## Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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## Third Sunday in Lent March 24, 2019 10:30 a.m. Worship

At the ringing of the carillon please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.**\*Please rise in body or spirit.

#### To the parents of our young children

Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you need to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome. Sit toward the front, where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

## To the members of our congregation

The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children, call them by name and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

## **COME**

Voluntary Arietta

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

\*Call to Worship

Barb Shriner

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

\*Hymn 189

As Deer Long for the Streams

ROCKINGHAM

## **ENCOUNTER**

**Prayer of Confession** 

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is observed.

## Calendar of Church Building Events For March 24–31, 2019

#### **Sunday**, 3/24

8:45 am Child Care Center opens 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for all ages 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting (Room 106)

#### **Monday**, 3/25

1:00 pm No activities planned

#### **Tuesday**, 3/26

7:00 pm Session meeting (Room 106)

#### Wednesday, 3/27

4:00 pm Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)

#### Thursday, 3/28

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting (Library)

12:00 pm Bible Study (Library)

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

#### **Friday, 3/29**

No activities planned

#### Saturday, 3/30

10:00 am Session Visioning (Pastor's Study)

#### **Sunday**, 3/31

8:45 am Child Care Center opens

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for all ages 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
11:30 am CFMT Meeting (Tween Room)

## **COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE**

THE TWO QUILTS in the Wright-Herberich Hall are for Frank Holub, Jr. who is residing at Ohio Living—Rockynol and Moss Rutan.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERING Attention all women of the church! Come and celebrate spring! On **Saturday**, **April 6 at noon**, meet at Bravo Restaurant (Summit Mall) where we will enjoy food, fellowship, and fun as we all become models! Wear a spring bonnet, homemade or store bought, but not required! Your efforts to don the most beautiful hat may be rewarded with a prize. Please bring your \$20 cash/check to WHH on March 24 or 31 or call Margo to reserve a spot at 330.396.0408.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING/FISH BOXES FOR KIDS This offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed. Collection: April 14.

## **Monthly Financial Report**

February 2019	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$26,655.79	\$36,123.74	\$108,405.56	**\$112,753.99
Total Expenses	\$40,857.29	\$49,415.89	\$81,025.22	\$104,856.79
Net	(\$14,201.49)	(\$13,292.15)	\$27,380.34	\$7,897.20

<sup>\*\*</sup>Budgeted total revenues include anticipated withdrawals from Rowley investments necessary to balance the budget totaling \$40,954 for the year.

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending February 28, 2019.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us Kyrie Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith,

\*Response 567 Glory to the Father Gloria Patri Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen.

\*Passing the Peace Greet both friends and strangers saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

we will walk the way of Christ.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick up after the service.

Offertory Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

\*Response 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Following the Time for Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities.

Kindergarteners through 6th graders are invited to children's choir rehearsal in Room 206 of the Education Building. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.

## **GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Psalm 63:1-5, 8 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 527

\*Hymn 159 Why Are Nations Raging?

SALZBURG

The Second Lesson Isaiah 55:1-9 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 685 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

Sermon Longing for Home

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## **SERVE**

\*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Hymn 467 How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Fantasy in G minor, BWV 542a Johann Sebastian Bach

## Welcome to our worship this morning!

Join us after worship today for coffee and fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES, HYMNALS, CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available. Please ask an usher.

USHERS are Brad Hall (Head Usher), James Lee, Sook Lee, Andi Jopperi, and Mike Grau.

VISITORS If you are new to Westminster, please pick-up your welcome bag that is in the entrance to the church.

The white rose on the pedestal today is in memory of James D. Gray, who joined the church triumphant on March 18.

A funeral service was held at Westminster on March 22.