



Advent Giving and Outreach



Bethlehem on Broad Street Food Boxes: Help us fill 200 Food Boxes for Columbus area families in need this Christmas. Give some of the items or completely fill a box. All food must be in cans or plastic containers; *no glass, please!!* A complete list is available in the church office, and boxes are available. Please bring your donation to the church by **Tuesday, December 5**. Volunteers are needed to load boxes for transport on Saturday, December 9.

Angel Tree: Please help us provide Christmas gifts for children in Worthington Schools. Choose an ornament from the tree - purchase a gift from the wish 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.

Sock Tree: The Sock Tree will be just inside the main entrance to the church. We hope to fill the tree with warm socks. With the winter months ahead, socks are needed for all ages. Hang your donations on the tree.

Underwear Drawer: Our chest of drawers will be by the main entrance to the church. Always in demand, your donation of new underwear will be collected. Just place your donations in the drawers of the chest.

NNEMAP Advent Project: We are trying to make grooming kits for the NNEMAP Pantry as an Advent project. There will be large zip-lock bags with labels attached of the list of items for the kit set up in the ministry hallway on Sunday, November 26. The list includes 9 items: toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, lotion, razor and a washcloth. If you can, please consider picking up a bag and donating!

Mat Ministry Plarn Party: Join us on **Wednesday, December 6, 12:30-4:00 p.m.**, in Dixon Lounge, as we make sleeping mats for the homeless while we enjoy a fellowship time.

Friendship Dinner Community Meal: Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Help us welcome our neighbors as we offer a free, home-cooked meal to anyone who needs one. No need to sign up — just come!

Upcoming Events

- Join us for one blended service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 31—wear your pajamas, as we prepare for New Year's Eve!
- On Epiphany Sunday, January 7, join us for Holy Communion.
- Renewal of Baptism and blessing of the church officers at both services on Sunday, January 14.
- City of Worthington Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 15.
- WUMC Church-wide bowling on Sunday, January 21, 3-5 p.m.
- Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, January 25.
- UMW Kickoff Event on Saturday, January 27.
- Souper Bowl Cook-off on Sunday, February 4, 12:30 p.m.



WHAT IT'S REALLY ALL ABOUT

Unwrap the true meaning with us this Christmas

Join Us for This Joyous Season

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 who care for babies. Feel free to bring your items in gift bags, if you wish.

The Sundays of Advent

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| December 3: Hope | Please bring sippy cups or size 4-6 diapers |
| December 10: Love | Please bring bottles or wipes |
| December 17: Joy | Please bring formula or baby shampoo |
| December 24: Peace | Please bring Pull-Ups, size 4T-5T |

Special Christmas Music

On Sunday, December 17, the Chancel Choir and Chamber ensemble will present "Wonder Tidings" A Cantata for Christmas by Stephen Main at our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Our Emerge Music Team will present special Christmas music at our 11:15 a.m. worship service. We hope you and your friends and family will join us in worship!



Worship and Music



Pro Musica Concert: Saturday, December 9, 5:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Ticket discount to members of WUMC - \$20 per ticket. Call 614-464-0066 and speak with Joe, the Patron Services Manager, to order tickets.

International Children's Choir: In concert, **Sunday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.**, in the Sanctuary.

Taizé Service: Join us for a time of quiet reflection, meditation, music and prayer, in the candlelit Potter Chapel on **Wed, December 13** at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship on Sunday, December 24

- 9:30 a.m.** **Traditional Worship Service** to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 11:15 a.m.** **Emerge Worship Service** to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 4:00 p.m.** **Family Christmas Eve Worship:** Our Family Service features a children's Christmas Pageant and festive holiday music.
- 6:00 p.m.** **Youth Christmas Eve Service:** Join the youth as they lead a blended Christmas Eve Service, combining old and new traditions.
- 8:00 p.m.** **Lessons and Carols:** The Service of Lessons and Carols features our Chancel Choir. The prelude begins at 7:40 p.m. Come, hear the glorious music of the season!
- 11:00 p.m.** **Christmas Candlelight Communion:** Receive God's gift of the Christ Child with candles, music, and prayer.

Studying Together

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 is available now in the church office if desired. Sessions will be held in the Browning Lounge at 10:40 a.m. starting Sunday, December 3 and continuing each of the Sundays of December. Get a cup of coffee or tea and come join in. It is not necessary to read the book to enter into the conversation. We will watch a brief video and discuss the wants of Christmas. The book, however, includes daily devotions for the Advent Season.



Fun and Fellowship



UMW Annual Membership Christmas Luncheon: Saturday, December 2, 11:00 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this special occasion!

JAM Christmas Celebration: Sunday, December 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m., join us for cookie decorating and a gingerbread house competition!

WUMC Singles Group Cards and Pizza: Friday, December 8, 6:30 p.m., in Dixon Lounge. RSVP to wumcsingles@gmail.com or 614-885-5365.

Men's Breakfast: The Men's Group will gather on **Saturday, December 9, 7:30-8:30 a.m.**, in the Commons. All men are welcome.

Youth Bread-Making Fundraiser: Sunday, December 10. The youth will be selling homemade bread all day Sunday, December 10.

Family Caroling Event: Sunday, Dec. 10 Join us for pizza at the church, followed by caroling at Friendship Village of Columbus and Wesley Glen. Contact Ashley at ashleymills@worthingtonumc.com or 614-885-5365.

The WUMC Wine Tasters will meet for a holiday-themed tasting at Harold's American Grill on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm. Space is limited, so please RSVP right away to David or Peggy Hayes if you would like to attend.

Annual Cookie Sampling: Sunday, December 31. Enjoy some tasty treats during Fellowship Time following our one service at 10:00 a.m.

The Annual Congregational Art Show: Members will be sharing their talents with us throughout January. Please bring your two-dimensional art to the office to be shared by January 3. See Messenger for more info.

College-aged dinner: Thursday, January 4, 7:00 p.m. Contact Ashley Mills for more information (ashleymills@worthingtonumc.com).

Youth Impact Epiphany Party: Sunday, January 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m., join us for a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Contact Ashley Mills for more information (ashleymills@worthingtonumc.com).