

The altar flowers are given by Barb and Bill R. in Love and Honor on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Church Office Volunteer: Marcia T.

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

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

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

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

Sound System: Sean L.

Van Driver: Johann Y.

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, May 7	Senior Recognition 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
10:40 a.m.	Senior Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Child Care for Infants and Toddlers	Banta Room and Room 102
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
1:00 p.m.	MacFarlane Court of Honor	Potter Chapel, Commons
3:00 p.m.	Illuminati Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Spring Fling	Offsite
6:30 p.m.	Youth Leadership	Commons Conf. Room
Monday, May 8		
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	CPC Board	Room 314

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
9:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle	Dixon Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Open Hearts Outreach	Browning Lounge
7:30 p.m.		Library
8:00 p.m.	Sr High Devos	3 rd floor rooms

Wednesday, May 10

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	When Kids Come Out	Library
7:30 p.m.	Taize	Potter Chapel

Thursday, May 11

10:00 a.m.	CANDO Board	Dixon Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Martha Circle	Offsite

Friday, May 12

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Conversation	Offsite
9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge

Saturday, May 13

7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Library
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Gardeners, in preparation for the Boy Scouts spreading mulch in our garden beds on Monday, May 15, we need another session to clear weeds from the garden beds prior to the spreading of mulch. This will be scheduled on Monday, May 8 at 6:00 in the evening. We appreciate your joining us for this effort. Please bring tools. The June session for grounds upkeep will be on the evening of June 12 at 6:00. All are welcome. If there are questions, contact Gail W. or the church office.

Creative Play Center is excited to announce our second annual fundraiser with Dewey's Pizza! Please join us on Monday, May 15 from 4-10 PM for Dewey's Gives Back, a special fundraising event at Dewey's Pizza Worthington. CPC will earn 10-20% of the proceeds on food sales (dine-in or carry out)! The proceeds will support our Professional Development Fund! Simply present the insert (either paper or mobile version) and enjoy dinner at Dewey's. Please help us spread the word by sharing this flyer with your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, everyone! All are welcome!

Cookbook corrections: In spite of countless hours of proof-reading, the Cookbook Committee was made aware of some errors in the recently published Worthington United Methodist Cookbook recipes. After a final thorough check of all recipes, the committee has produced a list of corrections. Printed copies of the corrections will be available in the office, or you may email Jessica – jessica@worthingtonumc.com – for a copy.

Information to take with you this week

May 7, 2017

Communion Needs: It is our intent that everyone who wishes to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion be able to do so today. **Gluten-free Communion Wafers** are available to those who would like them, either in the church office before the service or from any usher, or at the station closest to the north windows and in the balcony. If you would like to have **communion brought to you in your seat**, please alert any usher. In numerous studies over the years, it has been stated the intinction method, with juice or wine, is the most sanitary form of Holy Communion. In recent years we have added hand sanitizing to the Communion ritual by all who are helping to serve. However, there are people who would prefer to have the small cups. So, we offer an additional alternative at two stations. **In the balcony and also at the station closest to the north windows (the two stations where gluten-free elements are available) there are small cups available in addition to the communion chalice.**

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. Sign up today on the back of a friendship card! Also, we are trying to "go green" a little more – so if you are getting the paper newsletter and would be willing to switch to the e-mailed version, please let us know! Oh, and remember to "like" us on Facebook – just search "Worthington United Methodist Church" – for all of the latest!

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

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 in signing up your child to attend or volunteering, 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

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.

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 Master Gardener Barbara H. will demonstrate how to assemble a beautiful potted plant! Please join us. Tickets (\$15 Adults and \$8 children under 12) are available in the church office, and in the ministry hallway today.

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

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.

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.

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. 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.

You Can Make a Difference

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 May donations will benefit NNEMAP. 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.

Upcoming Events

- **Spring Fling** - TODAY, 4 p.m.
- **Illuminati Concert** – TODAY, 3 p.m.
- **Dewey's Pizza Night for CPC** – Monday, May 15

Pentecost Geraniums: Once again, for our Pentecost church service on June 4, the gardening committee will be decorating the church sanctuary with red geraniums, which will subsequently be planted on the church grounds for the congregation to enjoy all summer long. Members of the congregation are invited to purchase geraniums for \$5 apiece in memory of or honor of loved ones. There will be opportunities to make these purchases in the front hallway during the following Sundays: May 14, 21, and 28. If there are questions, please contact Gail W. or the church office.

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.

Thank you for your care and concern during my recent hospital stay and recuperation. Your visits, cards, and phone calls were so greatly appreciated and uplifting! – Ann H. and family

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 pm, at the home of Marty S. J. beginning with a salad buffet potluck. Jackie D. from the Spirituality Network will present the program. Visitors are welcome.

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.