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Worship Times

9 & 10 am

*10 am is livestreamed on
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Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9 am– 4pm

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Dear Worthington Church Family,

I am deeply aware of the number of volunteers within our church family that keep Worthington Church vital! You are everywhere! The church office, committee participation which keeps the church running, volunteers in mission outreach, hospitality, inclusivity, blood mobiles, market days, ushers and greeters, Sunday School and VBS teachers, and I could go on!

Volunteering is described as an unpaid activity where someone gives their time to help a not-for-profit organization or an individual who they are not related to. One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. And oh, how you impact community!

Experts say that “Volunteering keeps you in regular contact with others and helps you develop a solid support system, which in turn protects you against stress and depression when you’re going through challenging times.” In other words, volunteering gives you a family, especially in the church.

Here are a few skills of a volunteer:

- They have a fearless approach, stepping in with impactful action.
- They have infinite patience and faithful consistency.
- They can think creatively, always ready to adjust to the need or circumstance.
- They are eager to take initiative.
- They stay humble about their work.
- They are driven by a passion to make a difference.
- They work well in teams.

All of these qualities are qualities our volunteers possess. But one word would capture it all: disciples! Our volunteers are all a part of the kingdom building that takes place at this church, and we can’t thank you all enough. You bless our church staff, and you bless your pastors! Please know that we are deeply grateful for you, and thank God for you always.

Blessings,

Pastor Lou

September 2022 Outreach Calendar

Join us as we “Make a Difference”!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Bags of Blessings for Worthington Food Pantry* | *Family Friendly Ministries | PROJECT MORE 30 Minutes any Monday - Thursday | Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm | Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm | | Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon |
| Operation Sandwich* | Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm | | Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm | Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm | | Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon |
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| Operation Sandwich* | Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm | | Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm | Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm | | Worthington Pantry 10 am – noon Gates Fourth UMC Breakfast 8:30 am -10 am* |
| Operation Sandwich* Bags of Blessings Sort 11 am* | Worthington Pantry 10 am – 2 pm | | Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 7 pm | Worthington Pantry 3 pm – 5 pm | | |

September Bags of Blessings to benefit the Worthington Resource Pantry

The Worthington Resource Pantry opened in 2009 and is a non-profit community-based organization. WRP offers a CHOICE food pantry and serves 8 zip codes in northern Franklin and southern Delaware counties (43016, 43035, 43065, 43081, 43085, 43229, 43235 and 43240). Each eligible household can receive three days of food & personal items twice each month. Hours are Mondays 10 am–2 pm, Wednesdays 3 pm–7 pm, Thursdays 3 pm–5 pm, and Saturdays 10 am–noon. In 2021 WRP served over 19,800 households and 76,000 neighbors! WRP sponsors educational & health programs and provides trained counselors to help families meet other basic needs. The resource center offers job and health care information and Ohio Benefit Bank referrals. See www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org. We invite you to join in this important effort by donating the items listed. As always, feel free to purchase any or all of the items on the list. To get involved in this ministry, please email Aura Lee Whittaker at awhittaker03@columbus.rr.com.

Items Needed:

(return items by Sunday, September 25)

- canned fruit
- canned soups
- toothpaste
- deodorant
- canned vegetables/tomatoes
- canned ravioli, chili, or stew
- boxed/packageged rice, side dishes
- canned beans
- canned tuna or jar peanut butter
- shampoo

Worthington UMC is making an impact through Bags of Blessings

From January through October, our Bags of Blessings ministry provides needed items to six very worthy beneficiaries: NNEMAP Food Pantry, GatesFourth Breakfast Ministry, Family Mentor Foundation, Worthington Resource Pantry, YWCA Family Shelter, and United Methodist Family Services. We have worked with these organizations to fine tune their greatest needs, and hang our bags with shopping lists inside. Our generous church families shop for some/all of the items and return the bags to church by the end of the month. The items are then sorted and delivered to the appropriate beneficiary. So far, with seven months in to the 2022 calendar year, we have delivered over 150 bags of goods to these organizations. This is huge, folks!! We are making a very significant impact on our community, both here in Worthington and in Greater Columbus, just through this one ministry. We are a church that cares about our neighbors. **Thank YOU for your continued support and for offering hope to people who have very little hope in their own lives.**

Project MORE looking for new mentors

Project MORE is a highly effective reading intervention for struggling second and third-grade readers. The Worthington elementary schools are thrilled with this program. It's making a huge difference in the reading performance of our elementary students. Each Project MORE child receives one-on-one instruction 4 times per week for 32 weeks. The instruction is delivered by trained mentors who follow a customized lesson plan prepared for each child in advance by the Project MORE coordinator. The program is very mentor friendly. Mentors experience a one-hour training session, a brief background check, and they're ready to serve. All Worthington elementary schools currently need Project MORE mentors. The large PM mentor pool allows for volunteers to miss sessions due to out-of-town commitments. Contact Aura Whittaker at awhittaker03@columbus.rr.com or 614-433-0862 if you can give 30 minutes per week to help enhance the reading performance of a young Worthington student.

Fall Worship Schedule starts September 18

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!

October Adult Mission Trip will travel to Camp Otterbein: Sign up now to attend!

Join the Fall One-Day Adult Mission Trip on Saturday, October 1. This will be one-day mission trip to Camp Otterbein in Logan, Ohio. Camp Otterbein is one of the West Ohio Conference camps. This is the perfect time to learn what mission trips are all about and to find out if this is something in which you would like to participate in the future. The last day to sign up is September 18th.

If you have questions, please contact Russ Line at (614) 885-3111 or (614) 595-1028 or rjlineohio@aol.com.

Afghan Refugee Family Update

This outreach ministry was initiated early this year:

“Worthington Welcomes” is a partnership between St. John’s Episcopal and Worthington United Methodist Churches through Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). We are working to support a family being resettled in the Columbus Area from Afghanistan. Part of our responsibility as a welcome team is to provide a welcome kit of home essentials for the family as they arrive. To support this ministry of hospitality, consider donating items to the welcome kit.

In January, the Akhundzada family arrived in Columbus. CRIS, with the help of St. John’s Episcopal and Worthington United Methodist Churches, welcomed the family and helped set them up with a welcome kit, and provided housing and job searching assistance.

The Columbus Dispatch has just published a story about the Akhundzada family; it mentions the assistance provided by our church. Pastor Dom and Linda Karr from our church interact frequently with the Akhundzadas. The article can be found at:

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/2022/08/14/afghans-who-fled-homes-a-year-ago-find-safety-belonging-in-columbus/10264167002/>

Photo: Irfan Ali Shah Akhundzada and his family enjoy a dinner on their living room floor in NW Columbus. From left are sons Zulfqar, 14; Yousuf, 7; Rezwan, 13; and daughter Khadija, 5. At right is Linda Karr, a WUMC member who is helping the family with paperwork.

Doral Chenoweth/The Columbus Dispatch



Trifles n' Treasures Silent Auction is BACK!

Mark your calendars from **Saturday, October 8 until Sunday, October 16**. We will be holding an in person Silent Auction that you can also view and bid online as well. For those interested in donating items this year, we are NOW accepting the following items with a suggested value attached to them: jewelry, theater tickets, OSU tickets, sports tickets, baskets with a detailed list of all items within the basket, artwork, photography sessions, crafting classes, timeshare vacation home, etc. Please take a photo of your donated item(s) and email them to Margaret.

Due to limited space and hours at the church please contact Margaret Tyler via email at margaret.tyler07@gmail.com, or Kathy Pfendler at 614-260-9108, or Cindy Ryan at 919-219-0906 for details on when to bring in your items.

We are holding another welcoming informational meeting on Sunday, September 18, at 4:00 pm in Dixon Lounge. All are welcome to attend.

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 or text/leave a message on her cell at 614-736-1152.

Six new members joined WUMC in August

On Sunday, August 7, six new members joined the church.

Dennis Bryant: Dennis is a Worthington resident with two sons, Rafael and DeAngelo. He is a very active community member who enjoys volunteering and serves on several Worthington boards. He looks forward to meeting everyone and becoming an active member.

Beverly Miller: Beverly has lived in Powell for almost 9 years. She is originally from Texas, but has lived in several states before coming to Ohio. She is coming to Worthington UMC from another local Methodist church. She has a daughter, a son, and 3 granddaughters.

Sebastián Díaz, Andrea Díaz, Isidora Díaz, Sylvia Díaz:

Sebastian was born in Pinar Del Rio, Cuba and came to the United States at age three. He works as an educator at Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Andrea grew up in Ohio on Lake Erie. She is a former educator and homeschooled her daughters until the family moved to Worthington.

Isidora is originally from Morgantown, WV. She is 14 years old and is entering her freshman year at Thomas Worthington HS.

Sylvia is originally from Morgantown, WV. She is 17 years old and is entering her senior year at Thomas Worthington HS.



Left to Right: Beverly Miller, Dennis Bryant, Sylvia Díaz, Andrea Díaz, Isidora Díaz, Sebastián Díaz



Rally Day—Sunday, September 11

11:15 am outside on the church lawn

Rally Day be held after our 10:00 am service; there will be no 9:00 am service that day.

Join us for food (City BBQ), games, music, and information for upcoming events and activities! Sign up in the church office!

Join the WUMC Music Ministry in 2022!

Musical opportunities abound at WUMC in the year ahead! We hope you'll consider joining us. We're looking forward to meeting new folks, seeing some of you we haven't seen in a while, and building the community of Christ through the music we make together. Participating in the music ministries at WUMC allows you to share your gifts and grow in your faith through participation in worship. Join us! Below, you'll find start dates for all of our choirs this fall. All choirs meet weekly and participate in worship at least once per month.

Interested in adult music ministries, email Jarod at jarod.ogier@gmail.com.

For children's music ministries, email Erin Angel and Tim Byrer at childrensmusic@worthingtonumc.com.

Fall Start Dates and Times:

Chancel Choir:

Wednesday, September 7, 7-8pm in the sanctuary

Jubilee Ringers:

Sunday, September 18, 11:30am-12:30pm in the fellowship hall

Children's Choir:

Thursday, September 15, 6:30pm-7pm

Children's Bells:

Thursday, September 15, 7pm-7:30pm

Children's Music Opportunities Fall 2022

Do you have a child that is interested in making music with their friends at church? Does your child love to make music and have fun with their friends? Then Children's Music Ministry at WUMC is the place for you!

Mr. Tim and Ms. Erin are so excited to begin programming for the fall! Rehearsals will be every **Thursday evening**, beginning on **September 15!**

The opportunities include:

Children's Choir (Ages 3-6th grade):

Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm

Children's Bells (Ages 3rd grade-6th grade):

Thursdays from 7:00-7:30pm

Additionally, on the **first Thursday of every month**, the Family Ministry Team will provide a free dinner beginning at 6pm! This will provide a chance for fellowship for all before beginning rehearsal at 6:30pm. This will begin on September 15!

WUMC Summer Concert Series

Join us on our front lawn for outdoor music!

Sunday, September 18 @ 6pm: Heartsong

A few years ago, a group of friends circled around a piano for an old-fashioned hymn sing. Since then, Heartsong is now a seven-member ensemble with a developed repertoire of both sacred and secular pieces. Heartsong believes music is a universal language that can be enjoyed by all. They share music at senior living communities, churches, fundraisers, weddings and more.



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.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| <p>Monthly Office Hours:</p> <p>M-Th 9am-4pm Sunday 9-11:30am</p> | | | | <p>1</p> <p>7pm—Philippians workshop</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p>4</p> <p>9am—Outdoor Worship 10am—Worship & Communion 6pm—Columbus Rings</p> | <p>5</p> <p><i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office is Closed</i></p> | <p>6</p> <p>10am—Naomi Circle 7pm—Trustees 7pm—Scouts Crew 8pm—Devos</p> | <p>7</p> <p>10am—Riverside Sewing Guild 1pm—Immunization Clinic 7pm—Scouts PLC 7pm—Novel Women 7pm—Euchre</p> | <p>8</p> <p>1pm—Deborah Circle 4pm—Trifles & Treasures Meeting 6:30pm—UWIF leadership team 7pm—Northland Star Partners (Zoom)</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> <p>8 am—Men's Breakfast</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p><i>Rally Day</i> 10am—Worship 6pm—Impact 6pm—Columbus Rings</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10:30am—Prayer Group 6:30pm—Elizabeth Circle 7pm—CPC Board 7pm—Scouts</p> | <p>13</p> <p>10:30am—Ruth Circle 7pm—Scout Crew 7pm—Finance Committee</p> | <p>14</p> <p>10am—Riverside Sewing Guild Board 7pm—Chancel Choir 7:30pm—Taize</p> | <p>15</p> <p>2pm—What's the Buzz? Reading 6pm—Children's Music Dinner 6pm—Friendship Community Dinner 6:30pm—Children's Choir 7pm—Children's Bells</p> | <p>16</p> <p>10am—Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> | <p>17</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p><i>Fall Worship Schedule Begins</i> 9 am—Worship 10 am—Worship 6pm—Impact 6pm—Heartsong Concert 6pm—Columbus Rings</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10am—Worthington Thrift Shop Board 10:30am—Prayer Group 7pm—Scouts</p> | <p>20</p> <p>7pm—Finance Committee 7pm—Scouts Crew 8pm—Devos</p> | <p>21</p> <p>7pm—Euchre 7pm—Sojourn 7pm—Chancel Choir</p> | <p>22</p> <p>6:30pm—Children's Choir 7pm—Children's Bells 7pm—Northland Star Partner (Zoom)</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>9am—Worship 10am—Worship 4pm—JAM 6pm—Impact 6pm—Columbus Rings</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10:30am—Prayer Group 7pm—Scouts</p> | <p>27</p> <p>6pm—CPC Staff 7pm—Admin Council 8pm—Devos</p> | <p>28</p> <p>7pm—Hannah Circle 7pm—Chancel Choir</p> | <p>29</p> <p>6:30pm—Children's Choir 7pm—Children's Bells</p> | <p>30</p> | |

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September 5 - Labor Day (office is closed)

September 7 - Immunization Clinic

September 11 - Rally Day (only 10am worship)

September 14 - Taize Worship

September 15 - Friendship Community Dinner

September 18 - Fall Worship Schedule Begins

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