

**Church Office Volunteer:** Ellie J.

**10:00 Ushers:** Jenny S., Colleen Casey W., Shirley D., Helen G., Jane L., Diane M., Sandra S.

**10:00 Greeters:** Carol & John R., Dave & Barb D., John & Marty Schwarz J., Katie L., Kay M., Dick & Nancy O., Tom & Mary Ann S., Jean W.

**Sound System:** Kent K.

**Van Driver:** Brad A.

**Tuesday Hospital Visitor:** Joan S.

## 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).

**Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day**  
9:45 a.m. Child Care for Infants and Toddlers Banta Room and Room 102  
10:00 a.m. Blended Worship Sanctuary

**Monday, December 26**  
Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 27**  
Office Closed

**Wednesday, December 28**  
No Events Scheduled

**Thursday, December 29**  
4:30 p.m. Children's Bells Bell Room  
5:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers Room 304  
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. College-Aged Dining Room  
Dinner Browning Lounge

**Friday, December 30**  
9:00 a.m. Bulletin Assembly Dixon Lounge  
6:00 p.m. English-Schreiber Sanctuary  
Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 31**  
6:00 p.m. English-Schreiber Wedding Sanctuary

**Sunday, January 1**  
9:45 a.m. Child Care for Infants and Toddlers Banta Room and Room 102  
10:00 a.m. Blended Worship Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Bell Room  
6:00 p.m. Youth Impact 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**The next new Membership Class series** is January 8 – February 5. We'll meet 5 Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour(10:40-11:20am) in the Commons Conference Room. Can't attend all 5 classes? No problem. Sign up for the Sundays you can attend, and we'll be sure to get the class information to you for the classes you can't attend. Classes are designed to help you meet other new members, discover ways you can get involved in the life of the church, and become familiar with some of the history and core beliefs of the United Methodist Church. Classes run concurrent with Children's Sunday School and nursery/childcare. Register online at [worthingtonumc.com](http://worthingtonumc.com), or call the church office 614-885-5365.

**Cookie Sampling Day:** We will be celebrating the new year with our 5th annual "Cookie Sampling Day", hosted by the Ruth Circle and the Cookie Coordinators, on Sunday, January 1. Please bring cookies to share. The Cookie Coordinators will plate them and have them ready for those who wish to take home some holiday cookies. So, enjoy some cookies with coffee or tea and plan to take a few home, too.

**NNEMAP Advent Project:** We are trying to make 50 grooming kits for the NNEMAP Pantry as an Advent project. There are large zip-lock bags with labels attached of the list of items for the kit set up in the ministry hallway. 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!

**2017 Commitment Form:** As of December 15, we have received 94.3% of our commitment goal for 2017. If you haven't completed your commitment form, there are blank forms available at the church office or you may call Lynn at the church to make your pledge. Thanks for all your support!

**Bethlehem on Broad Street – 189 Food Boxes!** Thank you to everyone who filled a food box and to everyone who donated cash, gift cards and extra food to help us exceed our goal of 200 boxes! Special thanks to Wendy Raab and the CPC staff, families and children who completed 28 boxes. Also thanks to everyone who staffed the display table and POD, checked and packed boxes, shopped for food to complete boxes, loaded and delivered boxes, and distributed boxes to needy families during the Christmas party at Broad Street UMC. We were humbled with the generous response from our WUMC family and by the kindness of our volunteers. On behalf of those whose lives were blessed with this food, we thank you for your generosity and caring to help make this outreach ministry a success!

## Information to take with you this week

December 25, 2016

**Another reminder to fulfill your** pledges this month as 2016 comes to a close. Finishing the year in a strong place helps us continue to grow in 2017! And if you haven't sent in your commitment cards for 2017, it's important and not too late. You can find them in the WUMC office during office hours and on Sundays. Making a list, checking it twice? Please be sure to check your year 2016 financial commitment to Worthington UMC. Your giving makes such a difference in the world in people fed, clothed, housed, cared for in amazing ways. We must receive all gifts to be credited for 2016 tax purposes by December 31. If you are planning to sell stock to help pay your pledge, call Lynn E. (614-885-5365) for information on how to do so. Thank you for all the many ways you give of yourself in serving Christ.

**New Sunday Schedule:** As most of you are aware, we recently conducted a survey of church members asking their thoughts on our Sunday morning schedule. We asked members to pick between the 5 options presented and asked for additional thoughts, suggestions and comments. We had over 300 responses! After reviewing all the responses, two major themes were noted. First, people preferred to keep the traditional service the first service of the morning and secondly, people wanted to end the morning by 12 p.m. A group of members representing various stakeholder groups in the church met to discuss the results and make a recommendation to Ad Council based on those results. Ad Council met on December 13 and the following schedule changes were recommended and approved:

**9:30-10:30- Traditional Worship in the sanctuary**  
**10:30-11:15- Fellowship Hour**  
**10:40-11:30- Sunday School**  
**11:15-12:00- Emerge in Potter Chapel**

Beginning January 8 for the next 5 Sundays, WUMC will move to this schedule. This will allow us time to evaluate the changes and survey people worshipping at that service. If the change proves positive, we will continue with this schedule. A vote to make this a permanent change will be made at the March Ad Council meeting. Thank you all for your input these past several months. The schedule committee is excited about this "experiment" and the opportunities it brings.

**New Year's Day Blended Service:** On Sunday, January 1, please join us for one blended service at 10:00 a.m.

**All Church Epiphany Open House** at Cyndy's (5155 Portland Street, Columbus) on Sunday, January 8 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Come, enjoy conversation, light refreshments and a warm start to the new year!

**The Salvation of Doctor Who**, a 4-week Sunday School class beginning February 5, draws on the long-running TV show and cult favorite Doctor Who to chart the intersection of faith and science. Register online at [worthingtonumc.com](http://worthingtonumc.com), or in the church office.

**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 individuals' 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 the church office.

**Riverside Sewing Guild:** The next Sewing Guild meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4 at Riverside Hospital from 9:30-1:30. The Riverside Sewing Guild makes neck pillows, stuffed animals, walker bags, blankets, baby hats and many other items to be given out at the hospital. If you have questions, contact Judy K. or the church office.

**Congregational Art Show: A Different Month—the Same Hope:** The Congregation Art Show will be held during the month of January this year. Please plan to share your artistic expressions with the community then. Bring your two dimensional art to the office by January 3. Pieces should be ready to hang. Remember that saw tooth hangers do not work with our hanging system. We are sorry that we can't handle three dimensional work. Don't be timid! Share your gift with the congregation!

**The Advent Wreath and Candles** are given by Bob & Nancy K., in loving memory of their son, Richard Joel K.

**The Nativity Scene assembled on the altar** was given in memory of Bill L., by Joan L.

**The Nativity on the Lawn** has been given to the community and congregation by an anonymous donor. And we thank the team that assembled it.

**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 T. or the church office.

**The next Red Cross blood drive** is January 26, from 1 to 6 p.m. Sign-ups will be between services on Sundays, January 8 and 15.

## We are Called Into the Mission Field

**Mat Ministry:** The next Plam Party is **Wednesday, January 18**, 1:00-4:00 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 Plam 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.*

**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.

**UMW 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.

**WUMC Singles:** As we begin the new year, please join us for dinner at Mozart's Restaurant and Bakery, 4784 North High Street, Columbus on Friday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. If you can be there, let us know no later than Wednesday, January 4, by emailing to [wumcsingles@gmail.com](mailto:wumcsingles@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 614-885-5365.

## Upcoming Events

- **New Year's Day Blended Service** – Sunday, January 1 at 10 a.m.
- **All-church Epiphany Open House at Cyndy's** – Sunday, January 8

**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.

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!

**New Way to Give:** Consider using Joyfully2UMC for Christmas and end-of-year giving. WUMC is now registered with this simple-to-use app for making a one-time gift. It's free for Android and iPhone.

Just 3 easy steps:

1. Download the app on your phone or tablet. You can find quick links at [www.joyfully2umc.org](http://www.joyfully2umc.org)
2. Search for "Worthington United"
3. Click "Give" and fill in your information

**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).

**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 the church office if you have a prayer concern and would like it to be added to the prayer chain.