



Worthington Presbyterian Church

May-June 2017



Easter egg hunt is always a good time, especially when the weather is nice!



Sharing Musical Gifts!



Worthington Community Yard Sale

Once again this year, the mission committee will be having a yard sale in the Fellowship Hall during the Worthington Community Yard Sale Days, on **Friday, May 12, 8 am to 2 pm, and Saturday, May 13, 8 am to 1 pm**. All of the money raised by this sale is used to meet the needs of people in the local community in the next year. The Fellowship Hall will be open from **6 to 7:30 pm on May 8, 9, 10 and 11** so you can drop off donations! If these nights don't suit you, other arrangements can be made, contact Kristen Wyant or Linda Walker.

Sermons Now Online

Have you missed Sunday Worship because you had to work, or you are not feeling well, vacation, or some other reason? Did you know you can download and listen to the scripture reading and sermon on the website? <http://worthingtonpres.net/site/cs/sermons.asp> We are limited to the last 10 sermons online, but that goes back to February. If you don't have internet access, sermons can be put on a CD for you. Contact Linda Walker to make the request.

**Now scheduling
photo sessions
for the
spring directory update
on Thursday,
June 6 from 2 to 9 pm
Sign up in the Narthex**



The GriefShare support group will continue to meet on **Friday nights at 6 pm**. The final session will be June 2. GriefShare is a DVD based video program for those grieving the loss of a family member or friend. The remaining session topics include *“Stuck”*, *“Lessons in Grief-Part One”*, *“Lessons in Grief-Part Two”*, *“Heaven”* and *“What Do I Live For Now?”*. You can begin attending at any time, workbooks are provided. More information can be found at <https://www.griefshare.org/about>, or you can speak with Hester Shick, Karen Hindman, Bill Renshaw or Linda Walker.

Worthington Food Bank

In February, WPC began Worthington Food Bank distribution. This is on the last Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates are **May 30 and June 27**. We begin at 7:30 am when the Worthington Boro truck arrives at the church with the food provided by Armstrong Community Action. Helpers to unload the truck are appreciated. Distribution to the 30 families on our list begins at 10 am. We are usually done by 11:15. If you have some time and would like to help, contact Karen Hindman, Sharon Crissman or Linda Walker.

Graduate Sunday is June 4

The Fifth Gospel

CONTAGIOUS JOY

One of the critical issues involved in living out our faith in front of a watching world is how do we visibly display the Good News of salvation and point others to the only Person who can give them hope for this life and the next. Our topic for this newsletter is “Contagious Joy”. John Piper writes, “God is most glorified in you when you are most satisfied in Him.” We should never underestimate the power of joy before a lost and dying world.

We serve a God who deserves our joy. “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice” (Php 4:4). Joy begins and ends with God. “You have made known to me the path of life, you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand” (Ps 16:11). Life lived in the presence of God brings the most enjoyable experience known to man. The source of our joy will determine the quality and consistency of our life.

We can find partial joy in some things and some relationships, but they are subject to change every day. God is the only constant where we can truly anchor our life. Yet some people continue to search for their ultimate joy apart from God. Thomas Aquinas, the thirteenth century philosopher and theologian said there were eight big pursuits made: wealth (our culture pursues happiness by attempting to travel the road to riches, honor (it is believed that with great honor comes true fulfillment and happiness), fame (to have fame means you are finally somebody), power (we are lured to attempt gaining power at work or over our friends or social circles), health (good health can provide some enjoyment and a certain quality of life but eventually beauty and health fades), pleasure (God created it and designed us to enjoy it, but it cannot be sustained for long), virtue (is a valued quality but it can blind us to our deeper need for God and the joy we find in Him), God (God alone constitutes man’s happiness).

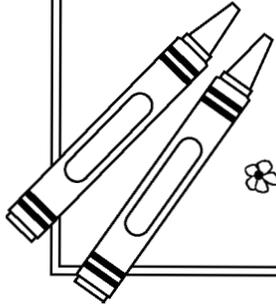
A person “in God” has joy produced by salvation—a joy that endures hard times, protects during stressful times, keeps us sane during a loss (divorce, death of a loved one, disappointments). When we have Christ, we can have joy even though we may not have fame, wealth, power, health, etc.

There are several things that can sneak into your heart and steal your joy: busyness (tasks and to-dos of daily life can slowly drain your joy), human relations (spouse, coworkers, classmates, children, parents, friends—can suck the joy out of you), financial stress (stress over bills, job security, etc can cause you to suffer but the joy of Christ can sustain you through these times), religion (if religion is man-centered effort to perform some religious duty or achieve some moral standard—it is joyless because no matter how hard we try, we are never good enough). A religion with God brings acceptance and grace, a personal intimacy with a God we know and trust. Sin is another joy stealer. Sin can be fun temporarily and can bring a sense of happiness, but we must decide to give up the momentary pleasures of sin to get everlasting pleasures of God.

William Barclay, the Scottish theologian, said, “We are chosen for joy. However hard the Christian life maybe, it is the way of joy.”

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





Just for KIDS

Isaiah 35:1-2

One sign of spring and rebirth is the appearance of flowers and plants in our yards, woods, fields and gardens.

Use the code to find this verse in Isaiah that reminds us of spring and rebirth.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Y	Z		

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 Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

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9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship

Mother's Day is May 14
 Father's Day is June 18

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