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Worship Times

9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service
Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.

Emerge Worship Service
Potter Chapel

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As this Messenger goes to print, we are celebrating the first day of Spring and preparing for a forecast of several inches of snowfall. While we have a few last days of our Lenten journey before us, we can also declare *Christ is risen, Christ is risen, indeed!* for we are an Easter people. And in the face of tragedy, pain, crisis and death, we are able to know that Christ is risen and God's Resurrection Power is alive within us and in the world. We are an Easter people on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter and every day of the year. A quick glance through this Messenger will alert you to the many ways we regularly share that Good News in the world.

Another opportunity that is drawing near as this goes to print is the shared appointment of an Associate Pastor to focus on the Northland Area for the next year. Thanks to the Wayne and Mildred Smith Gift, we are able to partner with the Capitol Area North District for this shared position that will allow us to assist in this transitioning global area. Our connections with this area through ministries like Worthington Resource Pantry and NNEMAP have been deepening. Some of us live, attend school, bowl, shop, vote and are involved in other ways in this adjoining neighborhood. We are not sure of what all the needs are, but we believe that WUMC will be able to provide some leadership to gather other congregations, agencies, associations and interested people together to seek ways to assist our sisters and brothers who live in this transitioning neighborhood that is larger in population than most Ohio cities.

And in so doing, we believe the people of Northland and Worthington UMC will be enriched and strengthened in ways we cannot even imagine this day.

Our Administrative Council and Staff Parish Relations Committee have focused conversation and decision-making on this opportunity. Soon, we will have the announcement of Bishop Palmer's appointment to fill the position beginning July 1, 2018. There will be much to explore and much to learn over the next period of time. Many of you have expressed interest in relating to this new opportunity. Watch for more information to come!

And in the meantime, your staff looks forward to sharing Holy Week with you. In addition to Palm Sunday and Easter, remember we join with St. John's AME Church for Maundy Thursday, and on Good Friday we share in the Community Service on the Village Green at 12:00 noon and the Chancel Choir Cantata at 7:30 p.m. that evening in our sanctuary.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, indeed!!
Cyndy

Parish Concerns and Joys

We express love and sympathy:

To **Jim Chapman**, at the death of his mother, **Marilou Chapman**, in West Bend, WI.

To **Kari & Jack Hill**, at the death of his father, **John**.

To **Nancy Krieger & family**, at the death of her husband, **Robert Krieger**, on March 11.

We express joy and congratulations:

To **KK & Chance Hunter**, at the birth of their son, **James Robert**, on March 6.

Proud big sister is **Kamber**.

To **Allison & Allen Nguyen**, at the birth of their son, **Edison Gerard**, on March 13.

Proud grandparents are **Jeff & Leah Gerard**.

To **Katie & Peter Borhauer**, at the birth of their daughter, **Madeleine Carole**, on March 12.

Proud grandparents are **Don & Ann Wheat**.

UMW CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in South Fellowship Hall's Kitchen at WUMC for "Operation Sandwich" assembling sandwiches for the homebound. For any questions feel free to contact Margaret Tyler Margaret Tyler.

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Peggy Armstrong.

Mary Stephens will present a devotional program, "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial." Visitors are welcome.

Deborah Circle will meet on April 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dixon Lounge. Sharon Seiling will share reflections from her trip to the Holy Land last year. Visitors are welcome.

United Methodist Women News Assembly 2018

Friday, May 18-

Sunday, May 20

Greater Columbus
Convention Center

Join in the 150 year celebration which will offer an incredible personal faith journey through community building, training for action, and visioning a movement for the future. Registration closes April 9.

For more information, please go to:
westhioiumw.org

A Soldier's Prayer: Please God, Grant them courage, when times are bleak.
Grant them strength, when they are weak.
Grant them comfort, when they feel all alone.
And most of all, God, please bring them home.

The needs of the soldiers from our church, and others from central Ohio, are many. Through the efforts of our Worthington United Methodist Women, the local Blue Star Mothers are able to provide many care packages to those who serve throughout the world.

Soon their needs will be different as our weather changes. Please consider choosing items from the list below. **A complete list of suggested items and the drop-off box for donations can be found in the church office.**

Fly paper; deodorant, dental supplies, grooming supplies; puzzles (crossword, word search, Sudoku); pens and pencils; positive and informative articles from newspapers, magazines – used or new (science, cars, history, comics); jokes, decks of cards, photos of interest (our zoo, community event, new changes/buildings, etc); LED book lights, books; dried meat sticks and meat jerky, cans of nuts, packages of cheese and peanut butter crackers, Pringles; hard candy.

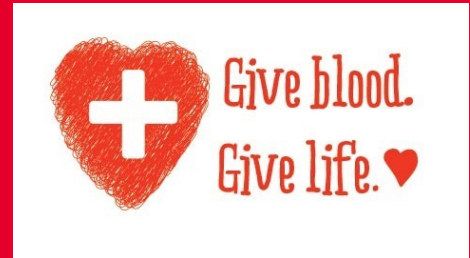
This effort is on-going.

Your support is important to our soldiers and their families. **THANK YOU!**

Outreach: Opportunities to Make a Difference!

Do you need a few extra hands around the house? *The Carpenter's Helping Hands* will be conducting their Spring service day on **Saturday, April 14** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to help those needing assistance with gardening and simple household chores. Volunteers are wanted. Both volunteers and those in need of help should complete a Volunteer and Job Request form. Forms are available in the church office. Youth, with parental supervision, are welcome to help. Questions? Please contact the church office at (614) 885-5365 or office@worthingtonumc.com or visit *The Carpenter's Helping Hands* table in the Ministry Hallway between services on Sunday, April 8. Please do not be shy if you need help. We look forward to serving you! It is what we do.

The next scheduled Red Cross Blood Drive is April 26 from 1 - 6 p.m.

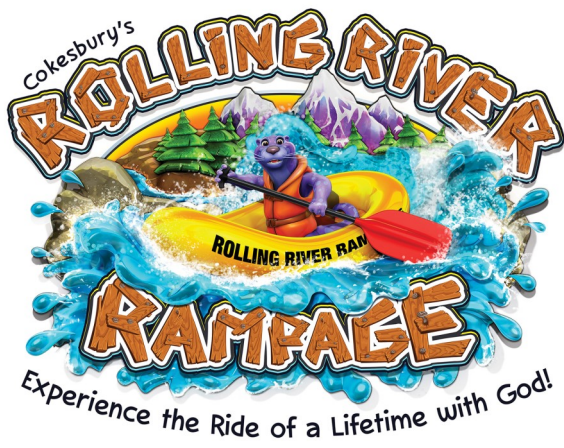


Sign up between services on April 8 and 15.

April 2018 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we "Make a Difference"!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am - 9 am	2 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 9 am - 3 pm	3 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon New Life Clothing Room 9 am - 11:30 am	4 NNEMAP 9 - noon New Life 9 - 11:30 Worthington Pantry 2 pm - 8 pm	5	6 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon	7
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29 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am - 9 am Bags of Blessings Sort 11:00-11:30*	30 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 9 am - 3 pm			Bags of Blessings for New Life Community Outreach*	PROJECT MORE 30 Minutes any Monday - Thursday	* Family Friendly Ministries



We need many helpers to make VBS happen! Please be in contact with Ashley if you can volunteer in the kitchen, with our audio/visual needs, as a shepherd to supervise our small groups, or lead one of our stations. The more children we have participating the more helpers we

need. This is a great opportunity for our whole church to come together to support our rising members. Check your schedule to see if you can lend a hand for just one of our evenings or the whole week!

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

VBS (June 18 - 22)

register: www.vbsmate.com/wumc

for ages 3 years through current 2nd grade

WORK CAMP (June 24 - 29)

register: email Ashley

current 8th grade through seniors

REACHOUT (July 15 - 21)

register: reachouteoc.com

current 7th grade through seniors

EXPLORATIONS (July 30 - August 2)

register: www.vbsmate.com/wumc

current 3rd grade through current 6th grade

Questions? Contact Ashley at Ashley@worthingtonumc.com

We saw signs of Spring for our Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck on Sunday, March 18. Children searched for 700 eggs that were placed all around our front lawn of the church. It was a beautiful day to spend outside celebrating the Easter season with church family and friends from the community. Thank you to all of those who helped make this event possible! We hope you had fun and look forward to next year's event.



CPC ART GALA

The Creative Play Center is holding its annual Art Gala and you're invited! Please join us for an awe-inspiring experience with children's visual expressions of creativity and thinking, Thursday, April 5 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. This is a special night of celebrating the artistic representations of the children's creativity, thinking, and learning, as well as visiting with our families and friends.

"When Kids Come Out"

Join us for a four-session class for parents of LGBT children, led by Rev. Jim Waugh, retired UMC pastor. Jim and his wife, Carol, have an adult daughter, Lisa, who came out to them several years ago. The class will be held Wednesday evenings from April 11 through May 2 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Interested in joining Worthington United Methodist Church?

The next new Membership Class series is April 8 – May 13. We'll meet 5 Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (10:40-11:20am). Can't attend all 5 classes? No problem. Sign up for the Sundays you can attend, and we'll be sure to get the class information to you for the classes you can't attend. 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. Register online at worthingtonumc.com, call the church office 614-885-5365, or email Pastor John Girard at john@worthingtonumc.com

I Am the Dream: Embracing the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Wednesday, April 4, The West Ohio Conference will hold a Remembrance Service for the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The service, titled "I Am the Dream," will acknowledge the life and legacy of Dr. King, as well as recognize all those who lost their lives in the Civil Rights movement. It will also be a time of encouraging and celebrating the God-Dreams we have for our own lives, as well as those for the beloved community of Christ. The evening will include a variety of vibrant music, along with prayers, stories, and a message from Bishop Palmer. The gathering will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Maize Manor United Methodist Church in Columbus, with the service starting at 6:30 p.m. A multicultural reception will follow. The event will also be live-streamed on the Conference website.

**Join the Spring One-Day
Adult Mission Trip on
Saturday, April 21. This will
be a one-day mission trip to
Camp Otterbein in Logan,
Ohio. Camp Otterbein is
one of the West Ohio
Conference camps. We do
not know what type of work
we will be doing, but we
should know before we go.
The last day to sign up is
Tuesday, April 8. If you
have questions, please
contact Russ Line.**

Pro Musica Concert “Baroque and Beyond” April 21 5:30 pm

ProMusica principal winds are featured in an evening of baroque favorites and more.

We are happy to offer the same ticket discount to members of WUMC - \$20/ticket. Church Members may feel free to call into our office at 614-464-0066 and speak with Joe, our Patron Services Manager, to order tickets.

“Right Plant, Right Place”

Join us in a planting workshop. Come and learn about selecting appropriate plants for chosen locations, and basic planting techniques to ensure they thrive.

We are offering a class from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 in the Dixon Lounge. If weather permits, we'll spend with some time outside, dividing and planting Hostas on the church grounds to illustrate some of the principles involved in planting. There will be time for individual questions.

Workshop Leader: Gail Walter, Chadwick Arboretum volunteer, and trained Master Gardener. Please RSVP to Gail Walter. Bring gardening gloves and a small tool for digging, such as a small trowel.

We will begin our monthly grounds upkeep and beautification on Monday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m. We will continue to meet once monthly on a Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. to work on upkeep of the island beds and other garden beds on our church property. All interested volunteers are welcome. This year we will also be starting to plant in the newly designated property along the driveway leading to New England Avenue. On April 16, we will focus on spring clean up of debris and pruning of last year's growth, and any weeding which is needed. Please bring gloves and garden tools, and water. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions, contact Gail Walter.

Additional anticipated “work sessions” throughout the season are as follows, all at 6:00 p.m.: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17. Thank you so much for your participation in this volunteer opportunity. Your participation is welcome on any of the dates designated.

The Finance Committee continues to promote an open conversation about the congregation's finances throughout the year. To that end, I wanted to provide a "how we're doing" update as we end the first quarter of the year.

We carried our very strong end-of-2017 momentum through the end of January and were able meet all our financial commitments beyond "keeping the lights on" for the month. In February, that momentum slowed significantly however; one factor being a lower number of commitments met for the month. While March's report isn't available as of this writing, we could see a bit of a recovery as we enter Easter and we look forward to observing this season together.

As a reminder, our 2018 budget focuses on continued growth through WUMC's missions and goals. It's built on a foundation of month-to-month giving by the congregation as a whole. I encourage you to help maintain the foundation by using direct withdrawal to meet commitments with regularity. Your bank can help with instructions on setting that up or you can reach out to Lynn Ebright for guidance at lynn@worthingtonumc.com.

Thank you as always for your generosity as we celebrate God's love together. Winter is over and we look forward to continued growth together as a congregation in Spring.

Rob Kidder
Finance Committee, Chair

Estate Planning/Legacy Giving Lunch and Learn

You are invited to attend a Lunch and Learn on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at noon in the Browning Lounge to learn how you can plan to leave a legacy gift to the church in the form of an Endowment or a memorial gift. The Rev. George Cooper, Executive Director, Council of Development, West Ohio Conference, will lead the discussion. We welcome young and old to learn about this important part of estate planning. A light lunch will be provided.

*Dick Ollila, Endowment Committee and
Tim Beers, Memorials Committee*

Friendship Community Dinner



Thursday, April 19
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

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Sunday Schedule at Worthington UMC

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary & 11:15 a.m. Emerge Worship in the Potter Chapel;
 Sunday School at 10:40 a.m. for children, youth & adults;
 Childcare for infants & toddlers at 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.;
 Children's Church at both services
 Fellowship Time is 10:30-11:15 a.m. in the Dixon Lounge;
 Youth Impact is on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday see Sunday schedule 	2 Church office is closed 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.—Scout Venture Crew 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 Court of Honor	3 7:15 p.m.—Devotions 7:30 p.m.—Trustees 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	4 9:30 a.m.—Riverside Sewing Guild 7:00 p.m.—Lenten Study 7:00 p.m.— Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Meeting	5 4:30 p.m.—UMW Leadership Meeting 4:30 p.m.— Children's Bells 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.—Liberty Bells 6:30 p.m.—CPC Art Gala 7:00 p.m.—Choir	6 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 9:30 a.m.—Alzheimer's Support & Respite Care 11:30 a.m.—Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting	7 1:00 p.m.—Gardening Class 5:00 p.m.—Confirmation Potluck
8 Confirmation Sunday See Sunday Schedule 10:45 a.m.—Rainbow Singers 11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 2:00 p.m.—Handbells Meeting 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir	9 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.—Emerge Planning 7:00 p.m.—CPC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.—Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365	10 9:30 a.m.—Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Adult Committee 7:30 p.m.—Outreach 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	11 7:00 p.m.— "When Kids Come Out" 7:30 p.m.—Taize	12 10:00 a.m.—CANDO Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.—Deborah Circle 4:30 p.m.— Children's Bells 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choir 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.—Martha Circle	13 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 6:30 p.m.—WUMC Singles	14 7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.—The Carpenter's Helping Hands Service Day
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29 10:00 a.m.— Blended Service 11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 12:00 p.m.— Estate Planning/Legacy Giving 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir	30 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365					

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This Month's Happenings

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Confirmation Sunday - April 8

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Friendship Community Dinner - April 19

ProMusica Concert - April 21

Red Cross Blood Drive - April 26

Estate Planning/Legacy Leaving - April 29