

The Messenger

Thank you very much for your generosity as we ended 2011 and began 2012. Working together we were able to meet all our financial responsibilities for 2011 and as you will see in this newsletter also participate in much second-mile giving.



Our mission giving both in our connectional ministries (apportionments) and in second-mile gifts beyond was outstanding. You have provided in numerous ways that impact lives in Jesus' name. Thank you!!

In addition you are providing a strong start to 2012, already impacting lives and our community and world in this new year.

Our Capital Campaign Committee has been hard at the exploratory work since August and as I write this article, this congregation, through the Special Church Conference, has overwhelmingly supported moving ahead with a Capital Campaign and the hiring of Larry Armentrout of Generis Company to provide expertise and coach us along the way.

In the near future you will be hearing much more about this important venture for our congregation. Group listening sessions are being formed beginning with the Administrative Council at their next meeting. Additional sessions are available for anyone who wants to sign up for this opportunity to provide input through a conversation with Larry Armentrout. The sessions will be around an hour long and they are scheduled for the times below. You may call the office to sign up or check out the openings when you are at the church.

- Wednesday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 8th at 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 9th at 4:45 p.m.
- Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 10th at 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, February 11th at 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, February 1st at 11:00 a.m.

We are grateful to all who made Advent, Christmas and the first part of 2012 very special here at WUMC. The Lenten and Spring seasons before us will be filled with much excitement and opportunity. We hope you are able to experience this part of our congregation's journey. In the midst of it all, listen for God's call on your life – you might be surprised where God is leading.

Thanks for joining together in Christ's ministry.

Cyndy

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Every Member in Ministry Update

- Administrative Council: Gari Aber
- Adult Council: Jim Dudley
- Board of Trustees: Gary George
- Capital Campaign Committee: Steve Potter and Don Wheat
- Chancel Guild - Flowers & Paraments & Taizé Set Up Organization: Gary & Debbie George; Judy Mayhew
- Children's Ministry Team: Amy Wingerter
- Communion Stewards: Louise Marquis; Doug and Sheri Scott
- Endowment: Steve Potter
- Energy Conservation Task Force Team: David Sass
- Finance: Jim Heilman
- Hospitality: Judie Lockwood and Jeanne Line
- Library: Dorba & Ron Mezger, Mary Scott
- Memorial: Vivian George
- Lay Leadership: Cyndy Garn
- Lay Members to Annual Conference: Dave Hadley, Judy Mayhew and Ann Wheat
- Outreach: Holly Kapus, Cathy Taylor and Lesly Wade
- Small Group Ministry: Jody Jones and John Valasco
- Staff/Parish: Al Mathews
- Creative Play Center Board: Matt Seabaugh
- CPC Scholarship Committee: Beth Dudley
- Stephen Ministry: Judy Mayhew
- Treasurer: Russ Line
- United Methodist Women: Mary Stephens
- Welcoming and Inviting (Evangelism): Michelle Brown
- Youth Council: Doug Cantrell
- Administrative Council Members At Large:
 - 2012: Janet Anderson, Larry Christman, Mysa Mathews
 - 2013: Patti Mills
 - 2014: Bill Kapus, Mary K. Walsh
- And Staff: Cyndy Garn, David Hoffman, Heather Moyers, Linda Nolan and Susy Talbott.

Parish Concerns and Joys:

We express love and sympathy to:

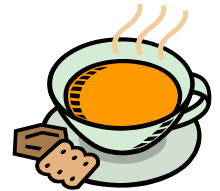
- The Birmingham family**, on the death of Meg Birmingham's father, Robert Hawkins, on December 23, in Akron.
- The Griffin family**, on the death of Larry Griffin's wife and Calvin Griffin's mother, Jane Griffin, on December 23.
- The Moyers family**, on the death of Children & Youth Pastor Heather Moyers' grandfather, William (Bill) Davis, on January 7.
- The family of Ruth Simpson**, long-time WUMC member, who passed away on January 19.
- The Jones Family**, on the death of Ellie Jones' 98-year-old brother, Fred Illston, who passed away on January 21, in Texas.
- The Mayhew Family**, on the death of Dick Mayhew's brother Gene Mayhew, who passed away on January 21, in Florida.

Congratulations to:

- Ryan and Beth Daly**, whose daughter, Amelia Iris Daly, was born on January 3. Frank and Shirley DeLucia are her grandparents.
- Andy and Nicole Montgomery**, whose daughter, Madison Elizabeth Montgomery, was born on January 15. Jean Montgomery is her grandmother.

Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser Lunch!

On Super Bowl Sunday, **February 5**, join us for our **Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser Lunch**, starting at 12:15 p.m., after Emerge. Enjoy a delicious lunch of homemade soup and sub sandwiches while you help raise funds for Children's Ministry at WUMC! Do you have a favorite soup recipe that everyone loves? Enter our **Church-wide Soup Cook-off** by making enough soup for 10-12 people to be shared. Everyone can taste and vote on their favorite soups and winners will be announced that day! If you just like soup, then come and enjoy a wonderful lunch! We will provide subs, cookies and beverages. Admission is \$5.00, to benefit Children's Ministry. Please sign up through the church office (614-885-5365 or linda@worthingtonumc.com) so we order enough subs. Let us know how many people will be attending from your group and whether you will participate in the Soup Cook-off by preparing and bringing homemade soup for 10-12 people to be shared. Join us!



Hospitality EMIM

Hospitality is involved in several areas of ministry to the congregation and to the community. These areas include: Board of Ministry Dinners (March), Event Receptions, Rally Day Meal and Fellowship Time (September), weekly Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour), Cookie Providers, and Kitchen Cleaning (August). We are excited to receive the 2012 names of members who have volunteered to help. Your help is valuable and greatly appreciated! Thank you very much. Please know that we will be in contact with you as the opportunities arise. And...it is not too late to be added to any one or more of our areas. Please check with Linda (linda@worthingtonumc.com) to get a Commitment Form to fill out to let us know of your interest. Thank you and blessings to all of you, – Jeanne Line and Judie Lockwood, Hospitality Co-chairs

Book Review:

***The Challenge of Jesus: Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and IS*, by N.T. Wright (1999)**

In this book, Wright, an Anglican theologian, develops the thesis that in order to understand our Christian faith, it is important to study Jesus and his theology in historical context. Because tradition has often misunderstood Jesus, the author insists that, "... the continuing historical quest for Jesus (is) a necessary part of ongoing Christian discipleship." (p. 15) The author challenges readers with insights and analysis of the past. Some of his scholarly inquiry addresses: 1. Why was Jesus accepted as the Jewish Messiah? 2. How has recognition of the greater historical accuracy of the Gospels influenced scholarship? 3. Why was Jesus viewed as the culmination of prophecy? 4. What is the nature of the continuity between the historical Jesus and the faith of the church of today?

Wright's book is provocative. He sees Jesus' ministry as a turning point in world history that not only fulfilled the Old Testament, but also guides the modern goal of healing the world. It is recommended especially for those who embrace orthodox Christian views and for those who are interested in examining the implications of post modern Christianity. – Reviewed by Fay Carol Reed

2011 Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS) Report

On Saturday, December 10, sixteen adults and two youth from Worthington UMC loaded 201 boxes filled with food and \$10 Kroger gift cards, and delivered them to Broad Street UMC for the Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS) Christmas charity event. These food boxes were a part of approximately 1300 total boxes which were donated by seven UM churches. The "wall" of food exceeded our expectations and we were humbled with the generous response from our WUMC family. Even though there was a chill in the air, our hearts were warmed by the kindness of our helpers.

On Saturday, December 17, another 23 adults and six youth from WUMC helped distribute the boxes to needy families in the central Columbus area. On behalf of those whose lives were blessed with food for about four days, we thank you for your generosity and caring. Special thanks to all those who collected egg boxes, staffed the ministry table and POD, checked and packed the boxes, loaded and delivered the boxes, and distributed them at the Christmas party. Thanks also to PODS (Portable on Demand Storage) for donating the POD to help us securely store the boxes and to make it easier for folks to drop off their donations. Finally, thank you to everyone who donated cash, gift cards and food to help us exceed our goal of 200 boxes and make this outreach ministry a success! - Aura Lee Whittaker



Advent Became a Season of Giving



During the Advent and Christmas season we are reminded of how blessed we are. We also recognize that there is great need all around us. During Advent, you as a Worthington United Methodist Church expressed your love of neighbor by your generous donations to organizations that help others in our community.

With all your help here are a few of the ministries that had a brighter Christmas season.

- New Life Ministries was the recipient of 80 pair of socks, 133 pairs of gloves, 50 scarves, 43 pair of underwear and 64 hats. They also received a portion of the proceeds from the fresh cut Christmas tree sales.
- Faith Mission will be passing out blankets collected during Advent.
- Additional sleeping mats from the Mat ministry were delivered to the Open Shelter as a result of your generous donation of plastic bags, plarn and crocheting time.
- NEMAP has received grooming kit items and lotion and a portion of the proceeds from the fresh cut Christmas tree sales.

- Friends of the Homeless received 450 sandwiches in the month of December.
- Broad Street United Methodist Church received 201 food boxes that were distributed to families in need.
- Children's Ministry led the congregation in collecting toys for New Life Ministries.

Thank you all for your generous donations and your willingness to serve those who are in need. – Holly Kapus

2011 Second Mile Report

In contributing our time, material goods, and financial resources, we have helped many people find the hope that they had been seeking. As a congregation, we have donated over 12,700 hours, given over \$77,474.00 in material goods, and have given over \$61,388.00 in cash to our mission partnerships. Some of those mission partnerships benefiting from our stewardship include: Worthington Food Pantry and Resource Center; UMCH Family Services; CPC Scholarship Fund; Immigration/Refugee Support; NNEMAP Food Pantry; New Life United Methodist Church; Habitat for Humanity; YMCA Family Life Center; Operation Sandwich; Homeless Mat Ministry; Japan, Tornado, and Horn of Africa/UMCOR; Carpenter's Helping Hands; Faith Mission; CROP Walk; American Red Cross Blood Drives; Adult Mission Trips to Alabama, Indiana, and Camp Kern; Youth Mission trips to Georgia and Reach Out; Summer Lunch Program; Bethlehem on Broad Street and numerous other local mission efforts. Through the disbursements of the UMW Adelaide Miller Designated Fund for Foreign Missions, we have generously contributed to our mission partnerships in Cambodia, the Congo, Mexico, Russia, Haiti and the Sudan. Please remember, that we are counting on each other to support the ministries of our church and our annual apportionments with our commitment and pledge to the operating budget. That commitment is our top priority, and the first mile for monetary contributions to our church. Our annual connectional ministry apportionments are mission dollars. We pray that as you are able, you will help our congregation's second mile effort to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. – Outreach Committee

Save the dates!

Our Adult Mission Trip to Bayou La Batre, Alabama, will be Sunday through Saturday, March 11 through 17, to do maintenance and repair work for needy people. For more information, or to sign up, contact Russ Line at 614-885-3111 or RJLINEOHIO@aol.com.

UMW News

The UMW Purpose

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Circles & Riverside Sewing Guild

We are fortunate at Worthington UMC to have an active unit of 164 women who comprise eight circles plus a unit called Riverside Sewing Guild. The following article gives information about this special guild. Please contact Liz Knorr at jerrynliz@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry. For any other inquiries about Circles, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Jeanne Line, at 614-885-3111 or jslineohio@aol.com.

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off to Sew We Go!

Sewing Guild 28 – Riverside Methodist Hospital

“Serving by sewing” has been the motto of the sewing guilds of Riverside Methodist Hospital since 1924. At one time, 29 United Methodist churches in Central Ohio had sewing guilds at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Today 13 churches participate, with Worthington UMC serving the longest (since 1930).

The guild from Worthington UMC (Guild 28) meets at the hospital the first Wednesday of every month. The hospital provides the guilds with a room filled with sewing machines, sergers, fabric, yarn, and other needed items. The guilds have some pet projects that they like to do. For example, the members of our guild make flannel hats to be worn by newborns when they leave the hospital. For the most part, the guilds work on making neck pillows, gait belts, eye patches, rice socks, activity aprons for Alzheimer patients, lap robes, walker bags, bereavement pouches for holding hope-embracing information for families of terminally ill patients, quilted baby blankets, stuffed animals for restless children who visit the hospital, and dresses for stillborn babies. In addition, guild members knit and crochet afghans and baby hats, and make just about anything else the hospital staff thinks we can provide for the comfort of patients.

Our guild meets at 9:30 a.m., breaks for lunch (a \$5.00 voucher is provided by the hospital to each volunteer for use in the cafeterias or Tim Horton's), and continues sewing and other activities until 1:30 or so. Of course you can stay later if you want. Some members cannot make the monthly meetings so they do their sewing at home. A parking badge is provided to each volunteer, which can be used to access the hospital's parking facilities whenever you have a need. As a point of particular interest, the hospital also provides free flu shots.


The sewing guild is a ministry of our church that provides both fun and fellowship as we go about making things meaningful to the hospital's patients as well as to their family members. There is a warm sense of accomplishment along with many smiles and laughs.

As always, our guild welcomes new members to carry on with serving our church and community in such a special way for such a special cause. It is no small reminder that LOVE is the THREAD that binds us. If able, please consider volunteering your help. While sewing skills are a plus, there are plenty of other activities to be performed such as fabric cutting, pinning, stuffing pillows and toy animals, and making pompoms. If transportation to and from the hospital is an issue, several volunteers carpool and will be happy to assist. – Liz Knorr, Chairwoman Guild 28 and Cora Barnes, Co-Chairwoman



Circle Meetings

- **Deborah Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 9th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Dixon Lounge. The program is “Help and Hope for Haiti” with guest speaker Peggy Burke. Everyone is welcome.
- **Elizabeth Circle** will meet on Monday, February 27. Program is to be announced.
- **Ruth Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 9th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Dixon Lounge (with Deborah Circle). The program is “Help and Hope for Haiti” with guest speaker Peggy Burke. Everyone is welcome.
- **Sarah Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 8th, at 9:30 a.m., in the Dixon Lounge. The program will consist of our Pledge Service, led by C. J. Shaw and Bobbie Newcomer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>February, 2012</h1>  <p>Worthington United Methodist Church 600 High Street, P.O. Box 307, Worthington, Ohio 43085-0307 Phone: (614) 885-5365 Web site: www.worthingtonumc.org</p>			1 9:00-11:30 a.m.-New Life Cl. Room (offsite) 9:30 a.m.-Riverside Sewing Guild (offsite) 10:00 a.m.-Oho Adoption Planning 1:30 p.m.-CPC Teacher Meeting 5:30 p.m.-Web Site 7:00 p.m.-Disciple IV 7:00-8:30 p.m.-Confirmation	2 10:30 a.m.-UMW Executive Board 4:30-5:00 p.m.-Children's Bells 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Children's Choir 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Rainbow Singers 7:30 p.m.-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 8:00 a.m.-Yoga 9:00 a.m.-Bulletin Assembly 9:30 a.m.-Alzheimer's Support & Respite 11:30 a.m.-Alzheimer's 1st Friday 6:00 p.m.-Reach Out Retreat Departure	4 10:00 a.m.-Library Work Day 10:00 a.m.-Ministry in Process Group 10:00 a.m.-UMW Roundtable Discussion
5 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> Holy Communion at 9:30 and 11:30 12:15 p.m.-All-Church Soup Cook-off Fundraiser 12:30 p.m.-Return of Reach Out Retreat Participants 1:30-3:00 p.m.-New Member Class [No Impact] <i>Super Bowl Sunday</i>	6 10:30 a.m.-Prayer/Study Group 5:30 p.m.-S.A. Support 6:15 p.m.-Jubilee Ringers 7:00 p.m.-Stephen Ministry Support 7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts	7 7:00 a.m.-Sermon Shaping 9:00-11:30 a.m.-New Life Clothing Room (offsite) 6:00 p.m.-Worthington Cotillion 6:30 p.m.—Alzheimer's Adult Children Caregivers 7:00 p.m.-Welsh Chorus 7:15 p.m.-Devotions 7:30 p.m.-Trustees	8 9:00-11:30 a.m.-New Life Cloth. Rm (offsite) 9:30 a.m.-Sarah Circle 6:30 p.m.-Listening Session 7:00 p.m.-Disciple IV 7:30 p.m.—Taizé Service 8:00 p.m.-Listening Session	9 1:00 p.m.-Deborah & Ruth Circles 4:30-5:00 p.m.-Children's Bells 4:45 p.m.-Listening Session (for parents) 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Children's Choir 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Rainbow Singers 7:00 p.m.-Martha Cir. 7:00 p.m.-CPC Budget 7:30 p.m.-Ch. Choir 8:00 p.m.-Listening Session	10 Messenger Deadline 7:00 a.m.-Breakfast & Conversation Group 8:00 a.m.-Yoga 9:00 a.m.-Bulletin Assembly 10:30 a.m.—Listening Session	11 7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast 9:30 a.m.-Prayer Shawl Group 9:30 a.m.-Listening Session 11:00 a.m.-Listening Session
12 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> Boy Scout Sunday New Members Join at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. 3:30-5:00 p.m.-JAM Valentine Party at church 5:00-8:00 p.m.-Impact Babysitting	13 10:30 a.m.-Prayer/Study Group 5:30 p.m.-S.A. Support 5:30 p.m.-Fam. in T. 6:15 p.m.-J. Ringers 7:00 p.m.-Staff Parish 7:00 p.m.-CPC Board 7:00 p.m.-El Dopa 7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 7:00 a.m.-Sermon Shaping 9:00-11:30 a.m.-New Life Clothing Room (offsite) 6:00 p.m.-Worthington Cotillion 7:00 p.m.-Finance Mtg. 7:00 p.m.—Stephen Min. Facilitators 7:15 p.m.-Devotions 7:30 p.m.—Outreach	15 9:00-11:30 a.m.-New Life C. R. (offsite) 1:00-4:00 p.m.-Mat Ministry Plam Party 1:30 p.m.-CPC Teachers 7:00 p.m.-Disciple IV 7:00-8:30 p.m.-Confirmation 7:00 p.m.-CPC Kindergarten Open House	16 4:30-5:00 p.m.-Children's Bells 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Children's Choir 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Rainbow Singers 7:30 p.m.-Chancel Choir	17 8:00 a.m.-Yoga 9:00 a.m.-Bulletin Assembly	18 [No scheduled events]
19 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 10:40 a.m.-Church Tour	20 10:00 a.m.-Thrift Shop 10:30 a.m.-Prayer/Study 5:30 p.m.-S.A. Support 6:00 p.m.-Stephen Leaders 6:15 p.m.-J. Ringers 7:00 p.m.-Stephen Ministry Support 7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.-Liberty Bells	21 7:00 a.m.-Sermon Shaping 9:00-11:30 a.m.-New Life Clothing Room (offsite) 1:00-4:00 p.m.-Immunization Clinic 5:00-7:00 p.m.-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 7:00 p.m.-Children's Ministry 7:00 p.m.-Welsh Chorus	22 Ash Wednesday 9:00-11:30 a.m.-New Life Clothing Room (offsite) Noon-Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.-Disciple IV Class 7:30 p.m.-Ash Wednesday Service	23 9:15 a.m.-Messenger Assembly 4:30-5:00 p.m.-Children's Bells 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Children's Choir 5:00-5:30 p.m.-Rainbow Singers 7:30 p.m.-Chancel Choir	24 8:00 a.m.-Yoga 9:00 a.m.-Bulletin Assembly	25 Boy Scout Troop 365 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
26 <i>See Sunday Schedule</i> 3:00 p.m.-Churchwide Talent Show	27 10:30 a.m.-Prayer/Study 5:30 p.m.-S.A. Support 5:30 p.m.-Fam. in Touch 6:15 p.m.-J. Ringers TBA-Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m.-Down's Syndrome Association 7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts	28 7:00 a.m.-Sermon Shaping 9:00 a.m.—New Life C. R. 11:30 a.m.—W. Women's Club 6:00 p.m.-CPC Staff 7:00 p.m.-New Beginnings 7:15 p.m.-Devotions 7:30 p.m.-Administrative Council	29 9:00-11:30 a.m.-New Life Clothing Room (offsite) 7:00 p.m.-Disciple IV 7:00-8:30 p.m.-Confirmation	Sunday Schedule at Worthington UMC 9:30 a.m.—Worship Service • 1:30 a.m.—Emerge Service Childcare for infants & toddlers at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Children's Church on 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Sundays, both services Fellowship Time at 10:40 a.m., in Dixon Lounge Sunday School for all ages at 10:40 a.m. Jr. & Sr. High Impact (6:00-8:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted)		

February Happenings

Sunday, February 5: Soup Cook-off Fundraiser Lunch;
Membership Class (part 3)

Wednesday, February 8: Taizé Service

Sunday, February 12: Scout Sunday; New Members join at
9:30 and 11:30 services

Tuesday, February 21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday Services at noon
and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 25: Boy Scout Troop 365 Spaghetti
Dinner Fund-raiser

Sunday, February 26: Church-wide Talent Show

