

**Church Office Volunteer:** Ellie J.

**9:30 Ushers:** Tom T., Dave A., Dan G., Carolyn H., Doug S., Tom S., Joel S., Ralph V.

**11:30 Ushers:** Don W., Amy & Rob C., Mary Ann C., Bill G., John J., Mark R., Gary T.

**9:30 Greeters:** Carol & John R., Dave & Barb D., John & Marty S. J., Katie L., Kay M., Dick & Nancy O., Tom & Mary Ann S., Jean W.

**11:30 Greeters:** Mel & Rob Kidder, Kate Kennedy, Kelly & Pete Wegley, John Wolters

**Sound System:** 9:30 Sean L., 11:30 Craig K.

**Van Driver:** Al H.

**Tuesday Hospital Visitor:** Gloria H.

## Church Calendar

Please send calendar items to [jessica@worthingtonumc.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@worthingtonumc.com).

<b>Sunday, November 27</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
9:15 a.m.	Child Care for Infants and Toddlers	Banta Room and Room 102
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Dixon Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Becoming Well-Versed	Fellowship Hall
10:40 a.m.	Scrooge Study	Potter Chapel
10:40 a.m.	Open Door Class	Browning Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Sunday School	See info board
11:00 a.m.	Child Care for Infants & Toddlers	Banta Room and Room 102
11:30 a.m.	Emerge Service	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor rooms

<b>Monday, November 28</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall

<b>Tuesday, November 29</b>		
9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
8:00 p.m.	Sr High Devos	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor rooms

**Wednesday, November 30**

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
6:30 p.m.	Hannah Circle Fall Social	Browning Lounge

**Thursday, December 1**

4:30 p.m.	Children's Bells	Bell Room
4:30 p.m.	UMW Exec Board	Browning Lounge
5:00 p.m.	Rainbow Singers	Room 304
5:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

**Friday, December 2**

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
11:30 a.m.	Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting	Dixon/Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, December 3**

11:00 a.m.	UMW Holiday Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.	Laura Holcomb Visitation	Chapel Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Laura Holcomb Memorial Service	Potter Chapel

**Sunday, December 4**

9:15 a.m.	Child Care for Infants and Toddlers	Banta Room and Room 102
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Dixon Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Becoming Well-Versed	Fellowship Hall
10:40 a.m.	Scrooge Study	Potter Chapel
10:40 a.m.	Open Door Class	Browning Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Sunday School	See info board
11:00 a.m.	Child Care for Infants & Toddlers	Banta Room and Room 102
11:30 a.m.	Emerge Service	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
5:00 p.m.	Youth trip to Zoo Lights	Offsite

**Creative Play Center is Hiring!** We have exciting opportunities for nurturing, experienced educators who marvel at the growth and learning during the early childhood years! We offer comprehensive benefits to our full-time employees including health/dental/vision, paid-time off, pension, and professional development opportunities. We are hiring for the following positions:

**Full-Time Teaching Positions**

**Toddler Teacher**, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Substitute Teacher**, variable hours

**Part-Time Teaching Positions:**

Infants: Monday - Friday: 1:30-5:30 p.m.; 3:45-6 p.m.

Toddlers: Monday - Friday: 3-6 p.m.

Preschool: Tuesday & Wednesday: 3-6 p.m.

Email your cover letter and resume to [creativeplay@sbcglocal.net](mailto:creativeplay@sbcglocal.net)

Information to take with you this week

November 27, 2016

**Christmas Gift Cards for UMCH Family Services:** UMCH is looking for "Christmas Elves" to help provide gift cards for the children who are involved in the UMCH programs. Please purchase a gift card from a store listed below valued up to \$20, drop the gift card off in the church office by Sunday, December 4 and we'll make sure it is delivered to UMCH. Thank you! (Stores: Target, Meijer's, Old Navy, Kohl's, Marshalls, JCPenney, WalMart, Best Buy, Toys-R-Us, TJ Maxx, Mastercard gift card, Visa gift card)

**Request: Christmas cards for our Central Ohio soldiers:** How wonderful would it be if our church members would provide a number of signed Christmas cards to our Central Ohio soldiers? The Blue Star Mothers continue to receive items and cards for our soldiers from our church, an effort supported by Sarah Circle, WUMW. Currently boxes are being made up by the Blue Star Mothers to send during the holidays. It is our understanding that the inclusion of cards, with notes, are truly appreciated – a message from "home", a reminder that we care. As you remember family and friends with Christmas cards, please consider providing one or more cards for these soldiers who bravely serve our country. The deadline to accept the Christmas cards at our church office is December 4. A big thank you is extended from Sarah Circle, The Blue Star Mothers, and the central Ohio soldiers who will receive these thoughtful gifts!

**NNEMAP Advent Project:** We are trying to make 50 grooming kits for the NNEMAP Pantry as an Advent project. There will be 50 large zip-lock bags with labels attached of the list of items for the kit set up in the ministry hallway on Sunday, November 27. The list includes 9 items: toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, lotion, razor and a washcloth. If you can, please consider picking up a bag and donating!

**WUMC Singles** (ages 40+): Please join us for Pizza and Cards on Friday, December 9 in the Dixon Lounge at WUMC. Pizza will be served, for a cost of \$6 per person, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will play cards, either Uno or Crazy Bridge, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please provide your own beverage. If you plan to attend, please RSVP for pizza and/or cards no later than Wednesday, December 7 by emailing us at [wumcsingles@gmail.com](mailto:wumcsingles@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 614-885-5365.

**WUMC Goes Christmas Caroling:** Family Ministry Team is hosting a Christmas caroling event on Friday evening, December 9 at Friendship Village of Columbus. We will sing to the residents and visit church members. We will meet at the church for pizza before the event. More details to come next week! If you are interested, email Ashley, call the church office or sign up today on the back of the friendship card!

**The Angel Tree** will appear soon! We'll be providing Christmas gifts for children from Worthington schools. Help us share the Joy of Christmas!

**All Church Advent/Christmas Study: The Redemption of Scrooge:** This study, based on Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits, with an eye to Christian faith. Along the way we will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. The book we will use is part of Matt Rawle's Pop in Culture series. This study will begin today and continue through December 18. If you would like to obtain a book, we have copies in the church office. If you don't wish to read the book, you are still welcome to join us for the conversation!

**SAVE THE DATE! THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO PLAN.** We are now accepting applications for the next Adult Mission Trip. The dates are February 25 – March 4, 2017. We will be staying in Grand Bay, AL, which has been our base of operation for the last few trips. At this time we are not sure what projects we will be working on, but most likely it will be projects at individual's homes where service work is needed. Please join us for a time of fun and fellowship while we are carrying out God's work. This will be our seventeenth trip to Alabama. Some people may wonder why we aren't working around here. That's because it's a lot better working down there in the winter time. I guarantee that you will have a good time and that the food will be great (don't plan to lose any weight). Don't feel that you have to have a lot of skills in order to participate in this trip. We do the best we can with the skills that the members of the team have, and there is always something that everyone can do. The final sign-up date for this trip is February 1, 2017. For more information, contact Russ L. or call the church office.

**Cookbook News:** Cookbooks will be on sale Sunday, December 4, 11 and 18. You can buy your books as gifts already wrapped in festive wrapping paper with an option to add a pretty bow or you can buy books without wrapping. Cookbooks will be sold in the office with the same option. We thank you for your interest in the 2016 cookbooks.

**Elizabeth Circle** will be meeting on Tuesday December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Beth G. for a Homebound Cookies/ Cookie Exchange/ Making Bows & Wreaths. Please RSVP to Beth via email or call the church office to let us know if you're coming or not.

**2017 Commitment Form:** If you haven't had a chance to turn in your 2017 Commitment Form, please bring it with you this coming Sunday or send to Lynn Ebright at the Church. To date we have received 81% of the total number of 2016 commitments and are counting on all members to plant seeds for new growth next year. As always thanks for your support of the Church.

**Babysitting Fundraiser:** The WUMC youth will hold a babysitting fundraiser Sunday, December 11, at the church from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Donations made for the fundraiser benefit funding for the annual youth mission trip and youth summer camp. For more information, contact Ashley or call the church office.

**Deborah Circle** will meet December 8 for our annual Christmas celebration and carol sing.

## We are Called Into the Mission Field

**Mat Ministry:** The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, December 14,** 12:30-4:00 p.m., in 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. 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 bagged beans, canned beans (kidney, pinto, chili, refried), soups (condensed and ready-to-eat) and canned tomatoes (paste, diced, stewed). Donations of men's clothes, towels, and sheets are needed for the New Life Clothing Room. Urgent needs for NNEMAP Food Pantry are baby food & formula, toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, and bulk donations of sugar, flour, and laundry detergent.*

**Bethlehem on Broad Street:** Our November donations will benefit BOBS. Boxes with lists for our donations are available now. Please see insert for more information. 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** continue to encourage church support for our soldiers overseas. Please consider donating any number of items, including foods, snacks, beverages; portable games; reading materials; comics, puzzles; hygiene items; duct tape; plastic trash bags; fly paper; boot socks. As always, notes, letters and cards are much appreciated. 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. Thank you to all who have brought in pop tabs! We have collected and sent 40 pounds of them to Nationwide Children's Hospital.

**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 Mary G. or contact the church office at 614-885-5365.

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

## Upcoming Events

- **First Sunday of Advent – TODAY**
- **Christmas Caroling – Friday, December 9**
- **ProMusica Concert – Saturday, December 10**
- **Youth Babysitting Fundraiser – Sunday, December 11**
- **International Children's Choir Concert – Sunday, December 11**

**Now Available: Electronic Giving!** WUMC is pleased to announce a convenient new way to make your regular offerings through the WUMC homepage. With our new electronic giving program, you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make one-time contributions. We encourage you to set up a schedule of recurring contributions. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church, especially during summer months.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year. Even when travel, illness, or other circumstances prevent you from attending on Sundays, our church will continue to receive your contributions on an uninterrupted basis.

To become an electronic giver, visit [WorthingtonUMC.com](http://WorthingtonUMC.com) and click on "**Donate to Worthington UMC.**" For new users, "Create a Profile" and follow the instructions.



**Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to be taken directly to the donation page for WUMC!**

**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](http://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 Margaret Tyler at [lilly.peacecraft@gmail.com](mailto:lilly.peacecraft@gmail.com) or 614-736-1152.

**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.

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