

Dear Church Family,

As we look forward to 2023, WUMC has a tremendous opportunity to count our blessings and renew our joy as a church family. When joining the United Methodist Church each of us took a vow to participate faithfully in the church's life and ministries through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Having come through 2 ½ years of significant challenge, we are poised to move forward together as we rediscover and renew ourselves in the joy of God's presence, the joy of giving and serving, and the joy of being in mission together. This is a time of hope!

In 2023, Worthington UMC will offer more ways to renew and deepen our prayer and study life through learning and togetherness. We have been so blessed to be able to return to services in person and to welcome those near and far through technology. Let's renew our presence on Sunday morning and every day by being joyful participants in the ministries and mission of the church and by being present in the community to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

With gratitude, we share that the generosity of this congregation has been overwhelming. We are recovering from the losses of the pandemic and therefore growing in our ability to reach out to those poor and marginalized persons within our community. May a renewed commitment to giving further our vision of being a mission-driven church! Because the Gospel has always challenged the church to become more aware and involved with those in need, both locally and in the world, Worthington UMC is committed to being a beacon of God's love, healing and grace. Let us renew our focus on serving and expanding our service mission through hands-on outreach by passionate volunteers. There is great joy in making a difference.

While WUMC has no corner on hope, we do have this corner in Worthington in which we can make hope real! A most joyful renewal of spirit can come with a renewed commitment to the service of God, the community, and each other. Come out and find new hope.

Commitment Sunday is October 30. The volunteer opportunities are detailed in this booklet and instructions are on the following pages. If you are in worship that day, you will be able to deliver your commitments in person. Otherwise, they may be mailed or completed on-line, also available at the link provided.

Please let prayer lead you as you determine how your gifts, talents, energy and generosity can be used to make a difference in the world. In doing so, may you find the blessing of renewal.

In ministry with you,

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WELCOME TO EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

Every Member in Ministry shows you opportunities to renew yourself in the life of the church. The ministries are sorted to those within the church and those that happen in the wider community. The ministry category titles reflect the skills and interests that underlie the segments.

"Family Friendly" and "Occasional Involvement" opportunities are called out in the Special Notes column.

What does Family Friendly mean? These volunteer opportunities are ones where children may be able to participate. The parents or other adult should judge their child's maturity and ability to join in the activity. We leave it to the parents to decide if the child has the maturity to participate. Some opportunities are limited to youth; if so, the age requirements are noted. An adult must participate along with young children. Check with the Church Office if you have questions.

What does "Occasional Involvement" mean? The ministries with this indicator provide the opportunity to serve without needing a commitment to repeating service. For these, you may volunteer as frequently as you choose or as your schedule allows.

We have so many wonderful ways to serve in the church and in the community. Please RENEW your connection with WUMC by choosing at least one ministry each from <u>In the Church</u> and <u>In the Community</u> to serve in 2023. Stretch yourself and select something new that you've not experienced before. Or follow through on those ideas that you've had and suggest a new ministry or offer yourself wherever the church needs you.

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Consider the ministries that you want to commit to serving during 2023.

Complete your commitment to RENEW

- 1. Review the many opportunities for Every Member in Ministry service that you find on the following pages and give prayerful consideration to your commitment.
- Complete financial and service commitments by either completing the paper forms or submitting them through the on-line option which can be found at WorthingtonUMC.com/get-involved/
- 3. Mark your Every Member in Ministry Commitment form with the ministries you have chosen.
 - Even if you are currently serving in the ministry, please indicate it on your form.
- 4. Complete the separate Financial Commitment form included in the packet. This can be completed on line also at WorthingtonUMC.com/get-involved/. Of course, if your financial situation changes during the year you can modify your giving arrangement.
- 5. If you have an idea for a new ministry, please write it on the Every Member in Ministry Commitment form.

Commitment Sunday is October 30. There will be a special time during the worship services that day to bring forward your commitment to prayers, presence, witness, service and gifts.

If you are unable to attend, you may mail both commitment forms to the church office or drop them off.

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Mission

1.	New Ministry at Worthington
	Is there a ministry you feel called to that we don't have at WUMC? Share your idea for an opportunity that you would like to coordinate by writing it on the commitment form.
2.	Wherever the Church Needs Me

IN THE CHURCH	Time / Day	Frequency	Special Notes	
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Maintain the Sanctuary

3.	Decorating for the Holidays Prepare altar and sanctuary for Easter, Christmas and other special holidays. Help plan Hanging of the Greens before Christmas.	varies	every holiday	FF
4.	Grounds Beautification Gardening Team Various tasks related to grounds upkeep depending on the season: clean up beds, weed, prune, prepare beds, spread mulch, plant annuals and deadhead flowers. Bring your own tools. Let us know if you're interested in spearheading a special project.	TBD	1 time per month Mar-Sept	FF OI
5.	Memorial Garden Ongoing Care General care throughout the year for flowerbeds, watering and weeding.	varies	As needed more frequent during summer	OI
6.	Orders for Christmas and Easter Flowers Staff a table on Sunday mornings to take the flower orders.	2-3 hours Sunday	2 times per year	FF
7.	Paraments and Stoles Change, clean, repair and store paraments and stoles with change to liturgical calendar.	½ hour	6 times per year	
8.	Taize Service Join the Taize team to set up and take down candles and other supplies for the monthly Taize Service. Check supplies and clean glassware periodically.	2-3 hours 2 nd Wed.	1-2 times per year	FF

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Administration

9.	Library Committee Committee members are active participants in operating the church library. This includes promoting the library to members, and attending meetings where we organize, create displays and file in card catalog.	1-2 hours last Saturday of month, except summer	1 time per month	
10.	Material Archivist Collect and preserve materials documenting Worthington UMC history. Organize and maintain church records and documents.	as needed	as needed	
11.	Offering Counter Count Sunday offering on Monday mornings & make bank deposit.	1.25 hours Mon. morning	1-2 times per month	
12.	Office Volunteer - Sunday Answer telephones, greet visitors, and answer questions.	3.5 hours	once per month	
13.	Photography/Videography Take photos or videos at church events and programs, including for new members.	as needed	as needed	
14.	Pre-Worship Preparation Participate in preparing supporting material for the following Sunday's worship. It may include weekly bulletin assembly, helping with the messenger mailing monthly and filling the pew pockets with envelopes, prayers cards etc. You are welcome to participate in any or all of these functions.	Thursday 1-3pm	weekly participate as you are able	OI
15.	Website Support Interested in assisting with the website? In this role you can work from home to help keep website up-to-date. Uses Wordpress.	flexible	flexible	

Leadership

16.	Adult Class Teacher Prepare and teach class; teachers are needed once a week for 4- 10 weeks, depending on class materials.	as needed	1 class per year	
17.	Fine Arts Team Plan artwork displays to enhance the building and plan creative arts workshops.	2 hours	Quarterly as needed	
18.	Northland Star Partners Advisory Board Participate in developing strategies for NSP to create and implement a transformational mission in the Northland area.	TBD	Monthly or as needed	

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19.	Social Events Planning Participate in planning, coordinating and arranging volunteers for fellowship events for church members or the community.	varies	1-3 times per year	

Worship

20.	Baptism Assistance Assist pastors in baptisms - presenting persons, pouring water.	1 hour	as needed	
21.	Communion Server - 9:00am Help serve Holy Communion. Schedule established according to your availability.	1 hour	3-4 times per year	
22.	Communion Server - 10:00am Help serve Holy Communion. Schedule established according to your availability.	1 hour	3-4 times per year	
23.	Communion Steward Coordinator Coordinate the scheduling of the Communion Steward teams and check supplies.	on your schedule	monthly	
24.	Communion Steward Team Member Serve on the team that prepares for communion and breaks down after communion. Three teams will be formed, each with three people. Teams rotate service, so your yearly involvement will be to serve four times on the first Sunday of each month plus one special service such as Maundy Thursday. Invite two friends to join you to create your team!	3 hours Sunday or other commun- ion days	5 times per year	
25.	Liturgist – 10:00am Participate in worship service by welcoming, reading scripture and offering prayer.	1 hour Sunday	as needed	
26.	Projection Team Join the Sunday morning team operating the sound, or cameras for Live streaming, or running the slides (Power Point). Come sit in and observe first. No sophisticated technical skills needed. Training will be provided.	1.5 hours Sunday	1-2 times each month	
27.	Usher - 9:00am Serve on usher team to distribute bulletins, seat congregation, receive offerings and facilitate the distribution of communion.	1.5 hours Sunday	1 time every 5 weeks	
28.	Usher - 10:00am Serve on usher team to distribute bulletins, seat congregation, receive offerings and facilitate the distribution of communion.	1.5 hours Sunday	1 time per month	

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29.	Usher - Special Events Serve as member of the special usher team to distribute bulletins, seat congregation at special services, funerals, concerts and receive offerings.	1.5 hours	as needed	

Music

30.	Adult Choir Sing with the adult choir for Sunday services as well as Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and other occasions. Adult choir meets September through May with occasional extra rehearsals to prepare for special occasions.	Thurs. 6:30- 7:30 pm and Sunday mornings	weekly	
31.	Handbell Ringer - Adult & Family Participate in the Jubilee Ringers handbell choir through weekly group practices. Learn about music and grow in ministry with others by playing these unique and enchanting instruments. A few basic skills in rhythm and hand-eye coordination are needed. We'll teach you the rest!	TBD	weekly practices; monthly worship	FF
32.	Special Music Sharing Do you have a musical gift? Share it with us at a worship service. Contact Music Director for more information.	1 hour	varies	
33.	Worship Musicians Sing or play an instrument in worship with us. All sorts of string instruments, keys, and hand percussion welcome along with singers. Creativity is encouraged!	Wed. 5:30- 6:30pm Sunday Mornings	weekly,	

Congregational Care

34.	Bereavement Ministry - Provide Food Provide luncheons and receptions for grieving families. Prepare a side dish or dessert and bring to church	varies	2-3 events per year or as needed	
35.	Bereavement Ministry - Serve Serve luncheons and receptions for grieving families; help with set up and serving or with serving and cleanup.	2 hours	2-3 events per year or as needed	
36.	Caring Team - Check In Make phone calls when a member is released from the hospital.	varies	varies	OI
37.	Caring Team - Provide Meals Prepare and deliver meals to members in need of support.	varies	varies	OI
38.	Caring Team - Respite Care	varies	varies	

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39.	Caring Team - Transportation Following Illness Provide transportation to doctor appointments or physical therapy sessions, run errands, etc.	varies	varies	OI
40.	Caring Team - Transportation to Church Provide transportation to and from worship for a non-driving member of our congregation who lives in your vicinity.	1 ½ hour (includes service)	1 time per month	
41.	Keeping in Touch Make phone calls, send emails, or write notes to members who have been unable to attend worship or participate in ministries.	varies	varies	
42.	New Baby Care Package - Deliver Deliver a care package to a family with a new baby. Church staff or volunteers will help make arrangements.	as needed	as needed	OI
43.	New Baby Care Package - Donate Donate items for families with new babies. Items may include necessities that a new parent or child would need-even including gift cards. Items can be donated any time throughout year.	as needed	as needed	
44.	Open Hearts Join others to focus on opening our hearts and minds to all of God's children, especially those who feel marginalized. Address the needs of those who may have disabilities. Includes walking in the Pride Parade & being attentive to needs, welcoming and inclusion initiatives and future needs.	1.5 hours	meets 6 times per year plus events	FF at events OI
45.	Prayer Chain Lift up in prayer members and others in need of God's healing; team members communicate by email or phone. Attendance at 10:30am Monday prayer and Bible study encouraged.	1 hour 10:30am Mondays plus calls	weekly	OI
46.	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Julia Ministry) Volunteers meet at the church to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those who are in need of feeling enfolded in God's loving arms. All skill levels are welcome. Material can be provided.	2 hours 3 rd Friday 10am- noon	1 time per month	OI
47.	Van Driver Drive WUMC van to transport residents of care centers to and from church for Sunday worship and special services. (Drivers must be age 25 to 70.)	1½ hour (includes service)	Every 6 to 8 weeks	
48.	Visitor for Homebound Visit homebound members to chat, visit near their birthdays or deliver cards or remembrances or deliver gift bags prior to the holiday.	1 hour	1 visit, call or card per month	

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Church Hospitality

49.	Cookie Providers Provide prepackaged, individually wrapped cookies or snacks for the Sunday hospitality time. Bring on Sunday morning or drop off during the week at church office marked "Sunday Hospitality." Don't want to shop? Make a cash donation and we will purchase the snacks.	varies	2-3 times a year	FF
50.	Fellowship Time – Sunday Hospitality Prepare beverages, set up table, prepare cookie baskets, refill as needed and clean up.	1 ½ hours Sunday	2-3 times per year	FF
51.	Greeter Team - Sunday Greeter Welcome worshippers on Sunday mornings, starting 20 minutes before service begins.	½ hour Sunday	6 times per year	FF
52.	Hospitality Event Support Assist with activities of your choice throughout the year that may include rally day, church picnic, or special church events. Volunteers may help set up, serve, host or greet at these events. You are welcome to participate in any or all of these functions.	varies	1-2 times per year	
53.	Trunk or Treat Decorate your car trunk and have something for children as they Trick or Treat around the church parking lot.	2 hours Sunday pm	1 time per year	FF

Children, Youth & Young Adults

54.	Adult Helper with Youth Ministry - Impact Adults will work with youth ministries for mission experiences, retreats, fundraisers and Sunday Night Ministries.	usually Sunday evening	as needed	
55.	Children's Church Adult Shepherds Accompany children (ages 4 to grade 3) to Fellowship Hall following Children's Moments, then assist leader with the children's worship experience.	1 hour Sunday 10:00	1 time per month	
56.	Children's Sunday School Teacher Help teach Children's Sunday School at 9am. Curriculum provided. We need teachers to co-teach (teaching every other Sunday) in each room. Sunday School rooms are nursery, 2 and 3 year olds, kindergarten and 1st grade, 2nd and 3rd grade, and 4th, 5th and 6th grade.	1 hour Sunday 9:00 during school year	1-2 times per month	

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57.	College Care Package Ministry Sign up and bring joy to our college students while they are away from home. Help shop, pack & mail our college students a message of love from their church family.	varies	as needed	FF
58.	Explorations Helper Help at our 4 th to 6 th grade mission experience, Explorations. Help lead them in mission experiences as they experience God through a week of missions.	4 hours per day for 1 week in summer	1-4 days	
59.	Family Ministry Event Support Volunteer to help with set up, assist with activities, and clean up at Family Ministry events such as Trunk or Treat or Souper Bowl.	½ hour – 1 hour	varies	OI
60.	JAM (Junior Active Ministry) Assist with monthly ministry (grades 4-6) on Sunday evening. Come and have fun as we fellowship together, participate in mission experiences & learn about God.	2 hours usually Sunday	1 time per month	
61.	Vacation Bible School Leader Participate in VBS by leading activities based on the chosen theme. Activities could include Bible storytelling, recreation, crafts, music & science.	3 hours per evening	1 week in summer	FF
62.	Vacation Bible School Shepherd Lead a group of children to the activity stations around the church.	3 hours per evening	1 week in summer	

Groups

63.	Around the Table Dinner Group Get to know one another on a deeper level, enjoy a meal and have fun. Random groups of about 8 are organized annually but you can join this group at any time. Planning for the monthly meals is rotated among the group.	2 hours	1 time per month	
64.	Breakfast and Conversation Engage with others, join in relevant conversation and have breakfast together. Meet the group at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington at 8:00am on the 2 nd Friday of month.	1 hour 8:00 am 2 nd Friday	1 time per month	OI
65.	Mat Ministry Make sleeping mats for the homeless which are distributed through The Open Shelter. Mats are made from plastic bags (Plarn), and Plarn Parties are held monthly to share the work and advance the ministry. Everyone is welcome; learn to crochet and have fun with the group.	1-4pm 3 rd Wed.	1 time per month	FF OI

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66.	Men's Breakfast Group Meet on Zoom over breakfast to discuss various topics in light of scripture and how it applies to life today.	1 hour 2 nd Sat. 7:30am	1 time per month	OI
67.	Sojourn: A Young Adult Ministry Sojourn is a Bible study and small group for people in the 20s and 30s. Designed for both life-long Christians and those who are just learning about church, we strive to creatively reflect on the Bible and support one another with care. We meet online the first Wednesday of each month and in-person the third Wednesday of each month.	1 hour Wed.	weekly	OI
68.	United Women in Faith - Dorcas Circle Dorcas Circle serves as the Trifles & Treasures fundraising committee. They plan and conduct the annual garage sale that raises money for UWF missions. Other volunteers welcome.	varies	meets from July through October	
69.	United Women in Faith - Riverside Sewing Guild #28 Meet at Riverside Methodist Hospital to cut and sew neck pillows, baby hats, and other items used at RMH. Free parking and lunch. Can work at home.	4-5 hours 1 st Wed.	1 time per month	OI
70.	United Women in Faith Meet with and share fellowship, hands on work for mission, spiritual development, and educational programs with other women in the congregation.	1 ½ - 3 hours	1 time per month plus projects	
71.	WUMC Singles This social and fun fellowship group is for all of single status, age 50 and above. The group's purpose is to provide singles with fellowship and interaction with other singles to continue to grow as individuals.	2 hours per activity	1 time per month	

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Mission/Repair Projects

72.	Adult Mission Trips Mission trips to provide assistance in area of need. Locations to be determined	varies	varies	
73.	The Carpenter's Helping Hands - Periodic Work Work with a team to provide basic household services to those who can't afford or who are physically or otherwise unable to do basic work around their homes or apartments.	varies	As requests are received and assessed	
74.	The Carpenter's Helping Hands - Service Days Join with fellow volunteers on a scheduled Saturday morning in the spring and fall to perform yard work and other basic household services for those who either need support.	8:30am to 1:00pm	Once each fall and spring	FF

Serving Others

75.	American Red Cross Blood Drive - Assist Assist with computer registration or volunteer at the canteen.	1-2 hours	quarterly as needed	OI
76.	American Red Cross Blood Drive - Donor Donate blood during the drive held at WUMC.	1-2 hours	quarterly	OI
77.	Bags of Blessings Help sort and box items after the 10:00am service to go to designated charities.	½ hour Sunday	1 time per month	FF OI
78.	Bethlehem on Broad Street Collection Help receive and check Christmas food boxes for needy families after items are returned to church.	1-2 hours pre & post services Sunday	last 2 Sundays of Nov.	FF
79.	Bethlehem on Broad Street Delivery Help deliver completed food boxes to Broad Street UMC.	10-noon Saturday	1st Sat. of Dec.	
80.	Career Connections Our partnership with Northland High School teachers to offer monthly career and job guidance to the entire student body, in small groups, and to stimulate consideration of vocations as the students prepare for their future as adults. Volunteer and other support opportunities are still being formed.	varies	varies	
81.	Gates Fourth UMC Community Support Collect clothing and other items from Worthington UMC, drive the items to Gates Fourth UMC (119 E. Gates St.), and set up the free clothing table at the monthly free breakfast. Attend to the table during breakfast and offer assistance to guests as needed or requested. This is a rotating responsibility, and you will need to serve no more than four times a year.	8:30am- 10:00am 4 th & 5 th Saturday	4 times per year	

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82.	God's Hygiene Help Center Volunteer in the warehouse to organize, shelve and sort incoming donations and prepare boxes for delivery to distribution centers. Pick up donations from various organizations or drive material to distribution locations throughout Columbus.	TBD	TBD	
83.	Operation Sandwich Delivery Count and deliver sandwiches to the Friends of the Homeless Shelter on Mondays.	2 hours Monday	weekly	OI
84.	Operation Sandwich Preparation Make individually wrapped sandwiches and place them in the Fellowship Hall refrigerator by Sunday for delivery to Friends of the Homeless Shelter on Monday morning.	varies Sunday	weekly	FF OI
85.	Ready for Reading Work on reading skills with 1-2 at risk kindergartners in the Worthington school of your choice. Training is provided. A customized lesson plan is prepared by the reading specialist. Substitutes are available.	½ hour between 8:30 & 2:30 week days	1 time per week Oct- May	
86.	Worthington CROP Hunger Walk Walk and collect donations to raise money for hunger programs such as the Worthington Resource Pantry.	1-2 pm 2 nd Sunday October	Once per year	FF
87.	Worthington Resource Pantry - Food Collection Volunteer to collect food donations at various businesses and locations around town and from MidOhio Food Collective.	varies	as needed	
88.	Worthington Resource Pantry – Backroom Work Volunteer to help with food drives and deliveries, sorting food, bagging food, and stocking shelves.	varies	as needed	
89.	Worthington Resource Pantry – Other Help Help with administrative & secretarial tasks, data input and validation, computer software & updates and computer hardware & networking.	varies	as needed	
90.	Worthington Resource Pantry – Open Shift Work Volunteer as a manager, greeter, interviewer, shopper or resource center counselor to assist families at the pantry during open service hours.	Mon 10-2 Wed 3-7 Thurs 3-5 Sat 10-12	as needed	

Ministering to the Community

91.	Bethlehem on Broad Street Christmas Party Help distribute food boxes to needy families in Columbus during Christmas party at Broad Street UMC.	3 hour shift	2 nd Saturday of Dec.	FF 7 th Grade & up

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92.	Befriending the Community Be a presence in the community. The activities may include election day hospitality, Farmers' Market Saturdays, Memorial Day parade, providing hospitality during music on the lawn or any other events that within the community. You may participate in any or all of these functions.	varies	varies	FF
93.	Friendship Dinner Prepare and serve a family meal for members of the community. Currently carryout; will return to in-person in Fellowship Hall when appropriate.	5-8pm 3 rd Thursday	1 time per month	FF OI
94.	YWCA Family Center Meal Prepare and serve dinner to the families with children at the homeless shelter located at 900 Harvey Court, near 5 th & Leonard.	4:30pm- 8pm Saturday	1-4 times per year	FF OI