#### 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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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany February 2, 2020 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 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Emma Lou Diemer

\*Call to Worship Micah 6:8 Kate Clark

What does the Lord require of you, **but to do justice**, love kindness, **and walk humbly with your God?** 

\*Hymn 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Anthem - Blest Are They

David Haas Westminster Children's Choir Zachary Troyer, Director

### **ENCOUNTER**

**Prayer of Confession** 

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. 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 February 2—9, 2020

Pride Subcommittee Meeting (Library)

## **Sunday, 2/2** 9:00 am

J	emia care center opens
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Education for All
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee, Cake & Fellowship (WHH)
11:30 am	Youth Super Bowl Sub Pick Up (WHH)

Child Care Center Opens

#### Monday, 2/3

12:00 pm

1:00 pm	Task Force Safety & Security Meeting (Nursery)
3:00 pm	Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)

#### Tuesday, 2/4

10:00 am Discussion Circle (Off Site at Concordia)

#### Wednesday, 2/5

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

#### Thursday, 2/6

9:30 am	WPC Staff meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (Library)

6:30 pm League of Women Voter Meeting (Room 106)

#### Friday, 2/7 No Activities Planned

#### Saturday, 2/8

1:00 pm Tween Service Project (Off Site at Good Neighbors)

#### **Sunday**, 2/9

9:00 am	Child Care Center Opens
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Education for All
10:30 am	Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)

11:30 am Tween Teachers Meeting (Tween Room)

THE BIRTHDAY CAKE today was given by Marian Wahl.

## **COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE**

TWEENS AT GOOD NEIGHBORS We are having service day for our Tweens on Saturday, February 8 at Good Neighbors. This food pantry is where we send the food we collect on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. It is great to bring the students here after all their years of collecting the food! We are scheduled to work there from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 1453 Goodyear Blvd, Akron, OH 44305. I will be driving there from Westminster, leaving at 12:30 p.m. If others would like to drive and help, please let me know. Otherwise, let me know if you will be dropping your child and meeting us there. Thank you! Sheila at wpcchildren1250@gmail.com.

#### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Your February/March Script was delayed for one week due to event schedule changes. Enjoy it today.



#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

\*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.

Moment for Ministry

Stacy Franzmann

Music Director and Organist Search Committee

\*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 Blessed Are They

Lee Dengler

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heavn'n. Blessed are all those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are they who make peace, for they shall be children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

If for Jesus' sake, people insult you, and persecute you, falsely accuse you, Rejoice, be glad; great is your reward which now awaits you in heaven. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are the pure in heart, Blessed are they who make peace, for they shall be children of God. Blessed are they.

\*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

The First Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 166

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

Hymn 310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

The Second Lesson Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 4
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

Sermon To Be Blessed

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

### **SERVE**

\*Affirmation of Faith

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, the forces of evil seek to scatter and isolate; but God, through Christ, gathers a new community - those who by God's gift put their trust

in Christ. In the new community, all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start; the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

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 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Charles Callahan

# Welcome to our worship this morning! Join us after worship today in Wright-Herberich Hall

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), Linda Stobbs, and Dan & Donna Gorring. TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

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

THE QUILT HANGING IN WHH is for Ann Wiggins, daughter of deceased long-time members Mr. and Mrs. L. Aaron.