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Dear WUMC Family,

We have arrived at June, an important month in the life of this congregation.

As we prepare to celebrate John Girard's ministry with us, here are a few reminders. First, if you have photos of John, the SPRC would like copies to be brought to the church office by June 6th. If you have cards and notes for John you can bring them to the church office and they will be put in a box to be given to him unopened on the 20th Donations for the gift for him should be in to the church office by June 13th. Checks are to be made to the church with "John's gift" on the memo line.

And remember, following the second service on Sunday, June 20th there will be a reception (hopefully outside on the front lawn) for John. This will be a foodless reception celebrating John's ministry with us and wishing him the best as he begins a new chapter of his journey at Broad Street UMC.

Then on Sunday, June 27th we will welcome Dominic Mejia and his spouse, Ashley, with a foodless reception following the second service. And instead of the potluck so often held to welcome new pastors, we are "Stocking their Pantry" with some items they could use. They are travelling from Boston and have provided us with the list we requested of some items they would be purchasing soon upon arrival. Check out the needed items and sign-up at http://bit.ly/MeijasPantryNeeds to bring one if you would like. Please have your items to the church by June 27th.

As a family of persons who are vaccinated and unvaccinated including persons too young to be vaccinated, we are continuing our current protocols during the month of June for indoor worship services – so inside we will wear masks and be socially distanced. Outside, masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated. Our 10:00 am service is in the sanctuary and weather-permitting, the 11:15 am service is outside on the front lawn. The VBS concerts on June 13th and 18th are also welcome to all.

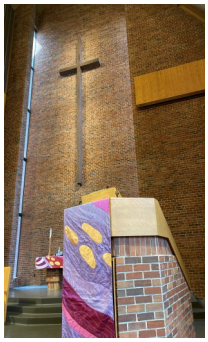
You will also note in this Messenger a listing of several outdoor concerts on the lawn during the summer months. We hope you will come, bring a lawn chair or blanket if you wish (chairs are available on the church porch as well), and enjoy some beautiful music with your church family.

Please read this packed full Messenger carefully. Rev. Cal Holloway has an article on our Northland Star Partners ministry. And there is an article on a new adult group just beginning this month called Travel and Taste. VBS and Work Camp are just around the corner...
Stay alert and stay safe! Summer is on the way!
Cyndy

Prayer Joys and Concerns

- We welcome Wrenly Mae Mitchell born in April 29 in Ft. Myers, FL. Parents are Tyler and Kari Mezger, and great grandparents are Ron & Dorba Mezger.
- We share sympathy for the family of **Tom Pfendler**, who died on May 17th.
- We share sympathy for the friends & family of **Jean Lorimer**.

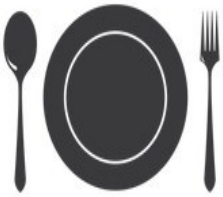
Sunday Morning Worship



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/

Friendship Community Dinner!



Thursday, June 17

6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m.

Carryout Only!

Travel and Taste...*Day Trips Paired with Food*

A new opportunity is being developed at Worthington UMC. *Day Trips paired with Food* or *Travel and Taste* for short. Several of us met and planned the day trips for the first three months and are gathering more detailed information to share. This is open to everyone, especially adults available during weekdays. We will visit a place locally or a bit beyond and pair that with a food stop. Transportation will be available on the church van for a minimal charge. As places reopen more fully we are checking on group rates, and times. We have some ideas for the first couple of months and then we will work with the interested group on future outings.

- **June 22:** Franklin Park Conservatory, meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. Lunch to follow at Old Bag of Nails. $15 if you ride the van or $13 if you drive yourself. Contact Sally Falk at baxfal@aol.com or (614) 402-1823 to register.
- **July 22:** National Veterans Memorial and Museum – with lunch at Spaghetti Warehouse.
- **August 24:** Branstool Orchard and the Velvet Ice Cream Plant and Museum in Utica; with lunch at Olde Mill Restaurant.

More information on cost and timelines for trips will come in the following weeks. Watch the E-blasts for more information. If you are interested in learning more about these Day Trips or signing up for one, please call the contact the church office (office@worthingtonumc.com) or email Cyndy at cyndylg@aol.com.

June 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**	1 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	2 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 2 pm – 8 pm	3 NNEMAP Pantry 3 pm – 6 pm	4 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon	5 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 June, we will be collecting items for NNEMAP Food Pantry. Below are the items needed;

- 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)
- Boxed Pastas or Boxed Rice
- Condiments (catsup or mustard)
- Toothbrushes (Adult & Child)
- 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.

Work Camp

June 21-25 - Eligible Ages: Incoming Freshman – Graduated Senior

We will be meeting at various local Columbus mission sites each day of the week to serve our own community. While the travel aspect of Work Camp brings a special aspect to our week, we know that this year, it is still best practice to stay local. That being said, we won't want to miss the opportunity for us to gather for the week! The exact details and times of each day are TBD, but most organizations operate within typical work day hours between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. If you are interested and have more questions, or wish to reserve a spot now, contact 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!

Explorations

July 26-29–Eligible Ages: Incoming 4th Grade – Incoming 7th Grade

Explorations will function very similarly to our typical year! Each day, our group will serve a local service organization that supports our Columbus community! This year, we will need parents to provide their own transportation to and from the mission sites directly, and provide each student with their own packed lunch. This will include locations like the Worthington Resource Pantry and our annual trip to Sunrise Sanctuary which is a farm animal sanctuary in Marysville. This will be our 6th year taking a group to visit Sunrise Sanctuary to spend time with their animals. If you are interested and have more questions, or wish to reserve a spot now, contact Ashley Gerard at ashley@worthingtonumc.com

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

West Ohio Camps are offered at 3 locations – Camp Otterbein, Camp Wesley, and Camp Widewater. This summer, they have adapted to follow safety procedures within the Governor's Orders for summer camps. Find more details at their website!

Calling all Champions!

After championing Bethlehem on Broad Street outreach ministry for 13 years, Aura Whittaker will step down and pass the responsibility on to someone else starting with the 2021 season. She is available to train someone for this ministry, and Aura and Eric will continue to be active volunteers. See the list below for duties & responsibilities:

- Be the contact person for Broad St. UMC for current food list, dates for delivery and distribution
- Arrange and manage PODS donation and box donations from Grainger
- Schedule volunteers for box pick-up, drop-off, delivery day and distribution day
- Schedule table for Hospitality Hallway and manage display table
- Arrange truck rental if necessary
- TY email to volunteers, bulletin TY to congregation, TY notes to PODS and Grainger
- Track volunteer hours for Missions Giving

Please contact Aura at awhittaker03@columbus.rr.com and Lesly Wade at wadefamily@columbus.rr.com if interested. Thank you for your consideration of leading this important Christmas ministry.

we are wonderfully made!

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VBS 2021

june 13-18

join us for a week of Bible curriculum geared towards children ages 3-3rd grade

*Opening Kick-Off // Sunday, June 13, 4pm
Pick-up your resource kit at the church, then enjoy our outdoor, family event!

*Mon - Thu June 14-17 // VBS Activities!
Enjoy the curriculum safely at home. We have everything prepped so you just need to supervise! We do the teaching.

*Closing Celebration // Friday, June 18, 6pm
Celebrate the week with us with an outdoor concert!

For more details and to register: vbsmate.com/wumc

Questions? Contact Ashley Gerard at ashley@worthingtonumc.com

Fundraising Opportunity to Support Youth Outreach Experience

From a Pack Shack event in 2019. Both of the group experiences for this summer will be smaller in capacity.

It is officially summer camp season! As we continue to navigate safe-practices here at WUMC, we have been creative in our approach to how camp experiences will look this year for all of our youngest members. Two camp experiences that happen are outreach-based, one being our annual mission trip for our high school students, and the other being our Explorations camp for 4th-7th graders. Each year, our mission trip involves expenses that typically require us to fundraise, as you may have seen through our bread sales and pancake dinners. In contrast, our Explorations camp is supported by our M&M fundraiser, which gives that group a chance to participate in local outreach opportunities in the Columbus area. This summer, we will be focusing both of these experiences for each age group in that way – serving our local community right here in Columbus. Both groups will spend 4 days serving the Columbus area through a different community organization each day. Work Camp (our high school group) will happen June 21-24, and Explorations (4th-7th grade) will happen July 26-29.

One of the ways we are doing that will be to host a meal-packing event where our youth will put together meals that can be given to our local resource pantries. If you have participated in a meal-packing event with us in the past though the Pack Shack, you may be familiar with that 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 one day during each of those camps, our youth will be able to work on the project at the church, then hand deliver what we packed to local pantries the next day!

Our goal is to pack 20,000 meals between the two groups, with having to cover a cost of $.27 cents per meal. So, 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 our youth and children 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. If you have questions about this, please feel free to contact me, Ashley Gerard, at ashley@worthingtonumc.

Northland Star Partners

Just imagine… our hopes and dreams for ministry coming true. From the earliest witness of the scriptures, we know that God prefers for us to live in community with each other, to live among our neighbors in relationships of mutual trust, to show mercy and lovingkindness, to meet the needs of our neighbors, and to embody the Good News of the Gospel. Worthington United Methodist Church is doing this is many ways, but we also are growing our ministry through the alliance we just created: **Northland Star Partners**.

As of June 1st, **Northland Star Partners** is connecting with other congregations and organizations to serve in the Northland area… and more partnerships are coming! Our hopes and dreams are coming true because God is blessing us with this new opportunity to build community.

Through **Northland Star Partners** we are:

partnering with Northland High School, several area congregations, a major bank, the City of Columbus, Central Ohio Primary Care, National Church Residences, and select immigrant/ refugee organizations. During these summer months we will be talking with other community organizations to discover new goals and refine others.

Some of the items we have in the plan include:

- *providing High School students opportunities to learn about and to prepare for careers and jobs through classroom presentations, internships, and apprenticeships;*
- *providing classes and workshops for youth and young adults to learn about personal financial health, credit building, basics of investing, and participating in the greater economy;*
- *recruiting businesses and skilled individuals to provide internships, apprenticeships, and inspiration for students;*
- *working with SeniorSelect to enhance direct services to the elderly;*
- *supporting existing ministries to relieve hunger and meet medical needs.*

As the future unfolds, we hope to explore ways of expanding English as a Second Language programs and encouraging the development of safe, affordable, culturally sensitive child-care.

Not everything is in place, but the support of the West Ohio Conference, the Global Ministry Leadership Development Program of the UMC, and this congregation have given us a good start.

Please, pray for the faith and success of **Northland Star Partners**. Be prepared to volunteer your time and talent to this effort. Talk it up, pray it up, and use your imaginations to launch this ministry and to fulfill the dreams and hopes we have for the kind of community God prefers.

For questions and ideas contact Pastor Cal Holloway through his phone – 614-407-4598, the church office – 614-885-5365, or email cal@worthingtonumc.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.

LULU & Co. Novelty Ragtime Band

June 20th, 5:00 p.m.

LULU & Co. Novelty Ragtime Band showcases music from the 'Golden Age of the Xylophone', most specifically the 1920s. Featuring Susan Powell on xylophone, LULU & Co. includes the percussive talents of Amelia DuPlain, Joseph Krygier, Mario Marini and Ben Shaheen.

Every LULU & Co. performance is a unique experience with frequent guests, rotating repertoire and encouraged audience participation. Audiences at a LULU event are treated to dance-inspired early jazz & ragtime styles that include the Charleston, Fox-trot, One & Two Step, Tango and Waltz.

https://www.lulunoveltyband.com/

Scioto Ridge Boys

June 27th, 6:00 p.m.

Through the joyous gift of music, the *Scioto Ridge Boys* gospel quartet delivers a spirit-filled message of God's love and grace. Beginning in their home church, Scioto Ridge United Methodist in Hilliard, Ohio in 1992, the Scioto Ridge Boys have sung at over 550 venues—in Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

The ensemble of Mark Snider (tenor), Barry Weaver (tenor), Bob Houston (baritone) and Bob Joseph (bass) blends traditional and contemporary Southern Gospel selections in their concerts. Audiences enjoy the joyful, enthusiastic, sometimes humorous, yet vital, witness that the Scioto Ridge Boys deliver in their performances, along with close melodic harmony and lyrical interpretations. If you like good old-time, close vocal harmony, you'll surely enjoy the music of the Scioto Ridge Boys.

Heartsong

July 25th, 6:00 p.m.

HE♥RTS♥NG

"May our music fill your heart!"

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.

CARDINAL SAXOPHONE QUARTET

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.

A word from the church's gardening team

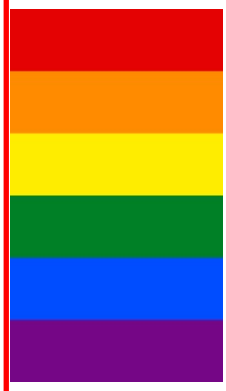
We hope you have noticed the beautiful peonies now blooming in the island beds, and the iris blooming in the North Garden, adjacent to the driveway to New England Avenue. The iris were donations from Steve Rohde and Paul George, and they've adapted well to their new home, as you can see. The Kousa dogwoods are also in bloom in the island beds. Unlike our native dogwoods, they flower after their leaves emerge, not before! We anticipate that some of the day lilies will be blooming before much longer.

We hope that you have noticed the pollinator garden at the far end of the North Garden. This garden has been planted with donations from Ohio University extension, which provided me with native plants to attract insect pollinators. These include: coneflowers, bee balm (both red and purple), ironweed, hyssop, penstemon, daisies, and for bloom in the fall, asters and goldenrod. We also planted some day lilies and hostas, and there are oakleaf hydrangea, lilacs and red buds planted there. A note about all the yellowed foliage which you may have seen there for the past three weeks----This is the dying foliage of one of our lovely "spring ephemerals," Virginia bluebells, which is a native plant and one of the earliest to bloom in the spring. Once it blooms, the foliage needs to remain in the garden in order to nourish the plant for next year. It usually dies by the first week in June and will disappear soon. However, we need to allow about three weeks of "messiness" in order for this plant to return year after year. Some other gardener long ago planted these bluebells—an anonymous benefactor who in a sense paid us forward with their renewing beauty.

A word of thanks to our gardening committee, Steve Rodhe, Steve Entler, Kate Woods, Dave and Sharon Bitters, and Debbie and Jerry Colvin, for their hard work on the garden. Kelvin Pool has also helped immensely by completing all of the edging and mulching around the church, and Craig and Lori Kramer assisted with rescuing and transplanting hostas from the future site of the memorial garden. The gardens look as good as they do thanks to all of our volunteers and thanks to Kelvin, who have all worked to maintain the gardens throughout the pandemic. We would welcome additional volunteers at any time.

Gail Walter
Gardening Committee

Reconciling Ministries Pride Festival



Saturday, June 12th, 11:00 a.m—2:00 p.m.

Bethel International UMC
1220 Bethel Road, Columbus OH 43220

A family-friendly safe space to kick off
Pride Week in a festival style

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

The WUMC Music Team will be featured performers!

Memorial Garden Fundraising Update

The Memorial Garden funding has just about reached its goal. While exact dates are unknown due to uncertainty in contractor schedules, throughout the summer as you drive through the parking lot, or come in the church by the main doors, you will see varying signs of construction outside the Dixon Lounge. The initial order for engraved pavers has been placed. We continue to accept engraved paver orders but they likely will be installed at a later date, and they have reverted to their normal $125 cost. Recently, area plants desired to be saved were transplanted. Recently, and sooner than anticipated, the older oversize bushes and northern locust tree, and their surface roots, were removed in preparation for the upcoming patio and walk installation. During July or August the hardscaping excavation work will occur followed by the installation of the patio and walks. Benches will be brought in following the completion of the patio. As July and August is too stressful on new plants, the final phase, the landscape work, will occur later in September or October. So, by early to mid-fall our new, lovely Memorial Garden will be completed and ready to enjoy.

Carpe Diem String Quartet

One of the most unique and sought-after chamber ensembles on the concert stage today, the **Carpe Diem String Quartet** is a boundary-breaking ensemble that has earned widespread critical acclaim. Carpe Diem defies easy classification with programming that includes classical, Gypsy, tango, folk, pop, rock, and jazz-inspired music.

CDSQ will be presenting a special "Surprise Me" concert here at WUMC on June 12th at 4:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at https://www.carpediemstringquartet.com/calendarandtickets/2021/6/12/surprise-me.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Office Hours* *11am-3pm*	2 *Office Hours* *10am-2pm*	3 *Office Hours* *10am-2pm*	4 Office Closed	5
6 10 am—Worship 11:15 am—Outdoor Worship West Ohio Annual Conference	7 *Office Hours* *11am-3pm* West Ohio Annual Conference	8 *Office Hours* *11am-3pm* 6pm—Creative Worship Team 7pm—Trustees	9 *Office Hours* *10am-2pm* 7pm—Taize Worship	10 *Office Hours* *10am-2pm* 7pm—Northland Star Partners	11 Office Closed	12 11am—Reconciling Ministries PRIDE Festival (Bethel UMC) 4pm—Carpe Diem String Quartet
13 10 am—Worship 11:15 am—Outdoor Worship 4pm—VBS Kickoff	14 *Vacation Bible School* *Office Hours* *11am-3pm*	15 *Vacation Bible School* *Office Hours* *11am-3pm*	16 *Vacation Bible School* *Office Hours* *10am-2pm*	17 *Vacation Bible School* *Office Hours* *10am-2pm*	18 *Vacation Bible School* Office Closed 6pm—VBS Celebration!	19
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June 28—John Wesley's Birthday