

The flowers on the altar today are given by Harry & Jane C., in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Church Office Volunteer: Ellie J.

9:30 Ushers: Mike A., Doug B., Walt B., Dick B., John D., Mike H., Al H., Dick O., Steve W.

11:15 Ushers: Bob & Cheryl H., Sherry M., Dave & Lesly W.

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

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

Sound System: Frank B.

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, February 26

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	Commons Conf. Room
10:40 a.m.	Open Door Class	Browning Lounge
10:40 a.m.	The Salvation of Doctor Who	Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m.	Emerge	Potter Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
4:00 p.m.	JAM	Offsite
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	Offsite

Monday, February 27

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Worthington Music Club Concert	Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
5:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle	Offsite

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
9:30 a.m.	Riverside Sewing Guild	Offsite
12:00 p.m.	Worship Service	Potter Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2

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
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

5:30 p.m.	ProMusica Concert	Sanctuary
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Sunday, March 5

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.	Lenten Study	Fellowship Hall
10:40 a.m.	Faith in the 21 st Century	Browning Lounge
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
3:00 p.m.	Ohio Health Memorial Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	Offsite

Information to take with you this week

February 26, 2017

Emerge Update: Last fall, a churchwide survey was conducted asking members about the Sunday morning schedule. After reviewing all the results and comments, the decision was made to run a 6-week trial with the Emerge service by changing the time to 11:15 and place to Potter Chapel. On February 12, we completed that trial. During the trial, individuals who attended the Emerge service were given the opportunity to comment on the changes. Based on those comments, the Emerge service will continue to begin at 11:15 in the Potter Chapel through Easter, April 23. This will give us the opportunity to observe changes in lightening (one of concerns expressed) as the seasons change as well as experiment with changes in the set-up of the chapel. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Ann W. or the church office.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Don't forget that the youth will be hosting a Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 28, the day before Ash Wednesday. The dinner will be in Fellowship Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5/person, with a max of \$20/family, with all funds supporting the youth summer mission trip and church camp. Sign up on a friendship card today!

Ash Wednesday: The beginning of the season of Lent will be observed with two Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, March 1, at noon in Potter Chapel, and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. St. John's AME Church will join us for our evening service.

The Salvation of Doctor Who, a 4-week Sunday School class, draws on the long-running TV show and cult favorite *Doctor Who* to chart the intersection of faith and science. Join us today!

New Adult Sunday School – coming in March: Faith in the 21st Century is a 6-week video- and discussion-based adult class exploring faith topics about the Bible including history, testaments, Gospels, interpretation, and grace. Video presenters include renowned contemporary speakers Rachel Held Evans and Nadia Bolz-Weber, as well as seasoned theologians and preachers like Will Wilimon, Phyllis Tickle and more. Sign up at worthingtonumc.com or on the back of a friendship card!

Our Lenten Study will be *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by author and pastor Adam Hamilton. In it we will explore the earthly ministry of Jesus drawing upon insights from history, archaeology, and the geography of the Holy Land. A video section will be viewed each Sunday with discussion to follow.

The Worthington Music Club will be holding its annual Young Musician's Concert in our sanctuary on Monday evening, February 27. The young musicians performing are of middle school and high school age. They have previously auditioned to be a part of the program and will be showcasing music from this audition. You are invited to attend the program and enjoy these talented, young musicians. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and a reception will follow in the Dixon Lounge where you can meet the musicians, their teachers and parents.

Now Available: Electronic Giving! WUMC has a convenient way to make your regular offerings through the WUMC homepage. With our electronic giving program, you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make onetime 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 onetime 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

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 p.m. at the home of Beth S. for a potluck and her Annual Health Panel. If you have any questions and to RSVP by today, please email Beth or contact the church office.

Women's Retreat: A time to meet new friends and reconnect with cherished friends. A time to rest and to be refreshed. A time to learn and grow. A time to retreat! Hiking, yoga, swimming, reading, napping, crafting, and more are on our agendas for the 2017 Women's Retreat at beautiful Salt Fork Lodge. All sisters, daughters, wives, mothers, and friends are invited to join us for this weekend away. Sister Carol Ann S. will lead us in exploring how our faith calls us to interact with the communities around us. Cost ranges from \$170 - \$310, depending on rooming arrangement. Grants available.

Friday, April 21 @ 7 PM - Sunday, April 23 @ noon | Salt Fork State Park Lodge (Lore City, OH). Register online: <http://bit.ly/2jSwBXe>
Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/216946228759130/>

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

WUMC Singles: Join us for pizza-and-cards night in the Dixon Lounge on Friday, March 10. We will have pizza at 6:30 p.m. and play Crazy Bridge and/or Uno from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Bring \$6 for pizza and your own beverage, and let us know that you are coming no later than Thursday, March 9, 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, March 15**, 1-4 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 canned soups, stews and chili. Donations of men's coats and pants are needed for the New Life Clothing Room. Urgent needs for NNEMAP Food Pantry are canned stews, chili and ravioli, diapers and toilet paper.*

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 a.m. on Monday to help feed the homeless in Central Ohio.

Bags of Blessings to Share: Our February donations will benefit The YWCA Family Center. 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 60 pounds of them to Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Adult Mission Trip left Saturday, February 25 for Bayou La Batre, Alabama. They will return next Saturday, March 4.

Next Adult Mission Trip: It's too far away. It's too many days. It's when I'm working. If these are reasons that you have not been able to participate in our mission trips, then this one is just for you. It's a one-day Adult Mission Trip to Camp Otterbein in Logan, Ohio on Saturday, April 22. Camp Otterbein is one of the West Ohio Conference camps. We are not sure right now about the nature of the project. The last day to sign up is Sunday, April 9. If you have questions, please contact Russ L. or the church office.

Upcoming Events

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** – Tuesday, Feb 28
- **Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday, March 1

Immigrant & Refugee Awareness Event: On Sunday, March 5th from 4pm-5:30pm, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS), Worthington SURJ, and Worthington Interfaith Neighbors will be holding an event to raise awareness of immigrant and refugee populations in Worthington. The event will include an overview of the foreign born population in Franklin County by ETSS. After this overview, a panel of refugees and immigrants from Senegal, Nepal, Bhutan, Ethiopia and Somalia will tell their personal stories of immigration. Through our connections, we are planning to invite a variety of folks from Worthington through Facebook groups and other Worthington-based lists. The event will be hosted by Ahlul B. at 2580 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235 and we hope to inspire learning and community across faiths and cultures. Please mark your calendars and come join us for an enlightening event.

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 Gam 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.