Africa

Jean Brugger and Elizabeth Feldman are currently on a Volunteers in Mission trip to Harrisburg Liberia Africa. In addition to the *much* warmer weather, the hospitality and relationship building is also warm and wonderful. The program is called Farmer to Farmer – Changing the world, one farmer at a time. The work is being done in the home town of retired UM pastor, Pryde Bass of Cleveland Heights, and in relationship with St. John's UMC in Harrisburg. There will be a celebration of the trip on Friday, March 7 at Strongsville UMC with pictures and stories from the team. The cost for dinner is \$10. There is a poster with more information on the bulletin board outside the church office. Continued prayers are appreciated for the team as they finish their work and travel home March 2/3.



Several years ago, the Pathfinders Sunday School class started a special fund to purchase meat for Meals

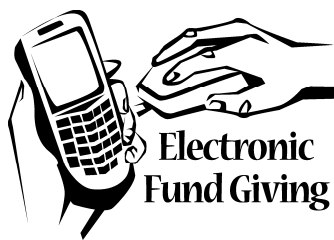
Together. Since that time, others – outside the class – have contributed to this fund, called the "Steer Fund." The Pathfinders Class would like to offer this opportunity to everyone in the congregation. Checks should be made **payable to Wooster UMC** with **Steer Fund** noted on the memo line.

Thanks to everyone that 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 2**.



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.



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.



♥ Thank you for hosting the service for Linda Troutman. Although she was not a member of your church, Linda always said she felt comfortable there. *Thank you, The Troutman family*

♥ Thank you for the beautiful plant and the pleasure of a visit from Rev. Black. *Mildred & Lansing Williams*

♥ To my loving WUMC family, I have been so overwhelmed with the outpouring of love that I and my family have received during my recent illness. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough. The abundance of food and financial help with gas, parking, etc. has just been incredible. Thank you to each and every one who have sent a card, called, or provided any assistance. My road is long with my bone marrow transplant coming up, I'm so incredibly thankful that I not only have an amazing, loving family but a wonderful, loving church family to walk it with. Blessings and love to all of you. Thanks so much, *Michelle, Mark, Murphy & Mackenzie Sheppard*

♥ To my church family, My thanks to Rev. Black for his visits and to any church family members for thoughtfully sending me words of comfort on the passing of my daughter, Jean. They are helping me cope at this difficult time. Also, thank you for honoring me as Person of the Week. It was special—receiving a beautiful pink flower Kalanchoe plant and cards. With such a cold winter it sure brightens my days. Wooster United Methodist Church is a most caring church. Sending God's blessings to all, *LaVerne Van Bergen*

♥ Thank you! My most sincere, heartfelt thank you to all who sent me birthday greetings and get well wishes. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness. In Christian love, *Jan Braund*

♥ Thank you for the lovely lunch for our family and to the ladies who prepared it. It was perfect. *The Earl Emler family*

♥ Thank all of you for contributing generously to my Liberia Farmer to Farmer trip. Our team leaves tomorrow (2-18-14) weather permitting. Also for the prayers Sunday and the commission on the trip. Pictures on return. Bless all of you, *Jean Brugger*



March 2014 Wooster UMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:45am - Boot Camp parent mtg</p> <p>12:15pm - Rooted - Loft</p> <p>12:30pm - Misc Dowell</p> <p>4pm - Ramsey Financial - C</p> <p>6pm - Jr Youth - 216</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 78 - YC</p> <p>6:30pm - Remydy - YC</p>	<p>10am - BOM - C</p> <p>2pm - Staff mtg - A</p> <p>5:30pm - Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Camera Club - W</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Kapp's</p>	<p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - C</p> <p>6pm - GS - C</p> <p>6:30pm - Beth Moore - C</p> <p>7pm - CIC - A</p> <p>7:30pm - MacDowell - S</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>9am - Bible Study - C</p> <p>6pm - UMW Dinner</p> <p>7pm - Worship</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 & Eat - TJs</p> <p>9:30pm - Merge - YC</p>	<p>5pm - Spaghetti Dinner</p>
<p>Daylight Sav Time</p> <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>6pm - Jr Youth - 216</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 78 - YC</p> <p>6:30pm - Remydy - YC</p>	<p>2pm - Staff mtg - A</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 - C</p> <p>6:30pm - AAUW - T</p> <p>6:30pm - Beth Moore - C</p> <p>6:30pm - Discipleship - A</p>	<p>CR Deadline</p> <p>9am - Bible Study - C</p> <p>9am - Lappers - Lib aux</p> <p>3pm - UMW Exec - A</p> <p>8pm - GIFT - 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>9:30pm - Merge - YC</p>	<p>9:30pm - Merge - YC</p>
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**Jr. Youth Events for
March 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

March 9: "Trustworthiness." Fill out a Trust Report Card. What can be done to rebuild trust?

March 23: Continue the topic of "Trustworthiness." Revisit the story of Joseph. Discover how you can be someone other people can trust.

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.



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, March 19** - 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.

March 19 - 7 p.m.
SONNENBERG STATION
Tim Shue, Director

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

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.

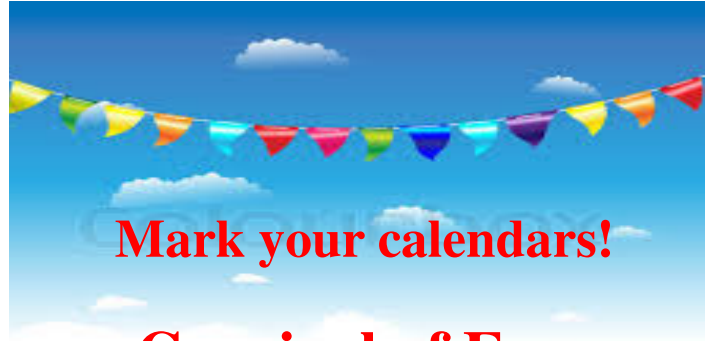
May 21 - 7 p.m.
RICHARD FIGGE as CLARENCE DARROW
Clarence Darrow is coming to town. The legendary American lawyer will be portrayed by actor Richard Figge in this one-man performance.

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



Mark your calendars!

Carnival of Fun

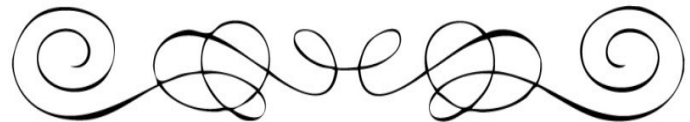
May 23

YOUNG ADULTS

ministry



**Next Rooted:
March 2 @ 12:30
bring \$3 for lunch**



Persons of the Week

<p style="text-align: center;">March 2 Betty Emler 3103 Bayberry Cove Wooster</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 9 Marian & Ed Scott 3075 Bayberry Cove Wooster</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 16 Lilyan Johns West View Manor 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 23 Vera Dilgard West View Manor 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 30 Donna Millsaps Wayne Co. Care Center 876 Geyers Chapel Rd. Wooster</p>
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Ill or Hospitalized

Harriet Monahan, Cora Gigax, Sandy Musselman, Liz Maynard, Jean Aceto, Stephen Leslie, Ardenna Hurt, Yvonne Durrant, Marion Scott

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.

The Meet and Eat group will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at **T.J.'s on Friday, March 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 MARCH 12, 2014
for the *April 2014 issue*.
Please e-mail ~
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Recent Deaths
Kitty McGarvey, Earl Emler

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.



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.



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 Pastor Larry Black or email him to arrange for communion in your home.



Attention Chairpersons



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!



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!



March 20

FIRST DAY
of Spring

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 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 Green Thing”

10 Tricks to Get Stains Out of Clothes - by Jaime Morrison Curtis by Babble.com / Author Blog Posts

A few weeks back, I had just bought this brand new pair of suede shoes, and I was absolutely in love. That very same evening, I wore them out for a night on the town, and what do you know? Right at dinner, a lovely woman sitting next to me splashed her red wine all over them. (Italian dinner and suede was probably not a good idea in hindsight.) I tried to compose myself and casually walk to the bathroom while I was slowly crumbling inside, and I managed to take a detour at the bar to ask if there was anything they could do. Just then, this wonderful Italian woman stepped out from behind the bar and handed me a washcloth soaked in gin. She told me to dab it all over the stain and it would be gone once it dried. She was right! I've been passing this trick onto everyone I know and now I'm passing it over to you. Since then, I've become obsessed with natural stain removal. I want to be prepared in case my shoes are threatened with ruin once again!

Learn how to make a variety of different stain removers in your own home with these 10 DIY tricks:

- 1. Toothpaste on Leather** You can remove a variety of stains on leather with toothpaste. Simply rub it on, and rub it away. *Find out more at Reader's Digest.*
- 2. Tomato Sauce Stains** Avoid setting a tomato stain by soaking in cold instead of hot water. A mixture of vinegar and dishwashing liquid can help remove it if you soak for at least a half an hour. *Find out more at TLC.*
- 3. Hydrogen Peroxide and Original Blue Dawn** Mix one part Dawn with two parts Hydrogen Peroxide, apply to stain, and rinse. *Find out more at Modern Day Moms.*
- 4. Castile Soap Stain Remover** Create a mixture of water, castile soap, vegetable glycerin, and lemon as a way to get stains out of your clothes. *Find out more at The Prairie Homestead.*
- 5. Ink Stains and Hand Sanitizer** Who knew your hairspray and hand sanitizer could clean away ink stains in minutes? *Find out more at One Good Thing by Jillee.*
- 6. Armpit Stains** Mix together hydrogen peroxide, Dawn, and baking soda to get yellow armpit stains out of your favorite tops. *Find out more at Sisters Shopping on a Shoestring.*
- 7. Citrus Enzyme for Stains** Make your own citrus enzyme with fruit, brown sugar, yeast, and water to get stains out of clothing and clean your house. *Find out more at Eco Karen.*
- 8. Bit o' Borax** Mix together borax, white vinegar, and water to get a stain out. Brush it away with a toothbrush and voila. *Find out more at Simple Homemade.*
- 9. Goodbye Grease** Dab eucalyptus essential oil onto the stain, and let it soak in. Wash it and hang to dry. *Find out more at Creative Christian Mama.*
- 10. Gee Whiz, Cheez Whiz** I have yet to try this, but apparently applying Cheez Whiz onto a grease or oil stain can take it right out. *Find out more at Wisebread.*



*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 March**. 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.

3/1 Marge Hoge	3/7 Jill Swartz	3/17 Ben Fravel	3/23 Amy Stenglein
3/2 Ed Scott	3/8 Doris Wilcher	3/17 Joyce Van Keuren	3/23 David Wilcox
3/2 Hope Reynolds	3/8 Vince Fiorita	3/17 Harriet Monahan	3/25 Calla Sneller
3/2 Earl Shaner	3/9 Mary Kerr	3/18 Caitlin Reynolds	3/26 Lanna Buehler
3/3 David Reynolds	3/9 Rick Oswald	3/18 Ben Carr	3/27 Shirley Clogg
3/3 Sarah Mason	3/10 Jenni Patterson	3/19 Jean Fife	3/27 Norma Risser
3/4 Eric Browning	3/12 Judy Seaman	3/20 Jason Seaman	3/28 Yvonne Durrant
3/4 Nate Greene	3/12 Jack Bardall	3/20 Sharon Luke	3/29 Betsy Buckwalter
3/4 Sue Hauenstein	3/13 Peter Gustafson	3/21 Ann Rollins	3/29 Beth Harty
3/4 Charles Johnston	3/13 Jay Carmony	3/21 Dwight Hayes	3/29 Olivia Stokes
3/4 Michael Moore	3/13 Mildred Williams	3/22 Mitch Sleek	3/30 Steve Pettijohn
3/5 Deloris Shaner	3/13 Kurt Holmes	3/22 Stuart Webster	3/30 Emma Fiorita
3/5 Kim McNeil	3/14 Pat Tinker	3/22 Pat Long	3/30 Dave Stenglein
3/5 Georgia Johnson	3/14 Mike Arbogast	3/22 Ann Perry	3/31 Patrick Reid
3/6 Brent Polen	3/15 Emily Haight	3/22 Chuck Butterbaugh	3/31 Markie Fouts
3/6 Rebecca Little	3/17 Brian Fravel	3/23 Charlie Reynolds	3/31 Bob Gralinski

On Saturday, February 8 the church was filled with happy attendees of the **Eighth Annual Chocolate Retreat!** The event's central theme was **"Taste and see that the Lord is good"** and was attended by 100 (plus!) women from WUMC, Oak Chapel UMC, Church of the Cross and many other friends and family. All enjoyed their choice of nine interest centers, lunch, lighthearted entertainment, an uplifting message, and of course...plenty of chocolate! From the first floor to the third floor Youth Center, women of all ages had their hands pampered, crafted beaded bookmarks, sipped hot chocolate while having a shoulder massage, learned new styles for scarf tying, gently stretched away stress, learned Biblical significance of herbs, browsed an art gallery, were greeted by lovable Newfoundland therapy dogs, or just simply laughed!



A delicious lunch of soups, salads and breads was prepared and served by the Oak Chapel United Methodist Women. A decadent variety of chocolate desserts, complete with a fountain of flowing chocolate for dipping, was provided by Wooster United Methodist Women. After lunch everyone enjoyed a lighthearted song performed by Nancy Franck and a message given by Rev. Robin Dillon. Robin encouraged us to *truly experience God's love...taste and see how really good He is!* The only cost to attend was a chocolate pantry item which was given to People to People and a free-will offering that was donated to Oak Chapel and Wooster UMW's mission projects as a thank you for their help.

The committee wants to thank the local vendors who provided their services (free of charge), the many artists who provided items in the gallery, and the volunteers who made each station enjoyable:

Vendors and Volunteers: Tracey Heck, Aimee Skaggs, Deborah Singer, Sharon Scale, Sue Chapman, Heidi Stoller, Katie Geitgey, Deb Fair, Chris Gonzalez, Brenda Himes, Karen Peck, Peggy Hibbs (Rusty and Addy).
Contributors to the gallery: Barb Sattler, Jean Briggs, Nancy Franck, Jean Forbes, Kay Bergen, Ron Holtman, Jean Brugger, Hope Long, Chris Fowler, Rachael Fishburn, Larry and Marilyn Black, Jan Braund / Earl Klosterman, Cindy Turner, and Jane Braddock.

Also, a big thank you to Elizabeth Feldman and the Oak Chapel ladies; Kay Bergen, Linda Smith, and the Wooster UMW ladies; Jon Hutchison, David Burkholder, Linda Schantz, Kathy Miller...all helped to make the day a big success!

We hope you can join the fun next year! **Committee:** Jane Slater, Nancy Franck, Cindy Turner, Kim Surgala, Linda Smith, Kay Bergen, and Barb Mekoleske.

YOUTH NEWS

Wooster United Methodist Church



54th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 8, 2014
5:00-7:00 p.m.

-tickets-

Adults--\$8.00
Kids under 12—\$6.00
Under 3—FREE!
Purchase tickets at
WUMC or at the door



-donate-

Visit the Spaghetti
Dinner table in Wesley
Hall to donate towards
all the ingredients
needed for a successful
dinner!

Proceeds benefit WUMC 2014 Youth Mission Trip