

The altar flowers this week are provided by Beth K., in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard F..

Church Office Volunteer: Ellie J.

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

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

9:30 Greeters: Karen C., Myra C., Sally F., Larry & Merianne J., Barbara L., Jody M., Eleanor M., Ellen & Ron R.

11:15 Greeters: Laurie M., Allison B., John J., Dave & Lesly W.

Sound System: Doug B.

Van Driver: Johann Y.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Joan S.

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 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 st 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

Monday, March 27

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Memorial Committee	Commons Conf. Room
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Good Friday Rehearsal	

Tuesday, March 28

7:00 a.m.	Lenten Meditation & Communion	Potter Chapel
9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
9:00 a.m.	Worthington Women’s Club	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Lenten Meditation & Communion	Potter Chapel
6:30 p.m.	WUMC Singles	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle	Offsite
7:05 p.m.	Ad Council	Dixon Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Sr. High Devos	3 rd floor rooms

Wednesday, March 29

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Study	Dixon Lounge

Thursday, March 30

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
6:45 p.m.	CPC Art Gala	Throughout the church
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, March 31

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
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Saturday, April 1

9:00 a.m.	WUMC Singles	Offsite
5:30 p.m.	ProMusica concert	Sanctuary

Sunday, April 2

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
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
4:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Impact	3 rd floor rooms

Information to take with you this week

March 26, 2017

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.

“Addressing Elder Abuse” Event: TODAY, 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: Rain or shine, join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 2 at 4pm. This is an event for all ages. We will gather first for some outdoor activities including a Concert on the Lawn with Tim Berridge, and of course, an Easter Egg Hunt! After our activities we will end with the potluck meal in South Fellowship Hall. 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!

Vacation Bible School: VBS 2017 is on its way here! The week of VBS is June 12-16, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at WUMC. Our theme is Cokesbury’s Hero Central VBS. Join us as we will all learn how to be God’s Heroes for others – we will follow a theme verse of Psalm 34:14 “Do good! Seek peace and go after it!” Cost is \$25/child, at a max of \$40/family, which includes nightly family dinners. We need a lot of support to make this wonderful program succeed for the children of our church and community. Haven’t helped with VBS before? That’s okay! We need all kinds of gifts and talents before and during the week. If you are interested and unsure how to serve, please contact Ashley M. or the church office. Online registration for both children (3 years – 3rd grade) and volunteers is available now, at vbsmate.com/wumc

WUMC Senior Scholarship Application: Each year WUMC offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are members of our congregation. There is an essay application that is due by May 1st; however, you are able to turn it in anytime before then! If you are interested, contact Ashley M. or the church office.

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 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!

Another 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 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/>

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, 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.

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 today, by emailing to wumcsingles@gmail.com or by calling the church office.

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.

Upcoming Events

- **CPC Art Gala** – Thursday, March 30
- **ProMusica concert** – Saturday, April 1
- **Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck** – Sunday, April 2

CPC Art Gala: The Creative Play Center is holding its annual Art Gala and you're invited! Please join us on Thursday, March 30, from 6:45-8:00 p.m. throughout the church. Drinks and desserts will be served. The Art Gala also features a silent auction, an opportunity to bid on collaborative art pieces created by each classroom!

ProMusica concert will be held at Worthington UMC, Saturday, April 1 at 5:30 pm. Pro Musica is offering the following for WUMC members: We are happy to extend the same ticket offer to members of WUMC: **members can call our office and simply let us know that they are members of WUMC and they will be able to purchase discounted tickets.**

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.

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.

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.