### 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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Baptism of the Lord January 12, 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 Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness Theodore Beck

\*Call to Worship

Sheila Svoboda

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Today, we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

\*Hymn 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

# **ENCOUNTER**

**Prayer of Confession** 

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. 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 January 12—19, 2020

#### **Sunday**, 1/12

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/Ordination, Installation

of Officers (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)

**Monday**, 1/13

11:30 pm WPC Men's Group (off site/Olive Garden) 3:00 pm Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)

7:00 pm Book Discussion (Library)

Tuesday, 1/14

7:00 pm Discipleship Meeting (Room 106) 7:00 pm Properties Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, 1/15

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 1/16

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting (Library)

12:00 pm Bible Study (Library) Friday, 1/17 No Activities Planned

Saturday, 1/18

8:00 am Food for Life (Kitchen)

9:30 am Outreach Committee Meeting (Library)

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12:00 pm Worship Committee meeting (Room 106)

5:00 pm 3rd Sunday Dinner

in this world, may we remember that we belong to you and that you lead us into newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*Hymn 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

# 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 Cindy Beidler (Head Usher), Mike Hale, John and Bonnie Childs, Sandy Gruneich, and Steve Harp.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by the Westminster and Rockynol apartments Dinner Bridge Group in memory of members who have passed away.

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**

### FEBRUARY/MARCH SCRIPT DEADLINE is Monday, January 13.

BEFRIENDERS BAKE SALE is **Sunday**, **January 19**, **2020**. The Deacons are hosting a sale of cookies, cakes and other baked goods. The purpose is to raise money to provide flowers to every person living at Ohio Living-Rockynol on Valentine's day.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP DINNER Please join us for the splendid camaraderie of an Adult Fellowship Dinner on **January 25** at 6:30 p.m. at a fabulous local restaurant. Have kiddos? No problem! On behalf of Discipleship, Pat and Traci will be providing complimentary child care, activities and pizza at the church starting at 6:00 p.m. So, you have no excuse not to attend. Please sign-up at Connection Point in WHH, so we can properly plan for headcount.

### **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.

\*Passing the Peace Greet both friends and strangers saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Moment for Ministry

Lisa Bansen-Harp/Bake Sale

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 Christmas Joy

Mark Schweizer

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky has withdrawn, When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled, When the princes and shepherds have gone; Then the true work of Christmas begins, the work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost, To heal the broken hearts, To feed the hungry, To free the pris'ner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace to all people, To make music, To make music in the heart.

When the song of the angels is stilled, Then the true work of Christmas begins.

\*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

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.

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

### **GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-7 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 670

The Second Lesson Matthew 3:13-17 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 3
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

Sermon Cleansed

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

### **SERVE**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit is with us still: **Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.** 

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

Words of Institution

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

Please come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front row. Return to your pew by the side aisles. Those in the balcony may come forward at any time. The servers with chalices have wine for dipping the bread; those with trays have cups for grape juice. If you choose to receive the bread and cup in your pew, please raise your hand so a serving team can identify you. Gluten, soy, and corn free wafers are also available for those with allergies.

Hymn During Communion Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness SCHMÜCKE DICH - Westminster Choir

**Prayer following Communion** 

We thank you, eternal God, that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ and with all the faithful who have come before us who have served you with courage and with joy. Renewed for our daily living