

O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

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Worship Times

10:00 a.m.

In-Person & Live-stream

11:15 a.m.

Outdoor Worship

Office Hours

Mon/Tues: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wed/Thurs: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Dear Worthington UM Family and Community,

Thank you for the gracious sending forth you did for John Girard. Indeed, you practice hospitality! It was magnificent, and know that if you still have that card or something else you meant to bring, go ahead and bring it to the office and we will get it to him.

Thank you for the gracious way you are welcoming Dominic, our new Associate Pastor and his partner/spouse, Ashley! Indeed, you practice hospitality. The items have been flowing in for the *Fill the Pantry Shower* we are having for them. Amazing items from quarters for laundry to forty-five pounds of zoo brew compost and everything in between. It may be that we have discovered another good learning from the pandemic. The items you are sharing will last longer than the typical reception of cake and punch. Thank you for welcoming them and let's remember they prefer Dominic (Dom) and Ashley (Ash) Short Mejia.

Dom spent this first week at Licensing School, so after the 4th of July weekend he will be getting to know and experience more about this congregation. Remember, you only have two of them to get to know; they have hundreds. Indeed, you practice hospitality. You can reach Dom at dominic@worthingtonumc.com. He plans to be at the church during office hours on July 6th, 7th, and 8th.

This Saturday, July 3rd, we are beginning our Hospitality Tables during the Farmer's Market. We will begin by providing water and some chalk for children from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. If you are interested in helping please let me know as we will be putting together a schedule and sharing in the gift of practicing hospitality with our neighbors.

Yesterday I walked into a church building and immediately saw a couple of signs with a cute cartoon face wearing a mask. The caption read: *For the protection of our unvaccinated children, we request you wear masks when you are in the church building. Thank you. God bless.* That caption sums up the reason we ask you to continue to wear masks in the sanctuary when we gather there for worship, concerts or other events. We have children and others who are unable to be vaccinated at this time so out of concern we continue to wear our masks in the sanctuary. And in doing so, we are practicing hospitality!

When you enter the building outside of Sunday mornings, if you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask. Science says that for brief periods of time the risk of transmission is very small. If you find yourself in the north end of the building where the Creative Play Center is we ask that you wear a mask. And I know that some of us will be wearing masks everywhere for the foreseeable future.

Thank you so much for your patience and flexibility during this time. We are all hopeful we are moving in the best direction. The ways in which you practice hospitality with each other and others does and will make a major difference in the lives around you. Thank you for sharing God's grace and love in so many ways. Have a wonderful July!!

Cyndy

Prayer Joys and Concerns

- Sympathy to Jo Donham and the friends and family of Jim Donham, who died June 21. Visitation is on July 23, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
- Sympathy to Beth Strasser and family at the death of her mother on June 18.



Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 a.m.— Live-stream & In-person

Reserve your seat at <https://worthingtonumc.churchreserve.com/>

View our livestreams at <https://bit.ly/OfficeWUMCYoutube>

11:15 a.m.—Outdoor worship on the church lawn.

(inside for inclement weather)

Reserve your seat at <https://worthingtonumc.churchreserve.com/>



Limited Re-Opening of the Building

Beginning this week, WUMC will be re-opening to the church building for meetings and other programming events. To request a room in the building, start by filling out this form at <https://forms.gle/yKJHeoHQB4RNCwCx7>. Fully-vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask for meetings (NOTE: at this time, this does not apply to Sunday morning worship). Rooms in the South part of the building will be available to meet (Dixon Lounge, Library, South Fellowship Hall, and outdoors near the South entrance). Groups are asked to limit the time of meetings to 60-90 minutes and social distancing is strongly recommended during the meeting. Questions or help with the form can be directed to Tony Giannamore (tony@worthingtonumc.com) or the church office (614-885-5365). Depending on your activity you may be asked to use sanitizing wipes to clean some of the hard surfaces. Thank you for working together to make this a safe and usable space.

Trip and Taste for July: National Veterans Memorial and Museum

As you can see by the photos, our new group visited the Franklin Park Conservatory and had a great time. Our lunch was wonderful too! We hope you can join in on our next Trip and Taste, Thursday, July 22. Gather at the church at 9:30 a.m. and we will go to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum and then head across the street to the Spaghetti Warehouse. Tickets for those riding the van are: Adults (18-64) are \$17.00 & Seniors (65+) are \$15.00 if we have 10 or more going. If not, add \$2.00 for transportation cost. Cost for just the Memorial and Museum will be the stated amounts or 20% less if we get 10 or more going. Make checks out to the church and we will buy tickets as a group. Please contact Sally Falk (baxfal@aol.com or 614-402-1823) to sign up for the trip or ask questions.



We hope you can join us!!

July 2021 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bags of Blessings for UMCH Family Services	* Family Friendly Ministries			¹ NNEMAP Pantry 3 pm – 6 pm	² NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	³ Worthington Pantry 9:30 am -12:30 pm NNEMAP Pantry 10 am – 1 pm
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Outreach Programs

Bag of Blessing: For the month of July, we will be collecting items for UMCH Family Services. Below are the items needed;

- Backpacks
- Spiral Notebooks (1 Subject)
- 3-Ring Binder
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Pocket Folders
- #2 Pencils
- Ballpoint Pens (blue or black)
- Markers (Thin or Thick)
- Colored Pencils and Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- 3x5 Index Cards (lined)

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.

UMCH Family Services

UMCH Family Services serves children and families by providing support as they face transitional and difficult times in their lives.

Families visit therapists at **Wesley Family Services** to learn behaviors, techniques and tools to maintain healthy relationships at home.

Treatment Foster Care allows children to thrive in a family setting when the biological home may be unsafe.

Adoption Services are available to handle all inquiries and guide clients through the adoption process.

In addition to the Bags of Blessings Ministry, WUMC also supports UMCH Family Services through second mile giving. We invite you to help us provide school supplies for children in the foster care families. As always, feel free to purchase any or all of the items on the list. (Find the complete list on Page 3 of this Messenger.) **There will be a collection box in the ministry hallway for the backpacks.**

July Taize is being planned to be Live In the Courtyard!!

Wednesday, July 14 at 7:30 pm

We will have chairs available as we do for the second service and concerts, but you are also invited to bring your own lawn chair or blanket. At this time masks are not required outside and you can sing along outside, so come and enjoy the July Taize outside. If it is rainy, we will move into the sanctuary. Please note: we will not be live-streaming since we hope to be outside. If you cannot come and still want to attend Taize, you may go into our Service Archives on the website and find older Taize service. Contact Tony (tony@worthingtonumc.com) or Jessica (jessica@worthingtonumc.com) for assistance to find the archived services.



Taize is an ecumenical worship service that coming from the Taize community movement, based in Burgundy, France. The order was founded in 1940, with many of its songs coming in following decades. Taize music is characterized by simple melodic chants with meditative harmonies, adapting Psalms and liturgy into it's text.

Friendship Community Dinner!



Thursday, July 15
6:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Carryout Only!



Staying Connected During the Lockdown

When the world suddenly paused due to Covid-19, we immediately had to find new ways to connect with friends, family, and our communities. During the week of March when shutdowns began, our youth programs immediately went virtual, like many other programs. Zoom became an essential part of our work lives and social lives. One of our weekly programs at Worthington UMC is our Devos gathering for high school students on Tuesday nights during the school year. The first week we were unable to meet in-person, we tried out a Zoom gathering instead. We felt it was important to find a way to continue to connect with this group, as it had grown into a safe space where those gathered had a place to share about their week and grow in community.

Within the first week or two of providing a way to connect outside of the church walls, former youth who were in college were asking if they could join in for our “Devos” meeting as well. In order to give both groups safe space, we started a Monday night zoom for our college and young adult members the very next week. This brought together those who hadn’t connect much since their years in high school, and some who were just off in their first year of college. Some had been brought abruptly home from school, some were still away out-of-state, and some even off serving in our military.

From Abby Beers:

“This year no one got out much! However, from the comfort of our own homes, the college-age members of WUMC have been able to stay in touch and enjoy fellowship with each other. Every Monday the college group Zooms were a bright spot in my week, when I was able to meet and talk with my peers. These were a great opportunity to maintain a sense of community when we were all feeling very isolated. We laughed and helped each other through what was a hard year for us all. These meetings reminded me of the importance of a church community, and the ways that our brothers and sisters in Christ can be there for us when we need them. When my heart was heavy with the staggering daily death totals, these meetings were a place of joy and healing when these things seem so far off.”

Both our college-age group and our high school “Devos” Zooms met every single week from Mid-March 2020 to end of May 2021. Both have taken a break for the summer, with the hopes of our high school group re-gathering in-person in the start of the school year. However, what this recent reconnection of our young adults shows us, is that our lockdown brought together a group that wasn’t meeting regularly, yet still found connection with their church family outside of the church walls. It shows us that we can be creative in what our programs look like moving forward. We know there may be ways that our former programming may look different, simply based on things we learned from our lockdown experience. We will continue to find new ways to connect and new ways to grown within our church family, while still affirming past programs that we treasure dearly.



Experience the great outdoors with West Ohio Camps this summer! With over 40 events to choose from for kids and families, we have something for everyone! Join us for a summer of Abundant Adventure, Christian Community and Faith Formation! Register today at www.WestOhioCamps.org

Work Camp 2021 – Serving Columbus!

As many of you know from previous summers, our Impact youth group typically travels out of state to new locations for our annual mission trip. While we are still navigating safe practices due to Covid-19, we took a different approach to our Work Camp this summer. The goal was to engage in a variety of experiences to serve our local community right in Columbus. We served for four days and accomplished a lot!

We started out the week visiting Sunrise Sanctuary, a local farm that takes in neglected and abandoned farm animals and runs solely on volunteers and a partnership with OSU's veterinary school. There, we cleaned out and re-bedded 4 chicken coops, 2 pig pens, and groomed their horses, donkeys and cows. It was a great adventure to spend our time in a location that was safe for the animals to roam right next to us as we worked. This was the 6th year we have taken a group to volunteer at Sunrise Sanctuary, and it will continue to be an organization we love to work with!



Tuesday we spent our day at the church packaging rice and vegetable based meals that we delivered the next day to NNEMAP Food Pantry and the Worthington Resource Pantry. We packed over 1,400 bags of the rice meals, which equaled over 9,000 servings of food! This took our entire time together that day and was non-stop effort! Read more about this on the next page of the newsletter.

Wednesday, we served at the NNEMAP Food Pantry. There, we weeded and helped with the landscaping of the building, sorted through 500 pound of potatoes and further donations of onions, berries, eggs, and butter. Going through these donations made sure that what was to be distributed was of the best quality. A group also prepared grocery kits filled with a variety of staple items that could be given out as well.



We closed out our week with working on a gardening project at the church! There is a wonderful group of volunteers who help make sure our church grounds have well-cared for gardens – and it was a great experience to help mulch and edge some of those areas. Our youth helping to care for those gardens was a great way to say thank you to those who tend to the landscaping on a weekly basis.

The week was a wonderful experience that helped to learn more about certain Columbus organizations, and for our youth to give back to our own community. Amongst summer jobs, sports camps, scout functions and other commitments, it was a blessing to have each of them give time during their busy schedules to serving locally!

Additional Fundraising Needed!

As stated in our article about Work Camp, one of the organizations we worked with for Work Camp and will be working with again on July 26 is *Kids Around the World*. If you have participated in a meal-packing event with us in the past through the Pack Shack, you may be familiar with what this looks like. The Pack Shack in Ohio has since closed due to the pandemic, but the staff we have partnered with in the past now work through an organization called Kids Around The World. Their Ohio office is located out of Dayton, and they have graciously offered to come to us so both our high school group and our Explorations group can have this experience at our church! This means that we will be able to work on the project at the church, then hand deliver what we packed to local pantries the next day! Our high school students did just that during our Work Camp week on June 22.



From a Pack Shack event in 2019.

We will be gathering our Explorations group (those entering 4th-7th grade) on July 27 to further complete our overall goal of 20,000 meals between the two groups! Our high school group has already completed half of that goal. With having to cover a cost of \$.27 per meal, we are asking for you to financially partner with us in the form of monetary donations. If you are able to give in any amount, your donation will not only help those serving to have an outreach experience, but also help us to get meals to our local community. If you feel called to give, please leave a check in the front office with checks made to “WUMC” with “Kids Around the World” in the memo.

Our goal with both of these camps this year is to offer experiences for our students to directly impact the community we live in. Your gift will help us do just that. As we get closer to the date of July 27, be on the lookout for information as we will likely open up the opportunity for others to serve with us at the church for our meal-packing event! If you have questions about this, please feel free to contact me, Ashley Gerard, at ashley@worthingtonumc.com.

ReachOut

July 18-24 - Eligible Ages: Incoming 8th Grade – Graduated Senior

ReachOut is typically held in Lakeside, Ohio for a week-long camp planned and run by seven elected high school campers. With the Governor’s Orders in place for this Summer, the ReachOut board voted to continue one more Summer of camp being virtual, with the hopes of a major In-Person Winter Retreat! That being said, the planning committee has been actively working on how to make the experience more interactive, including live-streamed worship services and an at-home supply kit for each camper to experience the week of camp. Registration will open in April through East Ohio camps! Register at <https://eastohiocamps.campbrainregistration.com/>

WUMC Concerts on the Lawn

Join us on the front lawn as we feature a variety of ensembles and special performances. Bring a chair, a blanket, & the whole family! All concerts are free and open to the public.

Heartsong

July 25th, 6:00 p.m.



A few years ago, a group of friends circled around a piano for an old-fashioned hymn sings. Since then, *Heartsong* is now seven-member ensemble with a developed repertoire of both sacred and secular pieces. *Heartsong* believes music is a universal language that can be enjoyed by all. They share music at senior living communities, churches, fundraisers, weddings and more.

Cardinal Saxophone Quartet

August 22nd, 6:00 p.m.



The Cardinal Saxophone Quartet was formed by educator musicians with the purpose of bringing great music to our communities, schools, and students. We have a strong passion for performance and music education advocacy. We aim to inspire and demonstrate life-long musicianship, while providing entertaining, enjoyable, and diverse live performance.

The CSQ also aims to be an ensemble that performs in our local communities at public and private events, creating vibrant places to live and work in the Central Ohio region and beyond.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is on Thursday, July 22 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Please help fill the need by donating and also by asking your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to schedule an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)


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

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July 14 – Taize Worship

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