

The altar flowers are given by Joan L., in loving memory of Bill Lutz.

Church Office Volunteer: Marcia T.

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

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

Sound System: Kent K.

Van Driver: Bill G.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Mysa 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 November 19:

Extension Ministers – Rev. Harold Hartley III, Rev. David Hett, Rev. Joyce Michael, Rev. Jodi Oats, Rev. Rebecca Scott Ozcomert
Bethel International UMC – Rev. Mike Pratt and Rev. Miran Lee
Worthington UMC – Rev. Cyndy Garn & Rev. John Girard

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, November 19

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.	Confirmation class	Jr High Room
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
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	Potter Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Impact	3 rd floor rooms

Monday, November 20

10:00 a.m.	Worthington Thrift Shop Board	Dixon Lounge
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
7:00 p.m.	Memorial Committee	Commons Conf. Room
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 21

1:00 p.m.	Immunization Clinic	Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.	What's the Buzzzz?	Dixon Lounge

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
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OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thursday, November 23

Office is closed.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 24

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 25

There are no events scheduled.

Sunday, November 26

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
10:45 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
1:00 p.m.	Hospitality & Music For Worthington Holiday Event	Dixon Lounge
3:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	Potter Chapel

Information to take with you this week

November 19, 2017

Thank you to all who have made their 2018 Commitments. As of Thursday morning we had 212 commitments representing \$566,743. If you are in need of an Every Member in Ministry Form or a Commitment Form please see an usher or stop in the Church Office. Getting these in helps the Treasurer and Finance Team be able to assemble a Budget for 2018. Thank you again!!

The WUMC walk club will be meeting on today at 2:00 p.m. at the Highbanks Metro Park. The plan will be to walk to the observation deck and hopefully see the bald eagle. We will meet at the parking area next to the education center near the entrance to the park. Any questions, please contact John V. or the church office.

Hanging of the Greens is just around the corner, Sunday, November 26. Please join us at 3:00 p.m. as we decorate the church in preparation for the celebration of Advent and Christmas. After decorating is complete we will end the evening with a light supper. This is a great way to meet other people and explore some hidden spaces of the church! You can sign up in the ministry hallway or e-mail Ann W. or sign up on a friendship card today!

Christmas Luncheon sponsored by United Methodist Women: "Peace and Goodwill to All" with special holiday music. Saturday, December 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Adults \$15.00, Children \$8.00 Purchase tickets on November 12, 19, 26 in church hallway or weekdays in the office.

The WUMC Wine Tasters will meet at Harold's American Grill on Monday, November 13, at 6:30 pm. Space is limited and to ensure that we have enough wine, please RSVP right away to David or Peggy H. if you would like to attend or call the church office for more information.

Church-Wide Christmas Caroling Event: On Sunday, December 10 we will be traveling to Wesley Glen and Friendship Village of Columbus to carol to our church members who are residents. We will meet at 4pm at the church to have some festive refreshments, hand out caroling song books, and then help split up our large group into who will be going to each location. Once at each location, we will then split up into smaller groups to go visit and carol to our church members! This is a really fun event and helps us to share in the Advent season with our church family. To sign up or if you have any questions, please e-mail Ashley M. or sign up on a friendship card today!

Conversation on Updates from the Commission on the Way Forward will be held at 10:40 am in the Browning Lounge TODAY. Please come for an up-to-date sharing of where we are. This conversation will continue next Sunday, same time, same place.

Our Church-wide Advent/Christmas Study this year will be on Opening the Gifts of God's Grace. We will use a book written by James W. Moore entitled All I Want for Christmas. Sessions will be held in the Browning Lounge at 10:40 am each of the Sundays of December. Get a cup of coffee or tea and come join in.

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": The next installment in the Speaking of Faith series will be Monday, December 4, from 7-9 p.m. The presentation will be on "Spiritual but Not Religious" (location TBA); For more information or to register, please contact the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens at tahrens@first-church.org

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.

Worthington Interfaith Neighbors: Sharing our Stories: The next event in the Sharing our Stories series will be held November 28 at 7 p.m. at the Old Worthington Library. Join us as we welcome Najma S., the author of "Jasmine and Journeys, The Life Quest of a South Asian Woman", which chronicles the history of her family and its migration through South Asia during times of political and cultural unrest.

The 2018 Women's Retreat will be Friday, February 2 through Sunday, February 4 at Salt Fork State Lodge in Cambridge, Ohio. This is always a great experience and a chance to relax and get to know ourselves and other women better. Please call or e-mail Ann W. or the church office if you have any questions.

2018 Discipline study book: There is a signup sheet in the church office for anyone wanting to order either a regular or large print copy of the 2018 Discipline study book.

The UMW cookbooks will be on sale in the Ministry Hallway on Sundays in November. If you are looking for a gift for the holiday season, this would be a good time to purchase our 2016 cookbook. The books will be on sale for \$15.00 each and the proceeds will be used for UMW missions.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Monday, December 4, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Inspiring U for our holiday party and to prepare the Homebound gifts for the church. The cost for the painting party is \$20. Please register online at inspiring-u.com

United Methodist Women Reading Program: We've appreciated your book donations in the past for Trifles and Treasures. Since we did not have Trifles and Treasures this year, we were wondering if anyone has any of the books on our 2018 book list that you would like to donate for the UMW Reading Program. There is a list of books in the church library or check www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram for the same list. If you have a book to donate, please leave it in the library with your name and that you are donating the book. Thank you!

You Can Make a Difference

Mat Ministry: The next Plam Party is **Wednesday, December 13, 12-4 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. 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.

Bethlehem on Broad Street: Our November donations will benefit BOBS. Boxes with lists for our donations are available now. Please see insert for more information. 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

- **Hanging of the Greens** – November 26
- **WIN: Sharing our Stories** – November 28
- **All-Church Caroling** – December 10

Youth Thanksgiving Canvas: Last weekend, our youth had a lock-in and focused on the theme verse of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. In their concluding worship service Saturday night, they each took a turn writing things they are thankful for on a large canvas that two of our youth painted. The canvas is on display in the Dixon Lounge with sharpie markers next to it. Please take some time to join in and share what you are thankful for on the canvas, and reflect on what others have shared.

SAVE THE DATE! THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO PLAN. We are now accepting applications for the next Adult Mission Trip. The dates are February 24 – March 3, 2018. We will be staying in Grand Bay, AL, which has been our base of operation for the last few trips. At this time we are not sure what projects we will be working on, but most likely it will be projects at individuals' homes where service work is needed. Please join us for a time of fun and fellowship while we are carrying out God's work. We do the best we can with the skills that the members of the team have, and there is always something that everyone can do. The final sign-up date for this trip is January 31, 2018. For more information, contact Russ L. 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.

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.