

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: Don W., A., Mary A., & Rob C., Bill G., John J., Mark R., Gary T.

9:30 Greeters: Sally & Dick B., Harry & Jane C., Jon E., Bruce & Kathy G., Jerry & Liz K., Lynn T., Pam & Ralph V.

11:15 Greeters: Laurie M., Jim & Jo D., Holly K., Ellen & Kent K.

Sound System: Craig K.

Van Driver: Al H.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Gloria H.

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 26:

William Street UMC – Rev. Julie Carmean, Rev. Kara Jones
Other Ext. Minister from CAN - Rev. Brenda Buckwell,
Rev. William Trego, Revs Ben & Beth Weisbrod
Bexley UMC – Rev. Becky Piatt, Rev. Laurie Clark,
Rev. Dorothea Maloney

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 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
10:40 a.m.	Update on "The Way Forward" Commission	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
1:00 p.m.	Hospitality & Music For Worthington Holiday Event	Dixon Lounge
3:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Potter Chapel

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Commons Conf. Room
8:00 p.m.	Sr High Devos	3 rd floor rooms

Wednesday, November 29

There are no events scheduled.

Thursday, November 30

9:00 a.m.	Messenger Assembly	Dixon Lounge
4:30 p.m.	UMW Exec Board	Browning Lounge
4:30 p.m.	Children's Bells	Bell Room
5:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

11:30 a.m.	UMW Christmas Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, December 3

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.	Confirmation Class	Jr High room
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
4:00 p.m.	JAM Christmas Celebration	3 rd floor rooms
5:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Potter Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Impact	3 rd floor, Chapel

Thank you to all who have made their 2018 Commitments. As of Tuesday morning we had 214 commitments representing \$577,691. 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!!

Information to take with you this week

November 26, 2017

Hanging of the Greens is today at 3:00 p.m. Please join us 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!

Bread-making Fundraiser: Youth will be selling made-from-scratch bread during both services on December 10. We will have extra bread, but we would like to have an idea of a minimum amount of loaves to make. Please let us know how many loaves of each you would like to purchase on the back of a friendship card!

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 contact the church office or sign up on a friendship card today!

Angel Tree: Please help us provide Christmas gifts for children in Worthington Schools. Choose an ornament from the tree - purchase a gift from the with list on the ornament - return the unwrapped gift to the church, with the ornament attached, by Sunday, Dec. 3. The gifts will be wrapped and delivered to schools so parents can pick them up before winter break. Thank you!

NNEMAP Grooming Kits: Help us make 50 grooming kits for the NNEMAP Food Pantry. Pick up a bag in the ministry hallway and fill it with the items on the list. Please return the completed kits by December 24. Thank you.

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 today in the church hallway or weekdays in the office.

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.

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, which are available now in the church office if desired. Sessions will be held in the Browning Lounge at 10:40 a.m. starting next Sunday and continuing 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 the 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

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.

You Can Make a Difference

Mat Ministry: The next Plarn 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. This is the time 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** – TODAY, 3:00 p.m.
- **WIN: Sharing our Stories** – November 28
- **All-Church Caroling** – December 10

The WUMC Wine Tasters will meet for a holiday-themed tasting at Harold's American Grill on Tuesday December, 12 at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited, so please RSVP right away to David or Peggy H. or the church office.

Riverside Sewing Guild will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at Riverside Hospital from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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 Gam 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.