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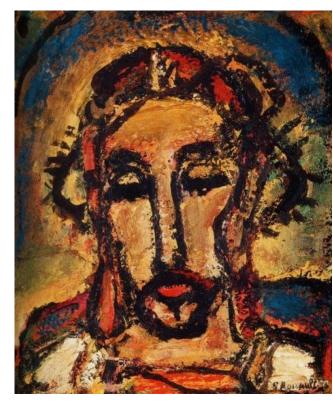
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The Script February-March 2019

Pastor's Corner

Season of Lent

"Ecce Homo," Georges Rouault (1958)



Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on March 6. We will worship together that evening and enter into a season of introspection. Each Lent, and in the form of electronic devotionals, Westminster seeks to provide spiritual food for the journey. In the past, we have offered 40 scriptures for 40 days, 40 quotes for 40 days, and 40 words for 40 days. This year, we will be exploring 40 pieces of art during the 40 days of Lent.

If you do not already receive these electronic messages, please contact our church office to be added to the list. We hope that these images will pique your curiosity, guide you toward contemplation, encourage conversation with others, and inspire your faith. Who was Jesus? Why does he matter? And how can we learn to follow him?

Come and see, Jon



SUPER SUB SALE Sunday, February 3, 2019. WPC Youth are raising funds for mission trips. Every Sunday from January 6 through January 27, you can place an order with any of our youth or in Wright-Herberich Hall following morning worship. Sandwiches come

in 3 sizes: 6", 12" and 24" with three premium meats, cheese, lettuce and onion.

What a great addition to your Super Bowl party! For more information come to the Connection Point in Wright-Herberich Hall.

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the financial report detail for the period ending December 31, 2018. The final Financial Report for 2018 will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Giving Statements

Giving Statements have been emailed to contributors who provided email addresses. Giving statements have been sent by regular mail to those who don't have email and have given an amount greater than the IRS threshold. Please contact Kara in the Finance Office if you have any questions or need another copy of your statement. Kara can be reached at wpcfinance1250@gmail.com or 330-836-2226 ext. 5.

What is it for?

Many of you gift to Westminster through your bank's online BillPay service or through electronic giving. Often we receive your contribution and do not know if it is a payment towards your pledge or a gift for a special purpose. Please help us record your gifts accurately. If you use your bank's online BillPay service, please include a note in the memo. If there is not enough room in the memo, please send us an email. Electronic banking does not forward any information. Please mark the appropriate category and send us an email if you have special instructions. Thank you for your gifts to Westminster and its many ministries.

April/May 2019 Script

April/May script will be distributed on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Please have your articles and pictures about activities sent to wpcoffice1250@gmail.com by noon on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Church Leadership

In the last Script of 2018, we thanked those officers who had completed their terms of service. Since then, Westminster's members voted to elect new officers to serve in the life of our congregation. New elders and deacons received training on January 19 and were ordained and installed to official service during worship on January 20 and January 27.

We welcome our new elders: Phil Fry, Nancy Keogh, Becky Pool, and Don Rearick and our new deacons: Lisa Bansen-Harp, Barbara Blackfan, Donna Gorring, Mike Grau, RaeAnn Hall, Kevin Melver, and Pat Schumacher.

We are grateful for your service and for your willingness to answer the call to offer your gifts and skills in this way.



Monthly Financial Report

December 2018	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$85,520.47	\$67,992.74	\$606,043.56	**\$655,067.00
Total Expenses	\$59,749.24	\$57,032.75	\$587,449.86	\$655,067.00
Net	\$25,771.23	\$10,959.99	\$18,593.70	\$0.00

^{**}Budgeted total revenues include anticipated withdrawals from Rowley investments necessary to balance the budget totaling \$53,801 for the year.

The 2019 WPC Talent Show and Chili Tasting

March 9, 2019

Westminster's Got Talent...and now is the time for you to show it! Please submit your entry for the first ever church-wide Talent Show by February 10. On March 9 at 5:30 p.m., we will gather for this evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

We will start by enjoying the entries in the Chili cook-off, as well as displays of art (all media), crafts, quilts or writing, followed by live acts in the areas of music (solo, duo, group; instrumental or vocal), dance, poetic readings, magic, juggling, comedy...whatever talent you've got! We may even have a house band!



Please sign-up for your talent (including chili cookin') at Connection Point or via email to lbansenharp@hotmail.com.

Five at Five Concert

March 10, 2019

WPC is pleased to welcome Dr. Mark Alan Wade whose talents will be featured during our next 5@5 Concert. In keeping with the timing of the concert on the week of Saint Patrick's Day, Dr. Wade will be focusing on Irish-themed dulcimer music.

Dr. Wade is a National Champion hammered dulcimer player. He has recorded seven CDs and published numerous books



on Irish music. He is one of the few Irish specialists in the state of Ohio, and has performed on three continents on the hammered dulcimer. The other members of Dr. Wade's Irish group are equally renowned for their expertise in traditional Irish music.

The concert is free to all due to the generosity of many. We invite you to join us at 5 p.m. on March 10.



Tween Service Project - Good Neighbors

Our Tweens will once again join the volunteers at Good Neighbors to help stock shelves, organize food containers, and clean the food pantry. We will meet at WPC at 11:30 a.m. to share lunch on Saturday, February 9, carpool to Good Neighbors Food Pantry and return by 3 pm.

Please let us know if your tween (4th-6th grade) is interested in joining this fun and meaningful time of service.

wpcchildren1250@gmail.com

WPC New Website Address

Check your computer bookmarks! Our new church website comes with a new address, www.westminsterakron.org. The old web address (www.westminsterakron.com) will automatically forward to the new site for the next few months as a transition. Our goal was to create a website that will look great and also be easily updated by our staff throughout the seasons.

Check back frequently for updates, new pictures and upcoming events in the life of our church!



Worship Attendance Statistics

Year	2017	2018
November	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
week 1	179 5@5 >500 (5:00 p.m.)	131
week 2	163	115
week 3	129	107
week 4	138	122
December	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
week 1	178	136
week 2	166	164 5@5 251 (5:00 p.m.)
week 3	212	222
	154	158
week 4	Christmas Eve 452 (5:00 p.m.)	Christmas Eve 424 (5:00 p.m.)
week 5	98	91

Application procedure:

Submission: Please submit a personal letter, which should include

information pertinent to your academics, extracurricular activities, volunteer services, leadership roles, work

experience and career goals.

Mail to: Attn: Ms. Kristine Spaethe Keller

Scholarship Committee

1250 W. Exchange Street

Akron, Ohio 44313

Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2018

Westminster Presbyterian Members

- Births none
- Marriages none
- Baptisms Ashdon Wright Richards and Aubryn Anne Richards, children of Brandon and Ashley Richards, on January 5, 2019.
- Deaths Frances Keller on December 26, 2018 (memorial 1/5/19)



- Westminster member Martha Wilson turned 100-years-old on January 16. Martha passed away three days after, on January 19, 2019 (memorial 1/26/19)

Membership Inquiry

Are you considering deepening your relationship with Westminster? If so, please contact Pastor Hauerwas at jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com to discuss coordinating schedules for a future membership class.



Befrienders Bake Sale

The Deacons would like to thank everyone for supporting our bake sale and also helping us buy flowers for Valentine's Day. The purpose was to raise money to provide flowers to every person living at Ohio Living-Rockynol on Valentine's Day. The amount of \$582 was raised.





Presbyterian Women

SAVE THE DATE: PW Spring Gathering **Saturday, April 6** at noon.



We will meet at Bravo Restaurant (Summit Mall). We will enjoy food, fellowship, and fun, as we all become models! Celebrate the season by wearing a spring bonnet, homemade or store bought, but not required!

Questions? Call Margo at 330.396.0408.

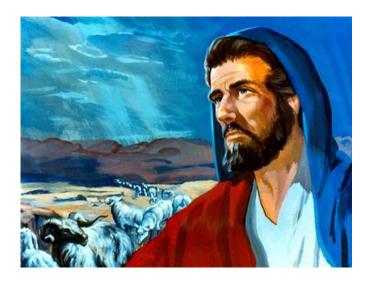


Adult Education

Amos Said WHAT!?!

In February and March, the Adult Education class will explore the phenomenon of prophecy in ancient Israel, looking at when and why prophecy arose, the role of the prophet, and the major themes of their messages. Then we will look more specifically at the prophet Amos who crossed the boundary between religion and politics and shocked people and their prejudices by insisting that God's judgment would be levied against them, not just their enemies. Amos also preached that God was very upset with the way they substituted the performance of religious rituals for true worship and service to God.

How does this relate to the message in the New Testament, and what does it say to us and how we understand our church's ministry of justice today? Come join us in room 106 at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. For more details, see Rae Leonard.



Teachers will return on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Teacher Training and Lunch (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
We will experiencing a Complete Godly Play Session with
Side-by-Side Core and Extension stories - Wondering & Response
- Prayers & Feast - Blessing & Dismissal. We will talk about managing the circle and teacher roles, as well as how to deepen wondering and response time and hear a story we haven't heard at yet! And please bring your questions and struggles to share.



Spaethe Scholarships Available

The Spaethe Scholarship Endowment Fund, established in memory of longtime members Phyllis G. and William F. Spaethe, is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. The purpose of the fund is to financially assist members of Westminster Presbyterian Church who are seeking to continue their education beyond the high school level.

Candidate requirements:

- Membership in Westminster Presbyterian Church
- No Age restriction
- Acceptance to and enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program

College/University – Two or Four-year program Vocational/Technical school School of Applied Arts





Godly Play Parent & Teacher Training

PLEASE PUT THESES DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Friday, March 1 & Saturday, March 2

<u>Parents and Teachers</u> please join us on Friday March 1, 2019 from 6-8 for a simple meal and then an evening focusing on how we nurture the spiritual lives of children. How do we help them value and express the central relationships of their lives – with God, others and the rest of creation? Join us for a thoughtful, Godly Play-style engagement of these questions...

WPC Book Group

As always, all bookworms are welcome to join the WPC book group for fellowship and informal discussion of an eclectic range of books. We meet 2nd Mondays from 7-8:30 in the library.

Upcoming books:

2/11/19 - **Two Steps Forward** Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist

3/11/19 - **The Muralist** - B.A. Shapiro

4/8/19 - Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk - Kathleen Rooney



2018 WPC Christmas Basket Delivery

On Saturday, December 15, the Outreach Committee's Annual

Christmas Basket Delivery went smoother than ever due to the efforts of dozens of congregation members who donated resources, time and energy.

250 baskets were assembled and distributed to needy families in Summit County identified by the Salvation Army (117 individual addresses, as well as 63 and 70 families at Saferstein and Portage Trail Village apartments, respectively).





Use of a truck was graciously donated by Stutler Leasing. Early-rising volunteers unloaded two trucks of hams, and canned and fresh food purchased from Acme #1 (including Nickles bread generously donated by Margie Brideweser). Volunteers then assembled and loaded into the cars of our delivery drivers eager to spread the spirit of Christmas across the community.

The group of volunteers from Westminster consisted of adults and families with youth and children. Congregants donated \$5,775.00 this year. Your generosity

helps to maintain Westminster's relevance in our community.



Youth Ministry



The youth had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas and ice skating together. We look forward to gathering for our next youth event SUPER SUB SALE on Sunday, **February 3**.

Children's Ministries

Children at the ice skating rink event, on Sunday, January 6.





