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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6th Sunday After Epiphany February 16, 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 He Shall Feed His Flock...Come Unto Him (Messiah)

G.F. Handel

Elizabeth Crabtree & Valerie Stewart, soloists

*Call to Worship Psalm 95:6-7 Kate Huisinga

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the Lord our Maker,

for the Lord is our God

and we are the people of God's pasture, the flock under God's care.

*Hymn 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us 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.

Assurance of Forgiveness Ron

Romans 5:1-2; 8:1

Calendar of Church Building Events For February 16–23, 2020

Sunday, 2/16

9:00 am Child Care Center Opens 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for All

10:30 am Worship/The Reverend Ben George (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)

5:00 pm 3rd Sunday Dinner

Monday, 2/17

3:00 pm Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)

7:00 pm Evening Circle (Tween Room)

Tuesday, 2/18

9:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)

Wednesday, 2/19

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 2/20

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting (Library)

12:00 pm Membership Committee Meeting (Library)

3:00 pm Bible Study (Library)

Friday, 2/21 No Activities Planned

Saturday, 2/22

5:30 pm Carnaval/Fellowship Dinner (WHH)

Sunday, 2/23

9:00 am Child 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 & Fellowship (WHH)
11:30 am VBS Planning (Tween Room)

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

CARNAVAL ALL CHURCH-EVENT is **Saturday**, **February 22** at 5:30 p.m. Come to Wright-Herberich Hall to sample traditional foods of the season from different cultures. There will be a pancake race. Wear a mask and beads if you like! Children are invited to come disguised in a costume, as is the custom in a number of countries. Guest musician and tango dance instructor Craig Herrington from Cleveland will be featured at this fun-filled event. Craig and Director of Music, Valerie Thorson, will present a short program for Bandoneon (an Argentine accordion used in tango orchestras) and piano, and then Craig will be demonstrating and teaching the Argentine Tango. Invite some friends and sign up in WHH.

The Reverend Ben George's Bio

Benjamin George is the Pastor and Director of Camp Wakonda, which is owned and operated by Christ Presbyterian Church in Canton, Ohio. He has served in this role for the last two years, but has been involved in the Wakonda community for the last 19 years. It was at the camp that Ben met his wife, Kate, and where they had their wedding service. Ben attended Princeton Theological Seminary, and served as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Minerva, Ohio for 7 years. Now living at the camp, Ben and Kate raise their three children, Levi (9), Ezekiel (7), and Abram (4). Family time is their number one priority. However, when there is spare time, Ben enjoys video gaming, reading, and the great outdoors.

Monthly Financial Report

January 2020	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$73,228.84	\$73,570.58	\$73,228.84	*\$73,570.58
Total Expenses	\$37,798.59	\$54,863.99	\$37,798.59	\$54,863.99
Net	\$35,403.25	\$18,706.59	\$35,403.25	\$18,706.59

^{*}Budgeted total revenues include anticipated withdrawals from Rowley investments necessary to balance the budget totaling \$20,969 for the year.

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending January 31, 2020.

*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."

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 Come, My Light

Linda Cable Shute

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my Light, and revive me from death. Come holy flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins.

Kindle my heart with the flame of your love. Come, my King, to the throne of my heart and reign there. For you alone are my King and my God!

*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

The Reverend Ben George

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 Psalm 23

Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 501

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

Hymn 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

The Second Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 698 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

God's Incessant Call

The Reverend Ben George

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 435 We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

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 Dave Stobbs (Head Usher), Linda Stobbs, and Dan & Donna Gorring.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Susan Switzer Greene in loving memory of her father, Duane Switzer.

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

THE TWO QUILTS HANGING in the Wright-Herberich Hall this week are for Barbara Thackeray and Jo Barnes. Please stop by, tie a knot, and say a prayer for them.