

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News August 2023

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### ***Heir Lines* Newsletter Editor Needed!**

Do you enjoy graphic design, copy editing, preparing a newsletter using MS Word or MS Publisher? If so, we need you!

Please contact Linda Eckert at [president.wcgsoh@gmail.com](mailto:president.wcgsoh@gmail.com) if you are interested or can help.

## 2023 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Our popular **Summer Genealogy Classes** continue on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 PM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room (Room 128) on the first floor of the Warren County Administration Building at 406 Justice Drive in Lebanon, Ohio. Each class is only \$10.00! *\*Please bring your laptop, tablet, or other preferred device to class.\**

To register or pay online for your classes, please visit:

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/2023-summer-classes>

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
August 9	Dana Palmer	Extra! Extra! Finding Family Using Newspapers BONUS CONTENT: Karynne Moses of <a href="#">Moses Genealogy</a> has been invited to join us that day. If you have any GERMAN HANDWRITING you are trying to decipher, please bring it to class!
August 16	Jen Haney Conover and Tori Otten	An Archival Approach: Researching Your Family History at the Warren County Record Center & Archives
August 23	Kelli Bergheimer	DNA Sibling Study – The Three Children of John and April

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October 11, 2023 – WCGS Virtual Program “**House and Land Histories for Genealogical Research**” presented by **Shannon Combs-Bennett**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

You must register at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/events> to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.

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December 6, 2023 – WCGS Virtual Program “**Intro to U.S. Church Records: Why We Care Where Grandma Went to Church**” presented by **Sunny Jane Morton**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

You must register at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/events> to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.



**2023 CEMETERY RESTORATION WORKSHOP**

The **2023 Cemetery Restoration Workshop** will be **Friday, September 15, 2023**, at **Crosson Cemetery in Harlan Township**. We are thrilled to welcome back [Ta Mara Conde](#), of Historic Gravestone Services, as our conservator again. For more information, or to register for the workshop, please visit our [Cemetery Restoration Workshops](#) page. You can even pay for your registration right online!

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**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the following people who have made a monetary or materials donation to WCGS recently. Our Society and Resource Library Catalog continues to expand because of your generosity!

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| Jane Bailey       | Candy Jo Tucker Hartman | Jo Roth |
| Lynn McMakin Bird | Mary Kamps              |         |
| Sonya Cannon      | Ann Lythjohan           |         |

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**CLUES TO USE**

Submitted by Linda Eckert, WCGS President

**Check out our Special Collections! (Part 2)**

This month we are featuring Kay Davenport’s collection. This collection consists of three four-drawer vertical file cabinets containing materials on Kay Davenport’s family. This collection is a result of decades of research on Kay’s ancestors in Warren County, Ohio. She organized her collection alphabetically in color-coded file folders and shipped them off to us in 19 boxes from Utah.

Listed below are just some of the Warren County surnames in this collection. There are a total of 267 surname folders. Explore Kay’s files the next time your visit our Resource Library and see if her files have information that might help you with your family research!

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|------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|
| Amburgy    | Decker    | Hutchinson | Roosa                 |
| Arbogast   | Dunn      | Irons      | Rosnagle              |
| Barkalow   | Earnhart  | Ivins      | Schwartz              |
| Beedle     | Eldridge  | Janney     | Shawhan               |
| Benge      | Eltzroth  | Keever     | Snook                 |
| Benham     | Ertel     | Kemper     | Stogdelle (Stockdale) |
| Betzler    | Foley     | Kesling    | Stokes                |
| Bogan      | Gallagher | Lea        | Stubbs                |
| Bunnell    | Gilpin    | Linkous    | Thirkield             |
| Conover    | Gorsuch   | Marlott    | Throckmorton          |
| Corwin     | Gregg     | Mulford    | Todhunter             |
| Cowan      | Haines    | Null       | Trimble               |
| Cropper    | Hankison  | Oswald     | Ullum                 |
| Culbertson | Hartsock  | Perrine    | Tibbals               |
| Dakin      | Harvey    | Probasco   | Todd                  |
| Deardoff   | Hatcher   | Retallick  | Worley                |
| Dearth     | Hatfield  | Rogers     | Wright                |

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## RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(Please send additions to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com).)

### World War II:

**Harry Richard Blackburn** (1927-2023) (Merchant Marines World War II)

### Vietnam:

**Randolph Sherman "Randy" Dunfee** (1953-2023) (US Marine Corps Vietnam)

**Stanley Mitchell "Stan" Wisbith** (1947-2023) (US Army Vietnam)

**Thomas C. Rayburg** (1941-2023) (US Navy Vietnam)

**Danny "Joe" Vipperman** (1947-2023) (US Air Force Vietnam)

### Other Service:

**Kenneth Lee Chappell, Sr.** (1940-2023) (US Marine Corps)

**Don Deaton** (1956-2023) (US Army)

**Charles Lee "Bud" Gehring** (1941-2023) (US Air Force)

**Roger Donald Johnson** (1939-2023) (US Navy)

**Robert L. "Bob" Leisz** (1935-2023) (US Army)

**William Roger Williams** (1958-2023) (US Air Force)

**Charles Buckley "Chuck" Wise** (1938-2023) (US Air Force)

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## NECROLOGY

We recently learned of the passing of longtime member Ginny Danforth.

### Mary Virginia "Ginny" (Dearth) Danforth (1928-2022)



Mary Virginia "Ginny" Danforth passed away in her home in Temperance, Michigan, on March 7, 2022, at the age of 93. She was born on August 5, 1928, in her grandparent's farmhouse in Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, to Samuel Curtis Dearth and Luella Irene (Snider) Dearth. Her childhood years were spent traveling with her parents where her father's job as a traveling salesman during the Depression years took them to many states. Ginny was enrolled in the local schools of the territories that her father was assigned to.

When she was a teenager, Ginny and her parents moved to a newly conceived, government built, planned housing development just north of Cincinnati, called Greenhills. It was while living there that Ginny, who played the saxophone and sang with two other high school girlfriends, traveled to local venues where they played and sang. It was also while living in Greenhills that she met her future husband, Leonard Alford Danforth, who was newly out of the Navy. They married March 29, 1947.

After living in several different cities in Ohio and Michigan, Leonard and Ginny settled in Temperance, Monroe County, Michigan, and raised their family there. The couple worked together selling real estate for the DiSalle Real Estate Co. and later for Hitts Realtors.

After her husband's death in 1976, Ginny continued to work in real estate for a while then worked with the Shortway Bus Company putting together tour packages and leading the tours which allowed her to travel all over the country. When she retired, Ginny moved to Brevard, North Carolina, and lived with her sister and her husband for many years before moving back to Temperance, Michigan, where she remained until her death.

Ginny is predeceased by her husband, Leonard; daughter, Sue Ellen, who died in infancy, and grandson, Lee Allen DeBruyne, Jr. Surviving her are her children, Steve (Amy), Mike (Kathy), Debbie Danforth, and Shari (Dave) Smith; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

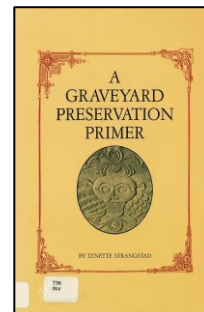
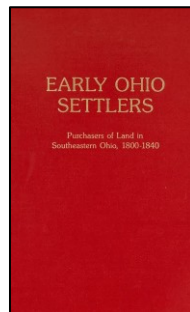
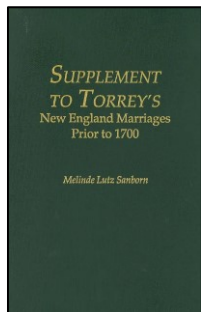
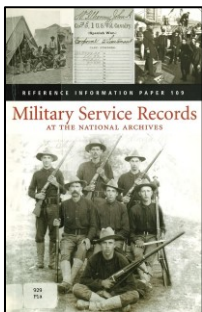
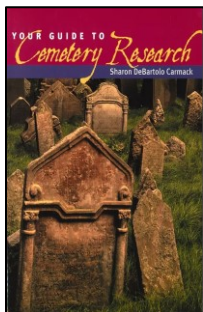
The family wishes to thank the nurses, aides, and social workers from Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their compassionate care and helpfulness to the family during these past months. There will be no funeral and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Mobile Meals of Toledo.

Published by The Blade (Toledo, Ohio) Sunday, March 13, 2022.

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## MORE USED BOOKS FOR SALE ADDED TO OUR WEBSITE

Volunteers have been working hard to get our inventory of Used Books for Sale added to the website. These books are those that are not needed in our Library Catalog, so we make them available for sale. Shown below are just a few of the titles we have available for purchase. Please visit <https://www.wcgsOhio.org/shop-used-books> to see a comprehensive list.



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## PHOTOS WEBSITE PAGE

On the last page of July's e-News, we featured a photo of an unidentified lad who had his photo taken at the P.F. Finch studio in Lebanon, Ohio. This was one of the many photos provided to WCGS by Judy Morris Tooman. You can view the rest of these photos, more information about them, and a bit of information about the family of Sarah Belle (Jones) Morris (1853-1940), who owned the photo album that held these photos, by visiting a brand new "Photos" page on our website. This page is located under the Research tab on the top menu bar or can be reached here:

<https://www.wcgsOhio.org/photos>

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## HAMILTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 15865, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215-0865  
Telephone 513-956-7078 <https://hcgsohio.org/index.php>

### "Ask the Experts Your Local Genealogy Questions"

September 30, 2023, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Deer Park Branch Library, Dillonvale Shopping Center, 4020 East Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236  
\*Plenty of free parking and easy access!\*

Representatives from the HCGS German Interest Group, Irish Interest Group, Jewish Interest Group, DNA Interest Group, Lineage Societies, Hamilton County Recorder's Office (land records), the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library.

<https://hcgsohio.org/upload/files/Events/HCGS-AskExperts-2023-0930a-FlyerFinal.pdf>

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## OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813  
Telephone 419-886-1903 <https://www.ogs.org>

### 2023 Annual OGS Fall Retreat – "Rustic Pathways" – In-Person

<https://www.ogs.org/2023-conference-2/>  
September 8-9, 2023  
Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center, 22300 State Park Road 20, Mount Sterling, Ohio 43143  
Host County & Sponsor: Ross County Chapter, OGS  
Speakers: Kelli Bergheimer, Debbie Large, Sunny Morton, and Dana Palmer

### Save the dates – 2024 OGS Annual Conference: "Rockin Around Your Family Tree" – In-Person

April 10-13, 2024  
Kalahari Hotel and Resorts, Sandusky, Ohio

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## NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318  
Telephone 703-525-0050 or 800-473-0060 <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

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## ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL 2023 FALL CONFERENCE – IN-PERSON

<https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=612>

Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the Heartland Community College in Bloomington, IL

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## INDIANA CHAPTER PALATINES TO AMERICA – HYBRID

[https://inpalam.org/upload/events/files/1685328955\\_2023-10-28FallMeeting--DanaPalmer--FLYER--FINAL.pdf](https://inpalam.org/upload/events/files/1685328955_2023-10-28FallMeeting--DanaPalmer--FLYER--FINAL.pdf)

Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the Eagle Branch, Indianapolis Public Library in Indianapolis, IN

In-Person and Virtual Fall Meeting / Featured Speaker: **Dana Palmer**

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## GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below.

Note: [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) understands that you cannot always attend the live webinars, which is why *they make the recording available to you to view for the 7 days following the webinar for FREE!* Watch it as many times as you would like. You can pause it and take notes during the free period. If you want all the materials, including the instructor's handouts, you must join and pay a yearly membership fee.

**“Ten MORE Secrets to Using MyHeritage”** presented by Daniel Horowitz

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/ten-more-secrets-to-using-myheritage/>

**“Mein Feld ist Die Welt’: A Historical Research Guide to Hamburg Passenger Lists”** presented by Logan Knight

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 2:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WA6qhUe2Rje4k7JIXEv8bw#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WA6qhUe2Rje4k7JIXEv8bw#/registration)

\*Past recorded programs of the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library can be found on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8AE558B5D8661B31>

**“Finding Prussian Ancestors in Online Archives”** presented by Nancy E. Loe, MA, MLS

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 8:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/finding-prussian-ancestors-in-online-archives/>

**“Finding Scottish Ancestors Online”** presented by Nancy Loe

Thursday, August 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3NyRcmDRTM2BAKno8dH3fQ#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3NyRcmDRTM2BAKno8dH3fQ#/registration)

**“Born on the Fourth of July: Case Study of War of 1812 Veteran Joseph King”** presented by Michael L. Strauss, AG

Friday, August 11, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/born-on-the-fourth-of-july-case-study-of-war-of-1812-veteran-joseph-king/>

**“Ortssippenbücher Collection Saint Louis County Public Library”** presented by Robin McDonough

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 2:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_J6bvNOL8Sq686K3WppYg5w#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J6bvNOL8Sq686K3WppYg5w#/registration)

**“What Happened to Uncle Walter? Evidence Analysis and Correlation Uncover a Man’s Dual Identities”** presented by Sharon Hoyt, CG

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 8:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/what-happened-to-uncle-walter-evidence-analysis-and-correlation-uncover-a-mans-dual-identities/>

**“World War II ‘Interment Camps’ and Mass Incarceration in the U.S.”** presented by Linda Harms Okazaki

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/world-war-ii-internment-camps-and-mass-incarceration-in-the-u-s/>

**“After the Fire: Overcoming Record Loss”** presented by Jennifer Roodzant

Thursday, August 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nRJAQzzSIufl\\_Lopk0OgA#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nRJAQzzSIufl_Lopk0OgA#/registration)



**“Understanding Predicted Relationships at the DNA Testing Sites”** presented by Michelle Leonard  
Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/understanding-predicted-relationships-at-the-dna-testing-sites/>

**“3-2-1 Data Backup is Great, But First You Need to Find All of Your Data”** presented by Andy Klein  
Friday, September 8, 2023, 10:15 a.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/3-2-1-data-backup-is-great-but-first-you-need-to-find-all-of-you-data/>

**“Italian Local and Parish Censuses”** presented by Suzanne Russo Adams, AG  
Friday, September 8, 2023, 11:30 a.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/italian-local-and-parish-censuses/>

**“10 Places to Search for an Ancestor’s Death Date... Without a Death Certificate”** presented by Elizabeth Swanay O’Neal  
Friday, September 8, 2023, 12:45 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/10-places-to-search-for-an-ancestors-death-date-without-a-death-certificate/>

**“Life Cycle of a Record: From Clerks and Clerics to You, The Digital User”** presented by Cyndi Ingle  
Friday, September 8, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/life-cycle-of-a-record-from-clerks-and-clerics-to-you-the-digital-user/>

**“Explore Your Ancestors’ Names in the ‘Newspaper Name Index’”** presented by James M. Beidler  
Friday, September 8, 2023, 3:30 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/explore-your-ancestors-names-in-the-newspaper-name-index/>

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## **WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. These can be purchased from the [Shop and Support](#) page of our website or you can download an order form at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>. Membership is \$15 for a regular membership (single or family) or \$200 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page on our website or you can download a Membership Application at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.  
Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: [wcgsoh@gmail.com](mailto:wcgsoh@gmail.com)  
WCGS NEW Website: <https://www.wcgsohio.org>  
WCGS OLD Website (has broken links, but also GREAT databases): <http://www.wcgsoh.org>  
WCGS Virtual Cemetery: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm>  
WCGS Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/>  
Western Star Digitization Project: <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>  
Warren County OHGenWeb Site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

**RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm [subject to closing for inclement weather, volunteer illness, etc.]  
**The WCGS Resource Library is open to the public; no appointment is necessary. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.**  
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## **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

An easy way to support WCGS each time you check out at Kroger is to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

- Visit <https://www.kroger.com> and sign into your Kroger account.
- Click the icon above your name to access “My Account” and look for Community Rewards on that page.
- Select Community Rewards and search for us either by Organization Name or Number and enroll in the program:
  - Organization Name – Warren Co Chpr of the Ohio Genealogical Soc
  - Organization Number – SU662

Then, every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, Kroger will make a small donation to WCGS!

\*If you are having trouble connecting your Kroger Plus card to our organization, please let us know or contact Kroger directly. Due to a glitch with their site, we have found that searching for us with our organization name or number has not been working at times. Thank you for your patience and help while they try to resolve this issue.

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# Warren County Genealogical Society

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Jen Haney Conover



Tori Otten



Kelli Bergheimer

**Want to learn how to research from some of the best instructors in our area?  
Join Us for Our Summer Genealogy Classes!  
Each class is only \$10.00 and everyone is welcome.**

**WHEN:** Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Warren County Administration Building, Room 128  
406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

**August 2, 2023 – NO CLASS**

## No Class Today!

**August 9, 2023 – Dana Palmer**

**“Extra! Extra! Finding Family Using Newspapers”**

Newspapers can be a great resource for personal news, announcements, and social items. Learn how to find and use newspapers in your research.

*\*One of the best ways to fill in the missing pieces of your family history, Dana teaches you some neat tricks to finding what the fourth estate might have on your ancestors!*

**August 16, 2023 – Jen Haney Conover & Tori Otten**  
**“An Archival Approach: Researching Your Family History at the Warren County Records Center & Archives”**

The experts at the WCRC&A will teach you how to best research in Warren County. This class will include information on researching in person and a full walkthrough of the many online resources and indexes that have been created for Warren County.

*\*If you have a relative who was in Warren County between 1803 and 1925, please bring their information to class!*

**August 23, 2023 – Kelli Bergheimer**

**“DNA Sibling Study – The Three Children of John and April”**

Learn how comparing test results from siblings can help you understand matches better, find other information based on the siblings, and figure out those unknown cousins. Kelli also helps you understand why the DNA passed down to you may be very different than that passed down to your siblings.

*\*Another great DNA program by Kelli, this will make you want to go out and test as many family members as you can just to have fun studying the results!*

**Registration is requested no later than the day before each class.**  
(This allows time to prepare handouts or other materials in advance of the class.)

Register by visiting our Events page at <https://www.wcgsOH.org/events>,  
calling WCGS at 513-695-1144, or  
emailing us at [programs.wcgsOH@gmail.com](mailto:programs.wcgsOH@gmail.com).

You can pay for your classes online at <https://www.wcgsOH.org/2023-summer-classes> in advance,  
or bring payment in the form of cash, check, or credit card the day of class.

**\*PLEASE BRING YOUR LAPTOP, TABLET, OR OTHER PREFERRED DEVICE TO CLASS.\***