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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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Saturday, September 15 is the deadline for the October Messenger. To submit your article, drop it off or email it to Jessica Sapp at jessica@worthingtonumc.com.



It appears school is back in session, football season underway and Rally Day 2018 is behind us. So, as we begin September we start our non-summer schedule with two services on Sunday morning and Sunday School for all ages. Check out this Messenger for more details.

We are inviting you to intentionally **Step In** to this community of faith, perhaps in new ways, and **Leap Out** into service to others in the community! Stay alert to opportunities as they arise in both.

For the past seven years Cindy Kuss and Lynn Snyder have coordinated Bereavement Meals for this congregation. They have had much help from many persons, but they have made sure, with varying lengths of notice, that meals and receptions were ready to go and delightful gifts of hospitality to grieving families. At the end of August they are retiring from these positions to be involved in other avenues of life and we are in need of some persons to leap out and consider providing leadership for this gracious ministry. So, first, a big THANKS to Cindy and Lynn for wonderful leadership during this time, and second, if you have any interest in serving in this important leadership role please let me know. We hope to put together a team soon. Thank you.

Many of you have asked if I had a good vacation. The question often comes when I am in the midst of Sunday morning and on my way to the next thing so I wanted to answer here. Yes, I had a very nice, full, hectic, meaningful vacation. Taking photos with my phone is a two handed task so I did not take any. However, those with whom I travelled took thousands and I will be receiving a set. I am sure over time you will hear about, and perhaps see pictures from, the trip I took. As some friends of mine believed before I went, it reactivated a travel spark I had earlier in life, and as a couple of you cautioned me Sunday I will not wait as long into the future as I did this time to travel again. (Not sure I will want to travel when I am over 100.)

It is good to be back and moving into this season. Some of you have been wondering about the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church. We are going to look at them as we study *Anatomy of Peace* beginning September 9 in Sunday School. Please see the review of the book/study Gari Aber wrote in this Messenger.

We have a few weeks left for the Relaxation Station, our Saturday morning outreach to the Farmer's Market crowd. Come, check us out beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays on the front lawn. You might find yourself leaping out into a new experience.

And stay alert to the information soon to come on the Northland Initiative.

Your staff invites you to look closely at all the news and opportunities written on these pages. We hope you find a place to **Step In and Leap Out**.

Glad to be in ministry with you,
Cyndy

Parish Concerns and Joys

We express love and sympathy:

- To family & friends of Geraldine Haywood, who died July 24.
- To family & friends of Ann Wittmer, who died July 28.
- To family & friends of Jack Babbart, who died August 6.
- To family & friends of Eunice Wiseman, who died August 12.
- To family & friends of Ellie Jones, who died August 21.

Circle News

Naomi Circle will resume meeting Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Bev Wright. Starting with a potluck dinner, the meeting will include devotions, sharing summer experiences, and planning for future UMW activities.

Deborah Circle will meet offsite at the home of Mysa Mathews to catch up on summer activities and plan this year's programs at 1 p.m. on September 13.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at the home of Lynn Snyder for a Potluck. Guest Speaker Rev. John Ma. All are welcome to come. Questions? Contact Margaret Tyler.

United Methodist Women are still taking donations for our Central Ohio soldiers. A complete list of suggested items and the drop-off box are in the church office.

CANDO UMW

2018 Annual Gathering

Saturday, September 22, 9:30 a.m.
Bellefontaine First
United Methodist Church

Program: Maternal & Child Health,
with speaker Laura Burns.

Please bring a donation of new baby bottles, sippy cups, wet wipes, or diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6) for the New Paths Pregnancy Resource Center.

Cost is \$11 and includes lunch.
Registration forms are provided by
Circle leaders.

Dear church members,

Thank you for the beautiful cards you brought to my wonderful niece and her husband's Big Birthday party for me. How many cards? A quick count showed 152, most from individuals, but a few from groups, plus beautiful flowers, and letters from Peace Corps Director Jody K. Olsen, the Rev. Franklin Graham, and Ohio Gov. John R. Kasich & Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor. Thanks to all and to our minister, Cyndy Garn, for her assistance to my relatives who live out of state.

Helen McBride

Outreach: Opportunities to Make a Difference!

September 2018 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am – 9 am	3 Labor Day Holiday	4 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon New Life Clothing Room 9 – 11:30 am	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
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30 Oper Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am – 9 am Bags of Blessings Sort 11:00–11:30*		Bags of Blessings for New Life Clothing Room*		PROJECT MORE 30 Minutes any Monday –Thursday		* Family Friendly Ministries

Project MORE is a highly effective reading intervention for struggling second and third grade readers. The Worthington elementary schools are thrilled with this program. It's making a huge difference in the reading performance of our elementary students. Each Project MORE child receives one-on-one instruction 4 times per week for 32 weeks. The instruction is delivered by trained mentors who follow a customized lesson plan prepared for each child in advance by the Project MORE coordinator. The program is very mentor friendly. Mentors experience a one-hour training, a brief background check, and they're ready to serve. All Worthington elementary schools currently need Project More mentors. The large PM mentor pool allows for volunteers to miss sessions due to out-of-town commitments. Contact Kathy Moore if you can give 30 minutes per week to help enhance the reading performance of a young Worthington student.

Welcome to our new church family members!

On Sunday, August 26, we welcomed six new members to our church family!

Janelle & Raj Agrawal

Raj is a neurologist at the OSU Wexner Medical Center.

Janelle is a stay at home mom to their two children, Nathan & Norah.



Gary Klempnauer

Gary is a retired UMC pastor and drug/alcohol counselor.



Nancy Muñoz:

Nancy is a Asst. Professor of Spanish at the University of Findlay.

She has three children, Lara, Mia, and Matt.



Faye & Wayne Tyler

The Tylers are both retired. Wayne enjoys watching baseball, football, and soccer, and going to his granddaughter's soccer games. Faye enjoys crocheting, knitting, crafting, and watching her grandchild.



Interested in joining the WUMC family?

Join us at the next one-day New Membership Class, October 14!

Join us Sunday morning 10:40 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a one-day Fall 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.

Family Mentor Foundation is looking for passionate people to come together on Sunday afternoon, September 9 to pack 6,000 Buddy Boxes over the course of a single day! The family-friendly event will be at Polaris Fashion Place Courtyard (next to Cheesecake Factory) for an afternoon of fun, food trucks, music and community action! Please sign up to help with this great community event by going to their website, www.familymentorfoundation.org. Look for signups under the Events tab. Please contact Lesly Wade with questions.

Hope to see you there!

WUMC services local community through the Pack Shack

If you haven't heard, our church participated in an event on July 28 called the Pack Shack. The Pack Shack works with local organizations to pack meals to be donated to local resources or a location globally. As an organization, we were able to choose where the meals were sent. We chose the Mid-Ohio Food Bank as it is a local resource that provides for a variety of locations around central Ohio, including the Worthington Resource Pantry. You will see another article in this newsletter that our Explorations camp (offered for 4th-6th grade) served at the Resource Pantry just a few days after we finished the Pack Shack event, and already meals had made their way there.

We turned our Fellowship Hall into stations, and we had ways for ages 3-103 to serve. It was a great way for the whole congregation to work together to support others in need. We packed 25,424 meals! Thank you to all who donated both financially and through participation of the event. We are looking forward to hosting again in 2019.



Cooking Class - September 15

Join us, in our first WUMC cooking class as we get ready for Christmas...

The WUMC Cooks classes will be offered to give you opportunities to learn great ways to enhance your holiday and everyday gourmand delights.

Our first class, on Saturday, September 15, from 1-3 p.m., will feature learning how to make a Christmas Fruitcake.

Thoroughly vetted by WUMC Fruitcake Connoisseurs, we will be learning tips and techniques to make the best fruitcake from our very own Fruitcake Expert, Dorba Metzger.

Class size is limited and already filling.

Cost is \$5/person to help cover the cost of ingredients.

Sign up now in the Church office.

A Recap of Explorations 2018

Any incoming 4th grader through incoming 7th grader is invited to attend Explorations. We meet at the church each morning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. and finish our day at 2 p.m. Each of these days are mission and outreach focused. Serving others is a foundational aspect of our faith development! We grow as a group in fellowship through giving back in various ways.

This year, Explorations held a variety of activities.

On our first day, we spent time at Hoover Reservoir Park. I was hoping this was a location not many had been to before, and that was the case! It is an awesome park to explore and see some great views. We started out with a lesson on Creation and talking about how God calls us to love the Earth, including all living things upon it (ourselves, others, animals, plants, etc!). We each took turns writing encouraging notes on the pavement for those who would be visiting there.

Our second day was spent at Sunrise Sanctuary in Marysville. It is a privately owned farm that takes in abused and neglected farm animals. This area is really special because the animals roam freely. They had many cats, turkeys, ducks, goats, sheep, horses, cows, pigs, donkeys, and a dog. It was great to see, but our large crew had to be calm and quiet when dealing with the animals. They did fabulously. We were able to clean out their pig houses for them while we were there, amongst learning about the care the animals require from the volunteer-based organization. This is our third year at Sunrise Sanctuary. It was great to see some of our kids remember the animals they had seen from years past. Our last day was spent at the Worthington Resource Pantry. We organized a lot of their recent fresh produce (lots of going through potatoes, sweet corn, bananas, sweet potatoes) and unboxed some canned goods. We also swept the entire facility and cleaned their learning space. Before that, we had a great opportunity to learn a lot about the need in our local community and how the resource pantry works. We even split up into 5 “families” and shopped for things that a family would be able to pick up if they came to the pantry. The groups were encouraged to think about the needs of what kind of family they were based on a card they were given with a list of categories per food group. It was a wonderful learning experience and a hands on activity that I’m sure made an impact.

A highlight from that day: the church participated in an event on July 29 called the Pack Shack. We bagged over 25,000 meals and they were delivered to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. We chose that location because it is a distribution center for special locations all over central Ohio – including the Worthington Resource Pantry. Some of those meals had already arrived to the pantry when we were there within the following week!

Looking forward to next year’s service opportunities at Explorations 2019!

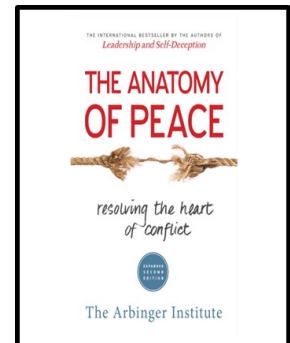


From Conflict to Peace

by Gari Aber

Members of the United Methodist Church have been asked to read *The Anatomy of Peace* in advance of the February 2019 General Conference. In these times in the world and in the church, this book has a message that resonates. The book's premise is that conflict begins when we stigmatize and dehumanize those with whom we disagree. And peace is achieved when we see others not as obstacles but as people.

Through a fictionalized setting of a workshop for parents of troubled teens, *The Anatomy of Peace* is a meaningful but easy read. One chief character enters the workshop blaming his son for his family's problems and his employees for his business problems. The workshop leaders—a Palestinian and an Israeli—teach him and the other parents how to help their situation by first understanding, then changing, their own attitudes and behaviors.



At Worthington UMC, we will convene a discussion group to consider concepts from the book such as:

No conflict can be solved so long as all parties are convinced they are right.

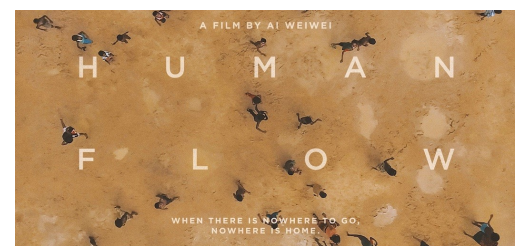
Rather than judging and blaming, can we ask questions: “What are these people’s challenges, trials, burdens, and pains?” In every moment, we choose to see that others count the same as us or they don't count. With hearts at peace, we see others as people with hopes, needs, cares, and fears. With hearts at war, we see others as objects, even obstacles to our goals, or irrelevant.

Pick up the book in the church office if you want to read it yourself. But with or without the book, join us for four Sundays starting September 9, between services 10:40 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Browning Lounge as we consider ways to transform conflict.

"Immigrant Journeys - Immigrant Voices": An International Day of Peace Event

Friday, September 21 7:00 p.m. WUMC Sanctuary

- View excerpts from Ai Weiwei's documentary "Human Flow"
- Experience first-hand accounts of migration from people who have lived it
- Hear the voices of the International Children's Choir & Interfaith Choir: Voices of Unity
- Enjoy dessert and fellowship with TASO, WIN, & SAIL



Sponsored by Worthington Interfaith Neighbors & Safe Alliance of Interfaith Leaders

Trifles 'n Treasures Sale!!!

Trifles n' Treasures is around the corner! Save the date for **Saturday, October 27!**

Come and find some bargains! All proceeds go to UMW missions.

And as always, we need your help to make the sale a success.

Donate your gently used stuff:

Donations may be brought to the church beginning Sunday afternoon, October 21, through Wednesday evening, October 24. Receipts for tax purposes are available from the church office.

For pickup of items you can't deliver yourself, contact Debbie Varble.

Please note: Absolutely NO donations cannot be accepted after Wed., Oct. 24!

Items we accept include:

- jewelry, fashion accessories, purses, luggage
- all manner of household items
- Infant/toddler clothing (up to size 5T only)
- toys and games, sporting goods

Items we CANNOT accept:

- × clothing and shoes (other than infant/toddler size)
- × any furniture
- × all TVs, computers and other electronic equipment
- × treadmills and other large fitness equipment
- × large appliances, or anything too heavy for two people to move



For those that want to donate home-baked goodies for our bake sale please contact Elizabeth Circle Leader Margaret Tyler.

Volunteers are the glue to our sale! For those interested in helping during set-up week, planning the sale, helping during the sale or clean-up, you are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 16, at 3:00 p.m. at the church to learn more about Trifles 'n Treasures!

Volunteer: We couldn't do it without you!

- ◆ If you have a strong back (and even better, if you also have a truck or van), we could use you on Sunday afternoon to help pick up items from donor's homes. Contact Debbie Varble.
- ◆ Help is needed every day during set-up week to unpack and price all the treasures. A light lunch and snacks are provided daily.
- ◆ During the sale on Saturday, we need people to assist customers on the sales floor, help at check-out stations, greet visitors and direct traffic, assist customers at package check-in stations (will-call), or help carry out purchases.

To volunteer, please stop by our table in the ministry hallway on September 30, October 7, or October 14 between services, or contact Debbie Varble, Corliss Maynard, or Phyllis Doelker.

Visit us and shop on sale days!

Thank you for your support.

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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
2 See Sunday Schedule	3 Labor Day Office is closed	4 7:00 p.m.—Scout Venture Crew 7:15 p.m. – Devotions 7:30 p.m.—Trustees 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	5 9:30 a.m.—Riverside Sewing Guild 7:00 p.m.—WUMC Euchre Group	6 4:30 p.m.— Children's Bells 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choir 7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir	7 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 11:30 a.m.—Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting	1 8:00 a.m.—Relaxation Station <hr/> 8 7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.—Relaxation 10:00 a.m.—West Ohio UMW
9 See Sunday Schedule 11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.—Impact	10 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.—CPC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Troop 365 7:00 p.m.—Elizabeth Circle	11 7:00 p.m.—Open Hearts 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	12 7:30 p.m.—Taize	13 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	14 7:30 a.m.—Breakfast & Conversation 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly	15 Worthington Market Day 8:00 a.m.—Relaxation Station 1:00 p.m.—WUMC Cooking Class
16 See Sunday Schedule 11:00 a.m.—Jubilee Ringers 5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.—Impact 6:00 p.m.—Concert on the lawn	17 10:00 a.m.—Worthington Thrift Shop Board 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.—Grounds Upkeep & Beautification 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.—SPRC	18 1:00 p.m.—Immunization Clinic 7:00 p.m.—Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.—Scout Venture Crew 8:00 p.m.—Sr High Devos	19 1:00 p.m.—PLARN Party 6:30 p.m.—Naomi Circle	20 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	21 9:00 a.m.—Bulletin Assembly 10:00 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m.—“Human Flow” Screening	22 8:00 a.m.—Gates Fourth Breakfast 8:00 a.m.—Relaxation Station 10:00 a.m.—Northland Community Bazaar
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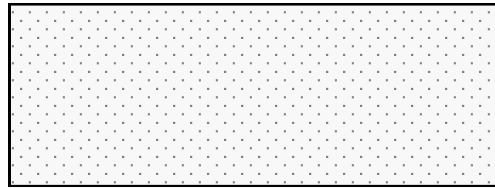
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This Month's Happenings

September 3 - Labor Day (Office is closed)

September 12 - Taize

September 15 - Cooking Class

September 16 - Concert on the Lawn

September 21 - "Immigrant Journeys - Immigrant Voices"

September 22 - Northland Community Bazaar