

Church Office Volunteer: Mysa M.

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

11:15 Ushers: The Youth Team

9:30 Greeters: Karen C., Lin B., Myra C., Sally F., Larry & Merianne J., Barbara L., Eleanor M., Ron & Ellen R.

11:15 Greeters: Laurie M., Jim & Jo D., Holly K., Kent & Ellen K.

Sound System: Sean L.

Van Driver: Bill G.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Dick M.

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 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

Monday, January 9

10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group	Chapel Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
9:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle	Dixon Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Open Hearts	Browning Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Sr High Devos	3 rd floor room

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
9:30 a.m.	Sarah Circle	Dixon Lounge
7:00 p.m.	CPC Personnel	Staff Lounge
7:30 p.m.	Taize Service	Potter Chapel

Thursday, January 12

10:00 a.m.	CANDO Board Meeting	Dixon Lounge
1:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle	Dixon 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
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Martha Circle	Dixon Lounge

Friday, January 13

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
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Saturday, January 14

7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Offsite
6:30 p.m.	Marriage Celebration	Offsite
	Soup Dinner	

Sunday, January 15

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
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	3 rd floor rooms

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 R. 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!

Worthington UMC Women 2017 Kick-off Gathering: Join us January 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a leadership development event. This free event includes lunch, information about UMW and their missions, video presentations, and small group discussions. After lunch, you may join the UMW as they make PLARN via the Mat Ministry and greeting cards for the military for the Blue Star Mothers.

Information to take with you this week

January 8, 2017

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 today 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 Membership Class begins today, in a new location. Join us in the Commons Conference Room, at 10:40, even if you haven't registered yet!

All Church Epiphany Open House at Cyndy's (Portland Street, Columbus) TODAY 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.

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

Marriage Celebration's annual soup supper will be on January 14. Please call the church office or e-mail Paul G. for information and to reserve a spoon and a bowl.

A Note from Hospitality: The 5th Annual Cookie Sampling was a great success! We were blessed with over 865 cookies! Thanks to everyone who shared cookies and thanks to those who enjoyed sampling and taking cookies home. This would also be a great time to thank all of the wonderful Cookie Providers who faithfully provide cookies for Sunday Fellowship year round! And thanks, too, to the Cookie Coordinators who schedule cookies year round for us to enjoy on Sundays. We appreciate all you do for Sunday Fellowship.

February Marriage Celebration Gathering: Saturday, February 18, 2017 6 - 7 pm: Appetizers and desserts at the home of Pete & Kelly W. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. 8-10 pm: Ladies Sing the Blues: Songs & Sounds of the Harlem Renaissance at the Lincoln Theater (769 E. Long Street; Columbus, OH 43215). Tickets are \$26.50 per person. If you would like Kelly to purchase your ticket(s) at this rate, RSVP by Sunday, January 15 to Kelly or the church office. (You may purchase your tickets independently, if you prefer; there is no group rate, but we can save you the service fees charged by TicketMaster or the Box Office.) For more information about the performance, please visit <http://www.jazzartsgroup.org/events/bessie-billie-the-blues-of-the-harlem-renaissance/>. This is a great event for new members!!

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.

Martha Circle: We will be meeting on Thursday Jan. 12th from 7-9pm in the Dixon Lounge. This is a time for women to give themselves 2 hours to work on projects that they want to do. It is not just a crafting circle but a time for relaxed fellowship.

The Open Door Class will resume discussion of N.T. Wrights book Simply Christian today. We are resuming at "Chapter 7: Jesus and the Coming of God's Kingdom." You do not need to have read the book to join the conversation. Please join us at 10:40 in Browning Lounge.

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.

Bags of Blessings to Share: Our January donations will benefit The Open Shelter. 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!

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.

Upcoming Events

- **All-church Epiphany Open House at Cyndy's – TODAY**
- **Taize Service – Wednesday, January 11**
- **All-church Ice Skating – Sunday, January 22**

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 your giving needs! 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

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.

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.