

**Church Office Volunteer:** Kathy Riblet

**9:30 Ushers:** Mike Alexander, Dick Byrd, John Dorgan, Mike Harrington, John Keller, Steve Wilson

**11:15 Ushers:** Randy Gabel, Ashley Mills, Pete Wegley

**9:30 Greeters:** Barb & Dave Danielson, Jim Gahman, John & Marty Schwarz Jacob, Katie Leggett, Kay Mollman, Dick & Nancy Ollila, Don & Joyce Owens, Carol & John Rachfal, Mary Ann & Tom Stoerkl

**11:15 Greeters:** Harry & Jane Coffield, Mark Rodgers, Martha Sprout, Ann & Don Wheat

**Sound System:** Kent Koch

**CD Delivery:** Don & Dana Hehmeyer

**Van Driver:** Al Hittepole

**Tuesday Hospital Visitor:** Gloria Hollerbach

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 January 7:**

Walnut Grove UMC – Rev. David Moore  
Church of the Redeemer – Rev. Rick Birk  
Church of the Saviour – Rev. John Wallace

## 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, January 7

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.	Sunday School	See Info Desk
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.	Open House at Cyndy's	Offsite
5:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Potter Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Impact	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor rooms
	Epiphany Party	

### Monday, January 8

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

### Tuesday, January 9

9:00 a.m.	Ruth Circle	Dixon Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Worthington Cotillion	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Welcoming & Inviting	Offsite
8:00 p.m.	Sr High Devos	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor rooms

### Wednesday, January 10

7:30 p.m.	Taize	Potter Chapel
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### Thursday, January 11

10:00 a.m.	CANDO Board	Dixon 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
7:00 p.m.	Martha Circle	Dixon Lounge

### Friday, January 12

9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembly	Dixon Lounge
6:30 p.m.	WUMC Singles	Offsite

### Saturday, January 13

7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Library
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### Sunday, January 14

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.	New Member Class	Browning Lounge
10:40 a.m.	Becoming Well-Versed	Commons Conf. Room
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Sunday, January 14 we will have a prayer of blessing for our New Officers and Leaders for 2018 at both services.

## Information to take with you this week

January 7, 2018

Thank you, thank you! We met all financial responsibilities for 2017. Thank you!

**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, or at the station closest to the north windows and in the balcony. 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.**

**Snow Emergency Sunday Cancellation Policy:** Church Service Cancellation Policy is: **Level 1 Snow Emergency** – Sunday Services will continue as planned; please use caution. **Level 2 Snow Emergency** - Only the LAST Sunday Service of the day will be held. **Level 3 Snow Emergency** – All Sunday Services are cancelled.

**Church-Wide Open House at Cyndy's:** TODAY from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come, spend time with friends, make new ones. Light refreshments will be available. Cyndy lives at 5155 Portland Street, south of Bethel Road, just west of Centennial High School. Directions to Cyndy's: to get to Portland, go West on Bethel Rd, off of Rt. 315. Portland Street comes shortly after Centennial High School. Turn left on Portland; the house is the second on the right.

**Church-Wide Bowling:** Family Ministry Team is hosting a church-wide bowling event on Sunday, January 21 at 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, children ages 3 and under are free, with a \$40 maximum per family. We will be meeting at Sequoia Pro Bowl (5501 Sandalwood Blvd, Columbus 43229). Sign up on the friendship card today! If you have any questions, please email Ashley at [ashleymills@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:ashleymills@worthingtonumc.com)

**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 (10:45-11:15 a.m.) 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](mailto:john@worthingtonumc.com) or fill out a friendship card today!

**Martin Luther King Jr Community Celebration:** Join us as we host the MLK Jr. Day Celebration for the Community of Worthington on Monday, January 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. This annual event is featuring community musical performances as well as Anthony Gibbs, founder and creative director of Black Historic Impressions, an organization dedicated to the remembrance, appreciation and exhibition of African-American contributions throughout history.

**WUMC Wine Tasters:** The WUMC Wine Tasters will meet on Monday, January 15, at 6:30 pm. Space is limited and to ensure that we have enough wine, please RSVP right away contacting either David or Peggy Hayes at hayesdl@sbcglobal.net or the church office.

**UMW Kick-Off Event:** Want to learn more about some of the ministries supported by members of our church? Join us for our Annual New Year Kickoff on January 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Potter Chapel and second-floor rooms. Sponsored by United Methodist Women, but everyone is welcome! Information sessions will include: UMCH Family Services, Sean Reilly; South Sudan Health Clinic, Steve Walker from Scioto Ridge UMC; Community Development for All People; The Horizon Prison Ministry, Bishop Joe Sprague; Women's Health Panel; Climate Justice, Jeanne Long, incoming president of West Ohio United Methodist Women; and more! After the program, be sure to join us for a delicious soup and sandwich lunch, and then stay to help (or learn how) to make plarn and crochet mats for our homeless friends, or help with writing greetings to deployed military personnel. New yearbooks and pledge brochures will be available for members. There is no charge for the event, but we do request that you let us know you are coming so that we can prepare the correct amount of materials and food. You can sign up on a friendship card today!

**Souper Bowl:** Family Ministry Team is hosting the Souper Bowl Cook-off on Sunday, February 4 at 12:15 p.m. after church services. Prepare your favorite soup recipe and bring it in Sunday morning to be a part of our soup tasting. Cost is \$5 per person, \$20 max per family. Each person will get a taste of the soups and we will have a vote to determine the winner.

**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 21. For more information, contact Russ Line at (614) 885-3111 or [rjlineohio@aol.com](mailto:rjlineohio@aol.com).

**Elizabeth Circle** will be meeting on Monday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dixon Lounge to work on Valentine Homebound gifts and assemble no-sew fleece blankets for My Very Own Blanket along with a donation of \$10 for the blankets. Contact Margaret Tyler at 614-736-1152 or via email, [lilly.peacecraft@gmail.com](mailto:lilly.peacecraft@gmail.com), with any questions.

**WUMC Singles:** Our first event in 2018 is dinner at J Liu, 6880 High Street, Worthington, on Friday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please let us know by emailing to [wumcsingles@gmail.com](mailto:wumcsingles@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 614-885-5365 no later than Wednesday, January 10.

## You Can Make a Difference

**Mat Ministry:** The next Plarn Party is **Wednesday, January 17**, 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. 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.

**Bags of Blessings:** Our January donations will benefit the Family Mentor Foundation. 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. The following are suggested items to provide during the 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.

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

**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 Wheat at 614-761-2950 or [awheat@columbus.rr.com](mailto:awheat@columbus.rr.com) if you have any questions.

## Upcoming Events

- **Church-Wide Open House** – TODAY, 4 p.m.
- **New Member Classes** – January 14 – February 11
- **MLK Jr. Celebration** – January 15

**2018 flower calendar:** The flower calendar for 2018 has been posted outside of the Sanctuary, by the octagon table. Please sign up now if you'd like to provide altar flowers for any Sunday in 2018. Thanks!

**West Ohio Conference Disaster Response:** UMCOR-authorized trainers will provide an Early Response Team (ERT) Training on January 27 at North Broadway UMC (48 E. North Broadway St., Columbus) from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 for basic/\$35 for recertification. To register, click on "Register for Events" at [www.westohioumc.org](http://www.westohioumc.org). For more information, contact Kris Shoaf at 614-844-6200 or [kshoaf@wocumc.org](mailto:kshoaf@wocumc.org)

**Martha Circle** will be meeting this Thursday in Dixon Lounge from 7-9pm. The goal of this group is to give you 2 hours to do something for yourself and enjoy the fellowship of other women. You choose what you want to bring to work on. Some of our members bring photos to organize. Others bring unfinished craft items they want to work on. While others bring magazines to go through. Some members just come to chat. Of course there is always chocolate to pass around. All are welcome to join us.

**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 Tyler at [Margaret.tyler07@gmail.com](mailto:Margaret.tyler07@gmail.com) or 614-736-1152.

**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 Garrison at [mgarrison4@att.net](mailto:mgarrison4@att.net), or contact the church office at 614-885-5365.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Mysa Mathews at 614-436-4136 or [mysamathews@aol.com](mailto:mysamathews@aol.com) 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.