

# The Messenger



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#### Worship Times

9 & 10 am

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#### Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9 am– 4pm

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Dear Worthington Church Family,

The first sentence of this article must communicate to you a sincere word of deep gratitude. Back on July 31, Rob Kidder gave us an extremely helpful presentation on our church finances and you truly stepped up. August was the highest giving month of the whole year. Members of our church family paid their pledges early, some increased their pledges and some gave more than they pledged. It was overwhelming, and I can't thank you enough for your generosity and your responsiveness.

Through a combination of reducing some budgeted items, a reduction in our spending, and your generosity, our projections on the budget indicate that we can be cautiously optimistic about ending the year in the black or with a small deficit. Oh, how you have blessed this church family!

The theme for our fall Annual Campaign is "Renew." We are all in renewal mode! Nearly three years of Covid left us all wondering if anything would be back to normal again. While we may be edging closer to normal, why on earth would we settle for normal when we could be vibrant and reinvigorated? Let me just say, there's nothing normal about you! You are fabulous and I couldn't be more excited to be in ministry with you in this very time and place. We can be anything God would have us to be. There are no limits.

This year our Annual Campaign will focus on the renewal of our foundational Methodist membership vows. We will renew our commitment to a life of deep prayer; to the tremendous power of being "present" with each other and our community; to a renewed vision for missional outreach that changes lives and systems; and, to the power of our giving which makes a tangible expression of our commitment to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I beg you not to think of this as just another year when the church asks you for money. This is about our "why!" And when we reconnect and recommit to our "why" then the renewal of our hearts and minds takes place, and our joy becomes so full it runs over.

I sincerely pray that you will experience our commitment to 'Renew' as an opportunity to chart a strong course of faithfulness for yourselves, our church and the community. The result will be seen and experienced as nothing less than the joy of Jesus Christ among us.

Let's plan to gather in worship on October 30 as we celebrate our Commitment Sunday. As we move closer, please keep an eye on your mail and email mid-October for information from the Stewardship team regarding your 2023 financial and service commitments.

Blessings and the deepest appreciation, *Pastor Lou*



## October 2022 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bags of Blessings for YWCA Family Center*		*Family Friendly Ministries		PROJECT MORE 30 Minutes any Monday - Thursday		<sup>1</sup> Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon  Camp Otterbein Mission Trip 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
<sup>2</sup> Operation Sandwich*  NORTH SUBURBAN CROP HUNGER WALK 1 pm*	<sup>3</sup> Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup> Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	<sup>6</sup> Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup> Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon
<sup>9</sup> Operation Sandwich*	<sup>10</sup> Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	<sup>11</sup>	<sup>12</sup> Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	<sup>13</sup> Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup> Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon
<sup>16</sup> Operation Sandwich*	<sup>17</sup> Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup> Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm  Mat Ministry Plarn Party 1 – 4 pm*	<sup>20</sup> Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm  Friendship Dinner 5 – 8 pm  Red Cross Blood Drive 1 – 6 pm *	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup> WRP 10 am – noon  Gates Fourth UMC Breakfast 8:30 am -10 am*  YWCA Family Dinner 5 – 9 pm*
<sup>23/30</sup> Operation Sandwich*  October 30 Bags of Blessings Sort 11 am*	<sup>24/31</sup> Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	<sup>25</sup>	<sup>26</sup> Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	<sup>27</sup> Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup>

### October Bags of Blessings to benefit the YWCA

The YWCA Family Center is a comprehensive 24-hour emergency center for homeless families in Central Ohio. In 2021, the Center served over 900 individuals and 50,000 meals. As a national model, their goal is to help families find housing in 3 weeks! The program provides services to help families gain independence such as employment assistance, case management, housing placement, and child advocacy. The Center provides meaningful support for children and parents including licensed childcare, tutoring, and a teen center while also offering amenities such as a computer resource room, laundry facilities, playgrounds, and a community garden. The YWCA Family Center relies heavily on the community to assist with donations of supplies, meal hosts, and time to continue providing those in need with support.

Through our Outreach Ministry, WUMC has provided support to the Center through Second Mile giving, the Bags of Blessings collections, and hosting dinners for the families. For 2022, we are scheduled to host dinners on Sat. Feb. 12, Sat. May 7, Sat. July 21, and Sat. Oct.22. Volunteer opportunities include cooking and serving the meal, and engaging in conversation and fellowship with the families. If you would like to get involved with this ministry, please contact Cathy Taylor at 614-935-1238 or tcathy233@gmail.com.

**Bags of Blessings Needs List (please return all items by Sunday, October 30):** Aveeno baby wash; baby lotion; Destin cream; baby wipes; Pull-Ups (sizes 4T & 5T); adult body wash; bar soap; deodorant; toothbrushes (adult or child); toothpaste (adult or child). As always, feel free to purchase any or all items.

## Worthington CROP Hunger Walk will be October 2, 2022

On Sunday, October 2, we will have the opportunity to once again help end hunger by participating in the CROP Walk. Registration begins at 12:30pm at the West Ohio Conference Center across from the Worthington fire station. The walk will step off at 1pm and you can choose from a 1-mile walk or a 3K-walk. The money raised by the CROP Walk will support several local agencies including the Worthington Resource Pantry. Sign up is easy at <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/ColumbusOH>

Come and join the Worthington UMC team! Contact Amy Wingerter for more information. Amy's email address is [winger896@gmail.com](mailto:winger896@gmail.com)



### Ready for Reading assists Worthington Kindergarteners

Ready for Reading is a new volunteer-based program started by the Worthington School District for the 2022–2023 school year to support their most at-risk kindergarteners. It replaces the previous program called Project MORE, which supported second and third graders. The district is hoping that early intervention with kindergarteners will be the most beneficial.

Volunteers will work on reading skills with 1-2 kindergarten students per week. Training and all materials will be provided for volunteers. Volunteers can select any Worthington Elementary School. There are flexible volunteer times and days to choose from. A large pool of volunteers at each school allows volunteers to find substitutes as needed. All volunteers are required to have a background check completed by Worthington Schools.

Contact Aura Whittaker at 614-433-0862 or [awhittaker03@columbus.rr.com](mailto:awhittaker03@columbus.rr.com) if you can give 30 minutes per week to help enhance the reading performance of a young Worthington student.

### Fall Worship Schedule

**9am**—Worship in Potter Chapel  
& Sunday School for all ages.

**10am**—Worship in Sanctuary,  
livestreamed on YouTube channel.

*Childcare will be provided for both services!*

### The Carpenter's Helping Hands Service Day Saturday, November 5, 2022

Do you need a few extra hands around the house? The Carpenter's Helping Hands will be conducting its Fall Service Day on Saturday, November 5 from 9am to 1pm to help those needing assistance with yard work and simple household chores. Volunteers are also needed. Both volunteers and those in need of help should contact Eric Oldenburg at 614-433-0862 or [ericoldenburg6@gmail.com](mailto:ericoldenburg6@gmail.com). You can also stop by The Carpenter's Helping Hands table in the Ministry Hallway after the service on Sunday, October 30 to sign up. Please do not be shy if you need help. We look forward to serving you!

## WUMC members are the hands & feet of Jesus at The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland

On Sunday, August 28, five members of WUMC (Ernie Fischer, Paul George, Jerry Knorr, Jim Lawrence, and Russ Line) and two members of Prospect Street UMC in Marion (Pete and Judy Stambazze) drove to Cleveland for an Adult Mission Trip. Frank Birinyi and Duane Snyder of WUMC joined them on Monday. Some of the participants left at various times during the week, but five stayed until Friday after lunch.



We stayed at The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland, which is associated with the United Methodist Church and belongs to the East Ohio Conference. Their mission continues to evolve in order to meet the various needs of the families in the neighborhood, to provide a variety of services, and to help new immigrants. Nehemiah continues to use mission teams to help on rebuilding and maintenance projects.

We stayed in air-conditioned dorm rooms at the mission. We fixed our breakfast (cereal, English muffins, toast and fruit) from their supplies. All the fixings for lunch and snacks were provided, along with coolers and ice to keep our water bottles and lunches cold. We went out to various local restaurants for dinner.

We worked at one house where we replaced all the floor boards on the porch. The railings on each end along with the spindles were also replaced. The front stairs were replaced and the back stairs were stabilized. We worked at another house where we repaired a hole in the floor on the porch. The molding and framing around the door were replaced and a new threshold was installed under the door. The last two days, three of us worked at the mission. We replaced some railings and tightened some spindles on their ramp. We weeded the flower bed in front of their sign and planted some bushes and other plants. We also took out all the ground cover and a bush from another bed. We made some adjustments to their picnic tables that they use for the meal they serve on Tuesday nights. Pictures of some of this work can be found on the bulletin board right outside the library.

Since the fall of 2005, the Adult Mission Trip part of WUMC Outreach has been on the following long-term mission trips: seventeen to work with Yahweh Ministries in Bayou La Batre, AL (Hurricane Katrina and then needy families); one to work with Good Works in Athens, OH (needy families); one to work with LARRI in Gary, IN (Hurricane Ike); two to work with ROC in Henryville, IN (tornadoes); two to work in Tarboro, NC (Hurricane Matthew); one to work in Hayesville, NC (needy families) and this is our seventh trip to Cleveland.

Please consider joining us on our next Adult Mission Trip to Hayesville, NC (usually late February or early March) or elsewhere. We usually do two 5–7 day trips each year. This is your chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus in carrying out his work. Join us for a time of fun and fellowship while we are carrying out God's work. I guarantee that you will have a good time and that the food will be great. Don't feel that you have to have a lot of skills in order to participate. We do the best we can with the skills that the members of the team have, and there is always something that everyone can do. More information will be available when we set the date and place for the next trip. For those who have trouble getting away for a longer time, our next one-day mission trip will be to Camp Otterbein in Logan, Ohio in the spring of 2023. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Russ Line at 614-885-3111 or [rjlineohio@aol.com](mailto:rjlineohio@aol.com).





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### Trifles n' Treasures Silent Auction is BACK!

Mark your calendars from Sunday, October 9 until Sunday, October 16 for an in-person and online Silent Auction!

In-person bids accepted only during church hours: Sundays from 9am-12pm, Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm

Online bidding begins on Sunday, October 9 at 12pm, and ends on Sunday, October 16 at 12pm

Online Highest Bids will be updated: Sunday, October 9 at 7pm; Wednesday, October 12 at 7pm; and Saturday, October 15 at 7pm

Winners will be announced on the website on Sunday, October 16 in the evening.

Winners can pick up their items on Sunday, October 16 between 12:30pm-2pm & Monday, October 17 from 11am-1pm.

All proceeds go to support local ministries: Ministers Discretionary Fund; Choices; UMCH Family; Assistance League; YMCA safe and sound; Worthington Food Pantry; Creative Play Center (CPC) Scholarship; WUMC Youth Program; WUMC Children and Family Fund; Community Development for all People; NNEMAP Food Pantry; New Life Community Outreach; The Friendly Center (Toledo, OH); Wesley Community Center; Wesley Education Center for Children and Families.



Click the link or scan the QR Code to the right to visit the online bidding website:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/tnt-silent-auction/>

We are still currently looking for 1 to 2 co-chairs to help the current chairwoman along with new committee members. For those that are interested in being a part of our amazing group please contact Margaret Tyler- Chairwoman at [margaret.tyler07@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.tyler07@gmail.com) or text/leave a message on her cell phone at 614-736-1152 .

### Join the Audio-Visual Team!

Learn useful skills and help run our audio-visual equipment for our live and online services! We need AV volunteers, especially during the summer. We employ multiple fixed and wireless microphones and 3 digital video cameras for our services. You will learn how to mix our audio streams with a sophisticated soundmixer and switch between our visual streams. We also provide slides for the sanctuary projection screen and online viewers, and operate the T-coil induction wireless listening devices for the hard-of hearing. We also prepare digital video and audio recordings of the services and concerts. Contact Craig Kramer at [craigwkramer@gmail.com](mailto:craigwkramer@gmail.com)



### A Note on Disaffiliation

In recent months, several United Methodist Churches in our Conference have been weighing if they will remain a part of our denomination or join the Global Methodist Church. Some have already decided to leave. You may wonder if and when Worthington UMC will need to vote on this matter.

In brief, no church has to take a vote unless they're considering disaffiliation. To put it differently, unless action is taken, United Methodist Churches remain United Methodist. You can learn more about this process here: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-should-united-methodist-congregations-know-about-disaffiliation>

There's no indication that Worthington UMC is wrestling with this dilemma. We hope to continue doing what we do best: worshipping God and serving our neighbors as United Methodists in the Worthington community.

If you have questions or concerns about this, please let us know so we can discuss them.

In Christ, Rev. Lou Seipel & Rev. Dom Short Mejia

### Red Cross Blood Donation Time Again!

**Be a Hero!** Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Our next Blood donation event at WUMC is **October 20 from Noon-6pm**. Make your appointments now at the American Red Cross website ([www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)) before the appointments fill up! For more information, contact Deb Rohde at [deb-rohde@att.net](mailto:deb-rohde@att.net)

#### For this blood donation event:

You receive a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice AND a chance to win 2 OSU vs. Indiana football game tickets for Nov. 12!!

### Trunk or Treat

*Our annual Trunk or Treat event returns on Sunday, October 30 at 4pm!*



We invite you to join us for decorated trunks in our parking lot, a costume parade, a cookout and concert from our WUMC musicians! You can plan to decorate a trunk or just arrive to enjoy the event. Look for more details as we get closer to the date.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Ashley at [ashley@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:ashley@worthingtonumc.com)

### Sojourn: Virtual and In-Person Young Adult Community

Looking for a community of young adults? On the **first Wednesday** of each month at 7 pm, folks in their 20's and 30's gather on Zoom to study the Gospel of Luke. On the **third Wednesday** at 7 pm, the same group gathers for fellowship and to share their lives with one another in-person. Our hope is to connect the stories of our faith with the lived realities of our lives as young adults. Sojourn is open to anyone who considers themselves a young adult. To be added to the Sojourn email list, contact Pastor Dom at [domnic@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:domnic@worthingtonumc.com).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9am—Worship 10am—Worship 11:30pm—Jubilee Ringers 6pm—Columbus Rings 6pm—Impact	<b>3</b> 10:30am—Prayer Group 7pm—Scouts	<b>4</b> 10am—Naomi Circle 7pm—Scouts Crew 8pm—Devos	<b>5</b> 10am—Riverside Sewing Guild 1pm—Immunization Clinic 7pm—Chancel Choir 7pm—Sojourn 7pm—Euchre 7pm—Scouts PLC 7pm—Novel Women Book Club	<b>6</b> 6pm—Children's Music Dinner 6:30pm—Children's Choir 6:30pm—Chrysalis Board 7pm—Children's Bells	<b>7</b> Trifles & Treasures Set-up	<b>1</b> <b>8</b> 9am—Worthington CC
<b>9</b> Trifles & Treasures online auction 9am—Outdoor Worship 10am—Worship 11:30am—Jubilee Ringers 6pm—Impact 6pm—Columbus Rings	<b>10</b> Trifles & Treasures online auction 10:30am—Prayer Group 6:30pm—Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm—CPC Board 7pm—Scouts	<b>11</b> Trifles & Treasures online auction 9:30am—Creative Hands 10am—Ruth Circle 7pm—Scouts Crew 8pm—Devos	<b>12</b> Trifles & Treasures online auction 10am—Riverside Sewing Guild 7pm—Chancel Choir 7pm—Euchre 7:30pm—Taize	<b>13</b> Trifles & Treasures online auction 1pm—Deborah Circle 6:30pm—Children's Choir 7pm—Children's Bells 7pm—Northland Star Partners (Zoom)	<b>14</b> Trifles & Treasures online auction	<b>15</b> Trifles & Treasures online auction
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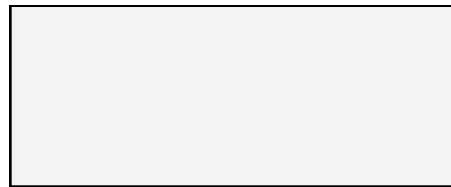
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**October 2 - World Communion Sunday**

**October 5 - Immunization Clinic**

**October 9-16 - Trifles & Treasures**

**October 12 - Taize Worship Service**

**October 16 - JAM/Impact Corn Maze**

**October 20 - Red Cross Blood Drive**

**October 30 - Commitment Sunday**

**October 30 - Trunk or Treat**