

Church Office Volunteer: Kathy R.

10:00 Ushers: Russ L., Barb D., Jon E., Sally F., Harry H., Eric H., Jim L., Judie L., Ron R.

10:00 Greeters: Jane & Howard L., Barb B., Aaron & Karin E., Don & Dana H., Mike & Jody J., Gene & Kathy R., Carol R., Beth S.

Sound System: Craig K.

Van Driver: Al H.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Mary H.

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 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 rd floor

Monday, January 2

Office closed

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
7:15 p.m.	Devotions	Browning Lounge
7:30 p.m.	Trustees	Browning Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Sr High Devos	3 rd floor rooms

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
9:30 a.m.	Riverside Sewing	Offsite

Thursday, January 5

4:30 p.m.	UMW Exec Board	Browning Lounge
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

Friday, January 6

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
1:00 p.m.	UMW Meeting	Browning Lounge
6:30 p.m.	WUMC Singles	Offsite

Saturday, January 7

9:00 a.m.	UMW Meeting	Browning Lounge
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Sunday, January 8

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 Hour	Dixon Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Becoming Well-Versed	Fellowship Hall
10:40 a.m.	New Member Class	Commons Conf. Room
10:40 a.m.	Open Door Class	Browning Lounge
11:15 a.m.	Emerge	Potter Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
4:00 p.m.	Epiphany Open House at Cyndy's	Offsite
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	3 rd floor rooms

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, or call the church office 614-885-5365.

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

January 1, 2017

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, today after the service. Enjoy some cookies with coffee or tea and plan to take a few home, too.

Sunday, January 8: We will renew our baptismal covenant and dedicate 2017 officers.

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.

All Church Epiphany Open House at Cyndy's on Sunday, January 8 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Come, enjoy conversation, light refreshments and a warm start to the new year! Directions to Cyndy's: to get to Portland, go West on Bethel Rd, off of Rte. 315. Portland Street comes shortly after Centennial High School. Turn left on Portland.)

Congregational Art Show: A Different Month—the Same Hope: The Congregational 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 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, or in 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 Judge K. or 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.

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 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.

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 or by calling the church office at 614-885-5365.

We are Called Into the Mission Field

Mat Ministry: The next Plarn 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 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.*

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.

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 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.

Upcoming Events

- **New Church Service Schedule** – begins Sunday, January 8
- **All-church Epiphany Open House at Cyndy's** – Sunday, January 8
- **Youth Breadmaking Fundraiser** – Sunday, January 8
- **Taize Service** – Wednesday, January 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.

To become an electronic giver, visit 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
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.