

The altar flowers are given in honor of Greg B. - Happy Birthday to Greg from Kimberly, Ellen, Judy and Kathy!

Church Office Volunteer: Ellie J.

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

11:15 Ushers: Dave D., Clyde G., Mark & Michelle H., Mev M., Vern M., Linda R., Marty Schwarz J., Vivian S., Keith S.

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: Lin B., Debbie C., Laura D., Ann E., Gerald & Liz K., Marje O., Ron R.

Sound System: Sean L.

Van Driver: Bill 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, April 23	Confirmation Sunday	
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.	New Member Class	CPC Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Becoming Well-Versed Adult	Commons Conf. Room
10:40 a.m.	Open Door Class	Browning Lounge
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Youth Impact	Offsite
Monday, April 24		
7:00 p.m.	Endowment Committee	Dixon Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 25		
9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle	Dixon Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Sr High Devos	3 rd floor rooms

Wednesday, April 26

9:00 a.m. New Life Clothing
6:30 p.m. Hannah Circle Offsite

Thursday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Messenger Assembly
1:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. Children's Bells
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

Friday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Assembly Dixon Lounge

Saturday, April 29

10:00 a.m. Library Work Day
12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle
8:00 p.m. Lancaster Chorale Library Kitchen Sanctuary

Sunday, April 30

9:45 a.m. Child Care for Infants and Toddlers
10:00 a.m. Blended Worship
11:30 a.m. Jubilee Ringers Banta Room and Room 102
4:00 p.m. JAM Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth Impact Bell Room Offsite Offsite

Elizabeth Circle Ham Loaf Sale: Remember your grandmother's ham loaf? Wake up those taste buds! Elizabeth Circle will be recreating a family favorite during the second annual Ham Loaf Sale to raise money for missions! We have taken your suggestions and will be creating an even better ham loaf for you to enjoy! Pre-paid orders will be taken between services today in the ministry hallway. Pick up will be Sunday, April 30. If you have any questions please contact Margaret T. or the church office. Thanks!

Moms2B: In tribute to ALL who mother, Hannah Circle requests our congregation's help in supporting Moms2B. Moms2B is a program through The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Its mission is to help parents with infants at high risk for infant mortality with tools for making healthy choices and delivering healthy, full-term infants. Help us to make "baby welcome" kits: daily bus passes, diapers, diaper wipes, baby healthcare kits, and more. There will be a table at the church entrance starting April 9 with a comprehensive list and kit bags. Feel free to donate any or all of above items. Items will be collected now through the Mother's Day Banquet on May 12. Also, Hannah Circle is hosting an information session today about the high levels of infant mortality in Franklin Co. Cynthia S., MD, MPH, will speak at 10:45 a.m. (between services) in the Fellowship Hall. She serves as medical director of the Bureau of Child and Family Health Services in the Ohio Department of Health. Please join us!

Information to take with you this week

April 23, 2017

Blended Service: Next Sunday, April 30, join us for one blended service at 10:00 a.m.! Sunday school will continue on May 7.

Church News: We offer two ways for people to get the latest about events and news at the church: a weekly e-blast sent to your email, and a monthly newsletter either emailed or mailed to you. If you're not getting these and would like to, please let Jessica know – jessica@worthingtonumc.com – and she can get you set up today! You can also mark your request on your friendship card!

The Open Door Class will resume our discussion of the book Simply Christian by Bishop N.T. Wright today. This week's topic is "The Book God Breathed" (Chapter 13). You do not need to have read the book to join the conversation. This particular chapter speaks to some of the topics that were discussed in the Lenten Study lead by Tim M. so it will be an easy transition for those of you that attended that class.

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.

Illuminati Concert: Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m. for the Illuminati Spring concert, Songs of the Spirit.

Creative Play Center has openings in our Summer Explorer program, for children who have completed Kindergarten through Second grades. The 2017 Summer Explorer program runs June 5-August 11, with the last day of attendance being August 9. We provide an engaging and enriching program for the Explorers, keeping their minds active, while also having fun during their summer break from school. The teachers develop plans for activities, with a balance between classroom explorations and field site experiences. To nurture children's connections with the natural world, we take the Explorers on several excursions to Central Ohio's metro parks and other natural sites. Each summer, the group is also enrolled in one two-week session at the Worthington Pool. If you are interested in an engaging summer program for your child, please contact us at 614.885.7529 or creativeplaycenter@sbcglobal.net.

Mother's Day Celebration: What better Mothers' Day gift than an evening out with friends while hubby takes care of the family? Welcome Spring and join us as we honor mothers everywhere at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 12, in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the fellowship, delicious food, special music, and fun! Pastor Cyndy will share some words of wisdom on Planting Family Seeds, and Mary S. will show us how to make one of her fabulous fairy gardens! Please join us. Tickets, (\$15 Adults and \$8 children under 12), will be available after Easter in the church office, and in the ministry hallway between services on April 23 and 30.

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. If you are interested and unsure how to serve, please contact the church office. Online registration for both children (3 years – 3rd grade) and volunteers is available now, at vbsmate.com/wumc

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

The Ohio Senior Expo will be held Monday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin, Ohio. Local seniors, boomers, caregivers and family members are encouraged to attend this exciting event that will feature free health screenings, informative seminars, entertainment, and hourly door prizes. Visit with residential communities and local hospitals so you can make educated decisions. Meet local professionals who offer expertise in financial planning, health, fitness, insurance, home improvement, recreation and more. There's so much to experience so mark your calendar and get ready for fun, at this special one-day event dedicated to seniors. Gift bags for the first 100 guests! Free admission and free parking. For more information, please visit www.ohioseniorexpo.com.

WIN Sharing Our Stories Event: Join us Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Old Worthington Library as Dr. Ahmad Shabsigh shares experiences and information about his native country, Syria. For more information, visit WIN's facebook page, www.facebook.com/WINdiversity

Cookbook News: Cookbooks can be purchased in the church office. Books are \$15.00 each and proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks go entirely to UMW mission work.

We are Called Into the Mission Field

Mat Ministry: The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, May 17**, 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 today. 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 beans, vegetables and fruits. Donations of men's clothing and spring & summer clothing for the family are needed for the New Life Clothing Room. Urgent needs for NNEMAP Food Pantry are beans, tuna, cereal, baby food and diapers.*

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 April donations will benefit New Life UMC. 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: The WUMW remind you that the needs of our Central Ohio soldiers will soon change due to the change of the seasons. The needs of our soldiers are many, and their appreciation is evident! Suggested donations: baby wipes, batteries (AA, AAA), fly paper, non-aerosol bug spray, duct tape, roach motels, canned foods, snack crackers, protein bars, hard candy, Pringles, cheese, crossword puzzles, magazines, newspaper games, plastic trash bags, dental products. Also, consider providing cards with notes – knowing that we care is important! See the church office for a more complete donation list and for the donation box.

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.

Sign up now for the next adult mission trip. The dates are August 27 – September 1, 2017. We will be working at The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. Their mission is to rebuild the lives and homes of the physically and fiscally challenged of Cleveland. We worked there the last three years. It was a great place, and it's not a long drive. If some of you would like to go for just a couple of days, we can probably make that happen. The last date to sign up for this mission trip is August 13. If you have any questions, please contact Russ L. or the church office.

Upcoming Events

- **Blended service** – Sunday, April 30
- **Spring Fling** - Sunday, May 7
- **Illuminati Concert** – Sunday, May 7

Paint Night: Join us to learn to paint on Saturday, April 29, 6:30-8:30 pm. No prior painting or drawing experience is required. Our instructor will walk you through, step by step, how to paint your picture. For this session, we will be painting a Gerber Daisy with a lady bug on it. You may choose the color of flower petals you would like. Led by Beth G., the class will be held at Inspiring U, 175 E. Broadway Avenue, Westerville, OH 43081. A bus will be provided from the church and back. The cost of the class is \$25/person, and includes all supplies and snacks (possibly including wine). To register, make out a check payable to Inspiring U, and either drop it off at the church office or mail it to Inspiring U, 175 E. Broadway Ave., Westerville, OH 43081 by April 24. But join us quick! There are only 20 spots available.

Riverside Sewing Guild: 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 Riverside. The annual luncheon will be Monday, April 24 at Wesley Glen. If you have questions, contact Judge K. or the church office.

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be April 27, from 1-6 p.m.

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.