

**Church Office Volunteer:** Marcia T.

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

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

**9:30 Greeters:** Barb B., Dana & Don H., Jody & Mike J., Mary Ann P., Gene & Kathy R., Carol R., Beth S., John & Marcia T.

**11:15 Greeters:** Meg B., Barb B., Eleanor M., Gene & Kathy R., Beth S.

**Sound System:** Steve G.

**Van Driver:** Al H.

**Tuesday Hospital Visitor:** Ken E.

## Church Calendar

Please send calendar items to [jessica@worthingtonumc.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@worthingtonumc.com).

### Sunday, March 19

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 21st Century	Browning Lounge
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
4:00 p.m.	JAM	3rd floor rooms
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	3rd floor rooms

### Monday, March 20

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, March 21

7:00 a.m.	Lenten Meditation & Communion	Potter Chapel
9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
1:00 p.m.	Immunization Clinic	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Lenten Meditation & Communion	Potter Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Browning Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Sr. High Devos	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor rooms

### Wednesday, March 22

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
6:30 p.m.	Hannah Circle	Browning Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Study	Dixon Lounge

### Thursday, March 23

9:00 a.m.	Messenger Assembly	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

### Friday, March 24

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
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### Saturday, March 25

10:00 a.m.	Youth Lock-in	
10:00 a.m.	MCII Team	Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m.	Library Work Day	Library
	Vivian Brey Memorial Service	Potter Chapel

### Sunday, March 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.	Lenten Study	Fellowship Hall
10:40 a.m.	Faith in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Browning Lounge
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
6:30 p.m.	"Addressing Elder Abuse" Event	Dixon Lounge

**Cookbook News:** Cookbooks can be purchased in the church office. A few books are prewrapped with Easter paper and bridal paper in case you need a gift. Feel free to pick out a bow, too. Books are \$15.00 each and proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks go entirely to UMW mission work.

## Information to take with you this week

March 19, 2017

**Easter Flowers:** Today is that last day that orders will be taken for Easter flowers. **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. We will be serving pulled pork and macaroni and cheese, and ask that those coming please bring a side dish. Sign up now on the back of a friendship card!

**Attention all gardeners:** Work on our outdoor garden beds and grounds will begin on Monday, April 3 at 6:00. There will be an additional session on April 24, with the goal of getting the garden beds weeded and cleaned out and ready for application of mulch in May. Please bring gloves and garden tools to the session. All are welcome.

**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](http://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](http://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/2JwBXe>  
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](mailto: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, April 19**, 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.

**WUMC Singles:** Please join us at The Whitney House, 666 High Street, in Worthington on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. for good food, fun, and fellowship. Let us know that you are coming no later than Sunday, March 26, by emailing to [wumcsingles@gmail.com](mailto:wumcsingles@gmail.com) or by calling the church office.

## Upcoming Events

- **Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck** – Sunday, April 2

**Worthington Interfaith Neighbors** present the next installment in their "Sharing Our Stories" series on 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. L.. 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](http://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 or email 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 [cyndylg@aol.com](mailto:cyndylg@aol.com) or John Girard at [john@worthingtonumc.com](mailto: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.