

Today's altar flowers are given by Larry and Linda C..

Church Office Volunteer: Ellie J.

8:30 Ushers: Diane M., Shirley D., Helen G., Linda K., Judy M., Mary Ann P., Sandra S., Linda W., Colleen W.

10:00 Ushers: Amy C., Mary Ann C., Rob C., Bill G., John J., Mark R., Gary T., Don W.

8:30 Greeter: Patti M.

10:00 Greeters: Harriet A., Larry & Linda C., Shirley D., Paul G., Carolyn H., Jeannette & Vern M., Sheri S., Cathy T., Dawn & John V.

Sound System: Steve G.

Van Driver: Johann Y.

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, July 30

8:30 a.m.	Summer Chapel Worship Service	Potter Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Child Care for Infants and Toddlers	Banta Room and Room 102
10:00 a.m.	Blended Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Church Picnic	Church grounds

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
10:00 a.m.	Explorations	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Welcoming & Inviting	Library
7:15 p.m.	Devotions	Browning Lounge
7:30 p.m.	Trustees	Browning Lounge

Wednesday, August 2

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
9:30 a.m.	Riverside Sewing Guild	Offsite
10:00 a.m.	Explorations	Offsite
2:30 p.m.	Worthington Resource Pantry	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting	Commons Conf. Room

Thursday, August 3

12:00 p.m.	Explorations	Offsite
6:00 p.m.	Liberty Bells 4-H	Room 314

Friday, August 4

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Library
9:30 a.m.	Alzheimer's Support And Respite Care	Dixon Lounge
11:30 a.m.	Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 5

10:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals	Church grounds
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Sunday, August 6

8:30 a.m.	Summer Chapel Worship Service	Potter Chapel
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
10:40 a.m.	New Member Class	CPC Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Half Truths class	Browning Lounge
11:00 a.m.	Child Care for Infants and Toddlers	Banta Room and Room 102
11:15 a.m.	Worship	Potter Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Youth Leadership Meeting	Commons Conf. Room

Information to take with you this week

July 30, 2017

All-Church Picnic: Join us after the 10 a.m. Blended Service today for an all-church picnic!!

Crew game interest: We are checking interest and availability in participating in the Columbus Crew's faith and family night on Saturday, August 26 at 7:30pm. Cost is \$16 per person. If you would be interested, please sign up on the back of a friendship card today. Notice: this is just a request for interest, not to actually purchase tickets. If there is enough interest, we will let you know about purchasing tickets. Thanks!

Attention gardeners: The next weeding session will be on Monday, August 7 at 6 p.m. Please bring gardening gloves, tools, and a water bottle. We want to make sure we have removed the weeds before they go to seed in our garden beds. Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have questions, contact Gail W. or the church office..

Save the date for the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, August 5 at 10 a.m.! Join us on the front lawn of our church for a brief, informal and musical service with a personal blessing of your family pet by our pastors. You're invited to attend every summer with your pet. Dogs, cats, hamsters, ponies, and pot bellied pigs have all been blessed at WUMC. We welcome all God's creatures! A freewill offering of dog food or cat food will be gratefully accepted and donated to the Worthington Food Pantry.

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 is 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.

WUMC Singles: We'll next meet for dinner at Polaris Grill, 1835 Polaris Parkway, Columbus 43240 on Friday, August 4, at 6:30 p.m. If you can join us, please email to wumcsingles@gmail.com or call the church office at 614-885-5365 no later than Wednesday, August 2.

Riverside Sewing Guild: The next Sewing Guild meeting will be on Wednesday, August 2 at Riverside Hospital from 9:30-1:30. 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 the hospital. If you have questions, contact Judy K. or the church office.

You're invited! The 2017 West Ohio Conference Next Generation Leadership Ministry Interns are preparing for their first ever documentary to share their experiences and passions. There will also be some featured interviews with former interns, clergy, lay and staff persons who have helped develop the program. A watch party will take place Thursday, August 3 at Linworth UMC, 7070 Bent Tree Blvd., Columbus. Gathering time begins at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. All are invited and there will be special VIP seating for teens and young adults.

Concert on the Lawn: Join us on Sunday, August 20 for another wonderful Concert on the Lawn at 6 p.m., featuring music from Tim Berridge! Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy some popcorn and good music!

Cookbook corrections: In spite of countless hours of proofreading, 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.

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

OOPS! Mistake in the Messenger: If you receive The Messenger via mail, we noticed an error after printing. On page 4, it states the Friendship Community Dinner is on February 17. That should read "August 17". If you receive The Messenger via email or read it on our website, the error was fixed before sending. Thanks! ☺

Half Truths Sunday School class: During five Sundays of July and August we are going to embark on a sermon series and a study of Half-Truths, based on a book by Adam Hamilton. They are simple phrases. They sound Christian – like something you might even find in the Bible: Everything happens for a reason (July 9); God helps those who help themselves (July 16); God won't give you more than you can handle (July 23); God said it, I believe it, that settles it (August 6); Love the sinner, hate the sin (August 13). We will also hold a class during the Sunday School hour to discuss these topics. Books are available in the church office for a suggested donation of \$14.

You Can Make a Difference

Mat Ministry: The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, August 16**, 1-4 p.m., in the 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 mens t-shirts, shorts and jeans or pants 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 July donations will benefit UMCH Family Services. 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!**

Backpack collection: During the month of July we are collecting backpacks for UMCH Family Services students. Currently there are 68 children in Treatment Foster Care. And while their ages vary, the majority of current students are in 6th-12th grades. You can make a difference in the lives of one (or more) of the students by donating a backpack. It doesn't need to be filled with anything, and should be gender neutral. There is also a great need for scientific calculators. A collection box will be in the ministry hallway for backpacks and calculators.

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 130 pounds of them to Ronald McDonald House.

Upcoming Events

- **Blended Service & All-Church Picnic** – Today
- **Animal Blessing** – August 5
- **Concert on the lawn** – August 20

WIN Potluck Picnic: Join the Worthington Interfaith Neighbors at their 2nd annual potluck picnic on Saturday, August 27, from 4-7 p.m. at Selby Park. Admission is free, and beverages and tableware will be provided. Please bring a favorite food from your culture to share with others. There will be music, games, and entertainment. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs and a blanket. Please join us!

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.