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## *The Script* **October-November 2021**

### *Pastor's Corner*



#### **Coming Together as a Community of Faith**

We begin the month of October with World Communion Sunday on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. That day, The Reverend Cathy Ulrich, Eastminster's General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, will be preaching and presiding over the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The following week, I will return to Westminster's pulpit as we commence our 2022 Stewardship Campaign. In the midst of a lengthy pandemic, this year's theme strikes a hopeful tone. "Coming Together as a Community of Faith" reminds us of our oneness in Christ, and of our need for Spirit-filled fellowship.

For me, this year's theme is so much more than a catchy slogan. It is a practice. A commitment. A way of being. It is life lived in the fullness of God. Coming Together as a Community of Faith is something that we both embody and aspire to. As is customary for our congregation, we will pause the stewardship season for one week in recognition

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of Remembrance Sunday. This year, we will mark this occasion on October 31, as we honor those friends, loved ones, and saints of every age who have entered into eternal life. Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign will then officially draw to a close on November 7 with the consecration of pledges.

As you re-enter the rhythms of Westminster's community, I pray that you will endeavor to make this fellowship as vibrant as it can possibly be by giving generously of your time, your talent, and your financial resources. In word and in deed, you are a blessing to Westminster and a reflection of the surpassing grace of God.

In faith, hope, and love,  
Jon

## Church Events

### Concert 5@5 Andrew Sords

WPC's 5@5 concert series presents Andrew Sords on October 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. American violinist, Sords has a celebrated career as a soloist on 4 continents. Having collaborated with 300 orchestras, he has been cited for combining visceral virtuosity with a ravishing tone, while international critics endorse Sords as *"a fully formed artist"* (Kalisz-Poland News), *"utterly radiant"* (Canada's Arts Forum), and *"exceptionally heartfelt and soulful"* (St. Maarten's Daily Herald). Sord's program will consist of romantic violin tunes and bohemian favorites.



Visit his website at <http://www.andrewsords.com>

## **Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Jon will be on vacation from September 30 - October 5. For emergency pastoral care, please contact our main office.

**World Communion Sunday** is October 3, 2021.



## **Reverse Halloween**

Saturday, October 23 we meet at WPC in our costumes at 1:00 p.m. to decorate pumpkins and parade over to Rockynol.

What to bring: candy, pumpkins, and cheerful faces to brighten the day of the residents! All ages are welcome!



## Hanging of the Greens

Please join in the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 21, immediately following Worship as we prepare for the Advent Season.



There will be a sign-up sheet at the Connection Point in WHH. Lunch will be served once all the decorations are completed. So please sign-up so we know how many to plan for. Come, join in the festivities! "Many hands make light work."

Just as we need help hanging the greens, we will need help talking them down on January 2, following Worship. Your help is appreciated for both of these tasks.



**Vespers**  
*at Westminster*



***is back on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 4:00 p.m.***

***Featuring the Theron Brown Trio and  
Special Guests***

***Jazz selections for the Christmas Season!***



## New Music Director and Organist

Introducing Our New Music Director and Organist who will begin her work with us in summer of 2022.

**Abigail Haake** is the Associate Director of Music and Organist at Madison Street United Methodist Church in Clarksville, TN and the owner of Kindermusik With Abby Haake, a “Top Program” Kindermusik Studio.



She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance from The University of Michigan, a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from The University of Michigan, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organ Performance from West Virginia Wesleyan College, and a Zertifikat Deutsch from the Goethe Institut, Mannheim, Germany. Prior to moving to Tennessee, Dr. Haake held positions at large Presbyterian churches in West Virginia, Michigan, and North Carolina. She also

served on music faculties at West Virginia Wesleyan College and Murray State University. Dr. Haake is married to John, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Special Forces, and they have two sons, Henry (10) and Thomas (6).

## Our New Members

### Michael and Penny Baker

Michael and Penny may look familiar as they have regularly attended



Westminster for about 20 years. Both have spent their careers in marketing. Mike is self-employed and has a passion for aviation. He is active in the Wadsworth EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) local chapter. Penny was promoted earlier this year Vice President Product Marketing for Smith Foods in Orrville, Ohio and enjoys reading and cooking. They reside in Copley with their Golden Retriever, Maya.

## **Marta Kohari Morrison**

Marta was born in Akron Ohio. She graduated from Kenmore High School and the University of Akron and majored in Business Administration. Her official working career began at Goodyear Aerospace. Her assignments included Engineering Planner, Contract Administration specialist, and Assistant to the Vice President of Business Development. Marta met Tim Morrison in 1989 and were married in 1990. They moved to Marietta,



Georgia in 1991. She spent ten fulfilling years as a parish pastor's wife and helped Tim raise his two sons. She worked several jobs while in Georgia. Most recently she was as a Senior Incentive Compensation Analyst with the Swiss company ABB. Marta and Tim retired in 2020, at which time they decided to move back "home" to Akron, to be near family. Marta enjoys reading, especially mysteries and historical fiction set during World War II.

## **Tim Morrison**

Tim went off to Lehigh University where he earned a BA in social psychology. In the ensuing years he earned additional graduate degrees. In his career, he served in a variety of ministry settings which resulted in his living in seven different states and Ghana, West Africa. He retired in March 2019 after having been a hospital chaplain for a number of years. He met his wife, Marta, while he pastored the UCC church in Suffield, just east of Akron. Marta was a member of Grace UCC in Uniontown. They have been married since 1990 and Tim does not think the people of Grace have yet fully forgiven him for "taking her away." She has been and continues to be an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother. Tim grew up in Greenville, PA. As a kid, he was raised to be a Browns and Indians fan. Their antenna picked up KYW, WEWS and WJW. Their radios were tuned to Youngstown stations and WHLO which back then played rock music. Moving back to Akron for him is very much like moving home and that is a good thing.

## **Robert (Bob) Carlyon**

Bob holds degrees from Kent State University in organ and music education (B.Mus.), and a M. Mus. in choral conducting. He has over 55 years' experience as an organist/choir director serving churches in Stow, *(cont'd.)*



Hartville, Cuyahoga Falls, Akron, and Fairlawn. After 35 years of teaching, he retired from Revere Local Schools in 2014, but has continued as musical director for the Revere Players having helped produce 20+ plays and musicals. He previously sang with VOICI (voices of Canton) and is currently a member of Singer's Company, an Akron based chamber choir. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, biking, traveling, and feeding and watching birds in his back yard.

### **Dottie Erb**

Dottie was born and raised in Akron and graduated from Miami University. Following graduation, she accepted a job teaching elementary school in



Marietta, Ohio. It is here that she met her late husband John and became stepmother to eight-year-old Cindy and six-year-old Eric. She and John had two more children, Andi and Jared. Dottie completed her M.A.Ed. degree in reading education and her Ph.D. in leadership at Ohio University. She spent 27 years as a professor, department chair, and social science division coordinator at Marietta College. Dottie was a member of First Presbyterian Church

where she served as an elder on session and the Christian Education Commission. Following her semi-retirement in 2018, Dottie continues to work part-time for Marietta College assisting with program development, accreditation, and grant writing. She also stays busy with various consulting jobs with the Ohio Department of Higher Education and universities around Ohio. Dottie moved to Akron in January and is enjoying being close to her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, the Jopperi's. Her interests include visual and performing arts, musical theatre, cooking, and spending time with her grandchildren. She looks forward to meeting church members and becoming involved in activities in the community.

### **Youth/New Members**

Confirmation Sunday was on August 8, 2021. Welcome our new members! See their pictures on the next page.

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Holden Labbe



Gabby Gray

Pierce Ehrler



Kinsie Willis



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## Youth's Fall Event

Youth (Grades 7-12) will go to Maize Family Farm in Hartville. They will meet at the church on Saturday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. This event will be complete with an 8-acre corn maze and a pumpkin cannon! Don't miss out!

## Children's Ministries

Fall Food Fun for Tweens was Sunday, September 26 at 11:30 a.m. We had pizza and ice cream (with toppings, of course!)



Godly Play class  
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Tweens class





## Parenting Group



The group meets on Johnstone patio (weather permitting) every week, on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for discussion while their children attend Sunday school.

## Rally Day Report

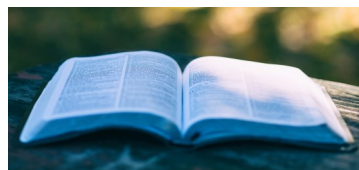
On September 12, 2021, the weather was gorgeous. Both doors to patio were open. All the round tables were setup inside and four long tables were setup outside. All tables were occupied. 155 packed bag lunches were served. Flowers from the WPC Celtic garden were in a vase on every table, and the attendees took them at home as suggested. 55 left over bags and a ton of apples were then donated to The Haven Of Rest. People stayed until almost 1:00 p.m. talking and catching up since this was the first time seeing many others since the pandemic started.

## Adult Education/Bible Study

The class meets every Thursday on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Rae Leonard at [leonardrae4@gmail.com](mailto:leonardrae4@gmail.com) or 330-256-9316 to receive the Zoom link.

## Book Group

Calling all bookworms! As always, all are welcome to join the book group for fellowship and eclectic conversation guided (sometimes loosely) by a range of books. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m., and will stay outdoors as long as weather permits. Thanks to Kacey Yates Gable for hosting on her heated patio. Contact Cathy Melder for more details at [chwdoc@gmail.com](mailto:chwdoc@gmail.com)



<b>10/11/21</b>	<u>Americanon</u> - A look at American history and culture though the lens of the books that shaped it (for better and worse)	Jess McHugh	Cathy Melder
<b>11/8/21</b>	<u>Pride, Prejudice and Other Flavors</u> - A novel on the themes of Jane Austen, set in present-day multicultural San Francisco.	Sonali Dev	
<b>12/13/21</b>	Possible holiday party TBA		

## Outreach

**The Pride Festival** held at Lock 3 on August 28, was a success and we owe a debt of gratitude to Phil Fry for heading it up as well as to all of the volunteers who helped throughout the day. Thank you to all who helped.

The next **Third Sunday dinner** is scheduled for November 21, 2021 with specific dates for 2022 to be announced later. Whether it takes place in person or as carry out has yet to be determined.

**The Food Collection program** continues on the first Sunday of every month. All food and monetary donations go to support the program of Good Neighbors in Goodyear Heights. Anyone who wishes to donate food at a time other than the first Sunday may do so by placing it in the wooden box in the coatroom.

WPC is participating in the **Acme Community Cash Back program**. Boxes are in WHH and in the Narthex. Check the bottom of your Acme receipts and when there is money listed after the word “Community Cash Back”, those are the receipts needed. The program runs until December 25, 2021 with the collection of tapes until January 25, 2022. Proceeds will be used for Outreach programs.

Outreach is pleased to announce the support of the addition of Sharon Kandel as a missionary in the Horn of Africa, South Sudan. She and her husband, Lynn, will be engaged in mission in that region.

The Outreach committee voted to move our meeting from the second Wednesday on Zoom to the first Sunday of the month in person at 11:40 a.m. in Room 106.

Dates to keep in mind: 1) **Giving tree** will be December 18 to January 1. Hats and gloves will be collected for ACCESS  
2) **Christmas baskets** will be distributed December 11, 2021.

September 27, 2021

Friends in Christ,

There is no easy way to share my news with you. At a congregational meeting on September 26, the members of Skidaway Community Church (PCUSA) in Savannah, Georgia voted to call me as their next installed pastor. Following that affirmative vote, I have been invited to come and lead worship on Skidaway Island on October 3. The Reverend Cathy Ulrich, Eastminster's General Presbyter/Stated Clerk will be preaching at Westminster and presiding over the Sacrament of Holy Communion that day. My last day with you will be November 7.

Together, we have faced many challenges with grace, hope, and flexibility. We faithfully addressed a series of deficit budgets and responded with a series of operating surpluses, which, in turn, eased the burden on our endowment and allowed us to rebuild our reserves. We faithfully addressed numerous staffing transitions, and fashioned a team that can meet our present needs. We faithfully addressed a global pandemic, promoted the safety of our congregation, and improved our technological capabilities. In the midst of these challenges, we have grown in character. Most importantly, we have remembered who and whose we are, by trusting in the providence and promises of God to guide us through every peak and valley of life.

As I say "farewell" to each of you, I do so with a heavy heart. I have served Westminster for six years, and many of you have become like family to me. I will miss you deeply, and I will always treasure our shared ministry and moments of personal connection. I also recognize that just as there is no easy way to say "good bye," there is no good time to do it. In the life of our fellowship, there is always something to plan, something to coordinate, something to do. No matter the season, the news of my departure would be disruptive. Still, ministers make a vow to follow God's call wherever and whenever the Holy Spirit leads us. We trust in God's timing and in God's provision, both for ourselves and for the congregations that we serve and love.

During the transitional period following my ministry with you, the congregation will be led by the Session. The General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, The Reverend Cathy Ulrich, and Eastminster's Committee on Ministry (COM), for which The Reverend Carolyn Griffeth presently serves as moderator, will provide support. Both stand ready to help guide the congregation in the way forward. I wish to thank you for trusting in me to lead you, and for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. You will each remain in my heart.

With gratitude for our shared ministry,  
Jon

## Staff Welcome



- **Valerie Stewart as Children's Choir Director**  
Valerie graduated from The University of Akron with a bachelor of music (education) in 2007. She has been teaching elementary through middle school students general/vocal instrumental music ever since! Along with this, she has experience with leading children's choirs in church and community settings. Vocal music is her focus and she is currently a member of Singer's Companye, an Akron-based chamber choir and has enjoyed serving at Westminster as a Choral Scholar along with her husband Paul. They live in Cuyahoga Falls with their son Desi.

- **Bruce Klucharich  
as Audio/Visual Technician**



## Clerk's Report/From New Life To Life Eternal

1. Baptism: Vaughn Edward Vuchak, son of Kyle and Kathryn Vuchak, was baptized on August 15, 2021.

2. Death: Robert Paden Prentice II, died on 7/29/21. He most recently lived in Canton, Ohio.







## *From the Church Office*

### **December 2021/January 2022 Script**

December/January script will be online on November 30, 2021. Please have your articles and pictures ready to be sent to wpcoffice1250@gmail.com on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021.**



## *From the Finance Office*

### **Stewardship Campaign**

The 2022 pledge cards will be sent to the congregation on October 6. You may mail or physically deliver your pledge card to the church or you may pledge using our church website. We are thankful for your continual support to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

### **Monthly Financial Report**

August 2021	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<a href="#">Total Revenues</a>	\$21,250.84	\$34,835.16	\$396,848.00	\$343,618.78
<a href="#">Total Expenses</a>	\$40,133.49	\$45,956.24	\$309,537.75	\$381,372.83
Net	(\$18,882.65)	(\$11,121.08)	\$87,310.25	(\$37,754.05)

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending August 31, 2021.

**WPC Worship Service In-Person  
& on YouTube **LIVESTREAM** every week at 10:30 a.m.**

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The Reverend Jonathan S. Hauerwas, Pastor (weekly office days: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday) (cell phone 330-606-4551)	jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com
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**The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday**



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