

Worthington Presbyterian Church
TOWER TIDINGS

November 1 through November 30, 2017

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Dedication Sunday

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Live Generously

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE
1 THIMOTHY 6:18-19

& Mary Brake's Retirement Celebration

Sunday, November 12th

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DUBLIN SILVER BAND

Sunday, November 12th

3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary

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HARMONY FOR HUNGER CONCERT

Friday, November 17th

7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary

(see back cover)

Dear Friends,

November in the church has the themes of Giving and Thanksgiving, and the two are related. Generosity stems from a thankful, grateful heart. Living generously begins with getting in touch with thankfulness for all the dimensions of our lives.

It's common these days to say, "I'm thankful for something," without mentioning the object of our gratitude (i.e. "I'm thankful to someone for something). Let's try to buck that trend, and at least once a day, say it right out. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from our generous, lavish God. Let's say so. I'm thankful to God for my health. I'm thankful to God for my family. I'm thankful to God that I have good work and food on my table.

I'm guessing people will be less surprised or uncomfortable than you might think, and you'll feel good for being less vague about the direction of the beautiful energy of your gratitude.

This practice may lead you to want to be more specific about other objects of your gratitude, e.g. parents, mentors, colleagues, children, etc. I have one person specifically in mind this month. I'm certainly thankful to Mary Brake for 22 years of faithful, joyful financial ministry with WPC, and I'm guessing you're thankful to her as well. Please be sure to read about our celebration for her on **November 12th**, so you can participate. That day we can thank both God and Mary for the gifts she brought us.

Grace and peace,

Julia Wharff Piermont, Senior Pastor

NEW MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday, November 5th, we will offer a **New Worship** opportunity at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The service will be offered on the first Sunday of each month and communion will be served.



5 p.m. Sundays in the Chapel
Message by the Sunday a.m.
Preacher
*Come for new connections
with God and one another!*

HONORING MARY BRAKE

Our church has been blessed for 22 years by the faithful, careful work of Mary Brake, our Financial Assistant. Mary will be retiring at the end of November. We wish her well and plan to express our thanks to her in the **10 a.m. worship service on November 12th**, including a **reception**. November 12th is also our Stewardship Dedication Sunday, and it seems fitting that on the day we dedicate to God our giving for the coming year, we also honor the person who has been such a faithful and trustworthy steward of those same gifts.



We plan to give Mary a **Farewell Love Offering**. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation "Mary Brake Love Offering" and submit to the church office (or offering plate on Sundays). We have also set up this fund to receive gifts via EasyTithe (www.easytithe.com/wpcgive). Please submit your gift no later than Monday, November 6th.

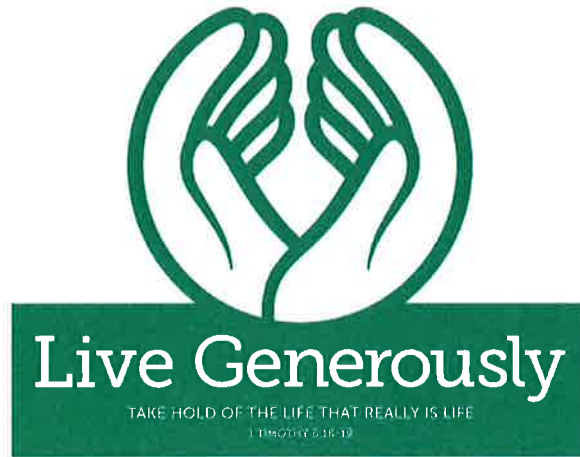


Live Generously
THE GIFT OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY COUNTS

Please pick up YOUR
Stewardship Packet now
through November 5th

soup
lunch

Soup Luncheon fundraiser for the high school S'MORE (Summer Mission Out Reach Experience) trip! This summer the youth are partnering with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and working in Webster County, West Virginia to help with flood recovery! Your support (by eating delicious soup!) will be used to make an impact in West Virginia and in the lives of the youth! Lunch is served Sunday, November 26th at 11:00 a.m.!



STEWARDSHIP 2018: Committing to Fiscal Sustainability

Our Stewardship program is not merely about asking for money to fill out a budget. Rather, it's about realizing the blessings that God has bestowed upon us and living generously to sustain – and grow – the positive changes within WPC over the past two years.

By highlighting the personal stories of some of your fellow members each month during worship, we have provided concrete examples of how WPC has had a profound effect on people's lives.

By November 8th you should have received your pledge card. Please take the time to examine your 2018 financial commitment to WPC. Our Stewardship program asks you to "Live Generously" and prayerfully consider an increase in your giving so that we can sustain our pastoral staff and robust church programs.

Why make a commitment for 2018? Most importantly, it's a spiritual practice that deepens our faith and relationship with God. On a practical level, the church does need to set a 2018 budget. The more of us who commit, the more accurate our church budget will be.

On **Dedication Sunday, November 12th**, please bring your pledge card to any of our worship services and join our celebration of God's generosity in our lives. If you can't attend, please drop off your card in the church office or mail it to the church beforehand. Or, you may set up online giving through easyTithe (www.easytithe.com/wpcgive).

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YAHA (Young At Heart Adults) CHRISTMAS PARTY **Friday, December 8th, 7-10:00 p.m.** **Fun! Fellowship! Food!**

Join the YAHAs for a Christmas party at the Villas on the Boulevard Club House, 2300 Federated Boulevard, Columbus 43235 (behind where The Anderson's used to be) on Friday, December 8th, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Please bring a finger food appetizer or dessert to share, as well as your own adult beverages of choice. Soft drinks and paper products will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or in the WPC office on weekdays to indicate your attendance and the food you will bring. To help defray the cost of the club house rental fee we are asking for \$2 per person.

The YAHAs are members and friends of Worthington Presbyterian Church who are 55 years of age or older (and those who WISH they were 55 years of age or older!) Join us as we kick off the holiday season! Your hosts for the YAHA Christmas party are Shirley & Joe Lambert and Cindy & George Leonard. Parking is available around the club house circle.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Breakfasts: We invite you, on your way to 9 a.m. classes, to come to Fellowship Hall. There you'll find breakfast foods to bring to your classroom. Children, youth and adults: Come, be fed - body, mind and spirit!

WPC Small Groups! It's one hour a month, through May, and it's SO WORTH IT! Small groups will deepen your relationship with God and with other church members, as you talk about a Bible passage and how it speaks to us today, and share joys and concerns for prayer. Sign up for a small group, there are many different options. There is a small group for runners, walkers, Parents of Teens, men, women, Sunday mornings, and lots of others. *Groups are meeting through May.* **Sign up** in Fellowship Hall or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4fa9ac2ca6f58-worthington>

"Worthington Cares" Speaker Series: Drug Safe Worthington, in collaboration with **Worthington Schools,** invites you and your family to a special event on Monday, November 27th at Thomas Worthington High School. A free dinner at 6 p.m. will be followed by a speaker at 6:45 p.m. Activities for children and youth (ages 5-15) will go until 8 p.m. For details on upcoming topics and presenters for our 4th Monday Programs, please go to www.drugsafeworthington.org.

Theology 101: Sunday, November 5th, 12th, and 19th at 9 a.m. in Room 222 is a 3-week series called, *"What do we as Presbyterians believe?"* Come learn about a confession of faith Presbyterians in Columbus wrote exactly 50 years ago and what it teaches us about who we are as Presbyterians.

Martin Luther: First of all some favorite quotes from the great Christian leader who started the Protestant Reformation exactly 500 years ago. Here is a sampling of quotes attributed to Luther:

- "You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."
- "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

- "Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see."
- "I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen."
- "So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: 'I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!'"
- "There are two days in my calendar: This day and that Day."

Secondly, a quote from Luther's "95 Theses." Luther is said to have posted on the door of the Wittenberg Castle on October 31, 1517 a list of 95 items (or "heads") he was prepared to debate regarding the faithfulness of certain practices in the church. The practice that upset him most was "indulgences." People were invited to pay for a certificate that promised forgiveness for themselves or for a loved one in purgatory. It was an effective fundraiser for the Vatican, but Luther furiously protested that it was not Biblical and not Christian.

Luther introduced the 95 Theses with these words: *"Out of love and concern for the truth, and with the object of eliciting it, the following heads will be the subject of a public discussion at Wittenberg under the presidency of the reverend father, Martin Luther, Augustinian..."*



WPC Sponsor-A-Family needs your help with sponsoring 50+ families in need this Christmas Season. On Sunday, November 26th, Sunday, December 3rd or Sunday, December 10th, please come to Fellowship Hall to select a family. On Sunday, December 17th, we will collect all gifts for the families in Fellowship Hall. Salem Elementary, St. Stephens Community House and Guadalupe Center families will benefit from your generosity. God bless you for your help! If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, contact Mindy Steel at bob-mindy@sbcglobal.net or 614-209-9603.

CALLING ALL PILGRIM HELPERS



Once again, WPC Mission Committee will be purchasing and assembling **THANKSGIVING DINNERS** for those in need in the Worthington Schools as well as Salem and Hamilton

Elementary schools in Columbus. Last year we delivered 225 meals. We will be collecting money (any amount) in the Fellowship Hall on **November 5th, 12th and 19th**. Each meal cost \$45.00, that's enough food to feed a family for a week or more.

- ♥ **Sunday, November 19th** we will be asking members to help carry in food after the 10:00 service.
- ♥ **Monday, November 20th** at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, one of the highlights of the year. We will pack 225 Thanksgiving boxes to help feed families in need.
- ♥ We will also be putting together and delivering fruit baskets for residents of Stafford Village. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all 6th graders, we need Christmas Pageant Participants! 6th graders have the wonderful opportunity to help present the Christmas Pageant at the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service. If your 6th grader is interested in being part of the Nativity, please let Jenni Whitford know by December 5th. Required dress rehearsal is Thursday, December 21st at 5 p.m.



All parents of teenagers (7th grade and up) are invited to an adult education opportunity focusing

on the celebrations and struggles of raising teens. We will be meet November 19th. Join us for fellowship and faith development while sharing a potluck meal (made or bought). We'll meet at 6:00 p.m. in the "Living" Room following the new 5:00 p.m. service. This is the same time that the youth group will be meeting in the Youth Room. For more information and to get on the group email list, contact Colby Srsic at srsic.1@gmail.com or 614-440-3592.



HANDS ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Dr. Rice at trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com for more information or to sign up.

Sunday, November 5th: NNEMAP Food Pantry: Help break down donations into family-sized portions in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, November 6th: Friendship Dinner: Help cook or help serve a free dinner at 6 p.m. the 1st Monday of the month.

Wednesday, November 15th: Please join us at 1:00 p.m. at **Stafford Village** as we gather for our annual Thanksgiving program. We will have "turkey trivia" questions, talk about Thanksgiving traditions, discuss our favorite "fixings" of the Thanksgiving meal...and, of course, give thanks that we are all together sharing Fellowship!

Friday, November 17th: NNEMAP Food Pantry Concert, reception, and silent auction at WPC at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 19th: NNEMAP Food Pantry: Help break down donations into family-sized portions in Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m.

Monday, November 20th: Packing Thanksgiving Boxes (and fruit baskets for Stafford Village); 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 26th: Bring your **sack lunches for the homeless** (4th Sunday of each month) to Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, November 29th: Y Family Center Dinner: Serve homeless families, transportation provided from church at 4:30 p.m.; *RSVP* bfowler410@yahoo.com.

AUDIO TEAM NEEDED

At our **10 a.m. service** we are in serious NEED to add a few people to our Audio Team. One person serves each week! Dave Matthias provides training. Depending on how many volunteer, the frequency of volunteering could be once a month or even less. If interested, please contact Dave at dmatthias@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

On October 8th, Worthington Presbyterian Church welcomed eight new members. Please introduce yourself to each of them, and welcome them into the life and ministry of Jesus Christ among us. We look forward to fellowship and service together. Please welcome:



Virginia Poling recently moved from Norwalk, Ohio, where she was very involved in her church and the community. She was a teacher and then Superintendent of Schools. She attends WPC often with her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Gary Reiss.

Dennis Piermont was born in New York City and has been a Presbyterian for most of his life. He is a musician, a former landscape architect, and will soon retire from the Presbytery of Miami Valley. Dennis is a song leader at New Connections. Dennis is married to Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont.



ShaQuille Mosley is a native of Columbus and has been attending WPC for over a year. While working as a home health aide, he is pursuing a degree in social work. ShaQ spends his free time with his mom or his 5-year-old nephew. He loves school, singing, animals, and life.

Leslie McDougall discovered WPC when she was looking for a Presbyterian church for her father. Leslie is a dentist. She and her husband, Tom McManamon, have a daughter, Lauren, who lives in Dallas. Leslie is interested in church mission activities. She enjoys travel and cooking.



Brian and Kelli Elsea are the happy parents of 11-month-old Smith. Brian is a CPA, and Kelli is a stay-at-home mom. Both grew up in the Roman Catholic church. They are interested in the church volleyball team, NNEMAP, and other mission activities.



Spencer and Katie Budros first came to WPC with Katie's sister, Barb Matta. They are expecting a baby in December. Katie is a first-grade teacher in Worthington, and Spencer is the chef and owner of Pistacia Vera, a pastry shop in Columbus. They are interested in adult education opportunities, and helping with special events.

ADVENT WORSHIP – Save the Date

Sunday, December 3rd, after the Children's' Message, kids ages Preschool – 6th grade will gather in Fellowship Hall. Advent Activities take the place of regular Sunday School this day.

*Cookie Decorating *Jingle Bells on a Ribbon
*Paint a Wooden Angel Ornament *Angel Garland
*Snowman in a Jar – Hot Cocoa Mix Gift
*Nativity Pin *Upcycle Christmas Cards

HELP WANTED – CHOIR PLUS

Choir Plus is looking for teachers who would be willing to teach a 3-week class. Teachers teach the same lesson 3 weeks in a row, once to each age group. Our lesson in January is Psalm 23.

We teach using multiple intelligence theory. For example, in ART, the kids will design a bulletin board using their hand prints as sheep. MUSIC will teach the kids Psalm 23 using call and response song. In SCIENCE we will learn how God protects us and knows us by learning about how our body protects us and using GPS to track animals in the wild. BIBLE GAMES AND SKILLS will be full of maze games and obstacle courses to help us understand that God is always with us.

In February we will shift our focus to learning about The Last Supper. Lessons are easy to understand, with lots of support from Jenni Whitford and A LOT OF FUN! If you are interested in teaching, please contact Jenni Whitford for information.

Let's Make Some MUSIC

On Sunday, **November 12th** at 3:00 p.m. the **Dublin Silver Band** will raise the roof at WPC with a program called *The Pale Blue Dot*. With its enormous percussion section, the 32-member professional brass ensemble will engage audience participation as they highlight the theme of saving our planet. The program will also feature sacred, popular and patriotic favorites, with a special Veteran's Day emphasis. Dr. Tim Jameson leads the group on their tour of venues in Ohio and Chicago. Mark your calendars!

REHEARSALS

Celebration Ringers at 6:30 p.m.

November 1st; 8th; 15th; 29th

Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.

November 2nd; 9th; 16th; 23rd; 30th

Renaissance Ensemble at 9:00 a.m.

November 18th

10:00 a.m. MUSIC IN SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 5th

"Shine Like the Sun" - Karen Black

The Chancel Choir with Brittany Schuch, violinist

"America the Beautiful" - arr. Arnold Sherman

The Celebration Ringers

November 12th

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" - Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir

"Oh, You Don't Need a Phone to Call Jesus"

Valerie Showers Crescenz

The Carol and Chapel Choirs

November 19th

"For the Beauty of the Earth" - John Rutter

The Chancel Choir

"O Sing Joyfully" - Adrian Batten

The Renaissance Ensemble

November 26th

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

- Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir



Sunday Evenings: EVERYONE meets from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m! They start off together for dinner at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall!

The Mission of our youth program is to "Lead youth to faith through relationships, discipleship, and service". We'll accomplish this mission in November through:

November 5th & 12th

Normal youth group schedule! We meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and youth group from 6:30 – 8:00! It's a great time of food, fun, friends, and faith!

November 19th

We will breakdown the NNEMAP food to serve hungry families! It's a great service project and then we'll discuss what it means to be thankful!

November 26th – Soup Luncheon Fundraiser!!!

This fundraiser will help send the high school youth to Webster County, West Virginia to help them recover from floods!

If you have any questions about these events, give Brian Edwards a call at the church or email him at bedwards@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

CLUB 56

Date: Friday, November 17th

Time: 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Where: Meet at "Get Air"

Trampoline Park – 3708

Fishinger Blvd, Hilliard (7 p.m.)

Pick-up at Steak and Shake (3635 Data Point Dr) (9:30 p.m.)

Cost: \$20/person

Details: We will jump for 1.5 hours and then go to Steak and Shake for dessert.

WAIVERS REQUIRED – <https://columbus.getairmanagement.com/Waiver2.html>

Questions? Contact Jenni Whitford 517-745-1056. Friends are always welcome and encouraged!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUPPLY REQUEST

- ✓ Do you have old magazines lying around? Children's Ministry needs family friendly magazines for the supply closet. You may drop them off in the church office or Jenni's office. Thank you.
- ✓ Children's Ministry would like to gather a collection of coins from other countries. Do you have a handful of coins to donate? We will use these as props for Sunday School lessons. Thank you!

CHURCH CALENDAR – if no activities are scheduled, those dates won't appear.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 AM Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Stated Session, Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:45 AM Personnel, Room 111
9:00 AM Walking Group, Antrim
12:00 PM Christian Life Circle, Room 222
4:15 PM Carillon Chimes, Sanctuary
5:00 PM Choir Plus, All Room
5:00 PM Parent Drop-In Discussion, Room 124
6:15 PM Small Group, "Living" Room
6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training, Room 222
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:30 AM Runners' Group, Antrim
7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, Youth Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont, Chapel
9:00 AM Confirmation, Youth Room
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
9:00 AM Kids Zone, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
10:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Bells, Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School, See Signs
11:30 AM Monthly Worship Service, Chapel
5:00 PM New Connections Worship & Communion Service, Chapel
6:00 PM Esther Bible Study, "Living" Room
6:00 PM Youth Group, Youth Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:00 PM Friendship Dinner, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, "Living" Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 AM WPPS Committee, Nursery
11:00 AM Small Group, "Living" Room
6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Chapel
7:00 PM Book Lovers, Room 113
7:00 PM Small Group (Timothy Dickey), Room 124

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:45 AM Stewardship Committee, Room 111
4:15 PM Carillon Chimes, Chapel
5:00 PM Choir Plus, All Room
5:00 PM Parent Drop-In Discussion, Room 124
6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training, Room 222
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 AM Runners' Group, Antrim

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 Stewardship Sunday & Mary's Farewell

8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont, Chapel
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
9:00 AM Kids Zone, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
10:00 AM Worship, Piermont preaching, Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School
3:00 PM Dublin Silver Band Concert, Sanctuary
4:00 PM Reception Dublin Silver Band, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM New Connections Worship, Chapel
6:00 PM Esther Bible Study, "Living" Room
6:00 PM Youth Group, Youth Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:15 AM WPPS Committee, Nursery
7:00 PM Facilities Committee, Room 124
7:00 PM Mission Ministry, Room 222

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:00 PM PW Homes in Africa, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Membership / Fellowship Committee, 222
7:00 PM Youth Committee, Room 111

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting, Room 111
9:00 AM Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary
9:00 AM Walking Group, Offsite
12:00 PM Tower Tidings Deadline
4:15 PM Carillon Chimes, Chapel
5:00 PM Choir Plus, All Rooms, See Signs
5:00 PM Parent Drop-In Discussion, Room 124
6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training, Room 112
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 PM Harmony for Hunger Concert, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 AM Runners' Group, Antrim
7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Renaissance Ensemble, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Rice, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
9:00 AM Kids Zone, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
9:00 AM Sunday Morning Small Group, Room 112
10:00 AM Worship, Dr. Rice preaching, Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School, See Signs
5:00 PM New Connections Worship, Chapel
6:00 PM Esther Bible Study, Room 222
6:00 PM Parents of Teenagers, "Living" Room
6:00 PM Youth Group, Youth Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 1:00 PM Presbyterian Women Cord Team, 111
- 6:00 PM Assembling Thanksgiving Dinners, FH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 8:00 AM Delivering Thanksgiving Dinners, FH
- 11:00 AM Tower Tidings Mailing, Office Work Room
- 7:00 PM Board of Deacons, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 12:30 PM ROMEO's Lunch, OSU Golf Course

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7:30 AM Runners' Group, Antrim

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Piermont, Chapel
- 8:30 AM Sponsor-a-Family Sign-Up, Fellowship Hall
- 8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
- 9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
- 9:00 AM Kids Zone, Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
- 10:00 AM Worship, Piermont preaching, Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Church School 6, See Signs
- 11:00 AM Youth Soup Luncheon Fundraiser, FH
- 5:00 PM New Connections Worship, Chapel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 11:00 AM Endowment, Room 111
- 6:30 PM Children's Committee, Offsite

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 7:00 PM Evening Circle of Grace, "Living" Room
- 7:30 PM Adult Education, Room 222

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 4:30 PM Y Family Dinner, Offsite
- 6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 4:15 PM Carillon Chimes, Chapel
- 5:00 PM Choir Plus, All Rooms, See Signs
- 5:00 PM Parent Drop-In Discussion, Room 124
- 6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training, Room 112
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room



The **BRIDGE GROUP** will meet on Friday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Carolyn Owens. Please call 614-888-7265

by November 13th to reserve your place.

RETREAT for everyone...Friday, February 9th, 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, 10th, 7:30 p.m. is a WPC retreat for all ages at Kirkmont Camp (45 minutes away). The retreat will include a guest speaker on Faith and Film), crafts, fellowship, and options for sledding, skiing, hiking, or sitting by the fireplace.

Thank you

Twenty-five years ago, I was fresh from Princeton Theological Seminary, engaged to Tom Rice, and ordained and installed as Associate Pastor at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church, west of Chicago. A lot has happened since then. Thank you for your celebration of that anniversary in worship, with cake, and with a beautiful new stole! Your good wishes and prayers mean a lot to me. WPC gave me a new green stole, green for the growth of the church following Pentecost. I like to think that growth and vitality and new relationships are continuing in my ministry with you. And I like that perspective on the moments and days and years of our lives: in Christ we grow strong together. Thank you for a wonderful celebration! I do look forward to 25 more years!

In Christ's love; Betsy Rice

CROP Walk for Hunger Update: *Yes, thanks to your generous support*, Pastor Tom did win in his competition with the other Worthington pastors to raise the most money in the CROP Walk this year. In fact, the money collected by WPC for CWS/CROP and for the Worthington Resource Pantry totaled \$3,033.68. 15 youth and adults from our congregation walked. Thank you to everyone who walked and/or sponsored a walker. John Hamilton, who is 92, did the CROP Walk for his 47th time. And Robert Walton, a church member who is 102 (and who coordinated the CROP Walk in New Jersey when he lived there) participated with us by walking in the parking lot at the beginning of the walk. An inspiring day, with WPC members of all ages.

Hymn Sing! The Hymn Sing on October 1st with St. John's African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church was PHENOMENAL! Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a special time of praise and unity in Christ. We are looking to schedule another in the winter/spring hosted by St. John's AME.

Y FAMILY CENTER: Our fairly small but hard-working group of WPC volunteers provided dinner for approximately 120 moms, dads, and kids at our October 4th dinner hosting. Our next Y Family Center dinner hosting (and last for the year) is Wednesday, November 29th. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and served and/or donated food to make this dinner a success! Thank you also to those that donated baby food. We were able to significantly contribute to restocking their shelves!

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HARMONY FOR HUNGER CONCERT

The 8th "Harmony for Hunger" concert benefitting NNEMAP will be held for the first time at WPC on Friday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. This concert highlights top talent from many of the churches supporting NNEMAP and includes all types of music; soloist, quartets, and instrumentalists. Our own Jeff Johnson will be representing WPC with a solo. The MC this year will be Yolanda Harris, a Channel 10 Anchor, and the featured group is the Capriccio Choir. This is always a great evening, and includes a silent auction and light refreshment during intermission. Please come and support NNEMAP and your church for the cost of \$20 per ticket. This event has been a major source of funding for NNEMAP and in the past, has generated over \$7,000 a year. Tickets will be available after the 10:00 service in Fellowship Hall on October 29th and November 5th. They will also be available at the door or by calling Kathy Wolken at 614-436-1015. Please plan to attend and make this the best concert ever!

STORIES OF PRESBYTERIANS IN AFRICA

Have you ever wondered about the presence of the Presbyterian Church in Africa? On Tuesday, November 14th Presbyterian Women United will host church family members Jackie Antwi and her husband Peter Okyere from Ghana, Habiba Audu from Cameroon, and Antoinette Johnson from the Democratic Republic of the Congo as speakers at our gathering. They will share stories of their lives and churches as well as insights into their African heritage. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for dessert and coffee prepared by Living Hope Circle. Our program will follow at 7:00 p.m. Child care and transportation are available if you call the church office at 614-885-5355 by Wednesday, November 8th. Signing the list outside Fellowship Hall will help us plan for refreshments. As always, both men and women are welcome!

