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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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Monday, December 17 is the deadline for the January Messenger.

To submit your article, drop it off or email it to Jessica Sapp at Jessica@worthingtonumc.com



*It was the night when Peace was born
And just as now the world was torn
But all was calm and all was bright
The star above gave out its light*



Happy December – Happy Advent!! And how many times have you heard: It can't be December yet! Yet, it is, and we are preparing to welcome once again the Birth of the Christ Child.

This year as we sing carols, send cards, frost cookies, bring shoes, hang mittens and scarves on the tree, buy gifts, fill boxes of food, find ways to share the peace, love, joy and hope of the God who dwells with us, we are going to take a new look at Silent Night, Holy Night. Our sanctuary is 50 years old - and this carol is 200 years old, just a few years younger than our congregation which came into being in 1808.

In this time of tension and conflict, division and stress, we could use a bit of calm and bright, and during this season we hope to celebrate just that as we reach out in many ways to share with the community the birth of this special Gift.

Please look through this Messenger and mark your calendar for many opportunities. So many experiences to be realized and shared. We hope you will make time in this busy season to incorporate them into your life. Maybe try something that is new to you this season. For example if you have not caroled in many years or ever, give it a try by joining in with your church family as we bring favorite tunes to some of our older members.

Also, please remember in this season of giving to complete your financial commitment to the church. We, as a congregation, will be seeking to complete all of our commitments and that is only done as we work together and in the giving of our tithes, offerings and gifts. Know that your giving impacts people in this community and the world. You are very much appreciated by many. Thank you so much for all the ways you share Christ's love. You and your witness continue to keep the presence of the Christ Child visible in the world.

Your staff is glad to be in ministry with you, and we look forward to a wonderful Advent and Christmas season.

Cyndy

Prayer Joys & Concerns

We show sympathy to **Cheryl Hughes**, at the death of her father.

We show sympathy to **Eric Oldenburg**, at the death of his mother.

We show sympathy to **Ralph Vaughn**, at the death of his niece.

We show sympathy to **Howard Longfellow**, at the death of his wife, **Jane Longfellow**, on November 7.

We show sympathy to **Nancy Ploughe**, at the death of her brother, **Darrell**.

We celebrate with **Tera & Rob Huffman**, at the birth of **Hagan Pete**, on October 23.

Proud big brothers are **Rhett, Ridge, and Cort**.

We celebrate with **Matt & Whitney Schuster**, at the birth of **Cora Marguerite**, on September 28.

Proud grandparents are **Sandie & John Schuster**.

CIRCLE NEWS

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Nancy Ollila. They will share their traditional appetizer buffet potluck and Christmas devotions. The meeting will include a discussion of plans for the new year.

Deborah Circle will meet in Browning Lounge on December 13 at 1 pm for annual Christmas celebration. A carol sing will follow in the Potter Chapel.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Monday, December 10, at 7 pm at the home of Sharon Chadwell for a Homebound Cookies/Cookie Exchange & Christmas Party. Please RSVP to Sharon by December 9.

Advent book study

We will be doing a study during Advent using the book *Down to Earth* by Mike Slaughter.

Copies are available now in the church office for a donation. Discussion will be held in Advent on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (beginning December 2) and on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (beginning November 28).

The book is not required to participate – come join us as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

Church-wide Caroling Event Sunday, December 9, 4 p.m.

Join us at the church, followed by caroling at Friendship Village of Columbus and Wesley Glen. For more information, contact Ashley at ashley@worthingtonumc.com.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS)* Christmas Food Boxes	Advent Giving* Angel Tree for Worthington School Families	Advent Giving* Grooming Kits for NNEMAP Food Pantry	Advent Giving* Socks & Underwear for Gates Fourth Breakfast Ministry	PROJECT MORE* 30 Minutes any Monday – Thursday*	* Family Friendly Ministries	¹ Worthington Pantry 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
² Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am – 9 am PODS Drop off BOBS 9:00 –12:30*	³ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm	⁴ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	⁵ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	⁶	⁷ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	⁸ Worthington Pantry 9:30 am – 12:30 pm BOBS Delivery to BSUMC 10 am - noon
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^{23 / 30} Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am - 9 am	^{24 / 31} Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve	²⁵ Christmas Holiday	²⁶ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	²⁷	²⁸ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	²⁹ Worthington Pantry 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Gates Fourth UMC Breakfast 8:30-10*

Collecting shoes during Advent

This year, as we move through the Advent Season, we are asking children of all ages to bring new shoes of all sizes that will be gathered under our Christmas trees throughout Advent and will be shared with various ministries in need. Feel free to bring your items in gift bags, if you wish.

- December 2, please bring boots.*
- December 9, please bring tennis shoes.*
- December 16, please bring kids’ shoes.*
- December 23, please bring everyday shoes.*



Northland Ministries Update

- John Ma

During this past month, we had an exciting opportunity to collaborate with Epworth United Methodist Church. Epworth UMC is a church located in the heart of the Northland neighborhood. Epworth UMC had invited Worthington UMC to come and observe their tutoring & mentoring ministry to the New American students living in their neighborhood that I helped to start two years ago. Several of us had the chance to go and see what was taking place over the course of four weeks.

In efforts to build our partnership with Epworth, a group of us also had an opportunity to go and serve the Epworth church on their commitment Sunday by serving their congregation lunch. This event gave all of their church members a time to be served, as Worthington took all of the serving responsibilities. A perfect way to go out and serve following a message that we heard on Mark 10:45 – “Even the Son of Man came to earth to serve, and not be served...!”



We thank Linda, Joan, Lois, Nancy, Laurie, Kate, Christine and Anastasia for serving!

In November, Worthington UMC also had an opportunity to become host families to Non-profit Delegates coming from Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. Brad & Mary Beth Arensberg’s family took up the call of hospitality and hosted Liberata Gahongayire, who is a Research Fellow working in community development for women in Rwanda. *Please read article on page 5 for some reflections from the Arensbergs.*

We are thankful and glad that the Arensbergs experienced a wonderful time hosting and serving. I am also grateful for many who have expressed interest and those who begun coming out to serve through ministry opportunities in Northland.

We look to build more relationships and provide some more serving opportunities in the coming new year. As we go through this month of Advent eagerly awaiting the coming of our King, may we reflect on His call to “go and make disciples of all nations for the transformation of this world!”

For any questions or ideas, please contact johnma@worthingtonumc.com.

EXPANDING OUR WORLD VIEW WITHOUT EVER LEAVING COLUMBUS

Last week we had the opportunity to host Liberata (Libbe), who was visiting Columbus to gain new insights and understanding that would help support her work on women/girls' empowerment in Rwanda. In just one short week we learned:

The worldwide reach of the United Methodist Church is strong: Libbe attended a primary school built in Rwanda by the United Methodist Church, and credits her early educational experiences as laying the foundation for her academic success. Today she is pursuing a doctorate degree at a university in Belgium. She was eager to join us for a WUMC Sunday service because she wanted to see "Methodism in action."



Columbus offers a bounty of international foods: Libbe took the lead to prepare a traditional Rwandan meal for the US Together delegation and host families, in celebration of the completion of their program. A trip to Saraga International Grocery on Morse Road proved you don't have to travel far from WUMC to find a smorgasbord of international foods and flavors.

Sharing a home is the best way to learn about different culture: Throughout the week as Libbe helped us prepare and share meals, we each learned more about the living in the US and Rwanda. Libbe said what she learned living with us were some of her most insightful experiences in the U.S.

- Brad & Mary Beth Arensberg

Christmas Eve Worship on Monday, December 24

4 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Worship: Our Family Service features a children's Christmas Pageant and festive holiday music.

6:00 p.m. Holy and Low: A Contemporary Christmas: Join us for a blend of old and new traditions presented by young voices.

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.

Special Worship Schedule: Join us for one blended service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 30!
Wear your pajamas, as we prepare for New Year's Eve!

Our Fifty and Fifty Plus Year Members

Persons listed here have been members of Worthington United Methodist Church for fifty or more years. Congratulations!! All the activities and memories they have shared. We thank each of them for all that they have brought to the ministry here - and for what they continue to bring. We have been careful to include persons in this category but realize we may have missed someone. Please let us know if we did - it is, of course, not intentional and we will want to make the correction in next month's Messenger.

Harriet Allen	Janet Allison	Chris Baker	Joan Bash
Sharon Bitters	Kay Bremner	Greg Browning	Bonnie Bruns
Scott Burleson	Bill Cady	Robert Caldwell	Sue Callendine
Louise Carle	Allan Clauer	Mary Clauer	Vi Croley
Jan Cummin	Anne Day	Mary Deaton	Parks Deaton
Martha Denbow	Ron Dill	Jim Donham	Jo Donham
Bruce Emery	Carol Emery	Jill Ensminger	Sara Ferrar
Jon Ford	Pat Ford	Janet Fox	Jim Gahman
Jane Goodrich	Ray Goodrich	Dennis Grant	Marty Grant
Carolyn Haas	Dave Hadley	Ann Hall	Harry Hall
Cheryl Haywood	Joseph Holcomb	Sally Jordan	Hilda Koenig
Art Koschny	Hazel Koschny	Jeanne Line	Russ Line
Becky Lineberger	Howard Longfellow	Jane Longfellow	Jean Lorimer
Jim Lorimer	Joan Lutz	Charles Mader	June McComis
Gene Milhoan	Germaine Miller	Kathy Moore	Mary Nourse
Marje Obrist	Dick Ollila	Nancy Ollila	Nancy Ploughe
Steve Potter	Jerry Renner	Gene Riblet	Kathy Riblet
Lois Richard	Marty Schwarz Jacob	Carolyn Shaw	Linda Shumaker
Tom Stoerkel	Jim Swartzmiller	Sandra Swartzmiller	Dick Thomas
Linda Thomas	Joanne Toth	Jean Walters	Earle Wathen
Barbara Webster	Cindy Wentz	Mary Wetterauer	
Donna Whittaker	Beulah Wingett	Dan Wingett	

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.

For weekday cancellations, check the church website or call the office.

Columbus Rings Handbell Concert:

Friday, December 14

7:30 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of holiday music performed by Columbus Rings, a newly-formed community handbell ensemble, directed by Jarod Ogier and Denise Holmes.

This will be the premiere performance for the group, and it will include something for everyone.

Join us as we ring in the holiday season!
The concert is free and open to the public.

ProMusica Concert

Saturday, December 9, 5:30 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

Violinist Alexandra Soumm, with her lush tone and lyrical personality, presents *The Four Seasons Recomposed* - Vivaldi's classic, reimagined.

ProMusica pairs this new twist with Beethoven's Fourth Symphony, which is itself a lively, wild - even manic - ride.

For tickets, call 614-464-0066 and speak with Joe, the Patron Services Manager, to order. Members of WUMC do receive a discount!

WUMW Christmas Luncheon

December 8 at 11:15 a.m.

You may purchase tickets (\$10/adults & \$6/children) in the ministry hallway on Sunday, December 2. Tickets are also be available in the church office during the week.

The luncheon will be a time to share a meal with friends, and help with decorating Christmas trees for the homebound.

Plan on being a part of this festive occasion!

Annual Cookie Exchange

Don't forget to bring your favorite cookies to share after the blended service on Sunday, December 30.

Columbus International Children's Choir

Sunday, December 9

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

General admission is \$10

Kids 12 and under are free

For more information, call 614-309-2546 or visit www.cmaacademy.org

Adult Mission Trip Recap

Early Saturday, October 27, 2018, eight WUMC members left for a one-day adult mission trip to the Hocking Hills area and Camp Otterbein, one of the UMC's camps. The group included Brad Arensberg, Paul George, Jerry Knorr, Jim Lawrence, Bill and



Carole Lee, Russ Line, and Duane Snyder. It is noteworthy that WUMC is the longest tenured work group at Camp Otterbein.

After sufficient coffee and doughnuts, the group met with Camp Director Scott Seese to review the project details. The first project was to build three crosses for three different campsite locations. We used one 12' 4x6 and two 10' 4x6's for the three upright pieces. For the cross bars, we cut other 4x6's to the proper length. We had to cut pieces of wood out of both the upright and the cross bar in order to put them together to make a cross. We used lag screws to hold them together.

The second project involved making gates to cover up the two dumpsters that are stored behind the dining hall. The distance between the center post and each side post in front of these dumpsters was approximately 11'. That distance was too large to span with just one gate. We built two gates for each side, therefore, a total of four gates. Paul George designed the gates. They were built according to plan. We did not install the gates because the hinges that were purchased were too small. Each gate is very heavy and will require larger hinges.

A nice lunch was provided by the camp for our group. The church van was used for transportation, and we arrived back at WUMC at 5:30 pm.

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 2, 2019. We will be going to Tarboro, North Carolina. The damage in the area is from Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 when the Tar River flooded. At this time we do not know exactly what type of reconstructive work we will be assigned. Please join us for a time of fun and fellowship while we are carrying out God's work. We do the best we can with the skills that the members of the team have and there is always something that everyone can do. The final date to sign up for this is January 31, 2019.

For more information, contact Russ line.

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Sunday Morning 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;
 Hospitality Hour is 10:40-11:15 a.m. in the Dixon Lounge

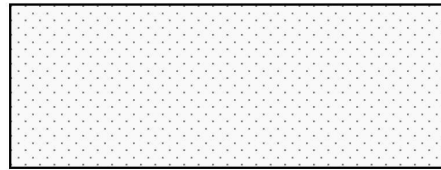
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9 See Sunday Schedule 10:45 am—Rainbow Singers 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 4 pm—All-Church Caroling 6 pm—International Children's Choir Concert	10 10:30 am—Prayer Group 7 pm—Elizabeth Circle 7 pm - CPC Board Meeting 7 pm—Boy Scouts	11 7:05 pm—Ad Council 7:30 pm—Outreach 8 pm—Sr High Devos	12 7 pm—Advent Study 7:30 pm—Taize	13 10 am—CANDO 1 pm—Deborah Circle 4:30 pm—Children's Bells 5 pm—Children's Choir 5:30 pm—Active Parenting 7 pm—Chancel Choir 7 pm—Martha Circle	14 7:30 am—Breakfast & Conversation 9 am—Bulletin Assembly 7:30 pm—Columbus Rings Handbell Concert	15 10 am—Youth Breadmaking
16 See Sunday Schedule 10:45 am—Rainbow Singers 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 5:30 pm—Youth Choir 6 pm—Impact & JAM	17 10 am—Worthington Thrift Shop Board 10:30 am—Prayer Group 7 pm—Boy Scouts Court of Honor 7 pm—Girl Scouts	18 1 pm—Immunization Clinic 7 pm—Scout Venture 7 pm—Finance Committee 8 pm—Sr High Devos	19 12:30 pm—PLARN Party 6:30 pm—Naomi Circle 7 pm—Confirmation Meeting 7 pm—Advent Study	20 4:30 pm—Children's Bells 5 pm—Children's Choir 5:30 pm—Active Parenting 6:30 pm—Friendship Community Dinner 7 pm—Chancel Choir	21 9 am—Bulletin Assembly 10 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry	22 8 am—Gates-Fourth Breakfast
23 See Sunday Schedule 10:45 am—Rainbow Singers 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 5:30 pm—Youth Choir	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>office closes at 12 noon</i> <i>Worship at</i> <i>4 pm</i> <i>6 pm</i> <i>8 pm</i> <i>11 pm</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>office is closed</i>	26 <i>office is closed</i>	27 9 am—Messenger Assembly 4:30 pm—Children's Bells 5 pm—Children's Choir 7 pm—Chancel Choir	28 9 am—Bulletin Assembly	29 10 am—Library Work Day
30 10 a.m.—Blended Worship Service	31 10:30 am—Prayer Group	JAN 1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>office is closed</i>				

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This Month's Happenings

December 8 - ProMusica Concert

December 9 - All-Church Caroling

December 9 - Columbus International Children's Choir Concert

December 12 - Taize

December 14 - Columbus Rings Handbell Choir Concert

December 16 - Youth Breadmaking Sale

December 20 - Friendship Community Dinner

December 24 - Christmas Eve (*see worship schedule inside*)

December 25 - Christmas Day!

December 30 - Blended Service