

**The altar flowers** are given by Mike and Jody J. to celebrate their wedding and marriage. Also, they would like to thank their friends and families for their lasting love and support.

**Church Office Volunteer:** Mysa M.

**9:3. Ushers:** Myra C., Nancy E., Randy G., Jim G., Rob K., Dorba & Ron M., John R., Tanna S.

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

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

**11:15 Greeters:** Kate K., Mel & Rob K., Gary & Robin M., Kelly & Pete W., Carol & John W.

**Sound System:** Frank B.

**Van Driver:** Marcia G.

**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).

<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	<b>Teacher Appreciation Sunday</b>	
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.	Church Tour	Meet at Info Desk
11:00 a.m.	Child Care for Infants and Toddlers	Banta Room and Room 102
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Potter Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
<b>Monday, May 22</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>		
9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle	Offsite
7:05 p.m.	Ad Council	Dixon Lounge

### Wednesday, May 24

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

### Thursday, May 25

9:00 a.m.	Messenger Assembly	Dixon Lounge
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### Friday, May 26

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
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### Saturday, May 27

10:00 a.m.	Library Work Day	Library
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### Sunday, May 28

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.	Becoming Well-Versed Adult	Commons Conf. Room
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## Information to take with you this week

May 21, 2017

**West Ohio Summer Intern** is being placed at Worthington UMC! Amber F. will join us today and spend a good portion of the summer with us as she explores further her call to ministry. The West Ohio Conference is providing a generous stipend for her to be in ministry here forty hours a week and she will be involved in many aspects of ministry. She will also take seminary tour trips with the other interns for two weeks out of the summer. Her father is a UM pastor and she is a senior at Indiana Wesleyan. We hope you will introduce yourself to her and welcome her into our church family.

**Next Sunday: Memorial Day Weekend Sunday!!** You are invited to bring a cut flower to place in the communal vases in honor and memory of a loved one.

**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: today and May 28. If there are questions, please contact Gail W. or the church office.

**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and volunteers is available now, at [vbsmate.com/wumc](http://vbsmate.com/wumc)

**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](mailto:creativeplaycenter@sbcglobal.net).

**WUMC Walking/Hiking Club:** Save the Date! The WUMC walking/hiking club will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm. The first gathering will be on June 18 and we will be meeting at the deck at Antrium Lake. John V. will be leading this hike and will provide more information as we get closer, but please put this in your calendars now! We look forward to seeing you all.

**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](mailto:jessica@worthingtonumc.com) – for a copy.

**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!

**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](http://www.joyfully2umc.org) 2. Search for "Worthington United" 3. Click "Give" and fill in your information

**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

**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. 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! Email Jessica at [jessica@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:jessica@worthingtonumc.com) Oh, and remember to "like" us on Facebook – just search "Worthington United Methodist Church" – for all of the latest!

**Mat Ministry PLARN Party:** There will be a special evening session of our usual PLARN Party, held June 8 at 7 p.m., for those who cannot attend the typically Wednesday afternoon parties. Join us to learn how to help make sleeping mats for the homeless!

## You Can Make a Difference

**Mat Ministry:** The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, June 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.

**Worthington Interfaith Neighbors:** The next installment in WIN's program *Sharing Our Stories* will take place Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. at the Old Worthington Library. Join Dr. Deepa S. as she shares her Hindu faith.

**John Girard** has been on vacation this past week and will return from vacation next Sunday, May 28.

## Upcoming Events

- **Pentecost Sunday** – Sunday, June 4
- **Summer Worship Service** – begins Sunday, June 4

**Pride Parade:** Mark your calendars to join the Open Hearts Team on Saturday, June 17 to walk in the Pride Parade in downtown Columbus. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m.; although we will gather at our starting location much earlier. If it would be difficult to walk any or part of the parade, we will be near the King Avenue UMC group and can ride in their church bus. Or, perhaps you would prefer to observe the parade and join the many folks celebrating this weekend from the sidelines. Additional details will be coming in the Sunday tri-folds and e-blasts.

**Pride Worship Service:** As a part of the Pride weekend, a worship service will be held on Friday, June 16, here at Worthington UMC at 7:00 p.m. This service will be attended by many persons from other Reconciling Ministries congregations. All come together to worship and praise God in this uplifting service of worship and communion. A large choir, composed of singers from many local congregations will practice at the church June 8 and 14. All are welcome to join our LGBTQ brothers and sisters in this meaningful celebration of love. Following the worship service, there will be a reception in Dixon Lounge. If you wish to assist in this part of the evening, please call Judy M. or the church office. Please check the tri-folds and e-blasts for follow-up information.

**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.

**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 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.