

Church Office Volunteer: Kathy R.

9:30 Ushers: Randy G., Myra C., Nancy E., Jim G., Rob K., Dorba & Ron M., John R., Tanna S.

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

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: Sean L.

Van Driver: Johann Y.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Joan S.

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 December 3:

Big Springs UMC – Rev. Doug Thompson

Whitehall UMC Latino Congregation – Rev. Jurandir Beline Pereira

**Retired pastors and their spouses,
and spouses of our deceased clergy**

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, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

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
10:40 a.m.	Advent Study	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.	JAM Christmas Celebration	3 rd floor rooms
5:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Potter Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Impact	3 rd floor, Chapel

Monday, December 4

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Room 314
6:00 p.m.	Emerge Planning	Browning Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 365	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m.	Welcoming & Inviting	Offsite
7:15 p.m.	Devotions	Browning Lounge
7:30 p.m.	Trustees	Browning Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Sr High Devos	3 rd floor rooms

Wednesday, December 6

9:30 a.m.	Riverside Sewing	Offsite
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders	Library

Thursday, December 7

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 8

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Conversation	Offsite
9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
6:30 p.m.	WUMC Singles Pizza & Cards	Dixon Lounge

Saturday, December 9

7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Library
10:00 a.m.	Youth Breadmaking	Kitchen
5:30 p.m.	ProMusica Concert	Sanctuary

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

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.	Advent Study	Browning 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
11:15 a.m.	Safety Training	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	All-church caroling	Offsite
6:00 p.m.	Columbus International Children's Choir Concert	Sanctuary

Information to take with you this week

December 3, 2017

Communion Needs: It is our intent that everyone who wishes to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion be able to do so today. **Gluten-free Communion Wafers** are available to those who would like them, either in the church office before the service or from any usher. If you would like to have **communion brought to you in your seat**, please alert any usher. In numerous studies over the years, it has been stated the intinction method, with juice or wine, is the most sanitary form of Holy Communion. In recent years we have added hand sanitizing to the Communion ritual by all who are helping to serve. However, there are people who would prefer to have the small cups. So, we offer an additional alternative at two stations. **In the balcony and also at the station closest to the north windows (the two stations where gluten-free elements are available) there are small cups available in addition to the communion chalice.**

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, then 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!

On December 12, 2017 at 7:05 pm, we will hold a Church Conference for the purpose of approving the 125 Plan for the health insurance for laity and possibly resetting the pastors' salaries for 2018. All are welcome to attend, and all members of Worthington UMC are eligible to vote.

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.

Donations of socks and underwear will be collected for the families and neighbors in the New Life community during the Advent season. There will be a nightstand in the ministry hallway to place your donations.

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 today and continuing each of the Sundays of December. Get a cup of coffee or tea and come join in.

2017 Giving: Making a list, checking it twice? Please be sure to check your year 2017 financial commitment to Worthington UMC. Your giving makes such a difference in the world in people fed, clothed, housed, and cared for in amazing ways. We must receive all gifts to be credited for 2017 tax purposes by December 31. If you are planning to sell stock to help pay your pledge, call Lynn Ebright (614-885-5365) for information on how to do so. Thank you for all the many ways you give of yourself in serving Christ.

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. 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. The final sign-up date for this trip is January 31, 2018. For more information, contact Russ L. or contact the church office..

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 contact the church office if you have any questions.

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

ProMusica Concert featuring Beethoven's Eroica will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. Recognized for her lyricism and riveting interpretations, British cellist Natalie Clein joins ProMusica performing Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1. The program also features Anna Clyne's powerful elegy, Within Her Arms, and closes with Beethoven's masterful Symphony No. 3. Discounted tickets for members of WUMC - \$20 per ticket. Call 614-464-0066 and speak with Joe, the Patron Services Manager, to order tickets.

Deborah Circle will have their annual Christmas program on December 14 at 1 p.m. in the Browning Lounge and Potter Chapel.

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 Methodist Hospital from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cookie Sampling Sunday: On December 31, we will be celebrating our 6th annual "Cookie Sampling" Sunday. Please bring some cookies or goodies that you would like to share with others. We will have our goodie bags ready for those who wish to take some home to enjoy or share. Of course, you can always sample cookies with your morning coffee or tea, too. Members of Ruth Circle, UMW and the Cookie Coordinators will be hosting Sunday Fellowship on December 31. Reminder this is a blended service so cookies need to be brought to the Dixon Lounge before the service.

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

- **ProMusica Concert** – December 9
- **Youth BreadMaking Fundraiser** – December 10
- **All-Church Caroling** – December 10
- **Columbus International Children's Choir Concert** – December 10
- **Blended Service** – December 31

Baby Items for Advent: This year, as we move through the Advent Season, we are asking children of all ages to bring baby items that will be gathered under our Christmas trees throughout Advent and will be shared with ministries that care for babies. Feel free to bring your items in gift bags, if you wish. December 10, please bring bottles or wipes. December 17, please bring formula or baby shampoo. December 24, please bring Pull-Ups, size 4T-5T.

WUMC Singles (ages 40+): Our December event will be Pizza and Cards on Friday, December 8 in the Dixon Lounge of WUMC. Pizza, for a charge of \$6.00 will be served at 6:30 p.m. We will play Crazy Bridge and/or Uno from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please bring your own beverage. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by emailing us at wumcsingles@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 614-885-5365 by Thursday, December 7.

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.