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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November 17, 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

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 Theme and Pastorale on "St. Anne"

Paul Manz

*Call to Worship

Jacquie Mabry

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn 361 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy

Kurie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Calendar of Church Building Events For November 17 - 24, 2019

Sunday, 11/17

0.45 am	Ciliu Care Center Opens
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
0.30 am	Education for All

Child Care Center Opens

9:30 am Education for All 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
12:00 pm Worship Committee meeting (Room 106)
5:00 pm 5 at 5 Concert/Les Délices (Sanctuary)

Childcare is provided

Monday, 11/18

3:00 pm	Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)
7:00 pm	PW Evening Circle (Off Site) at Kristy Yates' Home

Tuesday, 11/19

9:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)

6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study)

Wednesday, 11/20

1:00 pm Sewing Circle (Room 106) 4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 11/21

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting (Library)

Friday, 11/22

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 11/23

No Activities Planned

Sunday, 11/24

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)	
11.20 am	Coffee & Followship (Mright II	

11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall) 5:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner (Wright-Herberich Hall)

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

BEYOND SUFFERING/DISABILITY MINISTRY CLASS is back at an earlier time (from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.) on **Monday**, **November 18**, in Room 106. All are welcome! Please contact Claudine at cdschooley@outlook.com

NO BIBLE STUDY on Thursday, **November 21** at noon, or **November 28**.

THANKSGIVING DINNER The Third Sunday Dinner will be held one week later, on **Sunday**, **November 24**, in celebration of Thanksgiving. To sign up to help support this event, please visit the link under the volunteer tab on westminsterakron.org, or sign up at the Connection Point.

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT **Sunday**, **December 1** at 4:00 p.m. the children will rehearse the Pageant in the Sanctuary under the leadership of Zack and Valerie. Following that we will all gather in WHH for a Family Potluck. The movie "The Star" will then be played upstairs in the Youth Room where the youth will host a hot chocolate bistro for everyone along with a Nativity making project. Please sign up at the Connection Point for the festivities and our Advent kick-off!

Monthly Financial Report

October 2019	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$44,876.36	\$52,911.24	\$483,885.46	*\$507,731.46
Total Expenses	\$44,084.37	\$55,111.31	\$449,108.56	\$514,178.91
Net	\$791.99	(\$2,200.07)	\$34,776.90	(\$6,447.45)

^{*}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 October 31, 2019.

*Response 567 Glory Be 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.**"

Moment for Ministry

Phil Fry/Hanging of the Greens

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 Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand

S. Drummond Wolff

Built on the Rock, the church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling; Crumbled have spires in every land, Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distrest, Longing for rest everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones, Builded for God's habitation; God through baptismal grace us owns, Heirs of his wondrous salvation. Were we but two God's name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell, With all his grace and his favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes Telling how God did receive us; The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what his table doth give us; Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, Yea, and for aye our Redeemer. Amen!

*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

Following the Time with 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

The First Lesson Joel 2:23-24, 26-29

Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 848

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

Hymn 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak CANONBURY

The Second Lesson Luke 18:9-14 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 81 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon The Lens Through Which We View the World
The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly

exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

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 210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Joan Buehl and family in loving memory of Phil Buehl.

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