


The Circuit Rider



Extravagant Generosity!

This year's annual Stewardship Campaign, which will begin on Sunday, October 26, is based on the theme of "Extravagant Generosity," one of the *Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation* which Bishop Robert Schnase identified in his 2007 book of the same name.

"People who give generously to the church," Schnase writes, "do so because they genuinely desire to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ and because they want to align their lives with higher purposes."

Information about the campaign will go out both through the mail and on Sunday mornings, as inspirational videos are shared with folks gathering for worship at each of our three services, 8:45 and 11:00 in the sanctuary and 11:07 in the youth center.

Estimate of giving cards will be distributed and received during the November 16 services of worship, with results shared and celebrated at the Feast of Thanks at 4:00 p.m. that same afternoon sponsored by our Church Life Committee.

Join us this month as we celebrate the spirit of giving which Jesus has modeled for us, and as we prayerfully respond to God's call to "extravagant generosity!"

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In his most recent column in "The Connector," the monthly newsletter of the Canal District of The United Methodist Church, Rev. Ed Peterson, our new District Superintendent, challenged us to consider the provocative idea that "failure is an option."

Ed writes: "Have you ever tried to do something, and failed miserably? Imagine a job in which you failed twice as much as you succeeded, and were paid millions to do it. That is the life of a professional baseball player. In baseball, if players have a batting average over .300, they are considered successful. Yet, that means that they only get on base once every three times. Put another way, they fail twice as much as they succeed."

As in baseball, so also in churches it is true that "failure is an option." "Since the formation of The United Methodist Church in 1968," Ed continues, "we have been in decline. Each year, we have fewer members, and fewer in attendance than the year before. Many of our churches reflect that decline. We are not where we were, even ten years ago. Yet, when we talk about trying new things to connect with the community around us, we are cautious. We still believe that failure is not an option. We still operate as if we have something to lose."

As we approach the end of the Christian and calendar years, I want to challenge us to consider how we might take risks as we seek to present the gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing and bearing the love and the justice of God into the city that surrounds us. We are taking risks here at Wooster UMC with a new alternative service of worship at 11:07, an edgy and innovative youth ministry (Edge, Jr. Edge, and The B.A.R.), and our Thursday's Kids and Meals Together programs. We have also begun a recent Wednesday evening church night with several small group experiences and a common meal, in order to unify our diverse congregation and to create portals through which people might pass as they make their way into and outside the walls of our church. In all these ways, and others as well, we are attempting to take seriously our mission and purpose as a United Methodist congregation, that is, "to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Here are Ed Peterson's concluding words: "Friends, in the next year, look for a way to take a risk and connect with the community surrounding your church. Be willing to risk your finances, your reputation, and your pride. It is only when we risk failure, that we have a chance at success. And the measure of success is hearts reached for Christ. Take a risk. Be willing to fail. Failure is an option!"

Charlie Tobias

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Welcome New Members

Susan and James Perry ~ 11:07 service

1271 Oil City Road, Wooster

330-465-3050 and 330-465-3545

srp7271@gmail.com and jcp62071@gmail.com



Susan and Jim joined our church family on September 28, 2014. She is a program coordinator at the Prentke Romich Company. He is a diesel mechanic for Universal Well Services. He is also a member of the Wooster Township Fire Department. Susan and Jim enjoy their "kids" - two boxers, Dewey and Bebe and three cats, George, Fred and Gangster. Susan transfers her membership from Creston Canaan United Methodist Church in Creston. Jim joins by Profession of Faith.



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

November 17, 9:30 a.m., Room A

Reader's choice from Nurturing for Community category. Members will share highlights from something they have read. Titles can be found at: http://www.woosterumc.org/um_women.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

Another successful UMW Rummage Sale is over! Our hard-working team transformed Wesley Hall into a bargain-lover's paradise! We received many positive comments about our organization and neatness. Many thanks to everyone who helped with: set-up, the sale itself and clean-up. Proceeds from the sale benefit local, national and world missions for women and children. Thanks for your support! The Spring Sale is scheduled for April 24 and 25, 2015. *Cindy Farnsworth*



Order your Poinsettias

Poinsettias will again decorate our Sanctuary at Christmas beginning December 7. Each plant is \$10.

Deadline to order is November 16. Those wishing to donate a poinsettia should complete the envelope (included with this newsletter or in the sanctuary); put money in the

envelope; drop into the collection plate OR leave it in / mail it to the church office. The poinsettias may be picked up after the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

Will you miss church on Christmas Eve because of work, travel or separation from your family?

We will host a community traditional **candlelight service** on Wednesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. Please join us. We'll tell the Christmas story, sing traditional carols and finish with a candle lighting to celebrate the season.



The service is open to the entire community. Baskets will be placed at the rear entrances of the Sanctuary to receive a free-will offering for People to People Ministries.

It's time to think about chocolate (that's ALL the time really.) The 2015 Chocolate Retreat is scheduled for February 28. Mark your calendars and watch for more information!



Unit Meeting November 5, 2014

Fellowship @ 6:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

Program: Stephen Ministry

Speaker: Sylvia Hurst

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

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

UMW Circles

Mary Martha **November 18** 7:00 p.m.
@ home of Lucy Rindfleisch

Esther **November 20** 9:30 a.m.
@ home of Betty Raber

Deborah Dorcas **November 20** 11:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall

Sarah Rebekah **November 20** 1:30 p.m.
Room A



Here we are coming into the Thanksgiving and Christmas season already. Seems like what

summer we had has flown so fast.

The book I am telling you about this month is from the Spiritual Growth category of the 2014 Reading Program. The title is "*Embraced by God,*" *Celebrating Who and Whose You Are*, by Babbie Mason. In the pages of this heartwarming, thoughtful and life-affirming 21-day journey, Mason reminds you that when you know you're loved by God and you're in God's eternal plan, you'll never again wonder if your life matters. Women of all ages and walks of life will discover the height, depth and breadth of God's great love and acceptance. This book is available through Clevelnet at the Library. *Bea Smith, Reading Resource Secretary of Wooster UMW.*

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.

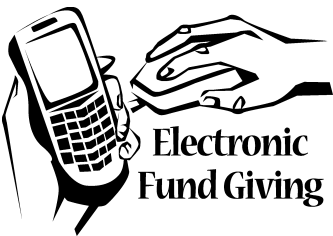


Thank you from Missions and Social Concerns to everyone that brought cereal to church with them in October. In **November** we will be collecting **macaroni and cheese** for People to People Ministries. Please bring your donation with you to church on **Sunday, November 2.**



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.

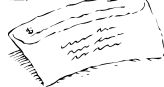


Credit Card Giving Now Available

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.



♥To God's saints in the Wooster UMC: to paraphrase the Apostle Paul, Marilyn and I thank God ~ and will do so for years to come ~ not

only for the wonderful reception and generous love offering you gave us, but for the way you welcomed us into your lives and the life of the church. As I've said before, the past six years have been some of the most meaningful and rewarding years of my ministry. You will continue to be in our hearts and prayers. In Christ's love, Larry Black **office note— we received this note from Larry in time for the October Circuit Rider but it was inadvertently omitted. Our apologies to Larry and Marilyn*

♥Wooster UMC, Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient for the \$500 Endowment Scholarship. It means so much that you guys are supporting me in my studies as a civil engineer at the University of Cincinnati. Thank you again for your support not only spiritually but in every aspect of my life. Your help will take off the burden of finances. Thanks again! *Becca McCready*

♥My gratitude, thankfulness, and appreciation know no bounds. Truly I have no words that fully express my heartfelt response to the assistance and attention so many of you my church friends and others have given me. To one and all of you a simple "thank you" doesn't seem adequate for the needed help you have given me through these last months as I have been recovering from the fractures in my back. All of you have been a true blessing to me. I am very grateful to you. With sincere appreciation, *Jan Braund*

♥Wooster UMC, As I was "Person of the Week" in September, many thanks for the cards, a visit and the lovely deep rose flowering Kalanchoe plant I received. The thoughtfulness of all of you brightens my days. God bless, *LaVerne Van Bergen*

♥I would like to thank all those church members and friends who sent cards and made phone calls to me during the time I was recuperating from my total knee replacement. Special thanks to pastors Jon and Charlie. *Doris Bucher*

♥Dear Wooster UMC, We want to thank you so much for the adorable onesie, beautiful blanket and precious book for our new addition to our family, River. It was so sweet of the Church to think of us! A special thanks goes to Libby Smiles for making the blanket! Love, *Matt and Emily Zuercher*

♥Dear Church Friends, We really appreciate the beautiful flower you sent. It really means a lot that you remember and pray for us also. It brightened a dreary day. Sincerely in Prayer,
Sandy and Don Musselman

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>Daylight savings ends</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - 1107 Worship</p> <p>4pm - CH CONF - Wadsworth</p> <p>8pm - Jr Edge 3.4</p> <p>6:30pm - B.A.R. - YC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm - Campanile Bells</p> <p>7pm - Camera Club - W</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Milliken's</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - T</p> <p>1pm - Staff mtg - A</p> <p>6pm - MacDowell rehearsal - W</p> <p>6:30pm - Beth Moore - G</p> <p>7pm - Church Life - M</p> <p>7pm - CIC - A</p> <p>7pm - MacDowell - W</p> <p>7pm - WC Choral Union - S</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - Bible Study - C</p> <p>5:30pm - Dinner - YC</p> <p>6pm - UMW Dinner</p> <p>6:15pm - Alpha - M</p> <p>6:15pm - The Journey - LT</p> <p>6:15pm - Yth Bible Study - L</p> <p>7pm - Worship etc - C</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:30pm - Meals Together - W</p> <p>6pm - Edge 5.6.7</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:30am - Meet & Eat - TJs</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - 1107 Worship</p> <p>12:15pm - Rooted - Loft</p> <p>6:30pm - B.A.R. - YC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm - Campanile Bells</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Milliken's</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - T</p> <p>1pm - Staff mtg - A</p> <p>6:30pm - Beth Moore - C</p> <p>6:30pm - Discipleship - M</p> <p>7pm - Trustees - A</p> <p>7pm - WC Choral Union - W</p>	<p>12</p> <p>CR Deadline</p> <p>9am - Bible Study - C</p> <p>9am - Lappers - Lib Aux</p> <p>3pm - UMW Exec - A</p> <p>5:30pm - Dinner - YC</p> <p>6:15pm - Alpha - M</p> <p>6:15pm - GIFT - A</p> <p>6:15pm - The Journey - LT</p> <p>8:15pm - Yth Bible Study - L</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:15pm - Thursday Kids - 213</p> <p>4:30pm - Meals Together - W</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Bells play</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - 1107 Worship</p> <p>4pm - Feast of Thanks</p> <p>6pm - Jr Edge 3.4</p> <p>6:30pm - B.A.R. - YC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30am - Reading Cir - A</p> <p>5:30pm - Campanile Bells</p> <p>6pm - GS Unit mtg - W</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Milliken's</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - T</p> <p>1pm - Staff mtg - A</p> <p>6:30pm - Beth Moore - C</p> <p>7pm - Church Council - LT</p> <p>7pm - Mary Martha Cr - Lucy R</p> <p>7pm - WC Choral Union - W</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1pm - Alchemers Support - A</p> <p>5:30pm - Dinner - YC</p> <p>6:15pm - Alpha - M</p> <p>6:15pm - GIFT - A</p> <p>6:15pm - The Journey - LT</p> <p>6:15pm - Yth Bible Study - L</p> <p>7pm - NW TERRITORY</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am - Esther Cr - Betty R</p> <p>11am - Deb Dorcas - W</p> <p>1:30pm - Sarah Rebekah - A</p> <p>4:15pm - Thursday Kids - 213</p> <p>4:30pm - Meals Together - W</p> <p>6pm - Edge 5.6.7</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9pm - HS Mergo</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>6:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - 1107 Worship</p> <p>12:16pm - Rooted - Loft</p> <p>6:30pm - B.A.R. - YC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm - Campanile Bells</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Milliken's</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - T</p> <p>1pm - Staff mtg - A</p> <p>7pm - SPRC - A</p> <p>7pm - WC Choral Union - W</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30am - CR Team - W</p>	<p>27</p> <p>THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>ADVENT 1</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>11:07am - 1107 Worship</p> <p>6:30pm - B.A.R. - YC</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30pm - Campanile Bells</p> <p>7pm - Camera Club - W</p> <p>7pm - Praise Tm</p> <p>8pm - Prom Kprs - Milliken's</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am - Pastor's Bible Study - T</p> <p>1pm - Staff mtg - A</p> <p>7pm - CIC - A</p> <p>7pm - MacDowell - W</p> <p>7pm - WC Choral Union - S</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm - UMW Dinner</p> <p>6:15pm - Yth Bible Study - L</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:15pm - Thursday Kids - 213</p> <p>4:30pm - Meals Together - W</p> <p>6pm - Edge 5.6.7</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30am - Meet & Eat - TJs</p> <p>6:30pm - Church Walk - S</p>	<p>6</p>

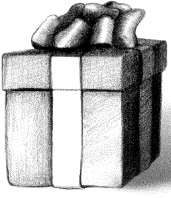
Jesus And Me Time worships the *second, third* and *fourth* Sunday of each month in Room 312 **after the Children's Message** during the 11 a.m. & 11:07 services. This is for children kindergarten through fourth grade. Parents are asked to pick up their children in Room 312 after church.



Alternative Christmas Gifts

Certificates will be offered for **Habitat for Humanity, Meals Together, People to People, and Boys & Girls Club of Wooster** on December 7, 14 and 21 in Wesley Hall. A donation of any

amount to one of these local agencies purchases a holiday certificate to give as a gift to honor a friend, teacher or family member. All of these agencies are serving more people and need additional financial resources.



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.

Wednesday, November 19 — 7 PM

THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY BLUEGRASS BAND

Mary Kettering, Kerri Lehman,
Mike Gorrell & Randall Boring

Playing their own unique style of bluegrass, country, folk and gospel since 1989.

Saturday, December 20 — 1:30 PM

BURNING RIVER BRASS

Composed of twelve of the finest brass and Percussion players in the country, Burning River Brass is an ensemble on fire!

Tickets are required for this event and will be available on Monday, November 3 in the church office.

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.



What's a Chrismon? Chrismons are a type of Christmas Tree decoration used in many churches and often in the homes of Christians. The symbols used represent a variety of biblical and

theological concepts that are well known among most believers. Technically, if the ornaments on a Christmas tree are comprised mostly of Christian symbols, the tree is known as a "Chrismon Tree." Most Chrismons are white with gold decorations of beads, ribbon, glitter, etc.

All Sunday School classes will be making Chrismons during Sunday School starting the first Sunday of Advent, November 30.

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



Ring-a-ling-a-ling!



Once again we will provide Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army kettles at the Buehler's Towne Market location on two Fridays during the Christmas season:

November 28 and December 12. We will serve from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in two-hour shifts. Find a buddy or bring the family to serve for two-hours.

Sign Up! All ages welcome ~ Only a smile is required. You could even bring a kazoo or other instrument to entertain the shoppers during your shift.





family ministry

FEAST OF THANKS

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Church Life will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls, beverages and table setting. Please bring two dishes to share. Sign up in Wesley or at the 11:07 Welcome Center.

EVERY MAN SHALL GIVE AS HE IS ABLE, ACCORDING TO THE BLESSING OF THE LORD YOUR GOD WHICH HE HAS GIVEN YOU.
-DEUTERONOMY 16:17

YOUNG ADULTS ministry

Now meeting twice a month!



Upcoming dates:
November 9 & 23, December 14 & 28

Persons of the Week

<p>November 2 Virginia Anderson Brookdale Place 1615 Cleveland Rd. Wooster</p>	<p>November 9 Joan Butler West View Manor 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd. Wooster</p>	<p>November 16 Betty Dush 2233 Lake Shore Dr. Wooster</p>	<p>November 23 June Rehm Wayne Manor 4138 Swanson Blvd. Wooster</p>	<p>November 30 Margaret Tittle Danbury Woods 939 Portage Rd. Wooster</p>
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Ill or
Hospitalized

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

Sandra Kauffman, Margaret Demorest,
Mildred Williams

Stephen Ministry is one way our congregation shows Jesus' love to people who have deep needs for care. Contact Sylvia Hurst for more information.



Church Drivers Ministry

Please call the church office if you would like a ride to the 11 a.m. worship service.

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.



Christmas Music



Advent and Christmas are two of the best seasons to sing with others. We invite you to join our 7:00 pm Thursday rehearsals as we prepare to sing in celebration of the birth of our Lord. Come and share the joy!

Circuit Rider Deadline is NOVEMBER 12, 2014

for the **COMBINED**
December 2014 / January 2015 issue.
Please e-mail ~
Ischantz@woosterumc.org

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

Please send us the name and address of your college students. You may put the address on the attendance pad or give it to Kay Bergen or Elizabeth Feldman in the church office.



Do we have your e-mail address?

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.

Endowment Scholarship Winners

Each year our Endowment Committee makes available scholarships for our members in post high school curriculums. Students fill out an application and these are reviewed by our committee. Recipients are chosen based on Christian Character, leadership potential, financial need and scholarship record.



Becca McCready is a freshman at the University of Cincinnati in the school of Civil Engineering. She hopes to have a minor in Spanish. In high school, Laura was in National Honor Society, marching band, on the Lacrosse team and in the Drama Club. She was active in our youth group and went on a number of mission trips.



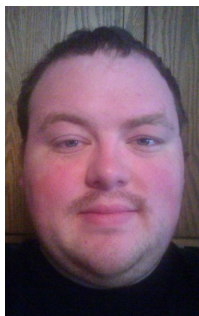
Mackenzie Sheppard is a junior at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville TN. He is studying Criminal Justice. Mackenzie is a Resident Assistant in the dorm, is on the security team on campus and participates in intramural sports.



Molly Fowler is a junior at Ashland University pursuing a degree in nursing. She was active in our youth program and as a college student led more discussion groups and had a leadership role in mission trips.



Laura McCready is a senior at the University of Findlay, studying to be an occupational therapist. She is in the marching band, works for the university on the grounds keeping crew and as a baking assistant. She is president of the circle le club, which is based on serving others.



Murphy Sheppard is a student at Full Sail University for music production. He began to play guitar four years ago and is now writing and recording his own music. He is a volunteer at Wooster Twp. Fire Department.





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 November**. 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.

11/1 Faye Umbach	11/10 Brian Walter	11/18 Jyotsna Harris	11/25 Harry
11/1 Chelsea Patterson	11/11 Helen Cullen	11/18 Rich Hauenstein	Featherstone
11/2 Molly Sipos	11/11 Andrew Maibach	11/18 Verity Cannon	11/25 Heather
11/3 Jennifer Reynolds	11/12 Chrissy Williams	11/19 Esta Money	Luebbehusen
11/3 Melinda Haag	11/12 Mark Miyashita	11/20 Ben Allen	11/25 Heidi Eckerle
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11/5 Tim Turpin	11/13 Sarah McIlvaine	11/21 Sybil Johnston	11/26 Scott Buehler
11/5 Judy Reinking	11/15 Joe McCullough	11/21 Vera Dilgard	11/26 Maxine Gehrman
11/6 Annissa Fee	11/15 Susan Spires	11/22 Donald Varns	11/26 Paul Moodispaw
11/6 Jane Murphy	11/15 Karen Gardener	11/22 Branden Brooks	11/27 Gene Pollock
11/7 Megan Ries	11/16 Jeniver Hamilton	11/23 Nikki Reynolds	11/28 Jackie Steele
11/8 Lilyan Johns	11/16 Mollie Stokes	11/23 Doris Millhuff	11/28 Phyllis Cannon
11/8 Margie Baker	11/16 Nancy Ayres	11/24 Shirley Carmean	11/28 Cindy Courson
11/8 Sylvia Hurst	11/17 Carla Oxenrider	11/24 Betsy Johnson	11/29 Jarrod Long
11/9 Jim Brown	11/18 Mary Maurer	11/25 June Rehm	11/29 Merida Sneller
11/9 Sallie Cook	11/18 Michele Miller	11/25 Ed Yuhas	

Our annual Church Conference will be on November 2 at the Wadsworth UMC at 4:00 p.m. It is held jointly with our Compass Group that includes Johnson, Medina, Montrose Zion, Wadsworth and Wooster. This will be a gathering for worship, fellowship and a short business meeting conducted by the new District Superintendent Ed Peterson. All members are welcome, leadership should attend.



Angel Tree is a unique ministry that gives our church an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the Wooster families of prisoners. Wooster UMC has made an annual commitment to this highly rewarding program, and recognizes it as a way to care for some of our most overlooked members of the community.

Angel Tree works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. The Trailseekers Sunday School class and the Missions Committee are again coordinating this program.

Area prisoners are contacted by The Angel Tree Ministry and asked to submit two appropriate gifts they would like each of their children to receive. A Trailseekers Sunday school volunteer contacts each home where the children live to verify the appropriateness of each selected gift. Our church members are then asked to purchase one of two gifts—a new toy or fun gift, or one article of new clothing—each \$15 to \$20 at the retailer of their choice.

These wrapped gifts are collected and delivered to the children's homes by the Trailseekers class and other interested members of the congregation.

An Angel Christmas tree will be in Wesley Hall on November 23 and 30 with tags listing the type of gift church members may choose to purchase. These gifts should be wrapped and returned to church by December 14 so they can be delivered by Christmas.



Many thanks to those church members who have helped with this ministry in the past. We hope you will continue your help this year. *Bob Reynolds and Mike Mann*

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