

Outreach Opportunities in Lent

Bags of Blessings to Share Ministry will collect donations to benefit the YWCA in February and Worthington Resource Pantry in March. Bags with new donation lists are available on the first Sunday of each month, at the Outreach Corner, near the library, and at the south doors; please return bags with donations on the last Sunday of the month.

Friendship Dinner Community Meal: Thursdays, February 15 and March 15. Help us welcome our neighbors as we offer a free, home-cooked meal. No need to sign up—just come!

Mat Ministry Plarn Party: Join us on **Wednesdays, February 21 & March 21, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**, in Dixon Lounge, as we make sleeping mats for the homeless while we enjoy a fellowship time.

Operation Sandwich: Make a difference during Lent! Consider participating in Operation Sandwich – simply make individually-wrapped sandwiches of PB&J or Bologna and cheese (no condiments) for the Friends of the Homeless shelter, and drop them off in the Fellowship Hall refrigerator by Sunday morning each week. Make it a family event and create a fun sandwich assembly line. It's a fun way to make a difference for someone else!

Continuing Needs: In addition to our many Outreach opportunities, please know that we continue to collect items for the Worthington Resource Pantry, the NNEMAP Pantry, and the New Life UMC Clothing Room. Please refer to Sunday bulletins for a list of needed items.

Upcoming Spring Events

Confirmation Sunday, April 8: We welcome and support this important step in the lives of our confirmands and their families.

New Member Classes: April 8 - May 13

Senior Recognition Sunday: Sunday, April 22

Spring Fling at Selby Park: Sunday, May 6, 4-6 p.m.

Illuminati Concert: Sunday, May 6, 3:00 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday: Sunday, May 20

Upcoming Summer Events

Blended Services: April 29, July 29, August 26

Pentecost Sunday, May 20: Join us for Pentecost Sunday when we say, "Come Holy Spirit, Empower Our Church!" *Remember to wear red!*

Blessing of the Animals: Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Sunday Summer Chapel Service: June 3 - August 26

Annual Conference at Lakeside: Sunday-Thursday, June 3-7

Pride Worship Service: Friday, June 15, 7 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: Monday-Friday, June 18-22

Youth Work Camp in Virginia Beach: June 24-29

Youth Reach Out Camp at Lakeside: July 15-21

All-church picnic: July 29 (Blended Service)

Explorations (4th-6th graders): Monday-Thursday, July 30– Aug 2

Rally Day: August 26 (Blended Service)



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Lenten Worship 2018

Ash Wednesday, February 14: The beginning of the season of Lent will be observed with **two Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, February 14 at noon in Potter Chapel, and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** St. John's AME Church will join us for our evening service, which will be Taize-based. Our Ash Wednesday worship services will help us begin our Lenten preparations with music, scripture, prayer and, for those who wish, the imposition of ashes. The noon service is for all persons, but especially for those who don't wish to drive after dark.

Taizé Service: Wednesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for a time of quiet reflection, meditation, music and prayer, in the beautiful candlelit chapel. This service lasts less than an hour.

Children's Musical: Sunday, March 11, at 9:30 and Emerge services, enjoy "David and The Giants" as presented by our WUMC children, directed by Gretchen Wessel.

Lenten Tuesday Chapel Communion and Meditation: On Tuesdays during Lent, February 20 through March 27, the Potter Chapel will be open for a Meditative Time from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., and 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. During this time you may meditate for as long as you like and then come forward where one of the pastors will serve you Holy Communion.

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Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25: Join us for 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services. Our Children's Choir will sing at the 9:30 service. Rainbow Singers will perform at the 11:15 service.

Maunder Thursday Service, March 29 7:30 p.m., at St. John's AME church as we celebrate the Seder together. Watch for more information to come as Holy Week approaches.

Good Friday, March 30:

- **Community Worship Service**, at 12:00 Noon - This service begins at Worthington Presbyterian Church, traveling to seven worship stations around the Village Green, experiencing the seven last words of Christ. The last station is in the cemetery at St. John's Episcopal Church. Worthington UMC will host one of the stations.
- **Good Friday Service with Special Music**, 7:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary, featuring Franz Schubert's "Mass in G," performed by the Chancel choir with organ and strings, directed by Linda Nolan.

Easter Day, April 1

You are invited to bring some cut, fresh flowers of your choice to decorate the cross in our courtyard, in celebration of Easter.

- **9:30 a.m. - Easter Worship Service**, in the Sanctuary. Our traditional service features festive music with Chancel Choir, Organ and Brass. Everyone is welcome!
- There will be no Sunday School classes today, but classes will resume the next Sunday, April 8.
- **11:15 a.m. - Easter Emerge Service**, in the Potter Chapel. Our "Emerge" service features energetic vocal and instrumental music with a contemporary flavor. Everyone is welcome!

Beautiful Easter Flowers, to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, may be given in memory or honor of family and friends. Orders may be placed between services on February 11, 18, and 25.

Home-Bound Communion: During the Lenten season, Holy Communion will be offered to homebound members. Homebound members will be contacted to arrange times. If you or someone you know is homebound and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion in their home, please contact the church office, at 614-885-5365 or office@worthingtonumc.com.

Prayer, Meditation and Study in Lent

All-Church Lenten Study (10:40 a.m.—11:20 a.m.): *Embracing the Uncertain* by author and pastor Magrey deVega. We will consider what it means to follow Jesus in these Uncertain Times. On Sunday mornings the class will be facilitated by Cyndy Garn at 10:40 a.m. in Browning Lounge and on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., Dick Mayhew will facilitate a weekday session. Books for the class are available in the church office (if you want to make a donation, \$8.80 cover the book expense)

Children's Sunday School (10:40-11:20 a.m.) - During the Lenten season, the children of our church will participate in a Lenten study based on the book *Embracing the Uncertain*.

Youth Sunday School (10:40-11:20 a.m.) - Join our Lenten journey in studying *Embracing the Uncertain*. Youth 7th-12th grade meet in the Allen Lounge.

Sermon Shaping Gathering on Monday mornings for Lenten messages from 8:00 am - 9:00 am. This will be a time to take a look at the scripture being used in the next Sunday's message. We will begin on Monday, February 11 at 8:00 am in the Commons Conference Room. Plan to come and share your insights.

Reading and Devotions for Lent and Easter: Our wonderful library has many up-to-date books to aid your Lenten devotional time.

A prayer calendar will be available for pick-up in the office and at the Welcome Center desk starting February 11.

Special Events in Lent

Children's Camp Fundraiser: Pick up a tube of M&Ms from the church office starting February 11 throughout Lent to fill it back up with quarters after you eat the candy! The quarters will go towards fundraising for children in our church attending summer camps.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: February 13, 5-7 p.m. Come support the youth group as they raise money towards their summer mission trip and church camp!

Boy Scouts Troop 365 Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, February 24

Creative Play Center Art Gala Opening: Thursday, April 5

ProMusica Concert: Saturday, March 3, 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Meal: Sunday, March 18, 4:00 p.m. Come join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! All ages are welcome. Main course and drinks are provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.