

**The altar flowers** are provided by Dave & Barb D., in celebration of their grandchildren Caleb & Linnea W. and Ava Grace & Zachary D..

**Church Office Volunteer:** Ellie J.

**9:30 Ushers:** Russ L., Barb D., Jon E., Sally F., Harry H., Eric H., Jim L., Judie L., Ron R.

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

**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:** Mark R., Harry & Jane C., Martha S., Ann & Don W.

**Sound System:** Frank B.

**Van Driver:** Johann Y.

**Tuesday Hospital Visitor:** Ken E.

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 22:**

**Wesley Glen** – Rev. Dawn Swartz  
**Stonybrook UMC** – Rev. Lou Seipel and Rev. Nikki Baker  
**Trinity UMC** – Rev. Wade Giffin, Rev. Katy Wheat Borhauer, & Rev. Rocky Riddle

**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).

**Sunday, October 22 Commitment 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 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	Browning Lounge
10:45 a.m.	Rainbow Singers	Sanctuary
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
4:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat	Church grounds

**Monday, October 23**

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Endowment Committee	Dixon Lounge

**Tuesday, October 24**

7:00 p.m.	Website Meeting	Dixon Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Senior High Devos	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor rooms

**Wednesday, October 25**

9:00 a.m.	New Life Clothing	Offsite
2:30 p.m.	Worthington Resource Pantry	Offsite
6:30 p.m.	Hannah Circle	Browning Lounge

**Thursday, October 26**

9:00 a.m.	Messenger Assembly	Dixon Lounge
1:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m.	Children's Bells	Bell Room
5:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

**Friday, October 27**

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
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**Saturday, October 28**

10:00 a.m.	Library Work Day	Library
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**Sunday, October 29**

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.	New Member Class	Browning Lounge
10:45 a.m.	Rainbow Singers	Sanctuary
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
6:00 p.m.	Impact	Chapel, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor

**The WUMC Wine Tasters** will meet at Harold's American Grill on Tuesday, October 24, from 6:30-8:30. Space is limited, so please RSVP right away ([hayesdl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hayesdl@sbcglobal.net)) if you would like to attend. Call David or Peggy H. or the church office.

**Information to take with you this week**  
**October 22, 2017**

**Trunk or Treat** will be TODAY 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.

**Aid for Puerto Rico:** We are gathering items to send to Puerto Rico to aid in the rebuilding after the hurricane. There is a box outside Dixon Lounge where you can place donated items. There is a list of requested items available at the welcome desk and near the donation box. We will send the items to Puerto Rico next Tuesday. Thank you for all that you can give!

**Do you need a few extra hands around the house?** The Carpenter's Helping Hands will be conducting their Fall service day on Saturday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help those needing assistance with gardening and simple household chores. Volunteers are wanted. Both volunteers and those in need of help should complete a Volunteer and Job Request form. Forms are available in the church office. Youth, with parental supervision, are welcome to help. Questions? Please contact the church office at 614-885-5365 or [office@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:office@worthingtonumc.com) or visit The Carpenter's Helping Hands table in the Ministry Hallway between services on Sunday, November 5. Please do not be shy if you need help. We look forward to serving you! It is what we do.

**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. We have a couple of volunteers available to do this a couple weeks a month. If you would be interested in helping for a couple weeks of the month, please let Cyndy Garn know. Thank you!

**Operation Sandwich** is in need of some volunteer drivers! If you would be willing to pick up sandwiches from the church and deliver them to Friends of the Homeless on Monday mornings, please let us know by signing up on the back of a friendship card!

**Messenger Assembly HELP!** We need a few extra hands to help assemble The Messenger this Thursday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m. If we have a couple more people willing to help, it shouldn't take more than an hour or two. If you can help, please sign up on the back of a friendship card or email Jessica at [jessica@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:jessica@worthingtonumc.com) Thanks!

**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.

**“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](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org)

**WUMC Singles Annual OSU Tailgate Party:** You are invited to cheer on the Buckeyes at our annual OSU tailgate party on Saturday, October 28 at 3:00 p.m. (3:30 p.m. kick-off) at the home of Diane Meadows. Please bring a snack, desert, or tailgate dish to share. If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than Wednesday, October 25 by emailing us at [wumcsingles@gmail.com](mailto:wumcsingles@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 614-885-5365. Go Bucks!

**The next Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, from 1-6 p.m.

**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.

**Tell us how you shared your gift:** By now you should have received a gift after service in the last few weeks. 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.

## You Can Make a Difference

**Mat Ministry:** The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, November 15, 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 canned ravioli. 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

- **Trunk or Treat** – TODAY, 4 p.m.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** – October 26
- **The Carpenter's Helping Hands Service Day** – Nov. 11

**Harmony for Hunger:** Join us at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual benefit concert for the NNEMAP Food Pantry on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Worthington Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$20. Tickets are available at the door, by calling 614-297-0533, or emailing [director@nnemappantry.org](mailto:director@nnemappantry.org)

**Drug Safe Worthington:** The next free event in this speaker series will be held on Monday, October 23 at Worthington Kilbourne High School. The program “Operation Street Smart” will be presented by our keynote speaker, Retired Sgt. Powell. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and the program starts at 6:45 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](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 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.