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Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4pm

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When you are truly “seen,” you experience something beyond empathy. Your challenges, and the path you've taken are truly understood. To be seen means that you FEEL that person beside you. It's a relief. It's a connection. It brings peace and empowerment.

Our missions and outreach at WUMC – a kind hand to the underserved, to our communities, to the larger world, and even to our own in the congregation –reflect Christ's love through humility, compassion, and generosity. In the end, we should want to SEE those we reach, and to provide them the wonderful feeling that they are not alone.

In Ephesians 1:17-19 (NIV), Paul writes: “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”

In these weeks before Commitment Sunday, October 27, we celebrate the incredible ways the eyes of our hearts have been WIDE open in 2024. This congregation sees all of God’s children. We see the good we can do, and we see the missions that reach far beyond our walls.

Throughout October, we will share the witness of those among the church and the congregation that show great ability to reach out, and to see, and to be seen. We’re very excited to bring the congregation together for this.

This season is always a time to reflect. It is the time of year to identify the commitments we will make to the church and to each other in the coming year. Hear the words, share these experiences, and consider how you again can dedicate your time, talent, gifts, and presence in 2025 to help continue our good works.

Rob Kidder
Stewardship @ WUMC



October 2024 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bags of Blessings for YWCA Family Center*	Ready For Reading 30 Minutes any Monday - Thursday	1	2 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	3 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	4	5 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon
6 Operation Sandwich*	7 Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	8	9 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	10 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm	11	12 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon
13 Operation Sandwich* Columbus Crop Hunger Walk 2 pm*	14 Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	15	16 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm Mat Ministry Plarn Party 1 pm – 4 pm*	17 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm Friendship Dinner 5 pm – 8 pm	18	19 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon
20 Operation Sandwich*	21 Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	22	23 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	24 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive Noon – 6 pm	25	26 Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon Gates Fourth UMC Breakfast 8:30-10am*
27 Operation Sandwich* Bags of Blessings Sort 11:00 am*	28 Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm	29	30 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm	31 Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm		*Family Friendly Ministries

October Bags of Blessings to benefit the YWCA Family Center

The YWCA Family Center is a comprehensive 24-hour emergency center for homeless families in Central Ohio. In 2023, the Center served 251 families, 1,613 children, and 282 meals covered by the community. 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.

Through our Outreach Ministry, WUMC has provided support to the Center through Second Mile giving, Bags of Blessings, and hosting dinners for the families. Volunteer opportunities include cooking and serving meals, and engaging in conversation and fellowship with the families. If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please contact Cathy Taylor at 614-935-1238 or by email at tcathy233@gmail.com.

We invite you to help us provide these needed items to the families at the Center. As always, feel free to purchase any or all of the items on the list. **Please donate all items by Sunday, October 27.**

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| Aveeno baby wash | Baby lotion | Desitin cream | Baby wipes | Pull-Ups (sizes 4T & 5T) |
| Adult body wash | Bar soap | Deodorant | Toothbrushes & toothpaste (adult & child) | |

Agape Meal

"The *Agape meal* (or Lovefeast) is an ancient Christian practice dating back to the first century AD, and a common part of early Methodist culture. It was a ceremonial meal of simple elements (often just bread and water) where congregants were able to enjoy fellowship while singing hymns, read and discuss scripture, and deepen their faith through testimonials. We are looking to create a group to study the history of the Agape meal, in order to create our own version of the ceremony to begin practicing at WUMC. This is a practice which traditionally was led by lay people, and we hope to continue in this tradition to create a shared experience which encourages our collective ownership over our own spirituality, as well as taking responsibility for the pastoral care of one another. We will meet **November 6, 13, and 20 at 6pm in the Dixon Lounge**. Please contact Drake Ogden by email at drake.ogden@yahoo.com if you are interested to RSVP, so that we have enough materials for everyone.

Responding to the Housing Crisis: Identifying Challenges and Seeking Solutions

There are few issues of greater importance in Central Ohio - and the nation - than the housing crisis. Eviction filings in Franklin County hit a 20-year high in 2023, the region continues to attract jobs and investment from companies such as Intel, and the region's population is expected to reach over 3 million people by 2050. What factors of this crisis are most important to understand? What potential solutions might exist?

This fall, CURA and MORPC will host a series of presentations and a panel discussion featuring national and local leaders to dive into topics related to housing and its impacts.

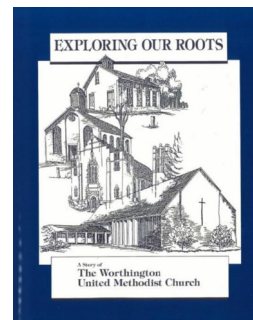
Register for our 2024 fall webinar series below! The next event is Friday, October 18 at 12pm.

1. Mya Frazier and Jyoshu Tsushima: A Conversation on Evictions in Central Ohio
Friday, October 18, 12-1pm ET
2. Charles Marohn: Escaping the Housing Trap: The Strong Towns Response to the Housing Crisis
Friday, November 15, 12-1:30pm ET
3. Panel featuring Carlie Boos, Lark Mallory, Jason Reece, and Amy Riegel: The State of Housing in Central Ohio
Friday, December 6, 2024, 12-1pm ET

These webinars are approved for AICP CM credit. To claim your CM credit, log into your My APA account on the APA website and enter the event into your online CM event log.
To register: <https://cura.osu.edu/events>

Exploring Our Roots

An updated 50-page single volume version of our church history booklet is now available in the church office for a suggested donation of \$10. Thanks to our church history team headed by Ed Johnston, Hollie Hinton, the WUMC Leadership Board, and Cheyanne Cierpial for putting this together.
Stop by and get your copy today!



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 27, 4PM

3:45 - ARRIVE AND SET-UP VEHICLES

4:00 - TRUNK-OR-TREATING BEGINS



Come "**trick or treat**" in our parking lot with decorated trunks!

We will also have a **cookout** with hot dogs, chips and snacks, and **live music** provided by **Tim Berridge**!

Want to **decorate** a trunk to help support our fun? We'd love to have many for our kids!



Please RSVP
here



questions: contact Ashley Gerard at
ashley@worthingtonumc.com



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith Trifles & Treasures Sale Handmade Arts & Crafts / Vintage Jewelry Sale & Bake Sale

Help us raise money for much needed
ministries in our community.

Sunday, October 13, 2024 8:30am - 12:00pm

We are now collecting handmade fine arts & crafts and vintage fine jewelry pieces. They can be dropped off anytime at the church office until noon on Saturday, October 12. Items should be handmade (please attach a small sheet with the donator's name & telephone with the item) Here are some suggestions: Fine Art prints, Fine Crafts, Quality Vintage Jewelry Pieces, Donated Gift Cards are also welcome. Please drop baked goods on Saturday, October 12 between 10am - 1pm or on Sunday, October 13 by 8:30am. Please pre-label baked goods that have peanuts/nuts and gluten free, etc. For questions regarding the sale and donating items, please reach out to Margaret Tyler at margaret.tyler07@gmail.com or text 614-736-1152; or Beth Kellogg at beththetvet@gmail.com or 614-271-5888; or Kathy Pfendler at tpfendler@aol.com. All proceeds go to support Local Ministries!

Welcoming an Immigrant Family: How You Can Help

Worthington UMC and St. John's Episcopal Church are again partnering with [Community Refugee and Immigration Services \(CRIS\)](#) to welcome a refugee or immigrant family. Please fill out [this form](#) or scan the QR code below if you'd like to help.

Pastor Dom Short Mejia will connect with you to offer next steps as more information becomes available. We anticipate welcoming the family in October or November.



Adult Mission Trip

Please consider joining us on our next Adult Mission Trip (usually late February or early March). We usually do two 5-6 day trips each year, one semi-local (Cleveland or Ashtabula County) and one down south (Hayesville NC the last three years).

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, learn new skills, and make a difference in someone's life.

Don't feel that you need a lot of skills in order to contribute. We do the best we can with the skills we have, and there is always something that everyone can do; we welcome all.

More information will be available when we set the date and place for the next trip. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Russ Line at (614) 595-1028 or rjlineohio@aol.com.

The CROP Walk

Want to raise money for the Worthington Resource Pantry? How about if we go on a walk? The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 13. The walk takes place at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park, Maier Place Pavilion at 2pm. I have started a Worthington UMC team on the website at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/columbusoh>.

Please consider joining our team and walk to end hunger. Questions? Contact Amy Wingerter at winger896@gmail.com.

The Carpenter's Helping Hands Service Day – Saturday, November 9, 2024

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 9 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. You can also stop by The Carpenter's Helping Hands table in the Ministry Hallway after the service on Sunday, October 27 to sign up. Please do not be shy if you need help. We look forward to serving you!

Quarterly Giving Statements

3rd Quarter Giving Statements will be emailed out the first week of October. If we do not have an email address for you or you've requested paper statements, expect your mailed statement to arrive by October 7.

As we approach the end of the year, our hope is that you will review your statement to see if you are on track for meeting your pledge before the end of December.

Please contact Mindy (mindy@worthingtonumc.com) with any questions regarding your giving record or outstanding balance.

Scout Troop 365 Fruit and Greenery Sale

Scouts Troop 365 has begun their annual fruit and greenery sale. It will continue until November 3.

Order forms are available in the Sunday bulletin and in the church office. For questions: contact Joyce Miroslaw 614-571-7250

American Red Cross Blood Drive: October 24, Noon-6pm

We did not meet our goal for the past 2 drives and we need to do better. Please remember those having pregnancy complications, are newborns, are victims of accidents or trauma; all are depending on us to help save their lives. We rely solely on donors for our blood supply and there is, of course, no substitute for blood. There is currently also an emergency platelet shortage. Without more donors, lifesaving medical treatments for cancer patients and others are at risk. are lifesaving medical treatments for cancer As always, even if you are unable to donate, please invite friends, family, and coworkers to give this amazing gift of life. It's a good thing to do! To register, visit the Red Cross donation website (www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS
Donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by mail and be eligible for a drawing to win a \$5000 gift card!

Communion Walks: Highbanks Metro Park Saturday, October 19 at 9am

Our fall Communion Walk will take place on **Saturday, October 19 at 9am** at Highbanks Metro Park. This should be a peak fall foliage weekend! We'll gather at the trailhead for the Overlook Trail.

Here's a Google Map link for where we'll gather at 9am ([link](#)). Registration is not required, but if you'd like to receive an email if we cancel, please put your information in this form ([link](#)).

This will be a moderate difficulty walk that is not accessible to walkers and strollers. Please contact Pastor Dom (dominic@worthingtonumc.com) for more information.

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am—Naomi Circle	2 10am—Riverside Sewing Guild 1pm—Immunization Clinic 7pm—Chancel Choir 7pm—Euchre 7pm—Sojourn (Zoom)	3 6pm—Children's Music Dinner 6:30pm—Children's Choir 7pm—Children's Bells 7:30pm—Scouts PLC	4	5
6 9 am—Worship 9am—REC 10am—Worship 11:30am—Jubilee Ringers 11:30am—Confirmation Class 6pm—Columbus Rings 6pm—Impact	7 10:30am—Prayer Group 11am—Genesis Study 6:30pm—Elizabeth Circle 7pm—Genesis Study (Zoom) 7pm—Scouts	8 9am—Needlepoint	9 7pm—Chancel Choir 7pm—Novel Women 7:30pm—Taize Worship	10 6:30pm—Children's Choir 7pm—Children's Bells	11	12 9am—Columbus Rings
13 8:30am—Trifles & Treasures 9 am—Worship 9am—REC 10am—Worship 11:15am—Sunday Serve 11:30am—Jubilee Ringers 2pm—CROP Walk 6pm—Columbus Rings	14 10:30am—Prayer Group 11am—Genesis Study 7pm—Genesis Study (Zoom) 7pm—Scouts	15 11am—Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm—Martha Circle	16 7pm—Euchre 7pm—Sojourn 7pm—Chancel Choir 7pm—CPC Board	17 6:30pm—Friendship Dinner 6:30pm—Children's Choir 7pm—Children's Bells	18	19 9am—Communion Walk at Highbanks Park
20 9 am—Worship 9am—REC 10am—Worship 11:30am—Confirmation Class 11:30am—Jubilee Ringers 6pm—Impact 6pm—Columbus Rings	21 10:30am—Prayer Group 11am—Genesis Study 7pm—Genesis Study (Zoom) 7pm—Scouts	22 6:30pm—Finance 6:30pm—Trustees 7:30pm—Leadership Board	23 1:30pm—Grief Support 7pm—Scout CMTE 7pm—Chancel Choir 7:15pm—Sustainability	24 12pm—Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30pm—Children's Choir 7pm—Children's Bells	25	26
27 <i>Commitment Sunday</i> 9 am—Worship 9am—REC 10am—Worship 11:30am—Jubilee Ringers 4pm—Trunk or Treat 6pm—Columbus Rings	28 10:30am—Prayer Group 11am—Genesis Study 6pm—Endowment 7pm—Genesis Study (Zoom) 7pm—Scouts	29	30 7pm—Chancel Choir	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN		

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October 2 - Immunization Clinic

October 9 - Taize Worship

October 13 - Trifles & Treasures Sale

October 13 - CROP Walk

October 17 - Friendship Community Dinner

October 19 - Communion Walk at Highbanks Park

October 24 - Red Cross Blood Drive

October 27 - Commitment Sunday

October 27 - Trunk or Treat

October 27 - Donate items for Bags of Blessings

October 31 - Halloween