

The Messenger

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of committed Christian servants.*



Dear Members and Friends of Worthington UMC,

As this Messenger goes to print, we are quickly moving through Epiphany Season to Lent. Ash Wednesday is actually Valentine’s Day this year which is, of course, February 14! We will once again share our Ash Wednesday evening and Maundy Thursday services with St. John’s AME congregation.

Much is happening as we begin 2018! Thank you for a full and complete financial support of 2017 expenses. With your help, we were able to complete 2017 and have a strong start to 2018.

With the financial support of the Wayne and Mildred Smith Grant and the dedication of many leaders of the congregation, we are in the process of a redesign of our website. It is incorporating much of the hard work of the past with a new flavor and feel, and we hope will be up and running for the later segment of the Lenten Season.

If you have recent pictures you have taken that you think might be good for us to consider when posting on the website, please send them to jessica@worthingtonumc.com. We will not be able to use all of them but we do want to build up a pool for use over time. Thank you in advance.

Please read carefully through this Messenger and the Lenten/ Easter brochure attached. Several opportunities are included for individuals and families and we hope that you can find many in which to participate. Indeed, the first weekend of February gets us moving with our Impact Retreat, Women’s Retreat, District Leadership Training and the Souper Bowl Luncheon. Be sure to find something that weekend to enjoy as we move through this winter season.

On behalf of your staff, it’s wonderful to be in ministry with you.

Cyndy

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, Feb 13
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

\$5 per person,
\$20 max/family



Join us for
pancakes, sausage,
fruit & coffee and
help support the
youth mission trip
and summer camp!

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Parish Concerns and Joys

We express love and sympathy:

- To friends and family of **Olga Hokanson**, who died January 9.
- To friends and family of **Jean Tyler**, who died January 11.
- To friends and family of **Anne Herod**, who died 17.



Deborah Circle will meet February 8 in the Dixon Lounge at 1 p.m. for a combined program of membership pledge and prayer and self-denial.

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Monday February 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dixon Lounge for a program over the Lord's Prayer hosted by Ann Wheat. All are welcome. If anyone has any questions regarding the Elizabeth Circle, they can reach out to Margaret Tyler.

WUMW Endowment Earnings Disbursements 2017

Proceeds from the Adelaide Miller Fund of \$14,828 were distributed equally to foreign Advances as follows: UMCOR Undesignated (Foreign); Haiti-Grace Children's and Pediatric Clinic; South Sudan-South Sudan Health Clinic; Cambodia-Street Children Ministry; Africa-UMCOR Sustainable Agriculture and Development; Manos Juntas, A. C. (Hands Together Ministry); Mexico Border Mission Network; Africa, Liberia-Ganta UM Hospital; Global Migration; Congo, Democratic Republic North Katanga- Kamina Orphanage.

Proceeds of \$714 from the High-Long Fund were distributed equally to Moscow Protestant Social Ministries (Foreign) and the Charitable Pharmacy of Ohio (Local).

Proceeds of \$671 from the Weiler Fund were added to the Homebound Ministry account to be spent for the five gifts and remembrances during the year.

Mysa Mathews, WUMW Bequest Chair

Souper Bowl

Sunday, February 4, 12:15 p.m.

Family Ministry Team is hosting the Souper Bowl Cook-off on Sunday, February 4 at 12:15 p.m. after church services. Prepare your favorite soup recipe and bring it in Sunday morning to be a part of our soup tasting. Cost is \$5 per person, \$20 max per family. Each person will get a taste of the soups and we will have a vote to determine the winner.

"Beyond the Pencil" workshop

The Fine Arts Committee will be holding a workshop on Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. "BEYOND THE PENCIL" will explore the wide variety of ways that one can draw. We will look at some of the new tools on the market. The focus of the afternoon will be to have fun and to get the creative juices flowing. No training or experience is necessary. The workshop is designed for upper elementary children through adults. Please sign up in the office so that we can plan more effectively.

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

Join Boy Scout Troop 365 for their annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held on **Saturday, February 24 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Cost: \$8 Adult; \$6 Seniors & Children ages 5-17; Children under 4 are free. You can order tickets in advance via Order Forms that will be in the Sunday bulletins.



District Leadership Training Day

**Saturday, February 3 at Powell UMC,
9:00 am – 12:30 pm**

We will be offering over 20 workshops so plan now to be there!

Register now at
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faaac22a6fc1-2018>

BOOK REVIEW: Feiler, Bruce. **Walking the Bible: A Journey By Land Through the Five Books of Moses** [2001] New York: HarperCollins Publishers. WUMC Library #9156 Fei

Abraham was a nomad before he was a patriarch. [Genesis 12: 1] During his wanderings in the dessert, he was inspired and transformed by the land, by his experiences, and by God, Feiler, a modern pilgrim, also explored the paths of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses and engages the reader in his adventure. Initially, he was interested in the geology, history, and archeology related to his journey, which covered three continents and 10,000 miles. An archeologist, Avner Goren, who furnishes invaluable information for both the author and the reader, accompanied him. Their conversations with current residents of the regions visited provides an understanding of how they continue to be influenced by the stories of the Hebrew Bible and how they remain connected to the land. Clearly, the land is more than geography; it is imbued with meaning.

As **Walking the Bible** progresses, Feiler's perspective changes from that of an observer as he struggles to discern whether the saga recorded in the Pentateuch is "merely" oral tradition or is historically accurate. He concludes that a final determination cannot be made. Nevertheless, the stories were regarded as true and became a source of cultural cohesion and of religious values. Gradually, Feiler, a secular Jew, understands the five books of Moses not only as treasured ancient writing, but also as enduring reality... and he reconnects with his own spiritual heritage.

This book is an engaging two-dimensional saga. It is an adventure that immerses the reader in the experience of visiting Mount Sinai and other physical spaces that have had transcendent meaning for centuries. **Walking the Bible** is also inspirational for readers who have a faith tradition. Many Christians will be enlightened by a significant review of the Old Testament. This book is recommended because it is informative, thoughtful, moving, and readable.

Reviewed by *Fay Carol Reed*

Notice to all church members & friends regarding Fellowship Hour and nut-free policy

The Hospitality Committee has been working closely with church leadership and many members of our congregation to introduce a nut-free policy for Fellowship Hour that provides a safe and inviting time for all members and guests. We are fortunate to have many members who generously contribute their time on a variety of committees and groups who also chip in to make our Fellowship Hour possible year-round. In the interest of providing safe, nut-free items for our members and guests with nut allergies to enjoy, while not placing an undue burden on our teams of volunteers, we will begin providing pre-packaged, individually wrapped treats for our nut-free friends (or anyone who prefers them!).

These individually wrapped items will be available at the table where lemonade and water are served during Fellowship Hour as an alternative to the delicious home-baked (but not guaranteed nut-free) bakery provided by our fabulous cookie providers and volunteers. We encourage anyone enjoying these items to limit themselves to 1 to 2 items each week, as the items will be provided by the Hospitality Committee in addition to the bakery items already provided by church members each week. Updated guidelines for serving these items will be provided to volunteer group and committee leaders that assist with leading Fellowship Hour. Special thanks to Lindsay Duffey for her helpful suggestions and ideas.

Sally Falk & Joree Novotny

2017 Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS) Follow-up

On Saturday, December 9, 18 volunteers from Worthington UMC loaded 213 boxes filled with food and \$10 Kroger gift cards from the POD to vehicles, and delivered them to Broad Street UMC for the Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS) Christmas charity event. These food boxes were a part of approximately 1,200 total boxes which were donated by six UM churches. The “wall” of food exceeded our expectations and we were humbled with the generous response from our WUMC family. Even though there was a chill in the air, our hearts were warmed by the kindness of our helpers. On Saturday, December 16, another 23 volunteers helped distribute the boxes to needy families in the central Columbus area during the Christmas party at Broad Street UMC.



On behalf of those whose lives were blessed with food for about four days, we thank you for your generosity and caring. Thanks to everyone who helped get the egg boxes, filled a food box, staffed the ministry table and POD, checked and packed the boxes, shopped for food to complete boxes, loaded and delivered the boxes, and distributed them at the Christmas party. Special thanks to Wendy Raab and the CPC staff, families and children who completed 25 boxes. Thanks also to Weaver Brothers Eggs in Versailles, OH for donating 225 sturdy egg boxes for this ministry and to PODS (Portable on Demand Storage) for donating the POD to help us securely store the boxes and to make it easier for folks to drop off their donations. Finally, thank you to everyone who donated cash, gift cards and food to help us make this outreach ministry a success!

Aura Lee Whittaker



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bags of Blessings YWCA Family Homeless Shelter		PROJECT MORE 30 Minutes any Monday - Thursday		1	2 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	3
4 Operation Sandwich New Life Clinic 7 am – 9 am	5 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm	6 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon New Life Clothing Room 9 am – 11:30 am	7 NNEMAP 9 – noon New Life 9 – 11:30 Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	8	9 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	10
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25 Operation Sandwich New Life Clinic 7-9 Bags 12:00-12:30 AL Mission Trip	26 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm AL Mission Trip	27 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon New Life Clothing Room 9 – 11:30 am AL Mission Trip	28 NNEMAP 9 – noon New Life 9 – 11:30 Worth Pantry 2 – 8 AL Mission Trip			

Making a Difference: Bethlehem on Broad

“I’m from Worthington United Methodist Church. How may I help?” These words were all it took to make a difference in the lives of others. Like so many others from our church and other local churches, I showed up at Broad Street United Methodist Church and helped deliver boxes of food and supplies to families for Christmas. The boxes had been donated by local churches (over 200 boxes were donated by WUMC), and now it was time to get the boxes into the hands of families that needed them. There were several jobs available, but my assignment was to pick up a box of supplies and take it to a family’s car in the adjacent parking lot. During the shift (which was less than two hours), I delivered several boxes with the solemn understanding that our church (and others) were providing for families that needed help.

While holding boxes and talking with families, I reflected on the impact of this service opportunity. We weren’t just carrying boxes with our hands. We were using our hands as Christ would have encouraged his disciples. Our hands were carrying out His ministry. Our hands were Christ’s hands. It was a powerful moment. Bethlehem on Broad was one of the most rewarding service activities I’ve ever participated in. For anyone who wants to do something to help make a difference, I encourage you to check the Outreach bulletin board outside the church library for monthly opportunities to make a difference in all kinds of ways and all kinds of settings.

by Tony Palmer

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center"><u>Sunday Schedule at Worthington UMC</u> 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.</p>				<p>1</p> <p>4:30 p.m.— Children's Bells 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choir 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 9:30 a.m.—Alzheimer's Support & Respite Care 11:30 a.m.—Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—District Leadership Day at Powell UMC 10:00 a.m.—West Ohio UMW Leadership</p>
<p>4</p> <p>See Sunday Schedule</p> <p>11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 12:30 p.m.—Souper Bowl 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 6:00 p.m.—Emerge Planning 7:00 p.m.— Elizabeth Circle</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m.—Worthington Cotillion 7:00 p.m.—Welcoming & Inviting 7:15 p.m.—Devotions 7:30 p.m.—Trustees 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 a.m.—Riverside Sewing Guild 7:00 p.m.— Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>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 Crafting Circle</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 6:30 p.m.— WUMC Singles</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>11</p> <p>See Sunday Schedule Scout Sunday</p> <p>11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 1:00 p.m.—Central Ohio Singing Competition 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 a.m.—Sermon Shaping 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 7:00 p.m.—CPC Board Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 a.m.—Ruth Circle 5:00 p.m.—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Adult Committee 7:30 p.m.—Outreach</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>12:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service 1:00 p.m.—PLARN Party 7:30 p.m.—Taize Worship Service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:30 p.m.— Children's Bells 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.—Friendship Community Dinner 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 10:00 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>17</p>
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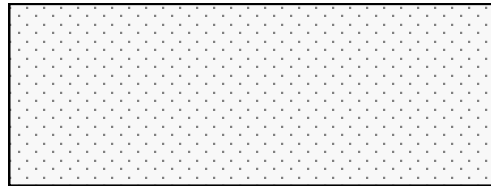
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This Month's Happenings

- February 3 - District Leadership Day
- February 4 - Souper Bowl
- February 11 - Scout Sunday
- February 13 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- February 14 - Ash Wednesday
- February 15 - Friendship Community Dinner
- February 18 - "Beyond the Pencil" Art Workshop
- February 24 - Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner