



Invitation to Connect

In this time of change at least one thing remains constant: the congregation of WUMC finds ways to love and serve. There are many paths to connection and during the pandemic, together we have continued to give to the community. Members have unstintingly supported our on-going donations—**Bags of Blessings** and **Operation Sandwich**. Please be attuned to the other calls for periodic donations that will come throughout the year —Advent giving through **food boxes for Bethlehem on Broad Street, Mitten & Underwear Drawer** and the **Giving Tree** and other seasonal requests.

In addition to your financial commitment, you serve in many ways today and we ask that you continue this service as you are able and comfortable. Consider new opportunities to connect and serve that are included on the following pages. Check mark those you would like to pursue and you will be contacted. Also watch for announcements in eBlast, Messenger, on the website and during worship service and sign up if you can. And if you would like to be contacted periodically, select “Help Me Connect” under [Connect to Church Family](#) for you to let us know that you would like a call.

Please complete and return the forms for Commitment Sunday, October 25. You may bring the forms to church, mail them or complete the information on-line here: [Financial Commitment](#) and [Invitation to Connect](#). You may also find the forms on the church website at 2021 Connections <https://worthingtonumc.com/get-involved/>.

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Giving, serving and being in community all are part of the connection by God and our connection to all.

Name A: _____ Name B: _____

Contact: _____
(email and/or phone) *(email and/or phone)*

A✓	B✓	<u>CONNECT THROUGH PRAYER</u>
		Pray on your own Pray for the world, the country, the church, the community, your neighbors and yourself.
		Prayer Chain Join prayer team members by phone or virtually to pray for others in need of God’s healing.
		Prayer Connection Choose a time slot for church-wide weekly prayer calendar. Access in Prayer Connections at: https://worthingtonumc.com/get-involved/

A✓	B✓	<u>CONNECT THROUGH SERVICE</u>
		Friendship Dinner Prepare food at church and serve a carryout family meal to members of the community.
		Gates Fourth UMC Community Breakfast Help serve breakfast, greet guests and assist in cleanup at Gates Fourth UMC, 119 E. Gates Street.
		Mission Near and Away Travel to serve areas of need or to provide disaster relief.
		New Life Community Outreach – Breakfast Ministry Serve neighborhood breakfasts on Sunday morning at 25 W. 5 th Avenue.
		NNEMAP Food Pantry Volunteer as an interviewer, stocker or shopper to assist families in Northeast Columbus.
		Operation Sandwich Delivery Deliver sandwiches to the Friends of the Homeless Shelter on Mondays.
		The Carpenter’s Helping Hands Provide household services or yard work for members who are in need.
		Worthington Resource Pantry Volunteer at the Pantry by packing or distributing food to clients. Other opportunities include picking up food, interviewing or clerical support.

A✓	B✓	<u>CONNECT TO CHURCH FAMILY</u>
		Around the Table A group of about 8 people from your church family introduced randomly to get to know each another. Normally meeting for a meal; but until gathering is appropriate, they will meet monthly online for a chat.
		Bereavement Ministry Prepare food for and/or serve luncheons and receptions for grieving families.
		Caring Team Support church members in need of meals, transportation or care giver relief.
		Friday Conversation Engage with others and join in relevant conversation together. Meet virtually or socially distant at 7:30am on the 2 nd Friday of month.
		Greeters Welcome worshippers and monitor use of masks and hand sanitizer prior to worship service.
		Help Me Connect I would like to feel more connected. Please have a church member contact me to further explore this.
		Keep in Touch Contact members periodically to maintain connections using calls, emails, or notes.
		Lead on-line discussions You choose—could be discussions on specific prompts, getting to know you, book clubs or Bible studies.
		Participate in on-line discussions Groups are forming for discussions, getting to know you, book clubs or Bible studies. Watch eBlast, Messenger for details and signups on church website.
		Plan Events Help plan events that get us together in socially distant or virtual ways. Game nights, drive-in concerts, or your new ideas.
		Prayer Shawls (Julia Ministry) Volunteer to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those who are in need of feeling enfolded in God’s loving arms. Material can be provided.
		Projection System Operator Operate the projection system during worship.
		Sound System Operator Operate sound board during worship.

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		United Methodist Women Fellowship, spiritual development or educational programs held virtually or socially distant.
		Ushers Seat and release worshippers for church service.
		Video Support Provide video services and events and help load to Facebook, YouTube and website.
		Zoom I would like help in learning to access and use Zoom so I can connect virtually.
New Ideas I have an idea for a new way for us to connect with each other or the community or a new idea for WUMC to serve: 		