

The altar flowers are provided by Ellen & Greg B., in celebration of the Word of God and all those children and youth receiving their Bibles today.

Church Office Volunteer: Mysa M.

9:30 Ushers: Mike A., Doug B., Walt B., Dick B., John D., Mike H., Al H., Dick O., Steve W.

11:15 Ushers: Bob & Cheryl H., Sherry M., Dave & Lesly W.

9:30 Greeters: Becky & Larry B., Louise C., Myra C., Ann E., Nancy E., Ron & Suzanne K., Steve P., Bob & Lynn S., Susan & Walter W.

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

Sound System: Craig K.

Van Driver: Bill G.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Dick M.

As a part of the new district prayer initiative we are asking our churches to pray for others in our district each week:

Prayer Requests for the Week of October 8:

Raymond UMC – Rev. Sara McSwords

Lewis Center UMC – Rev. Tom Hanover & Rev. Phil Rode

Capitol Area Community Ministries – Rev. Karen Cook, Ginny Shimrock, and the CACM

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, October 8

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 Time	Dixon Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Becoming Well-Versed	Commons Conf. Room
10:40 a.m.	TED Talk class	Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m.	Rainbow Singers	Room 307
11:00 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
11:00 a.m.	Child Care for Infants & Toddlers	Banta Room, Nursery
11:15 a.m.	Emerge Service	Potter Chapel
1:00 p.m.	CROP Walk	Offsite

Monday, October 9

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
6:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership	Commons Conf. Room
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle	Dixon Lounge

Tuesday, October 10

9:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle	Dixon Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Senior High Devos	3 rd floor rooms

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
2:30 p.m.	Worthington Resource Pantry	Offsite
7:30 p.m.	Taize Service	Potter Chapel

Thursday, October 12

10:00 a.m.	CANDO Board Meeting	Dixon Lounge
1:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle	Dixon Lounge
4:30 p.m.	Children's Bells	Bell Room
5:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Martha Circle & Mat Ministry PLARN Party	Dixon Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, October 13

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Conversation	Offsite
9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge

Saturday, October 14

7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Library
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Sunday, October 15

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 Time	Dixon Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Church Tour	Meet at Info desk
10:40 a.m.	Becoming Well-Versed	Commons Conf. Room
10:40 a.m.	New Member Class	
10:45 a.m.	Rainbow Singers	Room 307
11:00 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers	Bell Room
11:00 a.m.	Child Care for Infants & Toddlers	Banta Room, Nursery
11:15 a.m.	Emerge Service	Potter Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Church Conference	
4:00 p.m.	Youth – Corn Maze	Offsite

Information to take with you this week

October 8, 2017

Remember, we will have our annual Church Conference at 12:30 pm on Sunday, October 15. Hope you can come to elect officers for 2018 and to hear reports of our life together.

New Member Class: The next New Member Class series begins October 15! Mark your calendars now and plan to join us Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (10:45-11:15am) for the 5-session class ending November 12. Can't attend all 5 classes? No problem. Indicate the Sundays you will be absent when you register, and we'll be sure to get the corresponding class information to you. Classes are designed to help you meet other new members, discover ways you can get involved in the life of the church, and become familiar with some of the history and core beliefs of the United Methodist Church. Classes run concurrent with Children's Sunday School and Nursery childcare. For questions or registration, call the church office (614) 885-5365, or email Pastor John Girard, john@worthingtonumc.com

Join the Fall One-Day Adult Mission Trip on Saturday, October 21. There is not an OSU football game on this date. This will be a one-day mission trip to Camp Otterbein in Logan, Ohio. Camp Otterbein is one of the West Ohio Conference camps. We do not know what type of work we will be doing as a lot projects will be completed at the camp this summer. The last day to sign up is Tuesday, October 10. If you have questions, please contact Russ L. or the church office.

Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 22 from 4-6 p.m. We would love to see a lot of our congregation and friends in the community, so even if you don't have young children please join us with a decorated car! We will start "trunk or treating" around 4:15 after our cars are set-up, and then we will enjoy a cook-out afterwards. Tim Berridge will be providing music, so feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy music as the evening goes on. Sign up today on the back of a friendship card if you plan to attend and/or decorate your car!

Tell us how you shared your gift: By now you should have received a gift after service on one of the last two Sundays. We want to hear how you shared that with the world. Was it a random act of kindness? Did you pool it together and do something as a group? We want to share your stories (anonymously if you'd like) by posting short notes on the new Tree poster outside the sanctuary. No matter how simple or elaborate your gift was, send a note to Rob K. or the church office -- and fill the tree with stories of God's abundance.

New Give+ Kiosk in the Hall by the octagon table: With so many of us no longer carrying cash or checks, WUMC has installed a new card-reading kiosk that lets you give a one-time offering with a credit or debit card. It's a simple, very user-friendly iPad touchscreen. Just tap the screen and follow the instructions to select the fund of your choice, swipe your card or enter your information, and then opt for a receipt. You might choose to drop the receipt in the offering plate or keep it for personal records.

New Life Community Outreach is in need of someone to pick up Panera donations at Worthington Mall on Monday evenings between 8:30 and 8:40 p.m. and then take them to New Life on Tuesday mornings between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. for the breakfast that is served. If you would be interested please let Cyndy Garn know. Thank you!

“Speaking of Faith”: Beginning on October 2 and continuing for five more months – one night each month for two hours – there will be a program called “Speaking of Faith.” Together, across all faiths, we will learn about Judaism, Buddhism, “Spiritual but Not Religious,” Hinduism, Christianity and Islam. We will also learn WITH people who practice their faith in each of these areas. Here are the dates: Tuesday, November 7, 7-9pm – Buddhism (location, TBA); Monday, December 4, 7-9pm - “Spiritual But Not Religious” – (Location, TBA); Monday, January 8, 7-9pm – Hinduism (location, TBA); Monday, February 5, 7-9pm – Christianity (location, TBA); Monday, March 5, 7-9pm – Islam (Noor Cultural Islamic Center, Dublin, Ohio). For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens at tahrens@first-church.org

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for October 26, from 1-6 p.m. Sign-ups will be between services on October 8 and 15.

Deborah Circle will meet at 1 p.m. on October 12 in the Dixon Lounge to prepare fall Homebound remembrances.

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Monday October 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the Dixon Lounge with guest speaker Pastor John Girard for a “Death By Chocolate” program about death and afterlife.

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, October 18, at 7:00 pm, at the home of Tanna S. Judy M. will present the program, "Open Hearts and Minds." Final UMW pledge payments for 2017 and World Thank Offerings will be collected.

Hannah Circle will hold our last formal meeting of the year on October 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Lounge. Rev. John Girard will lead our discussion about the afterlife.

You Can Make a Difference

Mat Ministry: The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, October 18**, 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 personal items, canned tuna & chicken, and beans. Donations of fall and winter clothes, especially men's clothes, and bed and bath linens are needed for the New Life Clothing Room. Urgent needs for NNEMAP Food Pantry are personal items, canned tuna & chicken, and whole grain pastas.*

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 October 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 continues to endorse our local Blue Star Mothers in the provision of items for Ohio soldiers who are serving around the world. October is the month for the provision of Christmas cards. The cards will be a reminder of our appreciation of their service at Christmas time, a difficult time to be away from family and friends. Also, consider providing blank cards and envelopes which allow the soldiers to send a card or two home. Including a pen is helpful. The following are other suggested items to provide during the fall and winter months: baby wipes, batteries, hand warmers, muscle ache cream, foot powder, travel-size mouthwash, duct tape, travel-size packets of laundry detergent, canned foods w/ pull-top lids, snack cracker packets, hard candies, protein bars, Pringles, oatmeal packets/boxes, crackers, crossword puzzles, magazines, deck of cards, dental supplies, travel-sized games, phone card. The donation box and a more complete donation list are located in the church office. Thank you for your continued support and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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

- **CROP Walk** – TODAY
- **Bible Sunday** – TODAY
- **One-Day Adult Mission Trip** – October 21
- **Trunk or Treat** – October 22

The Columbus Guitar Society, directed by Wave W. will perform today at 2 p.m. with music by Bach, Brahms, Ramirez and others. Highlands Presbyterian Church, 6909 Smoky Row Rd. Admission is free. <http://www.highlands-presbyterian.org>.

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 Maysa 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.