

Church Office Volunteer: Mysa M.

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

11:15 Ushers: John K., Dave D., Clyde G., Mark & Michelle H., Mev M., Vernon M., Linda R., Marty S. J., Vivian S., Keith S.

9:30 Greeters: Larry & Becky B., Louise C., Nancy E., Ron & Suzanne K., Steve P., Bob & Lynn S., Susan & Walter W.

11:15 Greeters: Mark R., Harry & Jane C., Martha S., Ann & Don W.

Sound System: Steve G.

Van Driver: Marcia G.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Mysa 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 15

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| 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 |
| 10:40 a.m. | Church Tour | Meet at Info Desk |
| 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 |

Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 17

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| 9:00 a.m. | New Life Clothing | Offsite |
| 1:00 p.m. | Immunization Clinic | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 p.m. | Worthington Cotillion | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | Finance Committee | Browning Lounge |
| 8:00 p.m. | Sr. High Devos | 3 rd floor Rooms |

Wednesday, January 18

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| 9:00 a.m. | New Life Clothing | Offsite |
| 1:00 p.m. | Mat Ministry | Dixon Lounge |
| | Plarn Party | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Family Ministry Team | 3 rd floor Rooms |

Thursday, January 19

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| 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 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Friendship Comm. Dinner | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |

Friday, January 20

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| 9:00 a.m. | Bulletin Assembly | Dixon Lounge |
| 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry | Library |

Saturday, January 21

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| 5:30 p.m. | ProMusica concert | Sanctuary |
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Sunday, January 22

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| 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 |
| 3:00 p.m. | Ice Skating | Offsite |

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. Please join us for a time of fun and fellowship while we are carrying out God's work. 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.

Information to take with you this week

January 15, 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 last Sunday and continuing through February 12, 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.

The next Red Cross blood drive is January 26, from 1 to 6 p.m. Sign-ups will be between services today.

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, in the church office, or on the back of a friendship card today!

All-church Ice Skating: Church-Wide Open Skate at the Chiller North: Join us for a group outing to the Chiller North in Lewis Center on Sunday, January 22nd from 3-5pm. Let us know now if you are interested in attending by signing up on the back of a friendship card today!

Worthington UMC Women 2017 Kick-off Gathering: Join us Saturday, January 28 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. Let us know if you plan on attending by signing up on the back of a friendship card today!

ProMusica Concert: Join us Saturday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m. for a ProMusica concert in the Sanctuary, featuring the music of Sibelius and Mendelssohn. ProMusica is offering the following for WUMC members: members can call 614-464-0066 and let them know they are members of Worthington UMC and tickets will be available for a cost of \$20/each.

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!!

Deborah Circle will participate in the UMW Kick-Off Jan 28, 2017. Deborah Circle will meet in Dixon Lounge February 9, 2017 for a program on Prayer and Self Denial, pledge service and program on Response and New World Outlook by Carol Burkett.

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dixon Lounge to work on Valentine Homebound gifts. Contact Margaret T. or the church office with any questions. Thanks!

WUMC Singles: Won't you join us for dinner at Pat and Gracie's Kitchen and Tavern, 138 Graceland Boulevard, Columbus, on Wednesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m.? Let us know that you'll be there no later than Monday, January 23, by emailing to wumcsingles@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 614-885-5365.

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

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

- **ProMusica Concert** – Saturday, January 21
- **All-church Ice Skating** – Sunday, January 22
- **UMW Kick-off Event** – Saturday, January 28

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.

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.