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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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The Messenger is published monthly by Worthington UMC. Tuesday, January 15 is the deadline for the February Messenger. To submit your article, drop it off or email it to Jessica Sapp at Jessica@worthingtonumc.com



“They played really good!” said the young child the morning the orchestra musicians joined us. And he was right, they were “really good.” And so were all the singers and ringers who helped us to experience Advent and Christmas.

When we look at all the giving this congregation did during this time – the boxes of food, gifts for families and children, scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, socks, shoes, boots, slippers, little trees, cookies and much love – I am sure I have left something out, but thank you for all the wondrous ways this congregation shares God’s love and grace – and the peace, joy, love and hope of Christmas. You shared “really good” too.

Thank you so much for the sharing. Your gifts made a difference in the lives of many and brightened Christmas morning for several children. It may seem like a simple pair of slippers or an ordinary box of cereal to us, but it may begin to say to someone we never meet, “You are a beloved child of God and you are loved.” Thank you!!

And thank you, as well, for the ways you give during the year, including in support of our operating budget, which in turn supports the ministry that takes place through Worthington UMC – the worship services, the visits, the service projects, the programs for youth and children and persons of all ages, the mission experiences – our ministry within the community and the world as well as the congregation.

As this Messenger goes to print we are in the midst of the Twelve Days of Christmas and are still receiving Christmas offerings. If you have contributions to make please know we must receive your gift by December 31 (or have it be postmarked by the 31) to include in your 2018 Record of Giving.

We are hopeful as Christmas offerings and end of the year gifts continue to come in, we will end 2018 with all responsibilities met and a good foundation to begin 2019. Thank you!!

Please know your staff is excited to be beginning a new year with you and look forward to being in ministry with you in the year ahead. -Cyndy

Prayer Joys & Concerns

We show sympathy to family & friends of **Margaret Dixon**, who died December 3.

We show sympathy to family & friends of **Vi Croley**, who died December 15.

We show sympathy to family & friends of **Ron Dill**, who died December 15.

CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Monday, January 14, at 7 p.m. in the Dixon Lounge to work on Valentine Homebound Gifts. Contact Margaret Tyler with any questions.

Administrative Council 2019 - here are your newly elected leaders!

2019 at large: Carol Rachfal

2020 at large: Mary K. Walsh

Committee:

Administrative Council

Lay Leader

Board of Trustees

Altar Guild

Communion Stewards

Endowment

Family Ministry Team

Finance

Financial Stewardship Enhancement

Hospitality Coordinators

Library

Memorial

Lay Leadership

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Outreach

Staff/Parish

CPC Board

CPC Scholarship Committee

Open Hearts

Treasurer

United Methodist Women

Welcoming & Inviting

Youth Leadership Council Team

Chair:

Johann Yang

Gari Aber

Craig Kramer

Ann Wheat & Robin Mitchell

Sheri & Doug Scott

Dick Ollila

Julia Hinten

Chris Stengel

Rob Kidder & Keith Stimpert

Sally Falk & Joree Novotny

Molly LaBadie

Tim Beers

Cyndy Garn

Gari Aber, Ann Wheat, & Robin Mitchell

Tony Palmer

Bill Kapus

Lindsay Duffey

Beth Dudley

Matt Mallory

Diane Meadows

Beth Kellogg

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Chris MacFarlane & Jacob Strous

Audrey Beers

And staff: Cyndy Garn, John Girard, John Ma, Ashley Gerard, Jarod Ogier, Lynn Ebright, & Wendy Raab

January 2019 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we "Make a Difference"!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bags of Blessings for NNEMAP Food Pantry*	PROJECT MORE 30 Minutes any Monday - Thursday	¹ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	² NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	³	⁴ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	⁵ Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm
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²⁷ Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am – 9 am Bags of Blessings Sort 12:00–12:30*	²⁸ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm	²⁹ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	³⁰ NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	³¹	* Family Friendly Ministries	

Active Parenting

The Active Parenting Class that was held in December will continue with its final three sessions January 10, 17, and 24, starting with dinner for all at 5:30 p.m, and class from 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

Dinner and childcare are provided.

Cost is \$15 per person.

If you are interested in this class but have not taken the previous three sessions, you can still jump in!

To register, email Ashley at ashley@worthingtonumc.com

by January 4!

Spots will fill up!

Church Bowling

Family Ministry Team is hosting a churchwide bowling event Sunday, January 27 at 3 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person, children ages 3 and under are free, with a \$40 maximum per family.

We will be meeting at Sequoia Pro Bowl (5501 Sandalwood Blvd, Columbus 43229).

If you have any questions, please email Ashley at ashley@worthingtonumc.com

Northland Ministries Update

Isaiah 42:9 “Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them!”

Blessings to you on this new year! If you have been praying for ministry opportunities happening in Northland this season, there are several things coming this month.

1. **World Religions Class** – From Wednesday, January 16 through February 20, we will gather on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at the church studying *Christianity and World Religions* by Adam Hamilton. This course will be very beneficial when engaging with the demographic of families living in Northland. If you would like to gain more knowledge about the religions of people in Northland, or just simply want to learn more about major world religions, sign up through the office and come!
2. **We are beginning signups for volunteering opportunities.** We will be working closely with a non-profit service organization called US Together (ustogether.us) in this season. Opportunities will include personal engagements such as ESL, youth tutoring, youth mentoring, and adult conversation partners. They will also include group efforts such as Refugee Welcoming Group, donation drives for items, and group adopt-a-refugee programs. Information on how to get connected will come to you via e-mail if you have signed up in the past few months. If you'd like to be on that list, simply email me at johnma@worthingtonumc.com. Otherwise, look in the Sunday trifold for ways to engage.

I look forward to growing and serving together.

Blessings!

John Ma

Snow Emergency 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.

Worthington UMW Kick-off Event

Saturday, January 26

This will be a morning of interesting speakers, followed by a light lunch. Plan now to attend! Sign up in the church office. There is no charge for this event, but you need to register so that we may have a count for lunch. More details will follow in coming weeks.

***Additional Names of
50+ Year Members***

We are glad to add names to our listing of 50+ year members:

Dorba and Ron Mezger

Nancy Ploughe

If we missed you on our 50+ year listing, please let us know in the church office so we can add you!

Thanks!

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.

There is always something that everyone can do.

The final date to sign up is January 31.

For more information, contact Russ Line.

**One-day New Membership Class
February 3**

Join us Sunday morning from 10:40a.m. – 1 p.m. for the next one-day membership 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.

In the meantime...consider joining us for the new Seekers Sunday School class – for visitors only. Learn about the denomination, our core beliefs and values, and a bit of our history. Join us Sunday for the 3-week series during the Sunday School hour on January 13, 20, 27.

**The next Red Cross Blood Drive is
January 24
from 1 to 6 p.m.**

**You may sign up between services
on January 6 & 13.**

NEW FOR VISITORS:

Seekers Sunday School class.

For visitors only.

Curious about the United Methodist Church and what we believe? Joins us for a 3-session series, Jan 13, 20, and 27, in the Browning Lounge. Meet new friends, ask questions, start a new journey in 2019.

Step in. Leap out. Join us in January!

2018 Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS) Follow-up

On Saturday, December 8, 16 volunteers from Worthington UMC loaded 203 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 15, another 20 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 27 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

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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

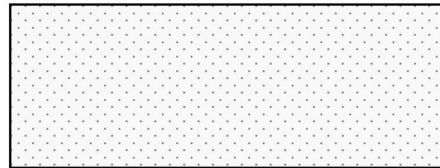
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Office is closed</i> <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i>	2 9:30 am—Riverside Sewing Guild 7 pm—Euchre Group	3 4:30 pm—Children's Bells 4:30 pm—UMW Leadership Meeting 5 pm—Children's Choir 7 pm—Chancel Choir 7 pm—College Dinner	4 9 am—Bulletin Assembly 11:30 am—Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting	5
6 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 10:45 am—Rainbow Singers 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 1 pm—WUMC Singles 5:30 pm—Youth Choir 6 pm—Impact Epiphany Party	7 10:30 am—Prayer Group 7 pm—SPRC 7 pm—Boy Scouts	8 9:30 am—Ruth Circle 7:00 pm—Open Hearts 8 pm—Sr High Devos	9 7 pm—Confirmation Meeting 7:30 pm—Taize	10 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	11 7:30 am—Breakfast & Conversation 9 am—Bulletin Assembly 10 am—UMW Mission U	12 7:30 am—Men's Breakfast
13 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 10:45 am—Rainbow Singers 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 5:30 pm—Youth Choir 6 pm—Impact	14 10 am—Worthington Thrift Shop Board 10:30 am—Prayer Group 7 pm—Elizabeth Circle 7 pm—Boy Scouts 7 pm—Scouts BSA, Girls Troop 7 pm—CPC Board	15 1 pm—Immunization Clinic 2 pm—What's the Buzz 7 pm—Finance Committee 8 pm—Sr High Devos	16 1 pm—PLARN Party 7 pm—World Religions Class	17 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	18 9 am—Bulletin Assembly 10 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry	19
20 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 10:45 am—Rainbow Singers 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 5:30 pm—Youth Choir 6 pm—Impact	21 <i>MLK Jr. Day</i> 10:30 am—Prayer Group 7 pm—Boy Scouts	22 9:30 am—Worthington Women's Club 8 pm—Sr High Devos	23 6:15 pm—WUMC Singles 7 pm—Confirmation Meeting 7 pm—World Religions Class	24 1 pm—Red Cross Blood Drive 4:30 pm—Children's Bells 5 pm—Children's Choir 5:30 pm—Active Parenting 7 pm—Chancel Choir	25 9 am—Bulletin Assembly	26 9 am—UMW Kickoff 10 am—Library Work Day 5:30 pm—ProMusica Concert
27 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 10:45 am—Rainbow Singers 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 4 pm—Churchwide Bowling 5:30 pm—Youth Choir	28 10:30 am—Prayer Group 7 pm—Boy Scouts 7 pm—Scouts BSA, Girls Troop	29 8 pm—Sr High Devos	30 7 pm—World Religions Class	31 9 am—Messenger Assembly :30 pm—Children's Bells 5 pm—Children's Choir 7 pm—Chancel Choir		

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JANUARY

This Month's Happenings

January 1 - New Year's Day (*office is closed*)

January 3 - College Dinner

January 16 - PLARN Party

January 17 - Friendship Community Dinner

January 21 - MLK Jr. Day

January 24 - Red Cross Blood Drive

January 26 - UMW Kick-Off Event

January 26 - ProMusica Concert

January 27 - Churchwide Bowling