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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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

Sit toward the front, where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. 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."

COME

Voluntary Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique Léon Boëllmann

*Call to Worship

Sheila Svoboda

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides, let us worship God.

*Hymn 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care... our doubt of your providence... our blindness to signs of your love.
We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence is observed.

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

Calendar of Church Building Events For August 18–25, 2019

Sunday, 8/18

8:30 am	Worship Service (Johnstone Patio)
10:00 am	Child Care Center Opens
10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
12:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting (Room 106)
5:00 pm	3 rd Sunday Dinner

6:00 pm **Monday, 8/19**

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, **8/20**

9:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, 8/21

1:00 pm	Sewing Circle (Room 10	6)
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7:00 pm Pride-Planning Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm Godly Play Meeting

Thursday, 8/22

No Activities Planned

Friday, 8/23

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 8/24

9:00 am Celtic Gardeners (Garden)

10:00 am 3rd Annual Akron Pride March and Festival (Off Site)

Sunday, 8/25

10:30 am

8:30 am	Worship Service/Communion (Johnstone Patio)
10:00 am	Child Care Center Opens

11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)

11:30 am Presbyterian Women Meeting (Room 106)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL Please join us today at 6:00 p.m. after the 3rd Sunday Dinner for free Ice Cream Social on the Johnstone Patio with Sam Sapp and Sarah Matheny and Songs and Tails from the Woods.

THURSDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY Please note that there will not be Bible study Thursday, August 22 and Thursday, September 12 & 19.

ACME CASH BACK program has begun again. Save your receipts dated August 8 to December 28, 2019. At the bottom of your receipt, it will have an amount that is labeled Cash Back. The church receives a percentage of that amount in cash. Receipts may be turned in to a box in Wright-Herberich Hall starting **August 25.**

AKRON PRIDE MARCH AND FESTIVAL is 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. We welcome your presence, support, and involvement that day.

Monthly Financial Report

July 2019	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$40,843.81	\$51,911.25	\$362,966.42	**\$364,506.07
Total Expenses	\$43,728.83	\$52,105.34	\$317,283.25	\$365,138.48
Net	(\$2,885.02)	(\$194.09)	\$45,683.17	(\$632.41)

^{**}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 July 31, 2019.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*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."

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 The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte Rachel Morrison, *soprano*

*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

Sheila Svoboda

After the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 6 year-olds are invited to the Nursery for age-appropriate activities.

Grades K-8 will stay in worship with their family.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Colossians 1:9-14 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 199

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

Hymn 339 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

The Second Lesson Hebrews 12:1-3 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 226 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon The Inheritance That God Has Prepared
The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for us according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

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 442 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Toccata from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

The funding for the soprano today, Rachel Morrison, was provided by the Seiberling Fund for Music.

Welcome to our worship this morning!

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

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), Earl Pierson, Phil Fry, Don Rearick, and Raphael Peoples.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Jim Mismas and Bruce Stebner in loving memory of Jim's mother, Ann Mismas.

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

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

MUSICAL TRANSITIONS We welcome musical leadership from Laurel Labbe during the 8:30 a.m. service on August 25 and from Music Director Emeritus Jim Mismas during the 10:30 a.m. service on the same date. Valerie Thorson, our Interim Music Director/Organist, will begin her role on September, 1st.