October/November 2019 Script

Oct./Nov. script will be distributed on Sunday, September 29, 2019. Please have your articles and pictures about activities sent to wpcoffice1250@gmail.com by noon on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

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The Script August-September 2019

Pastor's Corner

GIVING THANKS FOR THE JOURNEY

Alcee Chriss III is a talented musician with a bright professional future who has guided our choir and concert series for the past year, while serving as our resident expert at the organ. We have appreciated Alcee's musical gifts, and the ways in which he has helped us to sense God's presence during our corporate worship at Westminster. In the past year, I witnessed him offer his talents on behalf of the clients at the Ohio Living-Rockynol adult day care, and provide instruction for other regional musicians. I remember how Alcee delighted those who gathered in our fellowship hall for a lively, in-house talent show, and how he introduced himself to greater Akron with an organ recital in the fall.

This year, Alcee also received an offer he couldn't refuse - to serve as an organ professor in a field in which such opportunities are few and far between. As he transitions to this next stage of his personal and professional journey, we bid him farewell in his relocation to Connecticut.

A celebratory reception is being held in Alcee's honor following the 10:30 a.m. worship service **on August 4**. Moreover, and in an effort to make the reception as meaningful as possible, there will be no 8:30 a.m. service that morning. We hope to see you in worship at 10:30 a.m. and at the reception to follow!

Meanwhile, as Alcee's journey with Westminster officially draws to a close, others are now being welcomed into our fellowship. Several individuals have signed up to attend the New Member Class on July 30 and will be received into membership during worship in the coming weeks. Watch your bulletin for their pictures and biographies and welcome them warmly to our congregation.

With thanks, Jon



5 at 5 Concert Series Season Twenty Two: 2019-2020

September 8, 2019
Colin MacKnight
Solo Organ Recital

October 13, 2019
Dr. Dave Thomas
Jazz Quintet

March 15, 2020 Andrew Sords Romantic Violin Tunes

May 3, 2020 Wright Family Singers Gospel Music Concert

November 17, 2019 Les Délices: *Intoxicating*



Monthly Financial Report

June 2019	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$55,111.60	\$53,973.75	\$322,122.61	**\$312,594.82
Total Expenses	\$39,462.32	\$51,546.56	\$273,554.42	\$313,033.14
Net	\$15,649.28	\$2,427.19	\$48,568.19	(\$438.32)

^{**}Budgeted total revenues include anticipated withdrawals from Rowley investments necessary to balance the budget totaling \$40,954 for the year.

Pledged contributions are \$15,000 in excess of budget – the result of prepaid pledges received earlier in the year. Unpledged contributions are \$6,872 above budget. General Endowments for operating are \$3,657 in excess of the amount budgeted thanks to a one-time distribution of prior year earnings distributed in January. Ohio Living has vacated the premises: \$5,950 in anticipated revenues will not be received in 2019. Overall Income in excess of budget is \$9,528 at June 30, 2019.

Discipleship is under budget \$3,285 - \$1,361 due to postponement of Student Mission Trip. Office and Admin under budget \$5,088 primarily from savings in copier contract and supplies and computer equipment and support. Outreach under budget by \$4,845 - mission payments are to be made in July. Utilities are currently under budget by \$3,507 for the year. Heating & AC repair is over by \$2,700 due to a boiler pipe repair and new heater for WYDACA area. Personnel costs are below budget by \$22,543 due to the timing of evaluations and wage increases. Savings also evident in reduced overtime paid for custodial services and reduction in use of additional maintenance staff. Overall expenses are below budget by \$39,478 at June 30, 2019.

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending June 30, 2019.

available to us. We are encouraged as we begin our search. News travels fast! Already there have been inquiries to both the interim and permanent position. The committee is confident that with careful discernment we will find the right candidate to serve as Music Director/Organist in our community of faith.

Stacy Franzmann

Worship Attendance Statistics

Year	2018	2019
May	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
week 1	146	131
week 2	184	194
week 3	192	128
week 4	Memorial Day Picnic & Jim Mismas'celebration 429	Memorial Day Picnic 147
June	8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
week 1	113 (10:30)	26 (8:30) 99 (10:30)
week 2	31 (8:30) 79 (10:30)	32 (8:30) 72 (10:30)
week 3	35 (8:30) 79 (10:30)	24 (8:30) 81 (10:30)
week 4	66 (8:30) 64 (10:30)	28 (8:30) 70 (10:30)
week 5		34 (8:30) 106 (10:30)

Giving Statements

Giving Statements were emailed in mid-July. If you did not receive an email or want a copy mailed to you, please contact Debby at wpcfinance1250@gmail.com.



Akron Pride March and Festival Updates

At a recent Session meeting, Westminster's leadership voted to endorse the mission statement of More Light Presbyterians (https://mlp.org). The statement reads, "Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society."

In furtherance of this mission statement, Westminster Presbyterian Church will be representing our congregation at the 3rd Annual Akron Pride March and Festival on **Saturday, August 24**. The Pride March will be a 1.5 mile walk from Highland Square to Hardesty Park that will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Hardesty Park. Please stop by the Connection Point to sign up to march with our congregation and/or to volunteer at our booth in Hardesty Park and join your church friends in reminding our neighbors that God is love. We welcome your presence, support, and involvement on Saturday, August 24.

Please contact Phil Fry at fryphillip6o@yahoo.com or Kara Hauerwas at khauerwas@gmail.com with questions or offers to help.





Earth Care Tips

We all know how important it is to **avoid using plastic single-use** containers. When 259 single-use bottles of water of various brands were tested, 93% were found to have micro plastic inside. So carrying a reusable water bottle is a win-win for both the planet and for you!



Officer Recommendations for 2020

The Nominating Committee would like to remind everyone to complete the Officer Recommendation Form that they received in the July 7, 2019 bulletin. Extra copies are available in the literature racks. Please submit your completed form on or before August 4, 2019. Forms may be sent to the office or placed in the collection plate.

Thank you, the Nominating Committee

ELDERS

Term Expiring 2019	Term Expiring 2020	Term Expiring 2021
Marcia Holcomb	Michael Dunbar	Phil Fry
James C. Gray	Brad Hall	Nancy Keogh
Ed Labbe	Shelley Koutnik	Rebecca Pool
Alec Works	Todd Willis	Don Rearick

DEACONS

Term Expiring 2019	Term Expiring 2020	
Sandy Gruneich	Lisa Bansen-Harp	
Eric Jopperi	Donna Gorring	
James Lee	Susan Grafinger	
Susan Shellito	Mike Grau	
Barbara Thackeray	Rae Ann Hall	
Marian Wahl	Kevin Melver	
Margo Works	Pat Schumacher	



Giving Envelopes

The church provides giving envelopes for you in one of two ways. Blank envelopes are available each week in the church pews, or pre-printed envelopes are mailed to your home address. If you would prefer to no longer receive pre-printed envelopes, you may opt-out via email (wpcfinance1250@gmail.com) or by calling the church office. Alternately, if you have not received pre-printed envelopes in the past and would like to begin receiving them, please contact the Finance Office by August 30.

Music Director/Organist Search Committee

A Music Director/Organist Search Committee has been put in place by a vote of Session. The committee is comprised of Chris Blaha, Stacy Franzmann (moderator), Laurel Labbe (secretary), Jacquie Mabry, Jim Shriner and Jon Hauerwas who will serve on the committee as a staff liaison. It is our purpose to find an interim person to serve as Music/Director Organist as well as a permanent replacement for Alcee Chriss III. We will make our recommendations to the Session.

Alcee has served us well with his amazing talents as a musician and organist. He has enriched the spiritual life of our community of faith and we thank him for his service to Westminster. That being said, we are now tasked with seeking a Music Director/Organist that will fit the needs of our congregation. Your committee is already at work. We are working to secure an interim person to begin in September to allow us the time needed to find a more permanent candidate for our next Music Director/Organist. We have prepared a formal job description addressing both the worship service obligations and the Five at Five Concert series, which has been sent to Session for approval. This committee will work with Personnel, Finance, and Session on the benefits package including salary for both the interim and more permanent replacement. How we will publicize and solicit potential candidates is being addressed and there are several options

Celtic Garden News





It's been a challenge for the Celtic gardeners this season, what with the cool spring and the copious amounts of rain. In some instances some plants thrived - the weeds certainly did - and in other instances plants refused to grow until the weather changed. Another challenge has been the battle with the rabbits. who have unceremoniously dined on some of our prettiest, most expensive flowers. Several plants that had been destroyed have had to be replaced. In spite of the problems, we have once again been blessed with beautiful flowers.

Please, when you have an opportunity, take a few minutes to stroll through the garden and appreciate God's handiwork.

The upcoming garden workdays will be August 10 & 24, and September 7 & 21.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

The Prayer Quilt Committee has **a special military-themed prayer quilt** for someone in need. Please contact Marian Wahl if you know of someone.

ENDOWMENT TRUST

Term Expiring 2019	Term Expiring 2020	Term Expiring 2021
Ralph Davis	Art Schooley	Ben Hoffman
Tom Koutnik	Jerry Young	

A Reminder

The Outreach Committee would like to offer a friendly reminder that all food leftover from church events is intended for Haven of Rest rather than for members of our congregation. In the kitchen, you can find a list of individuals who are happy to transport the leftovers to the shelter. The Haven of Rest has already communicated to us that no amount is too small and that all food donations are gratefully received.

Thank you for your assistance in serving those in need in the Akron community.



WPC Book Group

You are all welcome to join the discussion on 2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson Library. For the next months we are reading:

- 08/12/19 Becoming by Michelle Obama, Kristy Yates
- 09/09/19 Educated by Tara Westover, Ginny Melver
- 10/14/19 The Bookseller by Mark Pryor, Harriet Cutler
- \bullet 11/11/19 Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, Cathy Melver



WPC Men's Club

The Westminster men meet for lunch on the second Monday of each month, except for the summer, at the Olive Garden in Montrose beginning **Monday**, **September 9**, **2019**.

All men of Westminster are welcome to the lunch which begins at 11:30 a.m. While our primary purpose is social, some of the discussion may be about activities of the church. Pastor Jon joins us whenever his schedule permits. The Olive Garden provides a selection of food from the menu with excellent service. If you would enjoy good discussions, good food and good companionship, please join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Art Schooley at 330-666-3816.



Adult Education/Bible Study

A new series on Wisdom Literature will begin on September 8. Team-taught by Pastor Jon Hauerwas and Rae Leonard, these eight sessions will include an overview of

wisdom literature, introduction to the major wisdom books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job, plus some in-depth study of the practical advice and the explorations of the meaning of life found there. Discover the Christian links to the wisdom movement, as well.

Come join us this fall at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in room 106 beginning **September 8.**

Memorial Garden

Many questions were asked and answered at the informative and well attended June 30th WPC Memorial Garden open house. Some who came were aware of the Memorial Garden; others were not. However, the response was enthusiastic, as it has not been since its establishment in 2011. The Memorial Garden committee will be placing periodic articles in the Script with updates and other items of interest. There will continue to be information about the Memorial Garden in the literature racks located in the narthex and at the bottom of the stairs leading from the sanctuary to Wright-Herberich Hall. In the meantime, please take a few minutes to visit the Garden and feel free to discuss any questions you might have with any of the committee members: Phil Fry, Earl Pierson, Kara Hauerwas, Marcia Holcomb, Shelley Koutnik and Barb or Jim Shriner.

Please take a moment to read this Memorial Garden thought...



IN MEMORY

God looked around
His garden
And found an empty
place.
And then He looked
down upon the Earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms
around you
And He lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be
beautiful...
He only takes the best.

Vacation Bible School 201







Ice Cream Social

On August 18 we will have an Ice Cream Social on the Johnstone Patio with Sam Sapp and Sarah Matheny and Songs & Tails from the Woods. This program is a unique experience for old and young alike. It includes original music sung by singer/songwriter Sam Sapp and interactive learning by freelance naturalist Sarah Metheny. Join us for the fun at 6:00 p.m. after the 3rd Sunday Dinner.

Rally Day and 1st Sunday of Sunday School

Sunday, September 8, the classrooms will be sparkling clean, materials will be plenty, teachers will be welcoming... all we need will be you. We will begin the Education Hour at 9:30 a.m. for our Godly Play, Tween and Youth programs. For adults we have Adult Education in room 106 and Library Conversations in the Library. Following worship at 10:30 a.m. we will enjoy a Rally Day Picnic. Welcome Back!

Youth Ministry

The Youth have had a busy summer so far. They helped out with the horticultural team at the Akron Zoo. They also helped out with WPC VBS.

SUMMER SERVICE PROJECTS

- Saturday, July 27: Volunteering at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank at 8:30 a.m.
- **Saturday**, **August 3:** Service to the congregation at 9:00 a.m. Please use the signup sheet in the Wright-Herberich Hall if you need some service.

Children's Ministries



Yes! A good time was had by all! We explored themes of forgiveness, fear, empathy, environmental stewardship, selfishness, and ego through music, art, and stories. Each day we heard a different Dr.

Seuss story and correlating Bible story.





Vacation Bible School 2019

We had 15 amazing adult teachers, musicians, and chefs. We had 12 youth helpers and 55 children.

It was an exceptional week. God is good!











