

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.  
- John 1:5*

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**Worship Times**

9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service  
11:15 a.m.  
Emerge Worship Service

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Dear Friends,

May we Dive Deeply into the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of Christmas! December is almost here and in this unusual year, the season of Advent begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of us will likely have some leftovers from Thanksgiving still available when we sing the first Advent song.

Several persons of all ages gathered this afternoon and decorated many areas of the church. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Yet we know that the journey of Advent with its waiting, anticipation, patience and preparation is extremely important to the celebration of Christmas. In this Messenger and the included program booklet you will find many opportunities to guide you as you dive deeply on your journey through this season. Once again, Mary Scott has put together an Advent Calendar which is included as well.

You will see on the front of the program booklet that we are asking persons to bring items to share each week, if they would like, beginning with dish towels on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Tonight someone told me she had participated in sharing gifts with teens a few years ago in a project much like our Angel Tree, and the teenager for whom she was to get the gift said he would like sheets. It had an impact on her and I would add on me as she shared her story. In this season of giving please feel free to participate in all opportunities you would find meaningful.

We are adding an additional Christmas worship service this year. It will be a Blue Christmas service and will be held on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm in the Potter Chapel. This will be a quiet, reflective service especially for those who do not find Christmas to be a joyful time. And on Christmas Eve we will have our four services - at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Descriptions of the services can be found inside.

As we get the Advent study ready and all the other preparations done, please know we are also working on the 2020 Budget. On December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m. we will have a special Church Conference for the setting of the pastors' salaries, and that evening as an Administrative Council we plan to set the 2020 Budget. Our Finance Committee, as they bring forward the Budget recommendation, rely in part on the commitments that are given to the church. If you still have a commitment to turn in, please do so in the next few days and it will be very helpful in our budget decisions.

Thank you so much for the commitment which have already been received and for the outpouring of giving. With everyone working together we hope to end 2019 with all responsibilities met and some balance to enter 2020.

*Get ready, get ready...* is the way one of the Children's Choir songs for Christmas Eve begins. *Get ready, get ready...* Christmas is coming and we hope you join us and invite a friend to come with you as we dive deeply to greet the Christ Child.

Your Staff looks forward to celebrating the birth of the Christ Child with you,  
Cyndy

## Prayer Joys & Concerns

- We show sympathy to friends and family of **Betty Huffman**, who passed away on Oct. 30
- We show sympathy to **Shirley Delucia** and family at the passing of her brother, **Leroy**, on Oct. 31
- We show sympathy to **Diane Zepp** at the passing of her mother, **Adeline DeWinne** on Oct. 31
- We show sympathy to **Kathy Gaddis** for the passing of her mother, **Kay Dubbins**, on Nov. 6 in Sarasota

## **Bethlehem on Broad Street**

Thank you for your help in making Christmas brighter for those in need! There are still more ways to help Bethlehem on Broad! Food Donations boxes can be delivered to the church until Tuesday, Dec. 3. Help load and deliver the boxes to Broad Street UMC on Saturday, December 7 between 10:00 am and noon, or volunteer to distribute the boxes to the families on Saturday, December 14 (2:50 – 4:30 pm). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Aura Lee Whittaker at 614-433-0862 or at [awhittaker03@columbus.rr.com](mailto:awhittaker03@columbus.rr.com). 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.

## **Disbursement of UMW Endowment Earnings 2019**

This year's proceeds from our Adelaide Miller endowment fund will be distributed in the amount of \$1,496.04 to each of the following foreign ministries: Buckeye Clinic in South Sudan, Africa; Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Haiti; UMCOR Sustainable Agriculture and Development, Africa; Global Migration; International Disaster Response; UMCOR Undesignated; Material Resources, Global; World Hunger and Poverty, Global; Ganta United Methodist Hospital, Liberia; Shungu Clinic, Congo, Africa.

Proceeds from the Sarah Lewis High-Long fund will be distributed in the amount of \$240.30 to the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio (local) and to the House of Mercy Orphanage in Piedras Negras, Mexico (foreign).

*Mysa Mathews*

*UMW Bequest Chair*



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## December 2019 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we "Make a Difference"!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am - 9 am <b>PODS Drop off BOBS 9:00 -12:30*</b>	2 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 9 am - 3 pm	3 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon	4 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm - 8 pm	5	6 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon	7 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm <b>BOBS Delivery of Food Boxes to BSUMC 10:00 am - Noon*</b>
8 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am - 9 am	9 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 9 am - 3 pm	10 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon	11 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm - 8 pm	12	13 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon	14 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm <b>BOBS Christmas Party at BSUMC 2:50 - 4:30 pm*</b>
15 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am - 9 am	16 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 9 am - 3 pm	17 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon	18 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm - 8 pm <b>Mat Ministry Plann Party 1 - 4 pm*</b>	19 <b>Friendship Dinner 5 - 8 pm*</b>	20 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon	21 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm
22 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am - 9 am	23 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 9 am - 3 pm	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>Christmas Holiday</b>	26	27 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon	28 Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm <b>Gates Fourth UMC Breakfast 8:30-10*</b>
29 Operation Sandwich* New Life Clinic 7 am - 9 am	30 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am - noon Worthington Pantry 9 am - 3 pm	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS)*</b> Christmas Food Boxes	<b>Advent Giving*</b> Angel Tree Grooming Kits Socks/Underwear	<b>PROJECT MORE</b> 30 Minutes any Monday - Thursday	<b>* Family Friendly Ministries</b>

### Save the Date for the Winter Mission Trip!

We are now accepting applications for the next Adult Mission Trip. The dates are Feb. 23 - 29, 2020. We will be going to Tarboro, North Carolina. 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 and there is always something that everyone can do. The final date to sign up for this is February 2, 2020. For more information, contact Russ Line at (614) 885-3111 or [rjlineohio@aol.com](mailto:rjlineohio@aol.com).



## Northland Ministries Update:

*Rev. John Ma*

It has been an exciting fall season for ministries in the midst of the immigrant & refugee families. There have been various opportunities to engage with these New American families in service and relationships.



*Anastasia Ma greeting the host of women in the weekly event*

As we begin moving into this Advent season, I wanted to take a moment and thank all of the volunteers that have given their time and resources for the sake of others. I am often reminded of the verse from the Second Letter to the Corinthian Church. Paul tells the church “*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*” I am grateful to those who have given so willingly for the work of this ministry. Whether it is direct time invested with individuals, or even in the giving of donated items to a family, it is always humbling for me to witness Christ-like action from others. There are many moments that I’d love to share one day, but for now – I am grateful for those energizing moments.

The ministries in Northland will begin shifting its form in the coming year to continue adjusting to the everchanging context. But as always, the door is open to those anyone willing to volunteer. I can provide some opportunities, or direct you to someone who can connect you to opportunities to serve!

If you have any additional questions or thoughts, please feel free contact Rev. John Ma at [johnma@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:johnma@worthingtonumc.com) or 216-965-1551.

*Holly Kapus leading conversation in Westerville*



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# Advent

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 HOPE</p> <p>Matthew 24:36-44</p> <p>Pray for the Communion Stewards</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Isaiah 11:1-10</p> <p>Pray for our Ministers</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Psalm 72:1-19</p> <p>Pray for the Board of Trustees</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Romans 15:4-13</p> <p>Pray for the Staff/Relations Committee</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Psalm 98</p> <p>Pray for all those who provide music</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Psalm 47</p> <p>Pray for Worthington Food Pantry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Matthew 14:15-21</p> <p>Pray for Bethlehem on Broad Street</p>
<p>8 PEACE</p> <p>Matthew 3:1-10</p> <p>Pray for the Hospitality Team</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Isaiah 35:1-10</p> <p>Pray for the Homebound and Hospitalized and those who visit them</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Psalm 146:5-10</p> <p>Pray for the Finance Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>James 5:1-10</p> <p>Pray for our children and youth</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Luke 1:46-55</p> <p>Pray for the Lay Leadership Committee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>I Corinthians 12:1-31</p> <p>Pray for the church staff and volunteers</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Matthew 5:43-38</p> <p>Pray for the work in the Northland Area</p>
<p>15 JOY</p> <p>Matthew 11:2-11</p> <p>Pray for the Welcoming and Inviting Committee</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Isaiah 7:10-16</p> <p>Pray for the family Ministry Team</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Psalm 80:1-19</p> <p>Pray for the Creative Play Center</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Romans 1:1-7</p> <p>Pray for the Open Hearts Committee</p>	<p>19</p> <p>I Corinthians 3:7-9</p> <p>Pray for the Outreach Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Exodus 35:4-29</p> <p>Pray for the Altar Guild</p>	<p>21</p> <p>I Corinthians 13</p> <p>Pray for NNEMAP</p>
<p>22 LOVE</p> <p>Matthew 1:18-25</p> <p>Pray for our Church</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Isaiah 9:2-7</p> <p>Pray for the New Life Clothing Store</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Psalm 97</p> <p>Pray for the Y Family Center</p>	<p>25 Christmas</p> <p>Luke 2:1-20</p> <p>Pray for the Homeless and Operation Sandwich</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

## Concert Opportunities

**Columbus Rings Handbell Concert:** Join community Handbell group Columbus Rings for their holiday concert. Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free! A freewill donation offering will be received during the concert.

**Worthington UMC Christmas Cantata:** The Chancel Choir will be performing the work “Christmas Cantata” by Daniel Pinkham at the 9:30 a.m. worship on December 15, accompanied by organist Narmina Aliyeva, and brass players from Capital University Conservatory of Music.



**Columbus International Children’s Choir Winter Concert:** The award winning nationally recognized will be giving their winter concert here at Worthington UMC on December 15, at 4:00 p.m. CICC has toured overseas and has won multiple awards in the World Choir Games. The group is comprised of multiple choir ranging from age 4 to 18. Admission is free!

## Circle News

- **Naomi Circle** will meet Tuesday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. in the Dixon Lounge. In keeping with the program, Christmas Sisterhood and Fellowship, the gathering will begin with brunch hosted by Nancy Olilla and Harriet Allen, and devotions by Marilyn Wolfe. Members will bring monetary Love Offerings for local UMW mission and gift cards for the ministers’ discretionary giving.
- **Riverside Sewing Guild** will meet on Wednesday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. at Hospital North Building at Riverside Methodist Hospital. We make items to be given out to patients at the hospital. All skills (sewing, stuffing, hand sewing, knitting, crocheting, and cutting patterns) are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Kirkbride at 614-436-0630.
- **Elizabeth Circle** will be meeting on Monday December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon Chadwell’s, 180 Larrimer Avenue, Worthington, OH 43085 for a Christmas Party with Ann Wheat-Holiday Program. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Sharon Chadwell via email at [sharonchadwell51@gmail.com](mailto:sharonchadwell51@gmail.com) or 614-563-6264 to let her know that you are coming no later than by Sunday December 8, 2019. If you have any circle questions please contact Elizabeth Circle Leaders: Margaret Tyler at [margaret.tyler07@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.tyler07@gmail.com) or 614-736-1152 or Beth Strasser at [babob@columbus.rr.com](mailto:babob@columbus.rr.com) or 614-419-9920.
- **Ruth Circle** will meet at December 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Dixon Lounge.
- **Deborah Circle** will meet at 1:00 p.m. December 12, 2019 in the Browning Lounge and Potter Chapel for our annual Christmas Program and singing of carols led by Geneva Hardcastle. Love Offering will be collected.
- **Martha Circle** will meet on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Browning Lounge. Bring a relaxing activity to craft!
- **Hannah Circle** will not meet in December. Have a blessed Christmas!

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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
<b>1</b> See Sunday Schedule 10:40 am—Becoming Well-Versed 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 12:30pm—Worthington Holiday Celebration 6 pm—Columbus Rings 6 pm—Impact	<b>2</b> 10:30 am—Prayer Group 6 pm—Emerge Planning 6 pm—SMART Recovery 7 pm—SPRC 7 pm—Boy Scouts Troops 365 & 752	<b>3</b> 8 am—Sermon Shaping Bible Study 10 am—Naomi Circle 6:30 pm—Alzheimer Care Givers 7 pm—Welcoming and Inviting 7:15 pm—Devotions 7:30 pm—Trustees 8 pm—Devos	<b>4</b> 9:30 am—Riverside Sewing Guild 6:30 pm—GOALS 7:00 pm—Patrol Leaders Meeting	<b>5</b> 4:30 pm—UMW Meeting 4:30 pm—Children's Bells 5 pm—Children's Choir 6 pm—Youth Choir 7 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 9 am—Bulletin Assembly 9:30 am—Alzheimer's Support Care 11:30 am—Alzheimer's First Friday Meeting 6:00 pm—WUMC Singles Pizza & Cards	<b>7</b> 7:30 am—Men's Breakfast 10:30 am—UMW At Mozart's
<b>8</b> See Sunday Schedule 10:40 am—Becoming Well-Versed 10:40 am—Advent Study 11 am—Jubilee Ringers 4 pm—Church Wide Caroling 6 pm—Columbus Rings 6 pm—Impact	<b>9</b> 7:00 am—Elizabeth Circle 10:30 am—Prayer Group 6 pm—SMART Recovery 6:30 pm—BSA Open House 7 pm—CPC Board Meeting 7 pm—Boy Scouts Troops 365 & 752	<b>10</b> 8 am—Sermon Shaping Bible Study 9:30 am—Ruth Circle 7pm—Memorial Committee 7:05 pm—Ad. Hoc & Church Conference 7pm—BSA Adult's 8 pm—Devos	<b>11</b> 7 pm—CPC Personnel Meeting 7:30 pm—Taize Worship	<b>12</b> 10 am—CANDO Board 1 pm—Deborah Circle 4:30 pm—Children's Bells 5 pm—Children's Choir 6 pm—Youth Choir 7 pm—Martha Circle 7 pm—Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 7:30 am—Breakfast & Conversation 9 am—Bulletin Assembly 5:45 pm—Boy Scout Overnight 7:30 pm—Columbus Rings Concert	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> See Sunday Schedule 10:40 am—Becoming Well-Versed 10:40 am—Advent Study 11 am—Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal 6 pm—CICC Winter Concert 6 pm—Impact & Jam	<b>16</b> 10:30 am—Prayer Group 10:30 am—Worthington Thrift Shop Board 6 pm—SMART Recovery 7 pm—Boy Scouts Troops 365 & 752	<b>17</b> 8 am—Sermon Shaping Bible Study 3 pm—Immunization Clinic 7 pm—Finance Committee 7pm—CPC Staff Holiday Gathering	<b>18</b> 1pm—PLARN Party 6:30pm—GOALS	<b>19</b> 4:30 pm—Children's Bells 5 pm—Children's Choir 6 pm—Youth Choir 7 pm—Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 9 am—Bulletin Assembly 10 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>21</b> Youth Bread Making
<b>22</b> See Sunday Schedule 10:40 am—Becoming Well-Versed 10:40 am—Advent Study 11 am—Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal 6 pm—Columbus Rings 6 pm—Impact	<b>23</b> 10:30 am—Prayer Group 6 pm—SMART Recovery 6:30pm—Down Syndrome Parents Group	<b>24</b> Office closes at 12pm CPC Closes at 3:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship at 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 11pm	<b>25</b>  Church is Closed	<b>26</b> WUMC is closed	<b>27</b> 9 am—Bulletin Assembly	<b>28</b> 8:30 am—Gates Fourth Breakfast 10am—Library Work Day
<b>29</b> 10 am—Blended Worship 11 am—Cookie Sampling	<b>30</b> 10:30 am—Prayer Group 6 pm—SMART Recovery	<b>31</b>  Church is closed				

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## **December**

### **This Month's Happenings**

**WUMC Singles Pizza and Cards—Dec. 6**

**UMW Brunch at Mozarts—Dec. 7**

**Church Wide Caroling—Dec. 8**

**Columbus Rings Handbell Concert—Dec. 13**

**Columbus International Children's Choir Winter Concert—Dec. 15**

**Immunization Clinic—Dec. 17**

**Friendship Community Dinner—Dec. 19**

**Christmas Eve (Services at 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 11pm) —Dec. 24**

**Blended Worship at 10:00 a.m.—Dec. 29**

**New Year's Eve—Dec. 31**