



Holiday²⁰²⁶ Resource Guide

Helping families find hope, warmth, and a full plate this season.



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Community Thanksgiving Meals



THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Smithville Western Care Center

4110 E. Smithville Western Rd., Wooster, OH 44691

November 14, 2026

9:00am - 10:30am

Enjoy a delicious, brunch-style pancake breakfast while connecting with friends, neighbors, and our wonderful community. Stop by anytime, enjoy a plate of pancakes, and come and go as you please!

RSVP by November 3, 2026 by calling Haley at 330-464-3238.

THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR SENIORS

Wayne County Senior Service Coalition

Wayne County Historical Society

546 E Bowman St., Wooster, OH 44691

November 19, 2026

Drive-Thru Giveaway at 1:00pm

DRIVE-THRU GIVEAWAY. Bag full of all the ingredients to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner to the first 100 Seniors to register. (Delivery is available upon request at time of registration)

RSVP DEADLINE November 9, 2026.

Cornerstone Caregiving (567) 772-2265



Community Thanksgiving Meals



THANKSGIVING DINNER

**YMCA of Wayne and Holmes Counties in collaboration with
Meals Together**

Wooster United Methodist Church

243 N Market St., Wooster, OH 44691

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Dinner at 4:30pm

A free Thanksgiving dinner open to the entire community. All are welcome to enjoy a warm meal and fellowship.

(330) 264-3131

THANKSGIVING LUNCH AND DINNER

Homeward Bound of Wooster and Wayne County, Inc.

981 Grosjean Rd., Wooster, OH 44691

Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2026

Lunch from 11:30am-1:00pm and Dinner from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Do not have to be staying at Homeward Bound to receive a meal. To-go meals offered as well.

(330) 439-2990

Community Christmas Meals



CHRISTMAS DINNER

YMCA of Wayne and Holmes Counties

Meal at Trinity United Methodist Church

1556 Rex Dr, Orrville, OH 44667

December 8, 2026

Dinner at 5:30 pm

FREE TO THE COMMUNITY! Join us for a nice holiday meal with friends, family, or others just like you!

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CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MEALS

Homeward Bound of Wooster and Wayne County, Inc.

981 Grosjean Rd, Wooster, OH 44691

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2026

Christmas Day, December 25, 2026

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2026

New Year's Day, January 1, 2027

Lunch from 11:30am-1:00pm and Dinner from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

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Food Pantries & Meal Programs



FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE

Akron Canton Regional Foodbank

333 Wadsworth Rd, Orrville, OH 44667

The second Monday of every month from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE

Akron Canton Regional Foodbank in partnership with Wayne County Health Department

244 W South St., Wooster, OH 44691

The second Tuesday of every month from 11:00am-1:00pm

Drive Thru during cold months.

THANKSGIVING DINNER BOXES

People to People Ministries

454 E. Bowman St., Wooster, OH 44691

Sign up in-person November 2 - November 6, 2026

9:00am-11:00am & 1:00pm-4:00pm

Families who qualify will receive a box filled with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal.

*PLEASE NOTE: This is not a pre-cooked meal



Food Pantries & Meal Programs



HOLMES COUNTY SHARE-A-CHRISTMAS

Registration Deadline: December 2, 2026

[Application Link](#)

We provide help for families during the holiday season.

Applications and volunteer opportunities available on [Facebook](#).

Distribution Day: December 12, 2026

(330) 473-7163



Free Community Resources



WHIRE/211

United Way Wayne and Holmes Counties

List of a variety of community resources ranging from financial assistance, utility assistance, food assistance, weekly/monthly community meals and more.

Go to <https://www.uwwh.org/get-help> for online database.

Call 211 or (330) 263-6363



Get Connected. Get Help.™



Free Family Events & Holiday Fun



WINDOW WONDERLAND

Main Street Wooster, Inc.

Downtown Wooster, OH

November 20, 2026

3:00pm - 9:00pm Tree Lighting will begin at 7:00p.m.

This is a free, family-friendly event. Celebrate the holiday tree lighting, see Santa Claus, craft with local businesses, and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies along the way. Experience the holiday window displays & so much more!

(330) 262-6222

HOOPS & FRIENDSGIVING

IncludeAbility, NEO Adaptive Sports, & Southside Community Church

Gault Recreation Center

515 Oldman Rd., Wooster, OH 44691

November 23, 2026

6:00pm

Come as you are and bring your friends for an evening of basketball, community, and Thanksgiving fun! Watch the Cleveland Cavaliers Wheelchair Basketball Team in action. Stay and enjoy a FREE Thanksgiving dinner with friends. Everyone is welcome!

RSVP juliehartzler@include-ability.org (513) 218-1566



Free Family Events & Holiday Fun



CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY

Fredericksburg Community Library

108 S. Mill St., Fredericksburg, OH 44627

December 12, 2026

10am - 12pm

Santa arrives on the fire truck to hear your Christmas wishes, followed by gingerbread house making. Registration required for reserving one gingerbread house per family.

Register In-Person or by Phone. Deadline: December 10, 2026

(330) 695-2693



Toy & Gift Programs



ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Wayne County Dept. of Job and Family Services

Registration Deadline: October 23, 2026

Wayne County businesses and organizations sponsoring a family for Christmas.

(330) 287-5847

CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

People to People Ministries

Registration Deadline: November 11, 2026

454 E. Bowman St., Wooster, OH 44691

Christmas Toys are picked out by parents on December 7 & 8.

(330) 262-1662

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Daily Lunch served from 11:30am-1:00pm

Daily Dinner served from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Volunteers needed to help prepare large holiday meals and with wrapping of gifts through our in-house guest giving tree.

(330) 439-2990 or volunteer@homewardboundwwc.org

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Meal at Trinity United Methodist Church in Orrville

1556 Rex Dr, Orrville, OH 44667

December 8, 2026 at 5:30 pm

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Volunteers needed throughout the holiday season for sorting and collections as well as on Distribution Day of December 12, 2026.

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Donation Opportunities



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Monetary donations to help purchase gift cards for teenagers and to help fill the gaps for gifts that aren't donated.

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Monetary donations, Turkeys, Hams and Desserts needed.

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Accepts food donations Monday thru Friday 8:00am-4:00pm



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