

May's "Special Sundays"

May 11—Mother's Day and celebration of the Christian home.



May 18—Youth Sunday. Join us as we recognize our graduates and confirmation students at 11:07 a.m. Please contact the church office with any information on college or graduate school graduates so that we may recognize those students as well.

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May 25—The Sunday before Memorial Day. During our worship we will offer thankful remembrance for those who died in service of the country.



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"A Concept of 'Church' Big Enough for Eastertide"

What is the Church? Is it just our local congregation, or is it

something much bigger? For many people their concept of "church" is no bigger than the local congregation and their vision of the church's mission stops at the church door. Christ's Church, however, is much bigger than that.

Our connection to Christians everywhere is made real through our ecumenical involvements. In addition, another manifestation of our connection with Christians around the globe is the relationship we have with other United Methodists around the world. Approximately 40% of the members of our United Methodist Church live outside the United States. (7.4 million United Methodists live in the United States; 5.1 million United Methodists live outside the United States.)

Unfortunately, too many people have a "small" understanding of church. In their minds the church is only a local congregation, or worse, they believe the notion that the church is just for those who are already inside the membership of a local congregation.

A healthier way to understand a local congregation is to see it as a mission station in Christ's larger fellowship. And if we see ourselves as a mission station, we would never be content until all have been invited to share in our fellowship.

The season of "Eastertide" (Easter and the six Sundays which follow) is a perfect time and opportunity to invite someone else to be a part of the church fellowship.

But not just any invitation will do. To be effective our invitations need to be personal and specific. We often say something like, "Why don't you visit our church sometime?" A very different, and much more effective invitation would be something like, "Why don't you come with me to worship this Sunday?"

Christ's arms are big enough to include all in his embrace. How big is your concept of church?

David Wilcox, Senior Pastor

"PAUMCS is our seminary"

Once again I would like to thank you – the congregation and staff - for your support of the office staff. PAUMCS stands for Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries. It provides continuing education at the district, state and national level and is provided for in *The Discipline* under the wing of GCFA, General Council of Finance and Administration. Linda and I just returned from a long weekend in Asheville, North Carolina, where we were able to renew friendships, network with those who do



Asheville North Carolina April 2-6

what we do, meet some incredible new friends, listen to awesome leaders and also have some time to relax! Our theme was "Reaching the Peak of our Profession" and topics this year were, "Unwanted Baggage," "Self Care /

Soul Care," "Finding Balance and Order in Chaos," "The Advantage—Creating Your Personal 'Playbook'," "Navigating the Storms of Our

Relationship and Ministries" and "Moving from Good Things to God-Things."

Tina, Kathy, Linda and I will be going to Newark First UMC for the spring Ohio PAUMCS gathering on April 30. These gatherings help us to serve you better as we come home refreshed and renewed with new ideas. *Elizabeth Feldman, Office Manager*



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

Reading Circle May 19, 9:30 a.m., Room A Small Things With Great Love: Adventures in Loving Your

Neighbor by Margot Starbuck. This book will open your eyes to the people around you and the huge impact you can have on them through small acts of love. There are over 300 examples of people across genders, ages, incomes, and living environments who kept their eyes open and found opportunities to small things; someone who found a way to walk in the way of Jesus and serve their fellow man. This is a great book for learning to see where opportunities that "have your name on them" may exist. Margot's writing style and sense of humor make this an enjoyable and easy read. Includes a study guide, list of resources and a sixweek adventure challenge.

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. There is still



Rummage Salo

time to take your items for sale to Wesley Hall. 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, seasonal and holiday items for spring and summer only. Please place in bags or boxes by category. Thank you!



Hopefully Spring has decided to make its appearance by now. Boy did it take a long time!

The book this month is from the Social Action category of the reading program. The title is "Dear White America: A Letter to a New Minority," by Tim Wise. There are times when it is difficult to talk about the sometimes explosive topic of race, as this volume does. Author Tim Wise acknowledges this and hopes that his words may allow you to discuss subjects on race more confidently during those difficult times. This amazing "letter" includes history, facts and insight into the disturbing phenomenon of institutional racism. Bea Smith, Reading Resource Secretary of Wooster UMW.



May 7, 2014 Fellowship @ 6:00 p.m. Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

Program: Hope Center Speakers: Emily and Richard Frazier

Executive Board **NO Meeting** 3:00 p.m.

UMW Circles

Mary Martha May 28 7:00 p.m.

Dinner out @ The Barn

Esther **May 22** 9:30 a.m.

Home of Eva Miller

Deborah Dorcas May 22 11:00 a.m.

Room A

Sarah Rebekah May 22 1:30 p.m.

Room A

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.

May 2, 2014 is May Friendship Day. This special annual Church Women United observance will be held Friday, May 2 with a 6 p.m. dinner at Oak Chapel United Methodist Church. Lydia Stahl from People to People will be the speaker. Tickets are \$7.50. For reservations call Jan Braund at 330-345-8451.

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.

Thanks to everyone who brought in canned fruit in April. In May, we will be collecting canned vegetables for People to People Ministries. Please bring a can of vegetables with you to church on Sunday, May 4.





Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you do other monthly und Giving 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.



Our Family brand UPC labels for the UMW scholarship fund.

Please Save

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





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 Fnvelopes

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

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.



- ▼Thanks again! Since my physical problem has been long, I do thank you again for continuing to wish me well. You made my being housebound easier to take. Jan Braund
- Thank you dear friends for all the beautiful flowers and cards. I read them over and over again. I enjoyed all the visits of the friends who came to see me too. I'm doing fine. God bless you—Jean Fife

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May 2014 ~ Wooster United Methodist Church	Rummage Sale - W 11:30am - Meet & Eat - TJe 7:30pm - Plano Recital - S	Plant Sale at Kays	4p m - Himas wadding- courtyard	6pm - Carnival of Fun	5:30 pm - Wedding reheareal
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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 for Vacation Bible School:

July 14-18 from 9 a.m.—noon

This year's theme is "Workshop of Wonders" where you will meet people from the Bible who used materials on hand to make something amazing with God. We will use our imaginations to work for



God. 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 the church office 330-262-5641.

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.



Calling All Cookie Providers: We are in need of cookies to serve during intermission at the next *Music on Market* event on **Wednesday, May 21** - 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.

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 4 - 7 p.m. MUSIC BY TWO

Nancy Davis and Sharon Johnson Dynamic music for two pianos, featuring works by Rachmaninoff, Rameau, Guastavino, Tcherepnin and Skryabin

> June 18 - 7 p.m. HONEYTOWN

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

We hope to see you there!





Carnival of Fun

Friday, May 23 * 6-8:30 pm

Special Performance by Christian Juggler David Cain

FOOD * GAMES * INFLATABLES



Persons of the Week

May 4

Ida Woodward
West View Manor
#303
1715 Mechanicsburg Rd.
Wooster

May 11

Virginia Anderson Brookdale Place Rm 209 1615 Cleveland Rd. Wooster

May 18

Mildred & Lance Williams 1559 Morgan St. Wooster

May 25

Marjorie McKenzie Glendora Health Care Center #6

1552 N. Honeytown Rd. Wooster



Bill Courson, Michelle Sheppard, Jon Hetherington

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 MAY 14, 2014

for the *June 2014 issue*.

Please e-mail ~

Ischantz@woosterumc.org

Recent Deaths

Harriet Monahan



Church Drivers Ministry

Please call the church office if you would like a ride.

The Meet and Eat group will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at T.J.'s on Friday, May 2, 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

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.



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.



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



Matt Mackey ~ 11:07 service

342 E. Highland Ave., Wooster, 44691

440-487-7891

mlta30@yahoo.com

Matt joined our church family on April 6, 2014. He is the Assistant Manager at Big Lots. Matt is married to member, Lynn (Linebaugh) and they have three sons— Tyler, 10; Aiden, 8; and Lukas, 2. Matt joins by Profession of Faith.

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.



The Adult Mission Trip to the Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland will be here before you know it. The group will be leaving Wooster the evening of

Sunday, July 13, and returning the evening of Friday, July 18. Please consider joining us. The cost for the week is \$275, and that includes meals. Financial assistance is available. For more details, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Bob Reynolds

"The Green Thing"

Forget Your Own Health: Stop Drinking Diet Soda for the Good of the Great Lakes

As if the invasive zebra mussels and Asian carp threatening the ecology of the Great Lakes weren't enough, humans are invading the waters of Superior, Erie, Huron, Michigan, and Ontario with our own detritus. There are the rafts of micobeads that now float across the surface of the world's largest group of freshwater lakes, pollution courtesy of your exfoliating facial cleaners and body washes. And thanks to that diet soda habit

you just can't seem to kick, the Great Lakes are becomingly subtly sweet—and calorie-free!—because of artificial sweeteners that are evading wastewater treatment facilities and flowing into the watershed.

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

In a study published earlier this month by the journal PLOS ONE, researchers from Environment Canada and University of Waterloo tested the water from the Grand River at 23 sites between its headwaters and where it dumps into Lake Erie.

The results suggest the artificial sweetener acesulfame is the best at evading wastewater treatment, and it appears in far higher concentrations than the likes of saccharin or sucralose at the various test sites. At one testing location toward the Erie end of the Grand River, the researchers found the "equivalent amount of acesulfame in 81,850 to 188,650 355mL-cans of soda pop flowing past site 20 each day or 0.12 to 0.28 cans of soda pop per person."

Forty million people get their drinking water from the Great Lakes, and just artificial sweeteners are sneaking past wastewater treatment, some, like acesulfame, can even curtail purification processes too. So if your childhood dream was for the drinking fountains to flow with diet cola, this is great news. If you would prefer your water sans any sweetener, artificial or otherwise, the findings of this study are more troubling. By Willy Blackmore | Takepart.com



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 May.** 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.

5/1	Sandy Musselman	5/6	Phyllis Kudika	5/18	Errol Miller	5/26	Lori Fishburn
5/1	Dan Plumly	5/7	Debra Backus	5/18	Frank Stetson	5/26	Todd Kuffner
5/1	Mary Beth Miller	5/8	Carolyn Johns	5/18	Jeff Brisbine	5/27	Heidi Rhodes
5/1	Jim Straub	5/8	Matt Steele	5/18	Marcie Brooks	5/27	Cindy Dezort
5/4	Jim Kapp	5/9	David Smith	5/19	Gail Klise	5/27	Marian Scott
5/5	Cliff Maurer	5/9	Lee Miller	5/19	Ken Bauman	5/27	Olivia Sleek
5/5	Doris Bucher	5/9	Tori Bowers	5/19	Jenny Johns	5/27	Nancy Franck
5/5	Marjorie McKinzie	5/9	Ida Woodward	5/21	Anita Greene	5/27	John Raber
5/5	Courtney Ridolfi	5/10	Howard Strauch	5/21	Nathan Yenne	5/28	Ashley Lytle
5/5	Carol Mattes	5/10	Chris Watkins	5/22	Larry Snyder	5/28	Fred Maurer
5/5	Andrew Klise	5/12	Ron Krajcik	5/22	Yvonne Brown	5/28	Nate Franck
5/5	Jo Yuhas	5/12	Kathy Kapp	5/22	John McLaughlin	5/31	Prue Holtman
5/6	Chuck Tinker	5/13	Margo Freed	5/23	Tarrant Amstutz	5/31	James McCoy
5/6	Patrick Meenan	5/14	Kay Bergen	5/23	Sherry Ransom	5/31	Robert Black
5/6	Mike Mann	5/15	Beth Miller	5/24	MacKenzie DeVore	5/31	Ralph Woods
5/6	Dick Ransom	5/17	Beth McCready	5/24	Marcia Snyder		

Need for Relief Supply Kits is Great Collection at Annual Conference

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will have a truck at Annual Conference Sunday afternoon through Tuesday morning. They will distribute them where the need is the greatest.

For more detailed information on each kit go to: http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/

School Kit

Value: \$ 11.00

One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)

Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)

One 30-centimeter ruler (12")

One hand-held pencil sharpener

One large eraser

Six new pencils with erasers (held together by rubber band, and no advertising on pencils)

One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

Pack all items inside the cloth bag.

Cleaning Bucket Value: \$ 55.00

Health Kits ~ Value: \$ 12.00

One hand towel approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)

One washcloth

One wide-tooth comb

One nail clipper

One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

One toothbrush (in original packaging)

Six standard size Band-Aids®

Place all items in a one-gallon zip bag

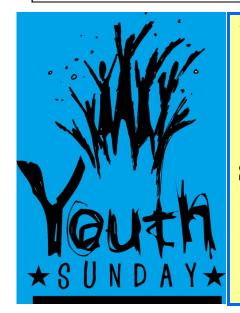
Do not add toothpaste.

Layette Kit ~ Value: \$ 35.00

- 6 Cloth diapers—prefolded or plain diapers only NO disposable diapers
- 2 Shirts—undershirts or onsies
- 2 Wash cloths—infant size only no adult wash cloths
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers
- 2 Diaper pins—must have protective plastic closures, no regular safety pins
- 1 Sweater or jacket—must open from front, may be hand knitted, crocheted or sewn (hooded sweatshirts acceptable)
- 2 Receiving blankets—30"x30" or 30"x 32" sizes only, no crib blankets

Please do not add any extras or a personal note.

YOUTH NEWS



Youth Sunday

Confirmation
Senior Recognition

11:07 Worship Sunday, May 18

Come and support the youth of W.U.M.C.!

end of year party
For Sunday Night Small Groups

Sunday, May 18

dinner provided

