



Dear Friends,

We continue with our Mini-Messenger communication between Messengers because we want to stay connected with all of you and there are many **important, timely** things to share.

First, we are very grateful for you and want you to have a very safe and healthy Thanksgiving. It's going to be different this year as we all know, but we encourage you to follow the on-going guidelines: wear a mask, wash your hands and stay at least six feet apart even with a mask. Find creative ways to connect with the people with whom you usually share Thanksgiving.

Second, in response to the intense spread of the COVID-19 virus and with a desire to be good neighbors in our community we will cease having in-person services and move to all live-streaming beginning this Sunday, November 15th. This is not an easy decision but one we feel needs to be made as we do not want to add to the current emergency status of over-stressed medical personnel and running the risk of needing to shut down schools once again. We will continue to evaluate the situation and hope to offer a special in-person brief worship experience near Christmas. More information to come in the December Messenger.

We will live-stream at 10:00 a.m. and have a Mission Drop Off Time, as we did earlier in the year, from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Sundays. View our livestream for Sundays here at <https://bit.ly/WUMCLivestream>. Livestreams are saved onto our YouTube Channel, so you may watch at your own convenience. And if you would prefer to drive in to the parking lot, feel free, the dial is FM 92.1.

Third, we have an Advent/Christmas Box for each family and by now some of you have already received it, and others will be getting it soon. Hopefully before Thanksgiving you will receive this Box filled with items you can use during this season to be in connection with others in the congregation. The Devotional Booklet included will contain various possibilities for each day **beginning the Saturday after Thanksgiving to connect us together in worship, study, and activity** To get your Box, you can drive by the office doors off the parking lot during our Mission Drop-Off Hours, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Sunday, November 15th and 22nd. In Monday's E-Blast and on the website we will be listing additional drive through times, when you can drive-by the doors and get yours. Some of you may find them on your front porch as others deliver them. It will be easy to identify and we hope it, complete with Advent calendars and candles, will bring hope, love, joy and peace.

Please look carefully at the opportunities listed on the back of this Mini-Messenger. Sunday will still be Bible Sunday so respond to Ashley and she is working out ways to get them to you. Perhaps you can pick it up when you pick up your Advent/Christmas Box or drop off some Mission items.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity, and please if there are ways we can help you with anything let us know. There are many persons willing and able to reach out and assist. Hoping you have a blessed Thanksgiving,

Cyndy

Bible Sunday

Sunday, November 15th will be our annual Bible Sunday! We will be giving out Bibles to our 3 year olds, 3rd graders, and 7th graders. Each Bible is different and perfect for their age. If you have a child that falls into one of those ages, please let Ashley know by e-mail if you would like a Bible for your child. You do not need to attend to receive a Bible! We will have a short time to honor those in the services if you are present.

Otherwise, we will have the Bibles available for pick-up. For questions or to reserve a Bible, please e-mail Ashley at ashley@worthingtonumc.com



Church Conference

Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m.

Register for the Zoom call here: <http://bit.ly/WUMCconference>

Bethlehem on Broad Street

Please help us fill **200** food boxes for Columbus-area families & make Christmas brighter for those in need! There are several opportunities for you to lend a hand: Pick up a food box in the Ministry Hallway & purchase items on the list below. Bring your donations and unsealed boxes to the “PODS” container in the east parking lot by the Church garage, on Sunday mornings, Nov. 22 & 29 (or to the church office weekdays through Tuesday, December 1). There are also many further opportunities to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Aura Lee Whittaker at awhittaker03@columbus.rr.com. What a blessing it is to have the opportunity to give back to others!

- 3 x 14.5 oz. cans of vegetables
- 2 x 15 oz. cans of fruits
- 2 x 10.75 oz. cans of tomato soup
- 2 x 24 oz. cans of spaghetti sauce
- 1 x 2 lb. box spaghetti (or 2 x 1 lb.)
- 1 x 6 pack Ramen noodles (no cups)
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes
- 1 envelope with \$10 Kroger gift card taped to inside top of box
- 1 x 16 oz. box of saltine crackers
- 1 x 18 oz. box of cereal
- 1 x 20 oz. can of beef stew
- 1 x 16 oz. plastic jar of peanut butter
- 1 x 20 oz. plastic squeeze bottle jelly
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 x 4 pack of toilet paper

Advent Study

His parents name him Jesus, but many others give him plethora of names; Messiah, Lord, Emmanuel, King. Best selling-author Adam Hamilton explores the meaning of these titles, and what they tell us about the child we celebrate at Christmas. Join us Sundays at 11:30 a.m. starting on Nov. 29. Books are available in the church office now!

