

Church Office Volunteer: Kathy R.

9:30 Greeters: Dick & Sally B., Nancy & Tim C., Bruce & Kathy G., Jerry & Liz K., Bob & Lynn T.

11:30 Greeters: Laurie M., Holly K., Kent & Ellen K., Lorie K.

9:30 Ushers: Wayne S., Myra C., Nancy E., Randy G., Dorba & Ron M., John R., Tanna S., Kirk W.

11:30 Ushers: Lesly & Dave W., Jill E., Bob H., Cheryl H., Sherry M., Kyle S., Gena W., Rob W., Kirk W.

Sound System: 9:30, Dick M., 11:30, Kyle S.

Van Driver: Al H.

Koenig CD Delivery Ministry: Tom & Kathy P., Martha S.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Gail W.

Church Calendar

Please send calendar items to jessica@worthingtonumc.com, or call 614-885-5365. Church Office Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Contact the church office at 614-885-5365
or office@worthingtonumc.com.

Sunday, January 3 EPIPHANY SUNDAY		
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Child care for Infants and Toddlers	Room 101 and Room 102
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Dixon Lounge
10:40-11:20 a.m.	Sunday School	See info board
10:40-11:20 a.m.	"Becoming Well-Versed" Class	Fellowship Hall
10:40-11:20 a.m.	Open Door Class	CPC Staff Lounge
10:40-11:20 a.m.	Drop-in	Room 308
	Conversation	
11:30 a.m.	Emerge Service	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Child care for Infants and Toddlers	Room 101 and Room 102
4:00 p.m.	Cyndy's Open House	Offsite
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	Chapel, 3 rd Floor

Monday, January 4		
9:00 a.m.	Emmaus Group	Chapel Lounge
10:30 a.m.	Prayer/Study Group	Chapel Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Emerge Planning	Library

Tuesday, January 5		
9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Welcoming/Inviting	Library

7:15 p.m.	Devotions	Browning Lounge
7:30 p.m.	Trustees	Browning Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Senior High Devos	Allen Lounge

Wednesday, January 6		
9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
9:30 a.m.	Riverside Sewing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Allen Lounge

Thursday, January 7		
4:30 p.m.	UMW Exec. Board	Dixon Lounge
4:30 p.m.	Children's Bells	Bell Room
5:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Rainbow Singers	Room 307
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, January 8		
9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Sanctuary Hallway
6:30 p.m.	WUMC Singles	Offsite

Saturday, January 9
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Sunday, January 10 BLESSING OF CHURCH OFFICERS RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT		
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Child care for Infants and Toddlers	Room 101 and Room 102
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Dixon Lounge
10:40-11:20 a.m.	Sunday School	See info board
10:40-11:20 a.m.	"Becoming Well-Versed" Class	Fellowship Hall
10:40-11:20 a.m.	Open Door Class	CPC Staff Lounge
10:40-11:20 a.m.	Drop-in	Room 308
	Conversation	
10:40-11:20	New Member Class	Potter Chappel
11:30 a.m.	Emerge Service	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Child care for Infants and Toddlers	Room 101 and Room 102
3:00 p.m.	Ice Skating	Offsite
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	Chapel, 3 rd Floor

Information to take with you this week

January 3, 2016

Communion Needs: It is our intent that everyone who wishes to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion be able to do so today. **Gluten-free Communion Wafers** are available to those who would like them, either in the church office before the service or from any usher. If you would like to have **communion brought to you in your seat**, please alert any usher. In numerous studies over the years, it has been stated the intinction method, with juice or wine, is the most sanitary form of Holy Communion. In recent years we have added hand sanitizing to the Communion ritual by all who are helping to serve. However, there are people who would prefer to have the small cups. So, we offer an additional alternative at two stations. **In the balcony and also at the station closest to the north windows (the two stations where gluten-free elements are available) there are small cups available in addition to the communion chalice.**

New Member Class Begins January 10: The five-session New Member Class starts January 10 and ends February 7. It meets Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (10:40-11:20 a.m.). Classes run concurrent with Children's Sunday School and Nursery childcare. For questions or registration, call the church office 614-885-5365, or email Pastor John Girard, john@worthingtonumc.com.

Epiphany Gathering at Cyndy's: You are invited to Cyndy's home TODAY! Come anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Chat with old friends, meet new ones. Light refreshments will be available. Bring friends and family. Directions to 5155 Portland Street, Columbus: Go west on Bethel Road off Route 315. When you pass Godown Road and Centennial High School, Portland is the first street on the left (south side). Turn onto Portland and the house is the second on the right (west side). Hope you can come!!!

Cook Book Coming in 2016: The Worthington United Methodist Women are sponsoring a church-wide cookbook that will be published in the spring of 2016. Recipes will include all favorite categories and can be turned in at any time. Recipe collection sheets will be available in the hallway near the Welcome Center. Please pick up one of these forms that will have details about printing your recipe for use in the cookbook.

Sound System Help Needed for Emerge Service: A person is needed to operate the volume level for the microphones during the Emerge service and operate the CD audio recorder. This can be done while you attend the service. It would be desirable to have a volunteer once a month throughout the year. With enough volunteers we are able to maintain flexible scheduling around work, family commitments and vacations. A minimal amount of training and explanation is needed prior to operating the sound system. Come sit through a service and see how easy it is. Frequency of Help: Once per month, although it could be twice if the volunteer desired. Time: Arrive 10 minutes prior to the service through 5 minutes after the service. If you are interested, contact the church office.

Special Church Conference to be held January 10 after Emerge Service: Our Staff Parish Relations Committee desires to give a raise to our staff, including our clergy. This raise was included in the 2016 budget approved by the Administrative Council on December 8. However, clergy salaries must be set by a Charge/Church Conference. Thus, Roger G., our assistant to the district superintendent, will be with us January 10 to lead this Conference, where the SPRC will recommend a 3% salary increase for our two appointed pastors. Please contact the church office if you have questions.



As you are making your New Year's resolutions, ask yourself how you can build the circle wider at WUMC through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness in 2016.

Welcome, Jessica S.! Jessica S. will begin as our new Director of Communication and Scheduling on January 4, 2016. Her office will be primarily in the main church office and from the first cubicle she will begin to get to know all of us including the volunteers who assist in the office. Her email is jessica@worthingtonumc.com. Jessica has a degree in psychology and a Master's Degree in information management systems, with an emphasis on project management. She and her husband live in Dublin and attend King Avenue UMC. Be sure to stop in and say "Hello" to Jessica.

Mission Trip Sign-Ups Begin: We are now accepting applications for the next Adult Mission Trip. The dates are February 27 – March 5, 2016. We will be staying in Grand Bay, Ala., which has been our base of operation for the last few trips. We are not sure what projects we will be working on, but most likely it will be projects at individuals' homes. This trip is for men and women. The sign-up deadline is February 1, 2016. For more information, contact the church office.

Commitments Update: Thus far, we have 263 commitments returned for a total of \$632,164 (as of December 30). We appreciate your generosity! If you haven't returned your commitment form, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

Advent Exhibit: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 45 W. Winter St., Delaware, is hosting an art exhibit, *We Three Kings*, through January 3. The exhibit depicts the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. It is open Fridays, noon to 2:00 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 1:00 p.m. For information, call 740-972-8592, or email sacredartpilgrim@gmail.com

Blood Drive is January 28: The next Red Cross blood drive at WUMC will be Thursday, January 28, 1:00-6:00 p.m. You can sign up between services January 10 and 17.

We are Called Into the Mission Field

Mat Ministry: The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, January 20**, 1:00-4:00 p.m., in the Dixon Lounge. Please join us as we work on materials for making sleeping mats for the homeless. Look for the Mat Ministry table in the hallway the Sunday before our Plarn Party. To date, 478 mats have been donated to the Open Shelter. Thanks for supporting this important ministry.

Donations for ongoing needs for Worthington Resource Pantry, New Life Community Outreach Ministries and NNEMAP may be placed in the donation boxes, at the north (CPC) doors on Sundays or near the church office on weekdays. *Urgent needs for Worthington Resource Pantry are canned spinach, carrots, beets and greens (mustard, collard, turnip, etc.). Donations of men's clothes are needed for the New Life Clothing Room. Urgent needs for NNEMAP Food Pantry are cereal, ravioli, canned chili, pop-top cans of soup, baby food and laundry detergent.*

Bags of Blessings to Share: Our January donations will benefit YWCA Family Center. Bags with lists for our donations are available now on the racks at the south entrance and by the Church Library. As always, donate as much or as little as you choose. Every bit helps!

Operation Sandwich: Each week dozens of PB&J or bologna and cheese sandwiches are transported from WUMC to Friends of the Homeless in Columbus. Make simple, freezable, individually-wrapped sandwiches at home and bring them to the refrigerator downstairs when you come to church on Sunday or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday to help feed the homeless in Central Ohio.

Sarah Circle and the Blue Star Mothers extend their sincere thanks to our church members who have donated items for our central Ohio soldiers. Winter donations are needed, including hand and foot warmers, boot socks (black, green or white in various sizes), foot powder, lotions and creams and muscle ache creams. Food and snack donations and entertainment items also are needed. A complete list of suggested items and the drop-off box are in the church office.

Keep Saving Your Pop Can Tabs! Pop can tabs are converted to cash by Ronald McDonald House to pay their utility bills. Place your tabs in the container on the *Upper Room* table in the narthex.

Deborah Circle: We will not meet January 14, but will participate in the UMW Kickoff event January 23.

Cookie Sampling Thanks: Many thanks for sharing cookies for our 6th annual Cookie Sampling. We had over 800 cookies plated to eat and to share with very few left. Thank you, too, to the members of Ruth Circle and to the cookie coordinators for their gracious hosting. By the looks of the wonderful cookies and the great variety provided, we are hoping that you will share recipes for the Cookbook 2016 project.

Upcoming Events

- **Open House at Cyndy's** – TODAY, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Blessing of Church Officers** – Sunday, January 10
- **WUMC Ice Skating** – Sunday, January 10

Calling All Church Women! UMW members, potential members and those just curious about the UMW, this is for you! Our second annual New Year Kickoff Gathering will be held Saturday, January 23, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Again this year we will have displays and take-home materials about our many activities, presentations on one or more of the mission projects we support, and a pledge service. Newly printed 2014 yearbooks will be available, and there will be at least one (or maybe two) fun, crafty service projects. Workshop topics will include *Where does my Pledge Money go? Program Ideas, History of WUMW, Devotional Ideas for Circles*, and more. Lunch and child care will be provided, and there is no cost to attend. However, advance registration is requested. Please indicate on the back of the attendance cards on January 10 or 17 if you plan to attend and if you need child care, or contact the church office.

Kroger Rewards: This is an easy way to help those in need. It costs you nothing, and money received helps fund UMW missions for women, youth and children. All you need to do is link your Kroger shopping card with our organization through their Community Rewards Program, and then Kroger will send us a donation based on the total amount you spend in their stores. To sign up, or to renew your registration each year, visit Kroger's website at www.kroger.com, log into your account, select the community rewards page and follow the instructions to select Worthington United Methodist Women as your organization. If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, or even an email address, we can still help you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

The Welcome Center provides information about the ministries of our church family and resources like a map of our church and Sunday School class schedule. If you are visiting with us today, please stop by the Welcome Center at the main entrance, outside the Dixon Lounge, for a welcome gift.

Prayer Chain: Contact the church office if you have a prayer concern and would like it to be added to the prayer chain.

Please Keep Us in the Loop! For pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths, please contact Cyndy Garn directly at cyndylg@aol.com or John Girard at john@worthingtonumc.com.

Prayer Shawls Are Available through our Julia Prayer Shawl Ministry for you or someone you know who is in need of comfort. Send requests for shawls to the church office.