

The Messenger

*Building a more diverse and open community
of committed Christian servants.*



Worthington UMC Members and Friends,

Two of the wonderful events which occurred in this world on Sunday, October 22 happened right here at Worthington UMC.

It is a wonderful privilege each year to see individuals, families, couples and skipping children come up to the front of the sanctuary and leave the indication of their Commitment for the next year. In this case, 2018.

Know as people are coming that a wide and deep foundation of stories, experiences, emotions, gratitude, hope is present within the hearts, souls, minds and bodies of those coming. Presence, prayers, service, gifts and witness are the five areas in which we commit to share when we join the Church. The Every Member in Ministry forms are the way we choose to express our intention and the multitude of ministries we support in the New Year is one of the ways we live out our faith day by day, year by year.

Thank you for your commitments and for the ways in which you express God's love and grace in the world. You truly are faithful disciples of Christ working for the transformation of the world, and I am not only privileged but grateful for the opportunity to invest with you in our future ministry together. At the printing of this Messenger commitments totaling \$470,839 have been received. If you have not yet turned yours in, the Finance Committee would welcome you doing so by November 5th. They will use these commitments in planning the 2018 Budget. Thank you so much.

The second thing that happened here was our Trunk or Treat which hosted well over 125 people of all ages, dressed in incredible costumes with car trunks bursting forth with surprises for all. The weather was perfect and the music provided a wonderful background to the giggles and laughter of the children running around gathering treats and at the same time interacting with adults and youth. It was a great event, and I wish for those of you not attending it, consider next year putting it on the calendar and come join in the fun.

November is almost upon us and one of my favorite Sundays of the year is quickly approaching – All Saints' Sunday. This is a time when we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. Candles will be lit as we remember by name and toll of bell each member of this congregation who has died since last All Saints' Sunday. And a candle will be lit and the bell tolled for all the non-members who have been important in our lives and died this past year. We will gather at Christ's Table as we remember and celebrate the gifts they offered to us.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner, but it is, and you will begin to see opportunities to engage in this year's Advent/Christmas Celebrations at Worthington UMC. With the December newsletter will be our seasonal program brochure but a couple of items now. Advent begins December 3rd and the 4th Sunday of Advent is the morning of December 24th. Just a reminder that our Christmas Eve services will be Sunday, December 24th at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Our Advent Study will be All I Want for Christmas. More to come.

Your Staff hopes you have a wonderful, meaningful November and a Thanksgiving full of gratitude. We are grateful for you!

Cyndy

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Upcoming Events!

Daylight Saving Time
(turn back clocks
one hour)
November 5

Harmony for Hunger
November 10

**The Carpenter's Helping
Hands Service Day**
November 11

**UMW World Thank
Sunday**
November 19

Hanging of the Greens
November 26



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Parish Concerns and Joys

We express love and sympathy:

- To **Mark Rodgers & family**, at the death of his brother-in-law, **Edwin Gower**, on September 21.
- To **Al Mathews & family**, at the death of this brother-in-law.
- To **Mary Stephens** at the death of her sister, **Nancy McLean**.

We express joy and congratulations:

- To **Carol Rinehart** at the birth of her grandson on October 6.
- To **Brooke Brant & Steve Sandy**, at their marriage here on October 21.
- To **Liz Valasco & Randy Anderson**, at their marriage at Park of Roses on October 20.



Elizabeth Circle will be meeting at the Worthington Resource Pantry on Monday, November 13 at 6:30 pm. We will be date checking and sorting food drive items. Please bring 5 food or personal items with you to donate. The pantry is located at 6700 Huntley Road at the north east corner of Schrock & Huntley. You can park in the lot at the front of the building and enter through the front door. Also, if you would like to help assemble Thanksgiving Bags for our neighbors, we will be doing this on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 10:30 am.

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 pm, in the Browning Lounge for a brief business meeting and refreshments, then attend the Taize Service together. We will also collect gift cards for the ministers' discretionary Christmas giving.

Deborah Circle will meet at 1pm Nov 9 in the Dixon Lounge for a World Thank Offering program and donation collection. Also there will be a short program on finding the sacred in food sharing.

WUMW and the Buckeye Military Moms (Blue Star Mothers)

The WUMW continues to endorse our local Blue Star Mothers in the provision of items for Ohio soldiers who are serving around the world.

October is the month for the provision of Christmas cards. The cards will be a reminder of our appreciation of their service at Christmas time, a difficult time to be away from family and friends. Also, consider providing blank cards and envelopes which allow the soldiers to send a card or two home. Including a pen is helpful.

The following are other suggested items to provide during the fall and winter months:

baby wipes	canned foods, pull-top lids	crossword puzzles
batteries: AA & AAA	snack cracker packets	magazines (sports, science, etc)
hand warmers	hard candies	deck of cards
muscle ache cream	protein bars	dental supplies
foot powder	Pringles	travel-sized games
travel-size mouthwash	oatmeal packets/boxes	phone card
duct tape	crackers, cheese/peanut butter	
travel-size packets of laundry detergent		

The donation box and a more complete donation list are located in the church office. Thank you for your continued support and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Cookbooks are back!
The UMW will be selling cookbooks on the following Sundays in November: 12, 19 and 26.

The Riverside Sewing Guild will be hosting a fund raising bazaar and bake sale on Friday, November 17 from 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.. The bazaar features handmade items and homemade treats created by sewing guild members. The bazaar will be held in the Chester Board Room (yellow hallway) at Riverside United Methodist Hospital. The first two hours of parking are free in the Green parking garage on the east side of the hospital. Proceeds go toward materials for patient care items.

Tell us how you shared your gift!

By now you should have received a gift after service back in October. We want to hear how you shared that with the world. Was it a random act of kindness? Did you pool it together and do something as a group? We want to share your stories (anonymously if you'd like) by posting short notes on the new Tree poster outside the sanctuary. No matter how simple or elaborate your gift was, send a note to Rob Kidder via email and fill the tree with stories of God's abundance.

The WUMC walk club will be meeting on November 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Highbanks Metro Park. The plan will be to walk to the observation deck and hopefully see the bald eagle. We will meet at the parking area next to the education center near the entrance to the park. Any questions, please contact John Valasco.



*I want to thank this congregation and staff for the cards, love, support, and conversations shared during this difficult time with the loss of my lovely wife, Bobbie.
Thank you, Eddie Jarrell*

School Inequality

by Ed Shaffer

Recently the MacArthur Foundation announced this years recipients of its annual fellowship referred to as the "Genius Grant".

One of the recipients is Nikole Hanna-Jones, a staff writer for The New York Times Magazine. In announcing her award, the MacArthur Foundation described why she was chosen:

" For chronicling the persistence of racial segregation in American society, particularly in education, and reshaping national conversations around education reforms"

After reading her articles and listening to her interviews, it is clear to me why she won this prestigious award. She points to the reality of the state of K-12 school systems in virtually every major metropolitan area across the country where there exists a dual system of educational opportunity leaving kids of color and kids living in poverty primarily attending significantly less effective, and in many cases failing, schools, compared to kids living in more affluent neighborhoods primarily in the white suburbs.

We don't have to look far to see these issues in our own back yard. Although we know there are wonderful teachers and schools in the Columbus Public School System, we can contrast CPS as a whole with the surrounding suburbs such as Worthington. And yes, it does cost a lot more to live in Worthington, but children are not responsible for where they live, and they do deserve an equal chance, especially in the critical early years of their lives. Hanna-Jones points out the dilemma that we all want what is best for our own kids, but we also face steep societal costs by ignoring this growing inequality. We can no longer afford to just look away. We must look to our faith to help us find answers. If you are interested in learning more I would encourage you to google " Nikole Hanna-Jones".

Trunk or Treat 2017



Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Trunk or Treat on October 22! We had a great time with many trunks and lots of costumes! A special congratulations to Mike and Jody Jones on decorating the winning "Best Trunk"!



Bethlehem on Broad Street

Please help us fill **200** food boxes for Columbus area families and make Christmas brighter for those in need! Some folks' only wish is for a reliable meal, and we can make that wish come true. There are several opportunities for you to lend a hand:

Pick up a food box in the Ministry Hallway and purchase items on the list enclosed in the bulletin.

Bring your donations and unsealed boxes to the "PODS" container in the east parking lot by the Church garage, before and after services on Sundays, November 26th and December 3rd (or to the church office weekdays through Tuesday, December 5th).

Volunteer to collect and check the boxes at the "PODS" container before and after services on Sundays, November 26th and December 3rd.

Help load and deliver the boxes to Broad Street UMC on Saturday, December 9th between 10:00 am and noon, or volunteer to distribute the boxes to the families on Saturday, December 16th (10:10 - 11:30 am).

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Aura Lee Whittaker.

What a blessing it is to have the opportunity to give back to others! Let's make this Christmas a chance to reach out to those in need, as the innkeeper did for Mary and Joseph so many years ago.

Food Box List

Please note that all food must be in cans or plastic containers -- **no glass**. Also **do not add extra items** or fresh produce to the box. Store sizes vary so come as close as possible.

- 1 \$10 gift card (Kroger) taped to inside wall of box
- 3 15-oz. cans assorted vegetables
- 2 **29**-oz. cans assorted fruits
- 2 24-oz. CANS spaghetti sauce
- 2 1-lb. boxes spaghetti
- 1 6-pack Ramen noodles (no cups)
- 1 14-oz. box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 16-oz. box saltine crackers
- 1 16-oz. box cereal
- 1 20-oz. can beef stew
- 1 13-oz. package cookies
- 1 16-oz. PLASTIC jar peanut butter
- 1 20-oz. PLASTIC jar/squeeze jelly
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 small 4-pack toilet paper

Before filling your box please tape the bottom by folding in short flaps first then sealing with packing tape along long flaps. Try to evenly distribute weights and leave the top unsealed.

Please bring your donations and boxes to the "PODS" container by the Church garage in the east parking lot before and after services on Sunday, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 (or to the Church office weekdays through Tuesday, Dec. 5).

November 2017 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we "Make a Difference"!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NO BAGS OF BLESSINGS Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS) XMAS Food Boxes	PROJECT MORE 30 Minutes any Monday – Thursday		1 NNEMAP 9 – noon New Life 9 – 11:30 Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	2	3 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	4
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 am – 11:30 am	8 NNEMAP 9 – noon New Life 9 – 11:30 Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	9	10 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	11 The Carpenter's Helping Hands Service Day 9 am – 1 pm
12 Operation Sandwich New Life Clinic 7 am – 9 am	13 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm	14 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon New Life Clothing Room 9 am – 11:30 am	15 NNEMAP 9 – noon New Life 9 – 11:30 Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm Mat Ministry Plarn Party 1 – 4 pm	16 Friendship Dinner 5 – 8 pm	17 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon NNEMAP Fundraiser at WPC Harmony for Hunger 7:30 pm	18 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm
19 Operation Sandwich New Life 7 – 9 am PODS Drop off BOBS 9 am-1 pm	20 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm	21 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon New Life Clothing Room 9 am – 11:30 am	22 NNEMAP 9 – noon New Life 9 – 11:30 Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	23	24 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	25 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm Gates Fourth UMC Breakfast 8:30-10
26 Operation Sandwich New Life 7 – 9 am PODS Drop off BOBS 9 am-1 pm	27 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 9 am – 3 pm	28 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon New Life 9 am – 11:30 am	29 NNEMAP 9 – noon New Life 9 – 11:30 Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	30		

Do you need a few extra hands around the house?

The Carpenter's Helping Hands will be conducting their Fall service day on **Saturday, November 11** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to help those needing assistance with gardening and simple household chores. Volunteers are wanted. Both volunteers and those in need of help should complete a Volunteer and Job Request form. Forms are available in the church office. Youth, with parental supervision, are welcome to help. Questions? Please contact the church office at (614) 885-5365 or office@worthingtonumc.com or visit The Carpenter's Helping Hands table in the Ministry Hallway between services on Sunday, November 5. Please do not be shy if you need help. We look forward to serving you! It is what we do.





Sunday 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
 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 a.m.—Riverside Sewing Guild 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Meeting	2 4:30 p.m.—Children's Bells 4:30 p.m.—UMW Exec Board 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choir 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir	3 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 9:30 a.m.—Alzheimer's Support & Respite Care 11:30 a.m.—Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting	4
5 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir	6 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.—Emerge Planning 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 7:00 p.m.—SPRC Meeting	7 7:00 p.m.—Welcoming & Inviting 7:15 p.m.—Devotions 7:30 p.m.—Trustees 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	8 6:00 p.m.—Naomi Circle 7:30 p.m.—Taize Service	9 1:00 p.m.—Deborah Circle 4:30 p.m.—Children's Bells 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choir 7:00 p.m.—Martha Circle 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir	10 7:30 a.m.—Breakfast & Conversation 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 7:00 p.m.—Harmony for Hunger at Worthington Presbyterian Church	11 7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.—The Carpenter's Helping Hands Service Day 10:00 a.m.—Youth Lock-In
12 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 3:00 p.m.—Ohio Health Memorial Service 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir	13 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 7:00 p.m.—Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m.—CPC Board Meeting	14 9:30 a.m.—Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m.—Open Hearts 7:30 p.m.—Outreach 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	15 1:00 p.m.—Mat Ministry PLARN Party	16 10:00 a.m.—CANDO Board Meeting 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	17 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 10:00 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 p.m.—WUMC Singles	18
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26 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 3:00 p.m.—Hanging of the Greens 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir	27 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365	28 7:00 p.m.—Finance Committee 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	29	30 9:00 a.m.—Messenger Assembly 4:30 p.m.—Children's Bells 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choir 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir		

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This Month's Happenings

- Harmony for Hunger concert - November 10
- The Carpenter's Helping Hands Service Day - November 11
- Youth Lock-in - November 11
- Ohio Health Memorial Service - November 12
- PLARN Party - November 15
- Friendship Community Dinner - November 16
- UMW World Thank Sunday - November 19
- Immunization Clinic - November 21
- Thanksgiving - November 23
- Hanging of the Greens - November 26