#### 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 Pastorale on "Forest Green"

**Richard Purvis** 

\*Call to Worship

Harriet Chapman

Sing praises to God, who created the heavens and the earth!
Sing praises to our Creator, who makes us brothers
and sisters!

Lift up your voices to God, who is worthy of praise.

Come join together in worshipping the God who makes us one.

Center your hearts on Christ, who calls upon us to love one another.

In prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, we worship Jesus our Lord.

\*Hymn 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

#### **ENCOUNTER**

**Prayer of Confession** 

God of Wisdom, we have dwelled in foolish ways, turning away from You to follow the desires of the world. We have sought worldly gain over the needs of our brothers and sisters. We have given in to anger, hate and fear rather than compassion and mercy. We have jumped to conclusions rather than waiting patiently to learn. Forgive us for tagging along to the ways of the world, and turn us back to follow You. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** 

Psalm 139

# Calendar of Church Building Events For October 6–13, 2019

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<b>Sunday</b> , 10/6	World Communion Sunday
8:45 am	Child Care Center Opens
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Education for All
10:30 am	Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee, Cake & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
11:30 am	Flu Shot Clinic (Library)
12:00 pm	Worship Committee (Room 106)
<b>Monday</b> , <b>10</b> /7	-
6:30 pm	Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)
Tuesday, 10/8	
6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study Room)
7:00 pm	Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)
7:00 pm	Properties Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, 10	0/9
4:15 pm	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Thursday, 10/1	10
9:30 am	WPC Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (Library)
Friday, 10/11 &	x Saturday, 10/12
	No Activities Planned
<b>Sunday, 10/13</b>	
8:45 am	Child Care Center Opens
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Education for All
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
11:30 am	Stewardship Campaign/Kick-off (WHH)

Child Care for Concert

5 at 5 Concert/Dr. Dave Thomas/Jazz (Sanctuary)

Youth Hike to Nature Realm (Off Site)

4:30 pm

5:00 pm

5:30 pm

\*Hymn 414 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Chaconne in G Minor

Louis Couperin

### Welcome to our worship this morning!

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

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

USHERS are Dave Stobbs (Head Usher), Dan & Donna Gorring, Linda Stobbs, and Bill Bramley.

TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given in loving memory of Mary Seiberling Chapman by her daughter, Harriet D. Chapman.

The flowers on the pedestal are given by Bridget and Rob Gilbert in memory of Bridget's grandparents, Julius and Ann Nemeth.

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**

QUILT MINISTRY The quilt hanging in WHH is for Phil Keller. Please tie a knot and say a prayer for him.

BEYOND SUFFERING/DISABILITY MINISTRY by Joni and Friends. **Monday, October 7,** Claudine Schooley will teach this new class and facilitate the discussion, in this 12-week series in Room 106 (wheelchair accessible), 2 Mondays per month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free class, please come! Information at cdschooley@outlook.com

YOUTH HIKE will be on **Sunday**, **October 13** at 5:30 p.m. at the Nature Realm FA Sieberling.

\*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

\*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Moment for Ministry

Peacemaking Offering/Kate Clark

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

forever, Amen, Amen, Amen,

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 Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul has seen, Laden with fruit and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell, The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

\*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

First Sunday Food Collection

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 207 of the Education Building. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.

## **GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

Isaiah 55:1-11

The First Lesson Genesis 12:1-3 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 10

The Second Lesson Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 188

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

Sermon One

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

#### **SERVE**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

May the composer of heaven's music be with you!

And also with you!

Beloved, God has created you for faithful living.

We lift our hearts to the One who calls us to be Christ's Body.

People of God, sing to the One who cleanses us of our fears. We will dance with joy to the Table of peace and hope.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation. So, with those who trembled at the foot of your holy mountain, and with those who press on to follow you, we join our voices in praise to you:

Your Word opens our eyes to all creation; your Word is the sweet taste of joy for hungry hearts; your Word endures through every trial and triumph. Blessed is your Word who comes in your name! Hosanna in the highest!

*The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ.* 

As we remember his goodness and gentleness, as we celebrate his life in us, we would speak of that mystery we call faith:

Setting aside all he valued, Christ became our treasure; setting aside his own life, Christ rescued us from sin; setting aside our doubts and fears, we yearn for Christ's return in glory.

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

Spirit, come - come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup, in your people, one with Christ, one in ministry, in this place, in every place; in this world, in the world to come.

In one voice, let us offer the words of 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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Communion servers will distribute the bread and cup to you as you remain seated. They will serve the bread first. Gluten, soy, and corn free wafers are also available for those with allergies. Please retain your bread and we will all partake at the same time. We will then follow the same format for the cup. All cups contain grape juice. Please retain your cup and we will all partake together.

Words of Institution

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

Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West (sung by the choir)

MCKEE

**Prayer following Communion** 

May this communion be ours to enact with all followers of Christ in the worldwide Church. Fill us, Lord, with your Spirit, and with your joy. Make us one body, one light, one united witness. To the glory of your name we ask it. Amen.