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Worship Times

8:30 a.m.
Summer Chapel Service
Potter Chapel

9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service
Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.
Emerge Worship Service
Potter Chapel

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Here comes August, complete with back-to-school and Rally Day! As this Messenger goes to print, we are preparing for the Pack Shack and the fun we will have packing over 22,000 meals. It's a wonderful experience and if you are reading this and still have time to get to the church by 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, come - there will be something for you to do. Or if you can't come, consider making a donation, 25 cents per meal.

And this Sunday, July 29, will be our All-Church Picnic. We will be led in worship at the 8:30 a.m. Summer Chapel Service and the 10:00 a.m. Blended Service by our youth as they share pieces of Work Camp and Reach-Out with us. And following the Blended Service, we will gather on the front lawn for a picnic. Various sandwich wraps will be provided and persons are invited to bring food to share using the following guideline based on one's last names: A-I, dessert; J-P, salad; Q-Z, side dish. We hope you can be in worship to hear our youth witness.

Thank you to all of you who have responded with your financial giving throughout the summer. We are catching up from some leaner months and with your amazing support are caring for our obligations.

Thank you, as well, for your kindness and support following the breaking of my arm. I appreciate the concern you have expressed in many ways. With the assistance of gravity and the 'clam clamp' I am wearing, the broken bone and all fragments are finding their way back together. A number of months ago I was invited to go on a cruise to the British Isles. While we travelled every summer as a family when I was a child, I have not been on an extensive travel adventure since early high school days. So with my broken arm, August 1, I will be going on vacation and will return August 18, just in time for the Blessing of the School Year on the 19th!

And Sunday, August 26, we will kick off the fall season with our Rally Day as we Step In (to the nurture and workings of the Body of Christ) and Leap Out (into the world to serve). Look inside for more details about this and other opportunities! Learn a bit more about John Ma and the Northland Initiative. Read about some of the witness we are making in the world.

Hope to see you at the Picnic!

-Cyndy

Parish Concerns and Joys

We express love and sympathy:

- to family & friends of **Chuck Adrian**, at his death on June 30.
- to family & friends of **Molly McConnell** at her death on June 30.
- to **Jeanette Musser**, at the death of her brother, **Don McKay**, on July 2.
- to family & friends of **Bob Stoycheff**, at his death on July 21.

We express joy and congratulations:

- to **Ryan & Joree Novotny**, at the birth of their son, **Finley Robert**, on June 28.

One-day New Membership Class August 19

Join us Sunday morning 10:40 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a one-day summer class. The class is 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. Lunch is provided, and childcare is available.

Register online at worthingtonumc.com, or call the church office 614-885-5365.

Sign up now for the next adult mission trip!

The dates are August 26 – 31. We will be working at The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. They are a United Methodist Church Mission working to rebuild the lives and homes of the physically and fiscally challenged of Cleveland. If some of you would like to go for just a couple of days, we can probably make that happen. The last date to sign up for this mission trip is August 12.

If you have any questions, please contact Russ Line.

My brothers and sister and I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to members of the congregation who prayed for our mother, Dorothy Brewer, and our family during our mother's illness and upon her death. Your words of kindness and sympathy were so greatly appreciated. We were comforted to know that you were praying for us at such a difficult time.

- Dawn Valasco

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!

August 2018 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Bags of Blessings for Worthington Resource Pantry* | * Family Friendly Ministries | | 1 NNEMAP 9 – noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm | 2 | 3 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon | 4 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am –12:30 pm |
| 5 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am – 9 am | 6 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm | 7 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon New Life Clothing Room 9 –11:30 am | 8 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm | 9 | 10 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon | 11 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am –12:30 pm |
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| 26 Oper Sandwich* NL Clinic 7 – 9 am Bags of Blessings Sort 12:00–12:30* Nehemiah Mission Trip | 27 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm Nehemiah Mission Trip | 28 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon New Life 9 –11:30 am Season Kickoff Party Fundraiser 6-8:30 pm Nehemiah Mission Trip | 29 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm Nehemiah Mission Trip | 30 Nehemiah Mission Trip | 31 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Nehemiah Mission Trip | SEPT 1 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm |

Mat Ministry is going strong! We would like to report that we have reached 600 mats and 29 pillows delivered to The Open Shelter. We are looking for some more people to help us crochet, as vacations and health reasons have lessened our numbers. We will gladly teach you how to cut or crochet the plann! We meet in the Summer every 3rd Wednesday of the month, so our next meeting is August 15. Come and join us for conversation as we help the homeless sleep a little better.

-Mary King & Marcia Trakas, Mat Ministry

Greetings Worthington Family!

What a month (almost) it has been for our family. We are beginning to get more familiar and adjusted to the family here at WUMC. Thank you all who have kindly welcomed us! We are making some major transitions to the community here at WUMC, as well as moving into (literally our home) & gearing up for ministries we hope to see take place in the Northland Area of Columbus. We are praying for God's Kingdom to expand and reign!!

I am excited to share about WUMC's first weekend gathering on the Northland Initiative that took place 7/13-7/14. There were some Northland residents, as well as others who are open to come along to see God make history in the Northland Area. There is room for more so if you haven't yet, stay connected and know that you are welcome to join in!

In addition to the Northland Initiative, we are also wanting to connect with young professionals and young families within and around the church! It is our family's affinity, and we'd like to join in and strengthen the fellowship already taking place here! We're looking forward to forming a group to study the Bible and pray together so if that might be you, look out for more details that will be coming down the pipe shortly! I promise it will be awesome!!

In the meantime, if you'd like to reach me (or love e-mails), you can reach me at: johnma@worthingtonumc.com

Peace and Grace in our Lord Jesus Christ!
John, Christine & Anastasia



RALLY DAY, 2018

With the beginning of the school year and the ending of summer, we want to Kick-Off the Fall Programming with a peak at what is to come. So we will rally for Rally Day, Sunday, August 26. We will have the 8:30 a.m. service and then a Blended Service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a catered lunch with BBQ and trimmings. Displays of some opportunities will be available. Please bring cupcakes, all kinds of cupcakes, to share. There will be games and activities for all ages.



As we **Step In, Leap Out**, we are going to begin a multi-week celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our Sanctuary. If you have a story or brief remembrance of this 1968 accomplishment please let us know. You can email it to the office or drop it off marked *Sanctuary*.

We hope you and your family can be here for Rally Day and will join in **Stepping In and Leaping Out** during the coming year!

The Jubilee Ringers of WUMC are looking for new members to join us this fall. Joining the bell choir is a great way to meet new people, participate in the ministry of the church, and have fun! The fall is a great time for new folks to join since we'll all start fresh together! We rehearse every Sunday from 11-12:30 in the bell room. Our first fall rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 9. We typically play once per month for the 9:30 service.

Bell ringing is unlike any other activity. It takes good hand-eye coordination and a strong sense of rhythm. Each ringer is responsible for their own part, but they are dependent on everyone else at the same time. Playing together is a challenging, and rewarding, exercise in teamwork. Understanding some basic music principles is helpful, but not required. Overall, you need a commitment to weekly rehearsals, a good attitude, and a willingness to learn. We'll take care of the rest! Contact Jarod via email at jarod.ogier@gmail.com for more information.

Our youth took our annual mission trip this year to Virginia Beach June 24-29. Work Camp has been a tradition for our high school students for many years. This year, the trip was planned from scratch and we couldn't have made it possible without the



connectional ministries of the United Methodist Church. We connected to two UMC churches in Virginia Beach that are heavily involved in serving their community. The first two days we harvested and weeded two community gardens, mulched a community playground, sorted donations at one of the church's clothing room and packed boxes of donations to be shipped to Kenya. It was a packed two days! Two of the other ministries we participated in were geared to homeless neighbors in the community. The first program we assisted with was "Fresh Food Wednesday" at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC. They

typically host around 100 households and give an opportunity to go through an open grocery set-up. Items included produce that we harvested from the community gardens. I was so impressed with our youth! Volunteers serve as personal shoppers and the youth jumped right in. Another program we helped with was serving dinner to the neighbors of Virginia Beach with awesome food from The Thirsty Frog, LLC food truck! The youth served as waiters, took orders and delivered food to the tables.



Then once everyone had seconds, we sat and ate and made new friends. Each step of the way, our youth contributed to the community in what may have seen like small ways yet hopefully gave a lasting impact. Of course, we also found time to visit the beach and bond together throughout the week. Look for more details from the youth on this trip during our worship services on July 29!



*-Ashley Gerard, Director of Discipleship
from Birth to Young Adult*

Wow! Another year of VBS has come and gone. Each year, many volunteers from the church gather around our community of the youngest members of WUMC and share a week of fun and learning at Vacation Bible School. This year, our theme was “Rolling River Rampage” which focused on Isaiah 43:2 – “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” 60 children ranging from age 3 through entering 3rd grade traveled the church in small groups to experience this theme in stations. It was a packed week and we are so thankful to those volunteers who ran the stations to help



provide a purposeful and fun journey! Rainbow Singers/Youth Choir directors Tim Byrer and Logan Fletcher led our Music station, congregation member Ellen Bonk led our Craft Station, youth members Victor Nash and Abbie Leggett led our Science Station,



youth members Jacob Strous and David Boord led our games station, and congregation member Molly LaBadie led our Bible Story Station. College students Abby Beers and David Boord were our skit leaders for the week, and Tom Strous and Craig Kramer offered assistance for projection and sound in the Sanctuary for our large group sessions. Another major aspect of what we offer for VBS at WUMC are our nightly dinners. We had an abundant amount of volunteers

who helped prep, cook and serve dinner to our VBS families each night. Lastly, we had many more helpers commit to working as Shepherds for our small groups – supervising our small groups to all of our stations.

Vacation Bible School simply could not happen without each person giving their time to support the early faith development of the children attending. This year was a blast and planning for next year will begin soon! If you have ever considered helping, each small part plays a major role. Looking forward to another great year at VBS 2019!



Review: *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

by Tony Palmer, Outreach Chairperson

“It’s you I like.” That phrase spoken so many times by Fred Rogers on his television show *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* is simple enough as an expression of inclusion and friendship, but the context in which Mr. Rogers says it contains the true power of his message. Fred Rogers tells this to children that he has never met before. And he says it while looking into the camera to reach the child that he will never meet personally. The fact that he had not met them was immaterial. Fred Rogers wanted children to know that he accepted them just as they were. He also wanted us to know that we could accept ourselves just as we are.

Won't You Be My Neighbor? is a documentary film that tells the story of Fred Rogers and his mission. His television shows were most certainly an evangelical mission. He was an ordained minister and used television to talk directly to children and teach them about love, acceptance, and the experience of being human. As the film details, Rogers structured his shows to explain current and difficult events in words that were understood by children and adults alike. Aspects of Rogers’ personality and of those close to him were portrayed by his puppets, notably Daniel Tiger, King Friday, and Lady Elaine. Each of these characters struggle, like the voices within our minds, with emotions generated in response to events. Mr. Rogers taught us that it was okay to feel these emotions and showed us how we could live with them.

In telling Rogers’ story, the film incorporates aspects of Rogers’ shows: the beauty of simplicity, the power of silence, the preciousness of human dignity, and the endurance of love. We see the whole person of Fred Rogers. In tandem with showing the humor and delight of Rogers, the film addresses the most difficult aspects of Rogers’ life, especially from those who struggled to understand and accept him for who he was.

There are obvious parallels between the struggles that Mr. Rogers addressed and those we face today. So, what would Fred Rogers encourage us to do in facing our current challenges? Ministry. Of any kind. Here’s how Rogers explained his view of ministry:

When I was ordained, it was for a special ministry, that of serving children and families through television. I consider what I do through *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* is my ministry. A ministry doesn’t have to be only through a church, or even through an ordination. And I think we all can minister to others in this world by being compassionate and caring. I hope you will feel good enough about yourselves that you will want to minister to others, and that you will find your own unique ways to do that.

So, if you haven’t seen the movie, I recommend that you do so. And soon. Let us minister to others by being compassionate and caring. Let’s say to our neighbor, “It’s you I like.” Let’s be the neighbor to others that Fred Rogers was to us.

Rogers, Fred. *The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember*. (New York: Hyperion, 2003), 188.

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Sunday Schedule at Worthington UMC

8:30 a.m. Summer Chapel Worship in Potter Chapel; 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;
 Hospitality Hour is 10:40-11:15 a.m. in the Dixon Lounge

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 9:30 a.m.—Riverside Sewing Guild <i>Explorations</i> | 2 6:30 p.m.—Hannah Circle <i>Explorations</i> | 3 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 11:30 a.m.—Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting <i>Explorations</i> | 4 8:00 a.m.—Relaxation Station 10:00 a.m.—West Ohio UMW |
| 5 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> | 6 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group | 7 <i>Special Election Day</i> 7:00 p.m.—Scout Venture Crew 7:00 p.m.—Welcoming & Inviting 7:15 p.m. – Devotions 7:30 p.m.—Trustees | 8 7:30 p.m.—Taize | 9 10:00 a.m.—CANDO Board Meeting | 10 7:30 a.m.—Breakfast & Conversation 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly | 11 8:00 a.m.—Relaxation Station |
| 12 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> | 13 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 | 14 6:30 p.m.—WUMC Wine Tasters 7:30 p.m.—Outreach | 15 1:00 p.m.—PLARN Party | 16 6:30 p.m.—Friendship Community Dinner | 17 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly | 18 8:00 a.m.—Relaxation Station |
| 19 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> <i>Blessing of the School Year</i> 10:40 a.m.—One Day New Member Class 6:00 p.m.—Concert on the lawn | 20 10:00 a.m.—Worthington Thrift Shop Board 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.—Grounds Upkeep & Beautification 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.—Memorial Committee 7:00 p.m.—Endowment Committee | 21 1:00 p.m.—Immunization Clinic 7:00 p.m.—Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.—Scout Venture Crew | 22 | 23 9:00 a.m.—Messenger Assembly 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir | 24 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly | 25 8:00 a.m.—Gates Fourth Breakfast 8:00 a.m.—Relaxation Station 10:00 a.m.—Library Work Day 5:00 p.m.—YWCA Family Center Dinner |
| 26 <i>RALLY DAY</i> 10:00 a.m.—Blended Service followed by an all-church picnic 5:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Court of Honor 6:00 p.m.—IMPACT | 27 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.—Emerge Planning 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 | 28 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos | 29 | 30 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir | 31 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly | |

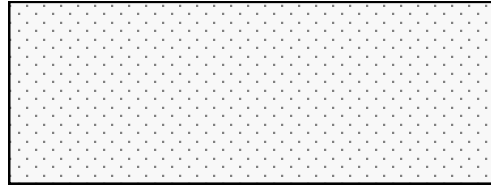
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This Month's Happenings

July 30-Aug 3 - Explorations

August 8 - Taize

August 16 - Friendship Community Dinner

August 19 - Blessing of the School Year

August 19 - One-Day New Member Class

August 19 - Concert on the Lawn

August 20 - Monthly Grounds Upkeep & Beautification

August 23 - Chancel Choir rehearsal begins

August 26 - RALLY DAY & PICNIC