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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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50 years --- 218 years --- over 2,000 years!! The Celebration of Pentecost this year is May 20 – and Pentecost is the time when we celebrate the Birthday of the Christian Church, remembering that day over 2,000 years ago when God’s Spirit broke out through Jesus’ apostles and followers, and all who were gathered from around the world heard about God’s love in their very own language.

The United Methodist Church was 50 years old on April 23, 2018 and we joined with others throughout West Ohio Conference in prayers for our church, our denomination which while we are still “unfinished” in many ways as we were in 1968, we are God’s Church! Our faith community, Worthington UMC and whatever our name has been when in our predecessor denominations, is 218 years old. We have a rich history and sometimes it is important to recall when we look to the future and all that is before us.

On May 20 we will join with Christians around the world in celebrating Pentecost. Please wear red in recognition of the flames of the Spirit present then and present now. Also, please let me know if you can and would be willing to speak a language besides English. We are hoping to have many languages spoken throughout the services that day.

We are also beginning to gather the names of those who want to begin forming a team to work with Rev. John Ma in the initial stages of our connection in the Northland Area. Please feel free to email me at cyndylg@aol.com or sign up on the back of the Friendship Card if you have an interest.

We have some important dates just around the corner. Some of those are found inside the pages of this Messenger and I encourage you to read carefully the material and mark the dates on your calendar. In addition, please know the following:

- Blessing of the Animals June 2 at 11:00 am
- Pride Parade June 16
- Godspell, July 21 at 7:00 pm and July 22 at 2:00 pm
- Clipper’s Game July 22 at 4:00 pm
- Pack Shack July 28 at 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Church Picnic July 29 following Blended Service
- Rally Day August 26
- Concerts on the Lawn June 17, July 8, August 19, and September 16

Stay tuned for there is more to come, but we want you to have these dates for your summer planning, along with the VBS, Reach-Out, Workcamp, Explorations and other camps you find listed inside!

As we celebrate the Birthday of the Church, may we remember that the Spirit is still alive, and may we be open to God’s Spirit blowing through us with new opportunities and possibilities for the future. *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us!*

Good to be in ministry with you,
Cyndy

Parish Concerns and Joys

We express love and sympathy:

- to **Debbie Coleman**, at the death of her mother, **Maxine Coleman**, on March 26.
- to friends & family of **Susan Morgan**, who died April 2.
- to friends & family of **Lin Clements**, who died April 7.

We express joy and congratulations:

- to **John & Christine Ma**, at the birth of their daughter, **Anastasia**, on Easter Sunday, April 1.
- to **Matt & Jeri Seabaugh** at the birth of their daughter, **Esmarie Harper Seabaugh**, on April 17. Proud siblings are **Annilese** and **Spencer**.
- to **Steve Potter & Barbara Ann Nelson**, who were married here on April 21.

UMW CIRCLE NEWS

Homebound (Gifts) would like to Thank “Elizabeth Circle” for the “Valentine Bags” and the “Naomi Circle” for the “Easter Basket Bags”, plus the “Ruth Circle” and Debby Colvin for the cards sent with the gift bags. All your help is very much appreciated. -Marcia A. Trakas, Homebound Gifts Coordinator

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Monday May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jody Croley Jones for a potluck and to plan out our Fall 2018 - Spring 2019 schedule. Please RSVP to Jody by Sunday, May 20. Contact Margaret Tyler with any questions

Mat Ministry is having a joint meeting with Martha Circle on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dixon Lounge. All are invited to come. -Marcia Trakas & Mary King, Mat Ministry, & Karen Roderick, Martha Circle

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.

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!**

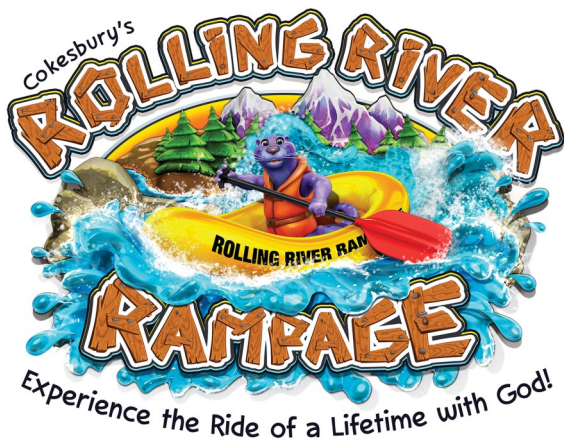
Outreach: Opportunities to Make a Difference!

The NNEMAP Food Pantry is a cooperative ministry of over 30 churches (including WUMC) distributing food and material assistance to needy residents of Columbus. Their service area includes the Short North, Downtown, Weinland Park, University District and Linden zip codes (43201, 43211, 43215 and 43224). Established in 1969, NNEMAP has become one of the largest food pantries in Franklin County. Their clientele consists of families living in or near poverty. For 2017 they served over 1,250 families per month. The pantry is located a former VFW hall at the corner of Essex and 11th Avenue, just a block west of I-71. They are open for food distribution every weekday (except Thursdays) from 9:00 am to noon. Refer to www.nnemappantry.org for more information. In addition to the Bags of Blessings Ministry, our weekly bin collections and Second Mile Giving, WUMC also supports NNEMAP with volunteers to work in the pantry. Serving opportunities include greeting & interviewing clients, assisting clients with shopping, and stocking shelves in the backroom. Flexible scheduling options are offered. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Aura Whittaker.

May 2018 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 New Life Clothing Room 9 am – 11:30 am	² NNEMAP 9 – noon New Life 9 – 11:30 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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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, June 18-22!

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

On April 22, we celebrated all of those in our congregation who are graduating from high school this Spring. This group of seniors has been an active part of WUMC in a variety of ways. Each of these youth have had a different journey during their childhood and young adult life here at the church. Our prayers are with you as you begin this new chapter of your life and hope that you will always consider Worthington UMC your church home!

We extend our congratulations to Sarah Arensberg, Alexander Benseler, David Boord, Jason Bowen, Joshua Bowen, Olivia Burrier, Grant Cross, Ryan Forbes, Stephanie Gilton, Ryan Hester, Emily Huber, Grant Kucinski, Palmer Moats, Andy Payne, Sadie Porter, Macy Rice, Mady Rice, Jenna Shearer, Alex Toth, Erin Wisard, and Jenna Wolfe.

Happy Graduation, Class of 2018!

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018! We welcomed four of our youth as our newest church members on Sunday, April 8 during our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Thank you to the youth and their families as they committed the past few months to the Confirmation journey.



*Pictured:
Jake Hanna
(top left)
Audrey Wingerter
(top right)
Matt Wolfe
(bottom left)
Evan Beers
(bottom right)*



WUMC Wine Tasters

The WUMC wine tasting group is back!!! We will resume meeting next month on a new day at a new location. Our next tasting will be at Everest (the restaurant right next to Graeter's) on Monday, May 7 at 6:30 pm. Cost, for tasting five different wines, is \$20 per person. RSVP to David Hayes to reserve your spot!

WUMC Co-Ed Softball

Every year WUMC fields a co-ed, 18 and older softball team that plays on Sunday afternoons in the late spring and early summer. The team is known as "Big Red" because of their bright red jerseys. In years past, the team has been pretty competitive, but has always put faith and fun above the final score. A stellar athletic pedigree is not required to play, but a great attitude is! The Big Red's schedule includes teams from other local Christian churches, and games are played in Upper Arlington. If you're interested in playing, please contact Brandon Boos for more information.

Sunday, May 20
is Pentecost



Wear Red!

“And they were
filled with the
Holy Spirit”
- Acts 2:4

CHURCH-WIDE

SPRING FLING

COOKOUT AND GAMES

Last name A-M, please bring a side dish

Last name N-Z, please bring a dessert

Join us on Sunday, May 6 at
4 p.m. for our Spring Fling
cookout and games
at Selby Park!

358 South Selby Blvd
Worthington

We will provide the hot dogs
and brats, we ask that you
bring a side dish/dessert,
based on your last name.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS to join the Open Hearts Team on Saturday, June 16 to walk in the Pride Parade in downtown Columbus. The parade will start mid-morning (timing TBD), although we will gather at our starting location much earlier. Additional details will be coming in the Sunday tri-folds and June Messenger as the date nears. As a reminder, the Open Hearts Team encourages opening wide the doors of our hearts and minds to include all of God's children, especially those who may feel marginalized.

Please consider lending your support to this team.

Please contact Matt Mallory for additional information.

Illuminati Concert

Sunday, May 6

3:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

tickets on sale at

[https://columbusgaymenschorus.com/](https://columbusgaymenschorus.com/illuminati-tickets/)

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Our long winter is over (yes, I said that last month... but I think we all did). That means summer is nearly here. It's a season for vacations, reunions, and time spent away from home enjoying God's creation.

Accordingly and predictably, during summer months while attendance on Sundays is lighter and we shift focus to other things, congregational giving tends to fall short of commitments. The cascading result from these typically lean months: budget deficits for the fall months and then a push to close the gap at year's end. 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 us as a whole.

I encourage you to help maintain that foundation through this summer 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. Be safe and enjoy.

Rob Kidder

Finance Committee, Chair

Join us for an Iftar Dinner with our friends!

Worthington UMC will again be co-hosting an Iftar Dinner with our friends from TASO (Turkish American Society of Ohio). The pre-dinner program regarding traditions of fasting will begin at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30 with dinner beginning at sunset to signify the end of fasting during Ramadan.

TASO will provide traditional Turkish food for a \$10 contribution per person (due at the time of reservation). Please make reservations in the church office or by emailing the office at office@worthingtonumc.com

Bring your friends and family for an inspiring evening with a delicious meal!

Friendship Community Dinner



**Thursday, May 17
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Sunday Schedule at Worthington UMC

MAY

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 7:00 p.m. – Welcoming & Inviting 7:15 p.m.—Devotions 7:30 p.m.—Trustees 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	2 9:30 a.m.—Riverside Sewing Guild 7:00 p.m.— “When Kids Come Out” 7:00 p.m.— Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Meeting	3 4:30 p.m.—UMW Leadership Meeting 4:30 p.m.— Children’s Bells & Choir Party 7:00 p.m.— Chancel Choir	4 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 9:30 a.m.—Alzheimer’s Support & Respite Care 11:30 a.m.—Alzheimer’s First Friday Meeting	5
6 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 3:00 p.m.—Illuminati Concert 4:00 p.m.—Spring Fling 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir	7 8:00 a.m.—Sermon Shaping 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.—Emerge Planning 6:00 p.m.—Scout Venture Crew 6:30 p.m.—WUMC Wine Tasters 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 7:00 p.m.—SPRC	8 9:30 a.m.—Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Adult Committee 7:00 p.m.—Open Hearts 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	9 7:30 p.m.—Taize	10 10:00 a.m.—CANDO Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.—Liberty Bells 6:30 p.m.—Martha Circle & Mat Ministry 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir	11 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly	12 7:30 a.m.—Men’s Breakfast
13 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 5:00 p.m.—LAST IMPACT	14 8:00 a.m.—Sermon Shaping 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.—CPC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365	15 1:00 p.m.— Immunization Clinic 7:00 p.m.—Finance Committee	16 1:00 p.m.—PLARN Party 6:30 p.m.—Naomi Circle 6:30 p.m.—CPC Info Session	17 6:30 p.m.—Friendship Community Dinner 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir	18 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 10:00 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry	19
20 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Teacher Appreciation Sunday</i> <i>See Sunday Schedule</i>	21 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.—Grounds Upkeep 6:00 p.m.—Scout Venture Crew 7:00 p.m.—Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m.—Memorial Committee 7:00 p.m.— Boy Scouts	22	23	24 9:00 a.m.—Messenger Assembly	25 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly	26 8:00 a.m.—Gates Fourth Breakfast 10:00 a.m.—Library Work Day
27 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i>	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office is closed</i>	29	30 6:30 p.m.—Hannah Circle 7:45 p.m.—Iftar Dinner	31		

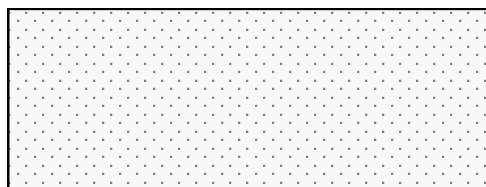
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This Month's Happenings

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Friendship Community Dinner - May 17
Pentecost Sunday - May 20
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Memorial Day - May 28 (Office is closed)
Iftar Dinner - May 30