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9 & 10 am

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Dear Worthington Church Family,

In my devotional this morning, I took some time to read from Kate Bowler’s, *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*. I’d like to share one with you for our August Messenger. I found the poem to be a dear blessing, and I hope you will too.



for the ones who bear witness

Blessed are the noticers. The ones who see the story in its fullness.
Blessed are the attenders. The witness-bearers. The story-holders.
The ones who tiptoe to the edge right alongside us,
knowing that the very act will break their heart in pieces too.
Choosing us anyway.

Blessed are those who are amazed by a life live
in its fragility, in its brevity, in its beauty.

Blessed are the ones who stand close enough to say: “*BEHOLD.*”

Behold, this is their love.

Behold, this is their annoying habit.

Behold, these are the people they loved and know so much about
that they could implicate or exonerate them in a crime.

Behold, these are their exes and their favorite songs to belt out in the car,
and their fast-food orders.

Behold, This is not a problem to be solved. This is a person to be loved.
This is the miracle we get to call by name.

And how lucky are we?

These people.

These loves.

These precious, precious, precious days.

Thanks be to God.

I so celebrate that you are my people, my loves, in these precious, precious
days. Know that I thank God for you every day.

Blessings,
Lou

August 2024 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bags of Blessings for Family Mentor Foundation	*Family Friendly Ministries			1 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	2	3 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon
4 Operation Sandwich*	5 Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	6	7 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	8 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	9	10 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon YWCA Family Dinner 5 – 9 pm*
11 Operation Sandwich*	12 Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	13	14 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	15 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm Friendship Dinner 5 pm – 8 pm	16	17 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon
18 Operation Sandwich*	19 Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	20	21 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm Mat Ministry Plann Party 1 pm – 4 pm*	22 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	23	24 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon Gates Fourth UMC Breakfast 8:30-10*
Jefferson, OH Mission Trip	Jefferson, OH Mission Trip	Jefferson, OH Mission Trip	Jefferson, OH Mission Trip	Jefferson, OH Mission Trip	Jefferson, OH Mission Trip	
25 Operation Sandwich* Bags of Blessings Sort 11:00 am*	26 Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	27	28 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	29 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	30	31 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon

Our Social Principles: A Study and Discussion

“The United Methodist Church believes God's love for the world is an active and engaged love, a love seeking justice and liberty. We cannot just be observers. So we care enough about people's lives to risk interpreting God's love, to take a stand, to call each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex. The church helps us think and act out a faith perspective, not just responding to all the other 'mind-makers-up' that exist in our society.”

Excerpt from *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church*, 2016.

In 2024, the General Conference revised the UMC’s Social Principles, which serve as guidelines for how our denomination engages with the world’s pressing social issues. Join Pastor Dom in a two-part discussion series on the Revised Social Principles, taking place on Mondays, August 19 and 26 at 7pm in Dixon Lounge at the church. Participants should come to the first session having read pages 1-19 of the Social Principles (through the section entitled “The Economic Community”).

To sign-up and receive a digital copy of the social principles, please register using this link: <https://forms.gle/NVQgCgBKKHvqFJvv6>. Hard copies of the Principles can be printed by the church office upon request.

August Bags of Blessings to benefit Family Mentor Foundation

Family Mentor Foundation began in 2013 with a mission to create services and partnerships that fill in the areas lacking in a child's life.

One of their programs is Buddy Boxes. Many children who qualify for free or reduced-fee lunch at school have little to eat at home and return to school distracted by their hunger. FMF's goal is to bridge the gap by sending these children home with a Buddy Box every Friday during the school year. A Buddy Box is filled with kid-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable, individual-sized food items that are easy for children to prepare or eat on their own.

Each week they provide Buddy Boxes for 1,600 hungry children at schools in Worthington, Columbus, and SouthWestern City School Districts. The boxes are filled and packed by volunteers at community and corporate gather and give events. Refer to www.familymentorfoundation.org for more information or contact Lesly Wade at 614-561-7863 or wadefamily@columbus.rr.com

We invite you to join us in helping fill Buddy Boxes by donating the food items listed below. As always, feel free to donate any or all of the items on the list. Thank you for supporting this important Outreach ministry! Please donate all items to the church by Sunday, August 25.

veggie or fruit juice boxes

individual sunflower kernel bags

individual Goldfish cracker bags

raisin boxes

macaroni & cheese cups

instant oatmeal packs

applesauce cups

shelf-stable meat sticks

Please make sure all items are single/individual servings only.

Sunday, August 18 will be Creation Care Day!

You may have noticed some changes taking place around Worthington UMC and have seen the announcements related to the newly formed Sustainability Task Force. But what's it all about? That is what we will be diving into on Creation Care Day! The services will be graced with sermons which explore the calling and responsibility that God has given the Church to be gracious and thoughtful stewards of creation.

Following the 10am service, there will be an informational meeting in Potter Chapel to take a deeper look at the mission and goals of the Sustainability Task-Force here at Worthington UMC and engage in discussion about any questions or concerns that you might have. We hope to see you there!

Questions? contact Elizabeth Osbourne at elosbourne@gmail.com



Youth serve at mission sites through ReachOut Camp

ReachOut is a United Methodist Camp that happens each July in Lakeside, Ohio. The week of camp consists of worship services each night, free time and recreational activities at Lakeside, and a two-day mission trip in small groups that allow the camp to serve 8-10 different mission organizations around northern Ohio. Our church has been participating in this camp since 2001, and we were happy that we were able to continue this year with eight of our youth attending and multiple church members participating as staff. Leisel Clark was our camp nurse; Eric Bender served as part of the worship band; Abby Beers served her first year as a counselor; and Ashley Gerard served as one of the Deans of the camp. Caroline Go, Meredith Hinten, Cassie Mahaffey, Mia Vance, Addie Foley, Graham Owens, Lydia Ponziani and Dean Mullen all represented our youth group, Impact, and our church with kindness and servant hearts in their groups! Between the eight youth, they served at four different mission sites throughout northern Ohio doing a variety of projects:

Serving at Camp Ideas, a summer program for children with autism.

Serving at Sunshine Community Center, an organization for persons with developmental delays, cleaning wheel chairs and supporting their clients.

Working at Trials for Hope, supporting local needs in the Cleveland area and helping at a VBS.

Various outreach projects in Port Clinton, like landscaping at local non-profits and donating food items to shelters.

ReachOut was a great experience for our students and staff to gather in fellowship and grow in their faith! We are very thankful for the hard work and dedicated service that our youth provided in their groups for multiple organizations in the northern Ohio area!



Sign up now for the next adult mission trip—Deadline is August 4

The dates are August 18 - 23, 2024. We will be working for the Covered Bridge Ministries in Jefferson, Ohio. They are sponsored by the Jefferson United Methodist Church. Their mission serves people throughout Ashtabula County in need of home repairs and / or ramps for home access. We will probably be building temporary ramps. If some of you would like to go for just a couple of days, we can probably make that happen. The last date to sign up for this mission trip is August 4. If you have any questions, please contact Russ Line at (614) 595-1028 or rjlineohio@aol.com.

Help us avoid the Summer Slump

In the summer, we typically experience a “summer slump” where giving drops off as many church members are traveling and attendance decreases. Unfortunately, our expenses continue throughout the summer and several even increase. Thankfully we have a number of ways for you to continue to give to the church while you're away! Review the options below and contact Mindy at 614-885-5365 or finance@worthingtonumc.com with any questions.

WUMC website giving via Vanco

Easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make individual contributions.

To become an electronic donor, go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home> or scan the QR code below. *Note: there is a small fee charged by Vanco for this service.*



“E-Giving”/ ACH direct withdrawal

Mindy has a quick and easy form for you to fill out to select weekly or monthly bank drafts. Contact the office at 614-885-5365 or email finance@worthingtonumc.com to request the form. *There is no fee with this method of giving.*

Bank Bill Pay

Through your bank’s website, set up automatic “Bill Pay” to WUMC. The bank will send us a check in the mail automatically at the frequency you choose - one time, weekly, monthly, etc. *There is no fee with Bill Pay.* Please have checks sent to Worthington UMC, P.O Box 307, Worthington, OH 43085.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Worthington UMC!

Summer Communion Walks

Sharon Woods Park

Saturday, August 17 at 9am



This summer, celebrate communion outside at different locations around northern Columbus.

Registration is not required, but if you’d like to receive an email if we cancel this and future walks for weather, please put your information in this form (see QR code above).

The Sharon Woods Park walk will be a moderate-difficulty walk and is wheelchair and stroller-friendly (with assistance). Please contact Pastor Dom (dominic@worthingtonumc.com) for more information or if you’d like to help set the Communion table for the August hike.

Our fall Communion Walk will take place on **Saturday, October 19 at 9am at Highbanks Metro Park.**

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 11



As we get ready to welcome a new school year, we invite children of all ages, teachers, and school workers to join us for a blessing of the school year during worship services on Sunday, August 11! If you'd like to bring along your backpack, we welcome you to do so. We look forward to praying over the year ahead for all of our educators and students!

Q2 Financial Update

Worthington United Methodist Church
Quarterly Financial Update-Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Fund
June 30, 2024

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$227,434	\$242,999	\$470,433
Expense	\$240,029	\$239,241	\$479,270
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$12,595)	\$3,758	(\$8,836)

Did you know...

*Connectional ministries (or apportionments) paid to West Ohio Conference make up approximately 10%-12% of our annual operating expenses. Apportionment is a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide and conference budgets to local churches. When each local church contributes *connectionally* to the missions and ministries of the church, "we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work." (umc.org)*

A couple of the factors used to calculate the apportionment for local churches are total expenses and number of members; larger churches pay a larger portion.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! With your generosity, WUMC has been able to stay current with our monthly connectional giving in 2024. Your contributions are effecting change all around the world in the name of Jesus Christ!

You can read more about the missions and ministries that are supported by our connectional ministries here: <https://www.westohioumc.org/stewardship-finance/connectional-giving>

Feel free to contact Mindy Go at finance@worthingtonumc.com or touch base with any member of our Finance Committee with questions.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10am—Explorations 5pm—CPC Staff & Family Picnic	2	3 8am—Farmers Market Hospitality Table
4 9 am—Worship 10am—Worship with Summer Choir	5 10:30am—Prayer Group 6pm—Endowment Committee	6 10am—Naomi Circle	7 CPC last day of Summer Session 10am—Riverside Sewing Guild 1pm—Immunization Clinic 7pm—Euchre	8 CPC Closed—Teacher In-Service	9 CPC Closed—Teacher In-Service	10 8am—Farmers Market Hospitality Table
11 Blessing of the Backpacks 9 am—Worship 10am—Worship 4pm—WIN's Festival of Nations at Selby Park	12 CPC School year begins 10:30am—Prayer Group 7pm—Scouts	13 9am—Needlepoint 2pm—Housing Insecurity Study 7pm—Insecurity Study	14 7pm—Novel Women 7:30pm—Taize Worship	15 6:30pm—Friendship Dinner	16	17 8am—Farmers Market Hospitality Table 9am—Communion Walk at Sharon Woods Park
18 Adult Mission Trip 9 am—Worship 10am—Worship 11am—Creation Care Meeting	19 Adult Mission Trip 10:30am—Prayer Group 7pm—Social Principles Study	20 Adult Mission Trip 3pm—Martha Circle	21 Adult Mission Trip 1pm—Mat Ministry 7pm—Euchre	22 Adult Mission Trip	23 Adult Mission Trip	24 8am—Farmers Market Hospitality Table
25 Donate items for Bags of Blessings 9 am—Worship 10am—Worship 2pm—BSA Summer Kickoff Dinner	26 10:30am—Prayer Group 7pm—Scouts 7pm—Social Principles Study	27 6:30pm—Finance Committee 6:30pm—Trustees 7:30pm—Leadership Board	28 1:30pm—Grief Support	29	30	31 8am—Farmers Market Hospitality Table

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Taize Worship Service - August 14

Friendship Community Dinner - August 15

Communion Walk at Sharon Woods Park - August 17

Creation Care Day - August 18

Adult Mission Trip - August 18-23

Bags of Blessings Donations Due - August 25