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10:00 a.m.
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11:15 a.m.
In-person

Office Hours

Mon/Tues: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wed/Thurs: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Dear Ones,

Thanks to all who helped with Rally Day!! It was wonderful to gather under the trees and worship together. Dennis Yep took some good pictures you will find inside this Messenger.

On **Sunday, September 12** we will begin our new fall schedule. You can find it inside this Messenger. You will also find information about many opportunities available this Fall. We are planning to offer various activities in safe ways while keeping alert to needed changes due to virus numbers. Please get vaccinated, wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay socially distanced. If we need to make changes in plans, we will distribute that info through email, social media, and also posting last-minute changes on the church phone message and website.

On **Saturday, September 11** we will join other houses of faith in remembering 9/11 by ringing our church bell twenty times beginning at 8:46 am. Kelvin Poole will be our master ringer, and we welcome others who want to join us that morning to take a turn at doing one ring. If you are interested, please gather by 8:30 am at the center door off the parking lot (the one near the large welcome sign) and we will enter the building and move to the area below the bell tower to be ready by 8:46 am.



Sunday, September 26 – Howard and Minnie Potter and Barbara Potter Special Program Event: Dr. Valerie Bridgeman, Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs, as well as Associate Professor of Homiletics and Hebrew Bible at The Methodist Theological School of Ohio will join us. She is also the founding president and CEO of WomanPreach! Inc.– the premiere non-profit organization that brings preachers to full prophetic voice. She has been in licensed or ordained ministry since 1977. She was inducted into the 2010 Class of Martin Luther King, Jr. Collegium of Scholars and Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. She will bring to us a study of the Hebrew Bible at 9:00 am, preach at 10:00 am and lead a further study over boxed lunches from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. We are very grateful to the Potters for their support of this opportunity for study and reflection. Please contact the church office by phone or by email at dennis@worthingtonumc.com to let us know your interest in attending.

Please read this Messenger carefully; make note of the items that interest you and consider trying something new this Fall. Stay safe; know your staff looks forward to seeing you in person and online.

Cyndy

Prayer Joys and Concerns

- Sympathy to Pattie Nash and her family at the death of her father, Alexander Lin., on August 8, 2021.
- Sympathy to Russ Line and family at the death of Jeanne Line, on August 29, 2021. A service will be held on Friday, September 10. More details to follow. Russ would like to extend a thank-you to everyone for their cards, prayers, and kind thoughts for his wife.

Sunday Morning Schedule Beginning Sunday, September 12!

Beginning Sunday, September 12 we will have the following schedule for Sunday morning. We will be sensitive to changing needs based on external things such as the coronavirus.

8:30-8:55 am: Contemplative Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:00-9:50 am: Educational Time throughout the building and grounds

10:00-11:00 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary and live-streamed

11:00-11:30 am: Hospitality Time in Courtyard

Please remember in February 2022 we will review this schedule to see if it is working or if we need to make adjustments.

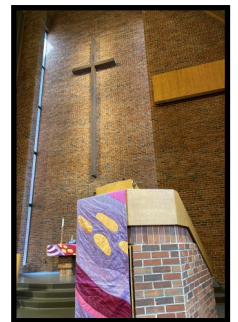
In addition to the above schedule, we will have Children's Church during the 10:00 am Worship Service. Following Children's Moments, the children will go outside for their special Children's Church or, if weather does not permit outside, they will spread out in Fellowship Hall.

The 9:00 am Educational Time will be held throughout the building and grounds of the Church. You can see the Adult Educational possibilities elsewhere in this Messenger. Other opportunities for children and youth will be available as well.

For in person attendance, you can reserve your seat at:

<https://worthingtonumc.churchreserve.com/> In addition to the above schedule, we will have Children's Church during the 10:00 am Worship Service. Following Children's Moments, the children will go outside for their special Children's Church or if weather does not permit outside they will spread out in Fellowship Hall.

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September 2021 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bags of Blessings for Worthington Resource Pantry	* Family Friendly Ministries		1 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm Nehemiah Mission Trip	2 NNEMAP Pantry 3 pm – 6 pm Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm Nehemiah Mission Trip	3 NNEMAP Pantry 9 am – noon Nehemiah Mission Trip	4 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon NNEMAP Pantry 10 am – 1 pm
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Crop Hunger Walk

Please join us for the 2021 CROP Walk!

The Westerville/Worthington walk and the Columbus walk have joined forces to become the

Central Ohio CROP Hunger Walk. The walk will be Sunday, October 3 at 1 pm, and will begin and end at the United Methodist Center across from the Worthington fire station. You can join the Worthington UMC team by completing the registration at crophungerwalk.org. You can walk with the team or if you feel more comfortable, you can walk on your own anytime before October 3. We are continuing the tradition of sending 25% of the money we raise to support the Worthington Resource Pantry. If you have any questions please contact Amy Wingerter.



Rally Day August 29, 2021

On Sunday, August 29, we held our Rally Day service. The weather was threatening, but the rain held off. The Rev. Dr. Tim Bias, our District Superintendent, delivered a sermon titled “Who Will Give the Blessing?”. There were at least 125 worshipers, with many other visitors who were attracted to the beautiful music from Jarod Ogier, Tim Berridge, Narmina Aliyeva, Tim Byrer, Emily Campbell, and Erin Angel. In addition to the special music, we provided Fall programming information and box lunches. Everyone was in a festive mood.



WUMC Memorial Garden

An update from the gardening committee:

I hope that you have had a chance to notice the display of our flowers and shrubs this summer on the church grounds. As we come to the end of summer, our island beds are dominated by the display of grasses.

However, the low growing sedges are sending up their beautiful but subtle purple blooms, and the day lilies are also sending out some second blooms. In the pollinator garden area, the hyssop has grown very tall and is attracting a number of pollinators, but is close to the end of its blooming season, as are the beautiful purple coneflowers. Right now the goldenrod is

beginning to come into bloom. I know that goldenrod is not something we typically put in our home gardens. However, goldenrod is an important part of native meadow plantings since it provides important sources of nectar and pollen at this time of year when most other plants are finishing their blooming season. There is also some purple ironweed mixed in with our native plantings which is also a big attractant for pollinators, and which will bloom into late September. Look for purple New England aster to also support pollinators when it blooms in late September and into October.

You will notice that we will leave the seed heads on the coneflowers all winter. Goldfinches and other birds love the seed heads of coneflowers and I have seen several goldfinches feeding on them.

The butterfly population this year has been very much reduced in this area, including in Chadwick arboretum. We hope that this is a temporary phenomenon, and we have planted several milkweed species in our pollinator garden to hopefully attract them next year. The large bronze fennel plant in the pollinator garden is usually loved by Swallowtail larvae, but again, not many Swallowtails have emerged so far this year.

We hope you continue to enjoy our gardens.

Gail Walter



Sunday Morning Livestream



Can't make it to the service in-person? Don't worry!

We have a YouTube channel where you can catch our livestream or past worship services!

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

WUMC Music Ministry Update

Dear Friends,
WUMC is pleased to announce that Erin Angel and Tim Byrer are our new directors for the Children's Music Ministries program. They will be contacting parents with upcoming dates and plans. Their new church email is childrensmusic@worthingtonumc.com
Here are some biographical details about our new directors:



Erin Angel has been teaching music for 8 years. She received her BM in Vocal Performance from Capital University. She has taught Musical Theatre at Wright State University (MAPP program), Voice and piano at Grove City Music, and maintained a voice and piano studio for Columbus Music Schools while piloting their traveling preschool program. She has finally settled into teaching private music lessons in her home studio.

When not making music and teaching, she is chasing her toddler (Emery) alongside her husband (Aaron). They love cooking dinner together, family trips to the park or hiking, spending time with their 2 dogs, and digging in the garden. Erin is thrilled to continue sharing her musical gifts with this congregation through the children's programming. She loves watching kids develop a love of music and feels there is no better place to encourage that than here at church, through worship!

She cannot wait to get to know the kids of the congregation more. Together with Tim they are eager to create a musical space where all of the young members of this church feel like they can belong.

Tim Byrer has been involved as a singer at WUMC for almost six years as a member of the Chancel Choir. Additionally, he has worked with youth in a variety of aspects within the church including Rainbow Singers, VBS and Youth Choir.

Outside of the church, Tim has been teaching elementary music for the last five years. Beginning this fall, he will follow a calling to pursue coursework for Child Psychology and pursue a career in that field!

Tim has fallen in love with the community at the church and cannot wait to work with Erin to foster a love of music amongst the youth at WUMC!

September Taize— In-person! Wednesday, September 8 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 September Taize outside. If it is rainy, we will move into the sanctuary.

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.

Here are all of the ways you can get involved in music this fall:

For Adults:

Chancel Choir: Everyone is welcome and we will rehearse weekly in the sanctuary beginning in Early September. Look for announcements and guidance throughout our September communications. We need a minimum of 8 singers to get started, ideally 2 per voice part, at least. Twelve or more people is even better. A steady weekly commitment is required, and it's absolutely worth it. Bring a friend and join together!

Worship Band: Do you play an instrument or love to sing to the radio? Like singing 3-part harmonies? Come hang out with us and make music in various combinations of instruments and voices each week. No minimum number or long-term commitment required. We're especially looking for a bass player and someone who is comfortable with auxiliary percussion of various kinds (shaker, tambourine, hand drums), but everyone is welcome. Talk with Tim Berridge or Jarod Ogier if you're interested. Participation is ongoing. Jump in any time!

Jubilee Ringers Handbell Choir: Not a singer? No problem. Join the handbell choir! Good hand eye coordination is essential and it helps if you have a basic understanding of music notation and rhythm. We'll teach you the details! Twelve-fourteen ringers are needed and a steady weekly commitment is essential for success. **Rehearsals will begin in early September; details forthcoming.** Reach out to Jarod if you're interested.

Special Music: Do you play a solo instrument? Are you part of a small community ensemble? Not ready to join one of our groups, but still want to offer your music? Sign up to share your gifts during worship! Reach out to Jarod to discuss scheduling.

For Children:

Rainbow Singers (3-5 years old): With fun and engaging musical activities, Rainbow Singers is a great way to introduce our youngest musicians to singing and building coordination and rhythm. **Beginning in early September; meeting times and details will be forthcoming.**

Children's Choir (K-6th Grade): Our Children's Choir is an excellent way for kids to meet new friends and participate in worship throughout the year. The children learn fun songs and grow in their musical experience as they come together in the choir and learn about worship through music. Sharing their gifts during worship is meaningful for the children and all who hear them. They even collaborate with other WUMC groups occasionally, like the chancel choir! **Beginning in September; details forthcoming.**

Children's Bells: Handbells are an excellent way for children to develop coordination and concentration skills while offering a unique sound and style to worship that is greatly appreciated by the congregation. The bell choir is a wonderful complement to kids' other musical activities (like singing in the choir), or a great standalone ensemble for kids more interested in instrumental music. Ringing bells teaches teamwork and builds friendships as kids learn the value of working together to create inspiring music. It's another way for children to meet new people and discover the joy of being involved in the worship service. **Beginning in September; details forthcoming.**

Around-The-Table Sign up Time

Around-the-table is a WUMC activity organized yearly so that you get to meet more members of your church family and/or get to know them better.

To do this, we all sign up and our volunteer coordinator runs the names through a generator that randomly puts folks together into groups of 8-10 people. Although we do keep couples together, we do not honor requests for others to stay together.

Once groups are formed, they meet once a month for a meal. Each person or couple takes a turn to either make dinner, plan a potluck, make a reservation, or to set up a Zoom meeting. It's only important to get together once a month, not how it's done.

So let's get started on the 2021-22 Around-the-Table. Send an email to Jody Croley Jones, at webwomn@gmail.com to participate. Be sure to send your name (first and last), phone number, active email address, and if there are one or two of you.

Trifles n' Treasures 2.0 Virtual Sale!

Trifles n' Treasures Silent Auction in the need of Donation Items! This year will be holding a Silent Auction from Sunday, October 3—Sunday October 10, 2021.

We still need your help with donations. We are collecting until Sunday, September 19. We are accepting donations such as (but not limited to): gift cards to local businesses (restaurants, shopping, etc.); season sports tickets (OSU Buckeyes, Blue Jackets, The Clippers, etc.); season Broadway theater tickets; commission artwork, crafts or photography; theme baskets (sports, movie night at home, game night at home, food & wine); a personal shopper for the holidays; a weekend/week-long vacation home.

Please drop off your donated items marked for Trifles n' Treasures Silent Action in the church office during church hours from now until Sunday, September 19, and notify either Margaret, Corliss or Debbie and they will pick them up.

If you have any questions on how to donate or general questions please email co-chairwomen: Margaret Tyler at margaret.tyler07@gmail.com, Corliss Maynard at csmaynard50@gmail.com or Debbie Varble at debbievarble@wowway.com.

Online Room Request Form

To request a room in the building, start by filling out this form at <https://forms.gle/yKJHeoHQB4RNCwCx7>. All individuals need to wear a mask for meetings (NOTE: at this time, this applies to Sunday morning worship). Groups are asked to limit the time of meetings to 60-90 minutes and social distancing is strongly recommended during the meeting.

DISCLAIMER: *Worthington United Methodist Church reserves the right to require masks for any in-person meeting happening on the church grounds.*



FALL ADULT EDUCATION!

SUNDAYS 9:00-9:50AM

Beginning September 12



THE DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS

This discussion and book study will explore the difficult teachings of Jesus in their context and teach us how to interpret them in light of the Gospel of Love and Reconciliation. Participants will receive the book *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Paul George will be facilitating.

Questions? Email cyndylg@aol.com

I've Been Meaning to Ask. . .

This discussion series for curiosity, courage, and connection will invite participants to reflect on one question a week. Drawing on art, personal experience, and scripture, we will foster deeper relationships within our congregation. Each participant will receive a study journal to dig deeper into each question in their personal time.

Questions? Email dominic@worthingtonumc.com

THE FORUM

This occasional adult education block will feature guest speakers and special topics. Look for Forum schedules, speakers, and topics in the bulletin, Messenger, and e-blasts. The first Forum will be held on September 19, discussing the UMC today.

LOOK FOR LOCATIONS ON DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Friendship
Community
Dinner
Thursday,
September 16
6-6:45 p.m.
Carryout only!



Confirmation Class 2021-2022

Join us for our upcoming Confirmation Class starting this fall! This is the opportunity for youth to learn about the United Methodist Church as a denomination with plans to join our local Worthington UMC church at the end of our time together. This is typically offered for students in 8th grade and above.

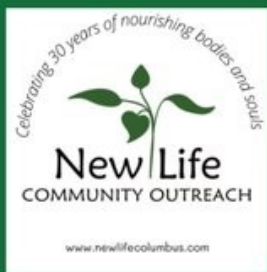
The main purpose of this class goes beyond just membership within the local church. It allows us to have time to ask questions, consider them together, and allow for open responses. This is the time for youth to transition their faith from stories they heard as children, to considering how it can relate to their daily life in practice. A wonderful foundational aspect of the United Methodist Church is that we uphold the idea that each person goes through their own life experiences, and that leads us to a variety of perspectives of who and what God is. This class makes room to get to know each other in fellowship, and to elaborate on what we each may believe in regards to our faith – and how we can function as a body of people worshipping and serving together. If you know a student who may be interested, please contact Ashley Gerard at ashley@worthingtonumc.com as we are beginning to survey the best time to meet!

Save the Date

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Please join us in celebrating what God is and has been doing through our breakfast ministry for 30 years!

4:00 pm Worship Service
Light refreshments & tours to follow



Located at:
Short North Church
25 West 5th Avenue
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614-294-0134
www.newlifecolumbus.com
information@newlifecolumbus.com

September Trip and Taste Going to Malabar Farm & Inn on Thursday, September 23!

The group will head north to Malabar Farm. Experience America's most famous farm, the 900-acre country estate of Pulitzer Prize winning author, farmer and conservationist, Louis Bromfield. The Visitor Center is full of interactive displays, and home to the Malabar Farm Gift Shop featuring unique Ohio-made items, Bromfield's books, farm fresh products, and their homemade fudge. Walk through the barn and visit the animals, ride a farm wagon and tour the home where Hollywood stars Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall were married.

More detailed information will be available soon; please let Sally Falk know if you are interested in receiving more info and/or going on this day trip. You can contact Sally at 614-402-1823 and baxfal@aol.com

Electronic Giving

WUMC has a convenient way to make your regular offerings through the WUMC homepage. With our electronic-giving program, you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make onetime contributions. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church, especially during summer months. To become an electronic giver, visit WorthingtonUMC.com and click on "Donate to Worthington UMC" or scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the donation page. For new users, "Create a Profile" and follow the instructions.



The Audio Visual Team Needs You!

We are in need of volunteers to our A/V (Audio and Visual) Team! This team works each week on Sunday mornings to operate the sound board, slide projection, and video recording & streaming. No experience needed! You will learn these very helpful skills from our current A/V team, and will work together with them and others. If interested, fill out this short survey <http://bit.ly/AVInterestForm>. Questions? Contact Tom Strous at tom.strous@gmail.com

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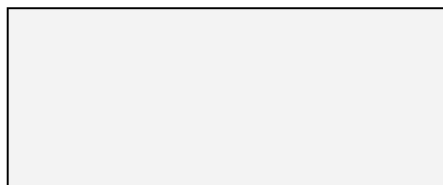
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September 2021

September 6 - Labor Day

September 8 - Taize

September 12 - New Worship Schedule Begins

September 16 - Friendship Community Dinner

September 22 - First Day of Fall

September 23 - Trip & Taste to Malabar