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### Worship Times

10:00 a.m.  
Online Worship

### Office Hours

Mon: 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Wed: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Thurs: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Dear Ones,

By the time you get this Messenger, 2021 will have begun! Hopefully you had a good and safe Christmas and New Year's.

Once again, you have been remarkable in your mission giving, the sharing you do with persons in need. Thank you so much for the difference you make in this community and in the world. It is truly amazing and your sharing God's love has not been stopped by a global pandemic. If you look on the pages of this Messenger you will see evidence of much of your giving and of course, there has been much not reported here. Thank you.

At the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of our Administrative Council, the 2021 Budget was approved and information about it will be shared in the next Messenger along with a report on our 2020 Financial picture. Diane Meadows, our Financial Manager, is busy with year-end postings. Statements will be ready by January 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to pick yours up, please do so as it will save postage. We will be mailing them out on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

You will see an invitation in this Messenger from OhioHealth to write notes of encouragement to health care workers. If you choose to do this, please bring them to the church office and we will be certain to have them distributed through the OhioHealth system. If you want to do them for other health care system workers, I am sure they would be appreciated by anyone in the field and the other hospitals or health care professionals would receive them gladly. We have been invited by OhioHealth due to our United Methodist partnership.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Callon Holloway onto our staff as our Northland Area Pastor, a part-time position shared with the Capitol Area North District. Cal is a Bishop Emeritus in the Lutheran Church and has an interesting background in ministry in a variety of settings. He has experience in community development and a heart for sharing the love of Jesus Christ. He will be meeting (by zoom) soon with WUMC persons who have been interested in being involved in Northland. If you have interest in learning more please let the office know and Cal will be in touch with you.

Cal and his spouse, Laurene have two grown sons, Callon III and Aaron. Their old two Box Turtles, Woody and Buzz Lightyear live in the biology room at Northland High School.

As we move through the next several weeks, we hope to provide ways for you to get to know Cal.

There was a wonderful response to our Advent devotional. The Lenten one is in process and I would like you to consider adding a sharing of your own. Please submit stories, poetry, words of wisdom, etc to the church office either electronically at [office@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:office@worthingtonumc.com) or drop off in the office by January 24<sup>th</sup>. Lent will begin soon, and we want to have ways you can connect with your church family during this special time.

Both our Bishop and District Superintendent have taped sermons for congregations to use during this season. We will be including Rev. Middelberg's in the January 3<sup>rd</sup> service and Bishop Palmer's in the January 10<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup> services. We will post Bishop Palmer's Epiphany sermon on Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and it will be available after that as well. On weeks when we are not using Bishop Palmer's sermons in the service we will find ways to post them during the week.

Enter 2021 safely --- wear a mask, wash hands and practice safe distancing. May you have a blessed beginning to the New Year!

Cyndy

## Prayer Joys and Concerns

- Welcome to **Ainsley Margaret Boos**, born June 26, 2020 to **Kara and Brandon Boos**.
- Our sympathy to **Clyde Goad** and family at the death of his sister-in-law, **Debbi**, in North Carolina on December 17.

## 2021 Altar Flower Sign-Ups

Sign-up to provide flowers on the altar during worship during 2021 is now available! Find the signup sheet here at <https://bit.ly/WUMCAltarFlowers2021>. Each sign up also includes a special dedication you may include in the bulletin that week. Please make sure to include a relevant point of contact (phone or email).

*Thank you everyone for your sympathy, thoughts, and prayers I received on the death of my sister, Janet.  
The comforting and kind words expressed by you in your notes were extremely heartwarming.*

*June McComis*



**WE HOPE YOU HAD A BLESSED CHRISTMAS WITH  
MUCH JOY, PEACE, AND LOVE**

*Happy New Year!*

Thank you for work you give to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. We are glad to be in service and in life with you!  
- Your Worthington UMC Staff



## January 2021 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| Bags of Blessings for NNEMAP Food Pantry*   | * Family Friendly Ministries   |   |  |   | <sup>1</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon  | <sup>2</sup><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9:30 am - 12:30 pm<br><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>10 am – 1 pm   |
| <sup>3</sup><br>Operation Sandwich*<br><br>New Life Clinic<br>7 am – 9 am   | <sup>4</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon<br><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9 am – 3 pm  | <sup>5</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon  | <sup>6</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon<br><br>Worthington Pantry<br>2 pm – 8 pm  | <sup>7</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>3 pm – 7 pm  | <sup>8</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon  | <sup>9</sup><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9:30 am - 12:30 pm<br><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>10 am – 1 pm   |
| <sup>10</sup><br>Operation Sandwich*<br><br>New Life Clinic<br>7 am – 9 am  | <sup>11</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon<br><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9 am – 3 pm | <sup>12</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon | <sup>13</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon<br><br>Worthington Pantry<br>2 pm – 8 pm | <sup>14</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>3 pm – 7 pm   | <sup>15</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon | <sup>16</sup><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9:30 am - 12:30 pm<br><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>10 am – 1 pm  |
| <sup>17</sup><br>Operation Sandwich*<br><br>New Life Clinic<br>7 am – 9 am  | <sup>18</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon<br><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9 am – 3 pm | <sup>19</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon | <sup>20</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon<br><br>Worthington Pantry<br>2 pm – 8 pm | <sup>21</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>3 pm – 7 pm<br><br>Friendship Dinner<br>5 – 8 pm*<br><br>Red Cross Blood<br>Drive 1 – 6 pm* | <sup>22</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon | <sup>23</sup><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9:30 am - 12:30 pm<br><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>10 am – 1 pm  |
| <sup>24/31</sup><br>Operation Sandwich*<br><br>New Life Clinic<br>7 am – 9 am<br><br>Bags of Blessings<br>Sort 12:00–12:30* | <sup>25</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon<br><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9 am – 3 pm | <sup>26</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon | <sup>27</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon<br><br>Worthington Pantry<br>2 pm – 8 pm | <sup>28</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>3 pm – 7 pm   | <sup>29</sup><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>9 am – noon | <sup>30</sup><br>Worthington Pantry<br>9:30 am - 12:30 pm<br><br>NNEMAP Pantry<br>10 am – 1 pm<br><br>YWCA Family<br>Dinner 5 – 9 pm* |

### Outreach Programs

**Bag of Blessing:** For the month of January, we will be collecting items for NNEMAP Food Pantry. Below are the items they are collecting:

- Fruits (peaches, pears, mixed)
- Vegetables (carrots, beets, spinach)
- Tomatoes (paste, diced, stewed)
- Beans (chili, refried, Garbanzo)
- Soups (ready to eat or condensed)
- Canned pastas with meat (ravioli)
- Boxes Pastas or Boxed Rice
- Condiments (catsup or mustard)
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap

**Donations for ongoing needs.** Urgent needs for Worthington Resource Pantry are canned fruit, tuna and ravioli. Urgent needs for NNEMAP Food Pantry are canned fruit, soups and ravioli.

## 2020 Bethlehem on Broad Street

On Friday, December 11, ten volunteers from WUMC loaded 203 boxes filled with food and \$10 Kroger gift cards from the PODS to a rental truck. These boxes were delivered to Broad Street UMC for the Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS) Christmas charity event. These food boxes were part of approximately 760 total boxes which were donated by six UM churches. The food boxes exceeded our expectations and we were humbled with the generous response from our WUMC family. On Saturday, December 12, six volunteers helped distribute the boxes at BSUMC to Columbus area families in need.



On behalf of those whose lives were blessed with food for about four days, we thank you for your generosity and caring. Thanks to everyone who helped get the boxes, filled a food box, staffed the PODS, checked and packed the boxes, shopped for food to complete boxes, loaded and delivered the boxes, and distributed them at the Christmas event. Special thanks to Lesly Wade and Holly Kapus who teamed up with me on this ministry, plus Wendy Raab and the CPC staff, families and children who completed 22 boxes. Thanks also to W.W. Grainger, Inc. on Huntley Road for donating 200 sturdy cardboard boxes for this ministry and to PODS (Portable on Demand Storage) for donating the PODS to help us securely store the boxes and to make it easier for folks to drop off their donations. Finally, thank you to everyone who donated cash, gift cards and food to help us make this outreach ministry a success!

## Worship with us Live!

Join us LIVE as we worship safely and virtually, each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
Streams are recorded and uploaded to YouTube afterwards.

<https://bit.ly/StreamWUMC>

Subscribe to our YouTube channel to get email notifications when we go live!



## Love Your Neighbor



“The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” - Mark 12:31

“Love Your Neighbor” yard signs now available!

Pick one up on Sunday Mornings or during office hours.

If you would like to make a donation, \$10 is the recommended amount.

## Help OhioHealth Support our Healthcare Workers

Dear Faith Community Partners,

As we go through another surge of COVID cases, we know that you have seen coverage in the media about stress on healthcare workers. OhioHealth is providing many resources to help with the resiliency of our staff. But this is hard. And we are also asking faith communities for



encouragement. We know that you are holding healthcare workers in your thoughts and prayers. And we are wondering if you'd like to provide some other concrete signs of support. So we are asking faith communities to write notes of encouragement for staff. Here are some tips:

These notes are just for encouragement—we just want a lot of good positive energy for staff

They can be very short; even just a kind word helps. If you like, the note can be specific about what you appreciate—(“thanks for sacrificing for us”; “thanks for your kindness”; “wishing you patience”).... Any of these is great! Notes can be from any age group... from children to elders, all support is appreciated! Crayons, stickers, etc. are welcome!

The most efficient way to send them is for you to get them to the church office and we will deliver

## The Wired Word

This weekly online Bible study has been so much fun! Its where current events meet ancient scriptures, and we open conversations to explore the significance and meaning of scripture passages in today's contexts.

Our weekly meetings and conversations have included a blend of laughter and tears, talking and listening, seeking and finding. We're a mix of novices, amateurs, and seasoned Bible-studiers alike. And we'd love to welcome you to join in the fun!

Study topics and conversations have included: a lacrosse team giving up its spot in the Nationals so an indigenous team could participate; how we manage personal relations with Jesus when we feel pressured to compare ourselves to others; the Pope's call for civil unions for same-sex couples; Jeff Bridges' Lymphoma diagnosis and how we view our own mortality; the 2020 election process and results; Advent calendars featuring wine or liquor; COVID vaccines and the decision to take it or not; self-destructive behaviors and when to call out others for theirs; the recent planetary alignments to make a “Bethlehem star” and how we

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## Smith Grant

Through a very generous gift from Wayne and Mildred Smith we are able to make a difference in the life of the church, the community, and the world. This is a 10 year gift and this year, the sixth, we received \$117,072.75.

The first decision is to tithe to a worldwide humanitarian organization. We chose UMCOR's pandemic response fund which assists vulnerable populations in the U.S and around the world in dealing with the pandemic. The pandemic and

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| UMCOR 10%                            | \$12,072.75         |
| (Pandemic Relief Sheltering in Love) |                     |
| Community Donations                  |                     |
| Charitable Pharmacy                  | \$5,000             |
| Worthington Resource Pantry          | \$5,000             |
| NNEMAP                               | \$5,000             |
| Memorial Garden Development          | \$20,000            |
| Building Fund                        | \$20,000            |
| Vision Growth Northland              | \$20,000            |
| Transition Fund                      | <u>\$30,000</u>     |
|                                      | <u>\$117,072.75</u> |

financial crisis have created severe needs right here in our own community, so gifts also will be directed to local charitable organizations. The Worthington Resource Pantry and NNEMAP help feed people in our area and the Charitable Pharmacy aids those who cannot afford prescription medication.

This gift will be used to support the development of the Memorial Garden, to add to the Building Fund, to continue support of the vision development for Northland Area, and to create a transition fund as we live into the changes that are before us now and will be with us into 2021.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is on Thursday, January 21 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Health safety screening protocols will be in place, including temperatures taken of all donors At The Door and the use of hand sanitizer. Masks are Required. Staff and volunteers will be wearing masks and gloves, all surfaces will be cleaned between donors, and safe distancing practices will be followed.

Please Schedule Today at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org);

Sponsor Code: WorthUMC

Or Call 800-733-2767.



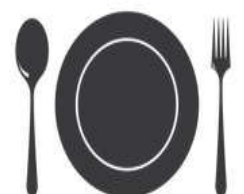
## Friendship Community Dinner!



Thursday, January 21

6:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Carryout Only!



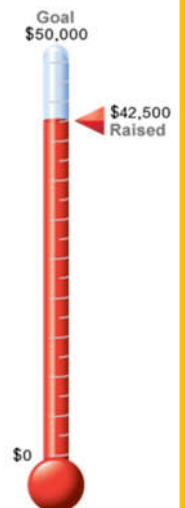
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# JANUARY

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| 3<br>10 am—Online Worship  | 4<br>Office Hours 11am-3pm<br>8 pm—College Group     | 5<br>Office Closed<br>8 pm—Devos  | 6<br>Office Hours 10am—2pm<br>7pm—Wired Word                            | 7<br>Office Hours 10am—2pm   | 8<br>Office Closed  | 9   |
| 10<br>10 am—Online Worship | 11<br>Office Hours 11am-3pm<br>8 pm—College Group    | 12<br>Office Closed<br>8 pm—Devos | 13<br>Office Hours 10am—2pm<br>7pm—Wired Word<br>7:30 pm—Taize (online) | 14<br>Office Hours 10am—2pm  | 15<br>Office Closed | 16  |
| 17<br>10 am—Online Worship | 18<br>MLK Day<br>Office Closed<br>8 pm—College Group | 19<br>Office Closed<br>8 pm—Devos | 20<br>Office Hours 10am—2pm<br>7pm—Wired Word                           | 21<br>Office Hours 10am—2pm<br>6:15 pm—Friendship Community Dinner | 22<br>Office Closed | 23  |
| 24                         | 25<br>Office Hours 11am-3pm<br>8 pm—College Group    | 26<br>Office Closed<br>8 pm—Devos | 27<br>Office Hours 10am—2pm<br>7pm—Wired Word                           | 28<br>Office Hours 10am—2pm  | 29<br>Office Closed | 30  |

## Memorial Garden Fundraising Update

We are slowly climbing toward our \$50,000 goal so we can construct the Memorial Garden outside the Dixon Lounge. A contribution of \$20,000 from the Smith Grant has raised us closer to our goal. Donations or engraved paver purchases will help move us further toward our goal. You still have the opportunity to have an engraved paver made as a gift in honor of, or in memory of, a family member or friend for the reduced amount of \$100, rather than \$125, if purchased prior to the garden's construction. To date, we have 40 engraved pavers ordered. You can download a [Paver Purchase here](#). Please prayerfully consider a donation so we are able to move forward with this beautiful enduring memorial space for all to utilize and enjoy. We are hopeful that funding will be in place so we can construct the garden this spring/summer.



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**January**

**New Years Day—January 1**

**Epiphany—January 6**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day—January 18**

**Red Cross Blood Drive—January 21**

**Friendship Community Dinner—January 21**