

Worthington Presbyterian Church

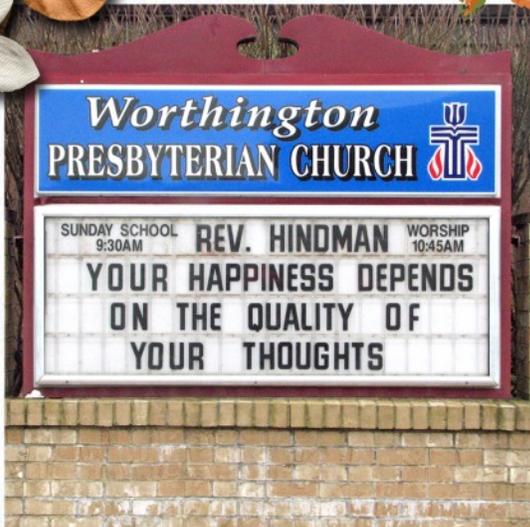
March-April 2017



January 8, 2017
Ordination and Installation
of Elders and Deacons



February 19, 2017



February 2017



February 28, 2017
Hard working volunteers
who helped with our first
Worthington Food Bank
distribution

Session Report

As most of you are aware, our church has struggled with PCUSA over theological and missional philosophies for a number of years. It is documented in our session minutes dating back to 2000. A congregational survey taken in the fall made it clear by an overwhelming response that leaving the PCUSA was what was needed to happen save our church and our beliefs for the long term.

The session would like to extend an invitation to come out on **Wednesday evenings from 6-7 during Lent, starting March 1**, for information sessions to hear more about the history behind the discernment decision. We will also through discussion, debate, Scripture and prayer take a deeper dive into the theological and missional drifts of the PCUSA that brought us to this point.

This is an important time for us to unite as a congregation to seek God's presence, guidance and blessing during this process with the ultimate goal of fulfilling His work at His church here in Worthington. We encourage you to share opinions and questions in the box in the narthex or bring them with you on Wednesday night that can be used for discussion points.

Additional time for questions will be before and after worship on Sunday mornings. There should be an elder in the hall classroom for 10-15 minutes before and after worship, or stop any elder and ask.

Spring Cleaning

I don't know about you, but the mild weather has me thinking about spring cleaning. This is a good time to remind you that the Mission Committee will be collecting items for the annual Worthington Community Yard sale on May 12 & 13. The money raised by this sale is used to help meet the needs of people in our community in the coming year. The proceeds of the yard sale have been the main source of funding for our local mission efforts for several years. Save your items, and watch the bulletin and newsletter in May for details of when you can drop them off.

Worthington Food Bank

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with the Worthington Food Bank distribution February 28! There was a lot of work to do, and all the helping hands made it run smoothly. The next date will be March 28. You can talk to Sharon Crissman, Karen Hindman or Linda Walker for details.

The Fifth Gospel

Are you a Fifth Gospel Christian?

“The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life. It cannot be grasped by reason and memory only, but it is fully understood when it possesses the whole soul and penetrates to the inner recesses of the heart.”
(John Calvin)

“There are five Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the Christian. But most people never read the first four.” (Rodney “Gypsy” Smith, a 19th century British evangelist)

These words challenge us to be something, a living Gospel! They invite us to go beyond merely reading the Gospels to actually living the Gospels. This was Jesus’ original intention, for ordinary people like us to live inspiring lives, pointing others to the only message, the only Person, who can give us hope not only in this life but also the next.

The Gospel of Jesus is simply beautiful, has no equal in power, interacts with the worst part of humanity, yet remains pure and can be found today in its glorious form, without unnecessary extras added to enhance its market appeal. This Gospel is understood simply and plainly from the lips of Jesus or the pages of His Bible. But many people in our culture rarely seek truth by opening a Bible. In a world of growing hostility toward the church and evangelism, it may be wishful thinking that this generation will read Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.

Yet, from the very beginning Jesus intended His truth and character to be revealed, not only through the printed page, but also through the lives of His followers. Jesus called us the “light of the world.” When Christians live like Christ, they move beyond the mere Gospel in print and begin to demonstrate the Gospel in action. In person. This is the passion of God’s heart—to unleash His transforming Gospel through you. Isn’t it time for us to become a visible witness for the One we profess to love so much?

In future articles we will look at some of the critical issues involved in living out our faith in front of a watching world.

(Resource comes from YOU, THE FIFTH GOSPEL by Bobby Conway and Jeff Kinley)

GriefShare

GriefShare is a faith based 13 week video program and support group for people grieving the loss of a family member or friend. The group begins a new cycle at Worthington Presbyterian Church on March 3. Each week a short video is viewed, followed by discussion. The sessions are as follows:

- March 3- “Is This Normal?”
- March 10- “Challenges of Grief”
- March 17- “The Journey of Grief-Part 1”
- March 24- “The Journey of Grief-Part 2”
- March 31- “Grief and Your Relationships”
- April 7- “Why?”
- ** April 14- no meeting**
- April 21- “Guilt and Anger”
- April 28- “Complicating Factors”
- May 5- “Stuck”
- May 12- “Lessons of Grief-Part One”
- May 19- “Lessons of Grief-Part Two”
- May 26- “Heaven”
- June 2- “What Do I Live for Now?”



The group meets Friday evening at 6 pm. You can begin attending at any time. More information can be found at <https://www.griefshare.org/about>. Or you may speak with Hester Shick, Karen Hindman or Linda Walker.

Worthington Ministerium 2017 Lenten Schedule

**March 5 @ 7 pm @ Worthington Community Center -
Black Light Puppet Ministries, sponsored by
Grace Point Community Church**

**March 12 @ 7 pm @ Center Hill Church of the
Brethern - Ron Shafer**

March 19 @ 7 pm TBA

**March 26 @ 7 pm @ Franklin Union Church -
Dan Schall Ministries**

**April 2 @ 7 pm @ Walkchalk Salem Baptist Church -
The Gospel Truth from Ford City Second Baptist
Church**

**April 9 @ 7 pm @ Franklin Union Baptist Church -
Palm Sunday Community Cantata**

**April 14 @ noon - Worthington Evangelical Lutheran
Church - Good Friday Cross Walk**

**April 16 Sunrise Services @ 7 am - Franklin Union
Baptist Church, Furnace Run Chapel,
Buffalo Charge Churches at Happy Hunter's**



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9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship



**Breakfast and Egg Hunt
9 AM - Sunday, April 9, 2017**