

The altar flowers today are given in honor of all of the choirs of Worthington United Methodist Church.

Church Office Volunteer: Mysa M.

9:30 Ushers: Russ L., Barb D., Jon E., Sally F., Harry H., Eric H., Jim L., Judie L., Ron R.

11:15 Ushers: Don W., Amy & Rob C., Mary Ann C., Bill G., John J., Mark R., Gary T.

9:30 Greeters: Barb & Dave D., Jim G., John J., Katie L., Kay M., Don & Joyce O., Carol & John R., Marty Schwarz J., Mary Ann & Tom S.

11:15 Greeters: Liz & Gerald K., Lin B., Debbie C., Laura D., Ann E., Marje Obrist, Ron R.

Sound System: Sean L.

Van Driver: Bill G.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Gail W.

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 12 *Children's Musical at both services today*
 9:15 a.m. Child Care for Banta Room and
 Infants and Toddlers 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 Browning Lounge
 21st Century
 11:15 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Jubilee Ringers Bell Room
 6:00 p.m. Youth Impact Offsite

Monday, March 13
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group Room 314
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall
 Troop 365
 7:00 p.m. CPC Board Meeting Room 314

Tuesday, March 14
 7:00 a.m. Lenten Meditation & Communion Potter Chapel
 9:00 a.m. New Life Clothing Offsite
 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle Dixon Lounge
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meditation & Communion Potter Chapel
 Open Hearts
 7:00 p.m. Browning Lounge
 8:00 p.m. Sr. High Devos 3rd floor rooms

Wednesday, March 15
 9:00 a.m. New Life Clothing Offsite
 1:00 p.m. Plarn Party Dixon Lounge
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study Commons Conf. Room
 7:00 p.m. Family Ministry 3rd floor rooms
 Team
 7:00 p.m. Naomi Circle Dixon Lounge

Thursday, March 16
 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
 6:30 p.m. Friendship Fellowship Hall
 Community Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Northland Area Potter Chapel
 Neighborhood Partnership

Friday, March 17
 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Assembly Dixon Lounge
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Library

Saturday, March 18
 No events scheduled

Sunday, March 19
 9:15 a.m. Child Care for Banta Room and
 Infants and Toddlers 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 Browning Lounge
 21st Century
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 4:00 p.m. JAM 3rd floor rooms
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Information to take with you this week

March 12, 2017

Easter Flowers: Orders will be taken for Easter flowers between services and after the Emerge service today. **You may use the order form provided in today's bulletin to place your order.** The order and payment may be taken to the table outside Dixon Lounge. This year, we are offering white lilies, yellow daffodils, tulips (6 blooms per pot), hyacinths (3 blooms per pot) and azaleas in a variety of colors. All plants are \$10 each.

Lenten Tuesday Chapel Communion and Meditation: On Tuesdays during Lent, March 7 through April 4, the Potter Chapel will be open for a Meditative Time from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., and 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. During this time you may meditate for as long as you like and then come forward where one of the pastors will serve you Holy Communion.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Meal: Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 2 at 4pm! We will gather first for a potluck meal and then enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of the church. More details to come next week.

April Messenger: The deadline for the April Messenger is this Wednesday, March 15. Please email any articles or photos to Jessica at jessica@worthingtonumc.com to be included! Thanks!

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/>

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.

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.

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 March donations will benefit The Worthington Resource Pantry. 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 its 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.

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. for a "Charity Work" at My Very Own Blanket at 175 E. Broadway Ave, Westerville, OH 43086. We will also learn about Inspiring U, a new business that Beth G. has started which shares the same space as My Very Own Blanket. We encourage everyone to come and have fun. If you have any questions, 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 homebound church members. Visitors are welcome.

Upcoming Events

- **Friendship Community Dinner** – Thursday, March 16
- **Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck** – Sunday, April 2

Worthington Interfaith Neighbors present the next installment in their "Sharing Our Stories" series. Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Old Worthington Library. This event will cover the topic of Hispanic culture, with guest speaker Sandra R. López. There is no cost to this event and all are welcome.

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be April 27, from 1-6 p.m. Sign-ups will occur between services on April 2.

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.

URGENT KROGER REWARDS NEWS: For those church members who had signed up for auto renewal for their Kroger Community Rewards with Margaret T., she needs you to get in contact with her either via phone or via email or contact the church office with "Kroger Community Rewards Information" in the subject line. She recently had a setback with her laptop losing a lot of her files which included the main Kroger Community Rewards contact information. Good news -- she had a back-up file, but not a recent one and needs to cross-check with church members to see if she has the correct information for them. So for those who were given a half sheet with their information on it from her after signing up please get in contact with her. She needs this information ASAP since open enrollment for 2017 Kroger Community Rewards is around the corner starting in April. BIG THANKS!

Please Keep Us in the Loop! For pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths, please contact Cyndy Garn directly at cyndyq@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.