

Church Office Volunteer: Ellie J.

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

9:30 Greeters: Karen C., Lin B., Sally F., Larry & Merianne J., Barbara L., Jody M., Eleanor M., Ellen & Ron R.

11:15 Greeters: Laurie M., Allison B., John J., Dave & Lesly W.

Sound System: Craig K.

CD Delivery: Mary W.

Van Driver: Brad A.

Tuesday Hospital Visitor: Dick M.

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 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve	
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
11:00 a.m.	Child Care for Infants & Toddlers	Banta Room, Nursery
11:15 a.m.	Emerge Service	Potter Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Children's Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Youth-Led Blended Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service	Sanctuary

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day
The church office is closed.

Tuesday, December 26
The church office is closed.

Wednesday, December 27
There are no events scheduled.

Thursday, December 28
9:00 a.m. Messenger Assembly Dixon Lounge

Friday, December 29
9:00 a.m. Bulletin Assembly Dixon Lounge

Saturday, December 30
10:00 a.m. Library Work Day Library

Sunday, December 31 New Years' Eve
9:45 a.m. Child Care for
Infants and Toddlers Banta Room and
Room 102
10:00 a.m. Blended Worship Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour Dixon Lounge
with Cookie Exchange

Monday, January 1
The office will be closed.



Information to take with you this week

December 24, 2017

Welcome to Worthington UMC this day!

We are glad you are here. Share with friends the music, beauty and outreach of this place. Share traditions and make memories in this place. And if you enjoy these things yourself, please consider making a special Christmas donation for the seemingly mundane things that allow us to provide all the rest – things like utilities, supplies, and of course staffing. With the help of everyone we can end 2017 with all bills paid, and enter 2018 ready for a wonderful new year. And a heartfelt thanks to those who have already responded in generous ways.

New Year's Eve Blended Service: On Sunday, December 31, please join us for one blended service at 10:00 a.m. Please feel free to wear your pajamas to this service!

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 E. (614-885-5365) for information on how to do so. Thank you for all the many ways you give of yourself in serving Christ.

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.

Congregational Art Show: A Different Month—the Same Hope: The Congregation Art Show will be held during the month of January this year. Please plan to share your artistic expressions with the community. Bring your two dimensional art to the office by January 3. Pieces should be ready to hang. Remember that saw tooth hangers do not work with our hanging system. We are sorry that we can't handle three dimensional work. Don't be timid! Share your gift with the congregation!

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 are being collected for the families and neighbors in the New Life community during the Advent season. There is a nightstand in the ministry hallway to place your donations.

Addition to Poinsettia listing: Louise C. is giving one poinsettia in memory of John C..

Rainbow Singers will perform at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Their arrival time is 3:40 p.m.

Youth Choir will be singing at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Their report time is 5:40 p.m.

College-Age Dinner: Each year over the winter break we host a dinner at the church for the college-age students in our congregation. This is a great time for those students to reconnect with church friends while they are home over winter break. We will have a catered dinner at the church on January 4, at 7p.m. Please let Ashley M. know if your college student will be attending by e-mailing her or contacting the church office or filling out a friendship card today!

Angel Tree: Because of you, children in the Worthington school district will have Christmas presents to open on Christmas morning. Every year, you respond to the Angel Tree requests with overwhelming generosity and it's such a blessing. Thank you so very much.

Church-Wide Open House at Cyndy's, Sunday, January 7 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come, spend time with friends, make new ones. Light refreshments will be available. Cyndy lives south of Bethel Road, just west of Centennial High School.

Bethlehem on Broad Street – 213 Food Boxes! Thank you to everyone who filled a food box and to everyone who donated cash, gift cards and extra food to help us exceed our goal of 200 boxes! Special thanks to Wendy R. and the CPC staff, families and children who completed 25 boxes. Also thanks to everyone who staffed the display table and POD, checked and packed boxes, shopped for food to complete boxes, loaded and delivered boxes, and distributed boxes to needy families during the Christmas party at Broad Street UMC. We were humbled by the generous response from our WUMC family and by the kindness of our volunteers. On behalf of those whose lives were blessed with this food, we thank you for your generosity and caring to help make this outreach ministry a success! -Aura L. W.

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 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 the church office if you have any questions.

You Can Make a Difference

Mat Ministry: The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, January 17, 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, cereal 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: We collected 213 boxes for Bethlehem on Broad Street this year! Thank you so much to all those who donated!

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 Christmastime, 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

- **Blended Service** – December 31, 10 a.m.
- **College-Age Dinner** – January 4, 7 p.m.
- **Church-Wide Open House** – January 7, 4 p.m.
- **New Member Classes** – January 14 – February 11
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** – January 25

Winter New Member Class: The next New Member Class series begins January 14! Mark your calendars now and plan to join us Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time (10:45-11:15am) for the 5-session class Jan 14 through Feb 11. 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 or fill out a friendship card today!

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is January 25, 2018 from 1-6 p.m. Sign-ups will be between services on Sundays, January 7 and 14.

Photo directory addendums are now available in the office. Pick yours up in the office, or email john@worthingtonumc.com for an electronic copy.

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 cyndy@g.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.