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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Resurrection of the Lord/Easter April 21, 2019 8:00 AM Worship



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.

COME

Prelude Crown Him with Many Crowns

Arranged by Jennifer Young

*Call to Worship

This is the good news - the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Alleluia!

This is the good news - the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Alleluia!

This is the good news - once we were not a people; now we are God's people.

Alleluia!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with one each other.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 2115 Christ Has Risen

HOLY MANNA

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

*Hymn 2193 Lord Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)
CHILDREN PRAYING

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we do not always pursue you as the true center of our lives. We do not always treat the good news with utmost importance, and we are not always eager to share it with others. We do not always trust the Resurrection to change our lives, and we often fail to see the urgency in the redemption that you make

Calendar of Church Building Events For April 21—28, 2019

Sunday, 4/21	EASTER SUNDAY
800 am	Easter Worship/Communion (Johnstone Patio)
8:45 am	Child Care Center opens
9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Adult Education (Room 106)
10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt (Church Lawn)
10:30 am	Easter Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
Monday, 4/22	
1:00 pm	Task Force meeting (Pastor's Study)
Tuesday, 4/23	
7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Room 106)
Wednesday, 4/24	1
4:00 pm	Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)
4:15 pm	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Thursday, 4/25	
9:30 am	WPC Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (Library)
3:00 pm	Membership Committee Meeting (Library)
Friday, 4/26	
	No activities planned
Saturday, 4/27	
9:00 am	Celtic Gardeners (Garden)
2:00 pm	Yoga class (C.E. Basement)
Sunday , 4/28	
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	Tween Earth Day Service Event
11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship (WHH)

3rd Sunday Dinner

5:00 pm

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS/WHO IS GOD? Starting today and continuing for six weeks, the adult education class will tackle the intriguing question, "Who is God?" We will see what ancient Israel understood about God including God's identity as the Creator. Then we will consider the problems posed by the apparent conflict between God's love and God's justice, including the problem of suffering and evil in the world. Finally, we will discuss how the unknowable God has become known through Jesus and through the Holy Spirit. Join us on Sundays in room 106 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Rae Leonard.

TWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE EVENT is April 28.

We have teamed up with Keep Akron Beautiful to clean up Hardesty Park. You don't need to be a Tween to help. All are welcome. We will have some pizza in the Tween room and then walk over to Hardesty. Keep Akron Beautiful gives us safety guidelines and materials for collecting the trash. There are other groups all over Akron during the month of April cleaning shared community space. We have waivers at Connection Point in WHH, please sign up there by April 21st. Many hands make light work!

ANNUAL PERENNIAL SALE **Saturday**, **May 11** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is our Celtic Garden Perennial Sale runs concurrently with the West Akron Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. The sale this year is the day before Mother's Day. Also, please consider dividing and sharing perennials from your own gardens to donate to the sale. Labeled donations can be left in the Celtic Garden.

FIVE AT FIVE CONCERT on **Sunday, May 5** at 5:00 p.m. will feature the Singers Companye, Akron's Chamber Choir under the artistic direction of Samuel Gordon. This superb ensemble has chosen a poetic theme they are calling At the Heart Of It. The program includes part-songs by Franz Schubert; The Peace of Wild Things by choral rock star, Jake Runestad (first Akron performance); Three Themes of Life and Love, for choir and percussion by Daniel Elder; Child of Song by Steven Sametz; Locus Iste by Paul Mealor; and William Averitt's new work based on American shape note tunes, Over Jordan for choir and piano four hands. The concert is free and open to the public.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE from **Sunday**, **June 16 to Sunday**, **August 22** we offer our summer worship schedule. Outside worship will be held at 8:30 a.m. and the traditional service at 10:30 a.m.

possible. At times, we even let early mornings deter us from being willing servants of Jesus. Lord, we have become disconnected and we are not ready for your Glory. Forgive us of our sins, spoken and unspoken, known and unknown, apparent and hidden.

*Hymn 2275 Kyrie

NEW WORLD

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response of Praise 2108 O How He Loves You and Me PATRICIA

*Passing the Peace Greet both friends and strangers saying,

The peace of Christ be with you.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 696

The Second Lesson Luke 24:1-12 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 90 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon If What You Say Is True

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister gives thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The minister gives thanksgiving for the work of Jesus Christ.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your life, ministry, death, and resurrection, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

The minister gives thanksgiving for the work of the Holy Spirit.

So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community, we may taste and see your goodness.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

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 Bob Leonard (Head Usher), Don Rearick, Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson, and Phil Fry.

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

WHITE ROSES are in memory of Iris Kuehls and Claude Wilton, Westminster members who have joined the church triumphant.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

RECYCLING CD'S Have old CD's you no longer use? Do the earth a favor by bringing them to WHH and placing them in a box at the Connection Point anytime during the month of April so that they can be recycled.

APRIL THIRD SUNDAY COMMUNITY DINNER is moved back a week to **April 28** to avoid Easter conflict.

Volunteers Needed. Please join WPC Outreach and volunteer at one of the monthly third Sunday dinners. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, clean and donate desserts. Reach out to Gert Wilms at 330-501-7483 or gertrudewilms@gmail.com to sign up for a date and an assignment.

VBS will be **July 8-11**, from 9:15 a.m. to noon for 4yrs - 6th grade. Our theme this year is "The Gospel according to Dr. Seuss".

FIVE AT FIVE CONCERT Season Twenty Two 2019-20
September 8, 2019 - Colin McKnight: Solo Organ Recital
October 20, 2019 - Westminster Presbyterian Choir and Area Choirs:
Choral and Organ Concert

November 17, 2019 - Les Délices: Medieval Music Concert

March 15, 2020 - Andrew Sords: Violinist

May 3, 2020 - Wright Family Singers: Gospel Music Concert

In loving memory of Jarema & Maria Porchowsky, Frank & Dorothy Preebe and Ernest Biegacki from Mark and Helen Preebe.

In loving memory of her grandparents Mr & Mrs. Wiegand Jensen and Dr. & Mrs. E. Henry Jones from Dr. Nancy Jones Keogh.

In loving memory of Glenn & Ruth Clark and Whitey Wahl from Marian Wahl.

In memory of my parents, Jean and Warren Grable from Deborah Laferty.

In honor of Laurel's parents, Millard & Martha Manning for their 70th birthdays and in loving memory of Ed's parents, Charles & Marilyn Labbe.

In loving memory of John D. Thackeray from Barbara Thackeray, Amy and Brian Ketler, Laurie and Dan Hayes and their children.

In loving memory of parents Margaret & Thomas Sellars, Elizabeth Voss, Donald Childs, William Voss from John & Bonnie Childs.

In honor and loving memory of John D. and Mary S. Chapman, Laurance and Sylvia Chapman, Henry B. and Mary S. Manton, and J. Penfield and Harriet M. Seiberling from Harriet D. Chapman.

In loving memory of my Christian relatives Mary Buehl Prinz, Paul Luther Prinz, Fred and Francia Albrecht given by Timothy Prinz.



The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front row. Return to your pew by the side aisles. Those in the balcony may come forward at any time. The servers with chalices have wine for dipping the bread; those with trays have cups for grape juice. If you choose to receive the bread and cup in your pew, please raise your hand so a serving team can identify you. Gluten, soy, and corn free wafers are also available for those with allergies.

Words of Institution

"The bread of life." "The cup of salvation."

Prayer following Communion

You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful. Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come, with hearts made ready, eyes made open, hands made strong, and feet made willing to do your will in this place, and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.

*Hymn 2149 Living for Jesus

LIVING FOR JESUS

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Majesty

Arranged by Jennifer Young



Funding for soloist Jennifer Young is provided by the Enyart Endowment for Music Enrichment.

Bio of Jennifer Young

Jen Young has held posts as organist, pianist, choir accompanist, and choir director for various churches in CT and OH. Jennifer has also played with the Akron Big Band, sung the National Anthem at Akron Rubber Ducks games, and participated as a singer with Summit Choral Society. She currently sings with the Crooked River Chorale and with Singers Companye. Jen's primary occupation is working with Engineers and fellow Nature Lovers (aka the Environment Department) at FirstEnergy. Jen likes to keep busy. She is passionate about preserving older homes. Recently, she has authored children's books in verse, is learning to play the celtic harp, and is writing four-part a capella choral music based on the Psalms.

2019 Easter Lily Memorials and Gifts

Westminster Presbyterian Church sincerely appreciates those members and friends who have contributed in honor or memory of their loved ones, making possible the lovely Easter decorations in the Sanctuary.



In loving memory of Nanny Laura & Grandpa Pete from RaeAnn Hall.

In loving memory of Thomas W. Fisher, Jr. from Polly Fisher

In loving memory of Dr. William Brideweser from the Brideweser family.

In loving memory of my wife, Eileen O. Field and my parents, Frank L. Field, Sr. & Virginia C. Field, from Frank L. Field, Jr.

In loving memory of our parents Robert & Ann Tutt and Robert & Grace Melver from Bill and Ginny Melver.

In loving memory of Robert J. "Bob" Werner from Shirley Werner and family.

In loving memory of daughter Kelly and our parents Keith and Evelyn Allison & Glenn and Dorothy Hall from Dave and Dianne Allison.

In loving memory of John E. Holcomb from Marcia Holcomb and family.

In loving memory of loved ones from Patricia Schumacher.

In loving memory of our parents Walter and Mary Brodine & Allan and Marjorie Franzmann from Stacy and Jim Franzmann.

In memory of Andy Henninger from Bain & Inky Malone.

In loving memory of Marilyn Albertson, sister-in-law, from Lou Albertson.

In memory of Henry S. & Margaret Beidler & Isaac Curtis Hale from Cindy Beidler & Mike Hale.

In loving memory of my cousin John A. Hanson, Lt. Col (ret) from Edie Willoughby.

In loving memory of Mildred Sweet, Frances Toth & Richard Sweet from Tracy McLean Ehrler.

In loving memory of Jon M. Daugherty from Ellen Daugherty.

In loving memory of our grandparents Hanna, Melver, Tutt and Ward from Kevin, Cathy & Zoe Melver.