

The altar flowers are given by Carol C. in memory of her husband, Milo B. C.

Church Office Volunteer: Kathy R.

9:30 Ushers: Diane M., Shirley D., Helen G., Linda K., Judy M., Mart Ann P., Sandra S., Colleen W.

11:15 Ushers: Ashley M., Randy G., Pete W.

9:30 Greeters: Shirley D., Harriet A., Larry & Linda C., Paul G., Carolyn H., Rob K., Jeannette & Vern M., Sheri S., Cathy T., Dawn & John V.

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

Sound System: Kent K.

Van Driver: Brad A.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Gloria 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, 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	Browning Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Faith in the 21 st Century	Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Potter Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
3:00 p.m.	Ohio Health Memorial Service	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	West Ohio RMN Gathering	Browning Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	Offsite

Monday, March 6

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
6:00 p.m.	Emerge Planning	Browning Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee	Browning Lounge

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Welcoming & Inviting	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, March 8

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Study	Dixon Lounge
7:30 p.m.	Taize Service	Potter Chapel

Thursday, March 9

10:00 a.m.	CANDO Board	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
6:00 p.m.	Liberty Bells 4-H	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Martha Circle	Dixon Lounge

Friday, March 10

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
6:00 p.m.	WUMC Singles	Dixon Lounge

Saturday, March 11

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 12

9:15 a.m.	<i>Children's Musical at both services today</i>	
	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
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
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Information to take with you this week

March 5, 2017

New Adult Sunday School: 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. Join us today!

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. On Wednesday evenings, Dick M. will lead an alternate discussion on the same book. Copies of the book are available in the office for the Wednesday evening study.

"Addressing Elder Abuse" Event: Sunday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. in the Dixon Lounge. Elder abuse is a devastating reality for many older Americans. It results in physical injury, pain, violation of rights, financial loss, mental anguish, and even death. It crosses all racial, ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds and affects families everywhere. But unfortunately, for various reasons, elder abuse too often goes unreported. Please join us for coffee and a conversation about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation—how to recognize it, and what to do to protect your loved ones. Leading the discussion will be Sara J., Social Services Supervisor, Pike County Department of Job & Family Services.

Deborah Circle will meet in Dixon Lounge at 1 p.m. on March 9 for a program focused on Liberia covering Ganta UM Hospital supported by Miller funds, leader Ruth P., and leader Ellen Johnson S.

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Tuesday March 28 at 7 p.m. for a "Charity Work" at My Very Own Blanket on 175 E. Broadway Ave, Westerville, OH 43086. If you have any questions and to RSVP please contact Margaret T. or the church office.

Naomi Circle: Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 pm in the Dixon Lounge (meeting starts at 7:00.) We will be assembling Easter Gift Bags for the home bound church members. Visitors are welcome.

YWCA Family Center Dinner on Saturday March 11: Are you looking for a new way to engage in serving our neighbors during Lent? Please join members of the Outreach Ministries as we prepare and serve dinner to the homeless families staying at the Family Center. Opportunities include food preparation at the center, serving the meal, and clean up. We plan to carpool from our church at 4:30pm (or you may go directly to the center located at 900 Harvey Court, Columbus 43219 to arrive at 5:00) and we should return no later than 8:30. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Cathy T. or the church office for more information.

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

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 Spencer 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/>

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.

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.

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.

Do you need a few extra hands around the house? *The Carpenter's Helping Hands* will be conducting a service day on **Saturday, April 8** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to help those needing assistance with gardening and simple household chores. Volunteers are wanted. Both volunteers and those in need of help should complete a Volunteer and Job Request form. Forms are available in the church office. Youth, with parental supervision, are welcome to help. Questions? Please contact the church office at 614-885-5365 or office@worthingtonumc.com or visit The Carpenter's Helping Hands table in the ministry hallway after service today. Please do not be shy if you need help. We look forward to helping you! It is what we do.

Upcoming Events

- **Children's Musical** – Sunday, March 12
- **Friendship Community Dinner** – Thursday, March 16

West Ohio RMN gathering will be held here this afternoon in Potter Chapel from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Immigrant & Refugee Awareness Event: Today from 4-5:30pm, 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 Bayt 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 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.