

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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# The Script April 2022



### $\mathbf{W}$ hy it is good to be #3

Dear WPC Members and Friends, Are you familiar with the "Third Place" concept of community? It was a popular notion around the time Ted Danson (a Carnegie-Mellon graduate) starred in "Cheers". The concept is that there are places where we should feel valued, safe, and comfortable. #1 is our family. #2 is our work place. #3 is a location like "Cheers" - a bar where everybody knows your name. Or maybe a bowling league, or a reading group, or the scouting program, or local chapter of the ACLU.

Westminster is such a place for some of us, and can be such a place for more of us. WPC can be a place where folks feel at home because worshiping together creates community, and greeting one another nourishes relationships. Here, we meet people who are neither family nor colleagues, but friends bound by the love of God, the grace of Jesus and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Eating and drinking together is an important feature of a good "Third Place".

(cont'd.) You should expect to greet old friends and make new friends every time you attend because WPC fosters conversation and sociability.

If you haven't been here for a while, come on back! WPC has a different energy now. There is remodeling in one wing and the steeple is scheduled for repair in April. Good things are happening. Be proud of WPC and the positive mark it makes in the neighborhood described by the intersection of Mull and West Exchange, but with a presence that exceeds these boundaries.

Introduce yourself to me. We can learn each other's name.

**Pastor David** 



#### Westminster Welcomes Akron's Tuesday Musical

Westminster will host a free program presented by Akron's Tuesday Musical Association on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Professional and advanced student musicians will be heard in a variety of vocal and instrumental music. Performers will include two WPC members: vocalist, *Denise Milner Howell* and organist, *Wesley Howell*.

The program will open with young pianist-composer, Lillian Johnson, playing one of her compositions. She is a winner of the Akron Children's Concert Society Scholastic Composers Contest. Denise Howell has had an extensive career as a vocal soloist in opera and in concert and is on the voice faculty at Cleveland (To be cont'd...)

(cont'd.) Institute of Music/Case Western University. She previously taught at the University of Akron, Ashland College and SUNY Fredonia. Wesley Howell is a junior at Firestone High School, organist at Remsen Christian Church in Medina and winner of the Akron Chapter, American Guild of Organists Scholarship Competition.

The congregation is warmly invited to attend the program. A meet and greet time with the musicians will follow the performance.



**Lillian Johnson**, pianist, fourth-grader at Herberich Primary school



**Denise Milner Howell**, *mezzo-soprano* 



Wesley Howell, organist

- ♦ Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Good Friday, April 15** will be celebrated at noon at New Covenant Community Church.
- ♦ Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 worship service at 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:00 a.m.



#### **Session Information**

- Masks are now optional during worship service.
- Coffee will return every Sunday after worship and birthday cake will be back the first Sunday of the month, starting May 1.
- Starting in April the Script will be monthly.
- 8:30 a.m. summer worship will return in June and July 2022.

#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Envelopes for your contribution will be in the pews until Palm Sunday.

See the article on page 7 "Denominational Offerings".



#### Celtic Garden Perennial Sale

Save the date: Saturday, April 30, 2022. The Celtic gardeners will be holding their Perennial Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Johnstone patio. If you have plants at home that you can divide, please consider bringing some to include in our sale. Plants can be dropped off in the Celtic Garden the week before the sale. After worship on Sunday, May 1, we will be selling any remaining plants.

Please contact Cindy Beidler at <a href="mailto:cbeidler@att.net">cbeidler@att.net</a> with any questions.

Please cut and return to the church office before deadline.

## **Flowers for Easter Sunday**



Your contributions, given as memorials of loved ones, will enable the Flower Committee to provide a beautiful setting in the Sanctuary for our Easter celebration. A list of the donors together with the names of loved ones will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and send it to the attention of Claudine Schooley. There is no set amount.

If you want to give electronically go on WPC website at: www.westminsterakron.org under "online giving" and call the church office for your dedication.

#### The deadline is Friday, April 8, 2022.

	☐ In Loving Memory of ☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of
Your name:	
Donation	Amount:

#### What is Happening to the Property?

WYDACA Nursery: Remember when we had adult daycare, Ohio Living Rockynol, in the northeast corner of the CE building? They left a couple of years ago and there will soon be a nursery in that area. Construction has already begun and will take several months. There will be changes to the interior and exterior of the building. Upon completion, infants as young as six weeks to eighteen months will come for childcare. We are delighted to be able to provide the place for this much needed service to the community.

<u>Steeple</u>: The long-awaited steeple repair and painting is expected to start mid-April. This will also take several months. There will be extensive scaffolding around the front of the church, narthex and belfry. This will not disrupt our use of the Sanctuary. We will no longer be the eyesore of the neighborhood.

<u>Freezer</u>: There is a new freezer in the kitchen; actually, it is in the 'flower room'. It is adequate, but smaller than our double door freezer. It is not for long term storage. Committees and other groups may use it, but please follow the *Freezer Rules: 1. When putting items in the freezer, put your name, date, and items on the form located on the door. 2. Items will be discarded after thirty (30) days.* 



#### **Book Group**

For 2022 we have decided to go to quarterly meetings, still on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in January, April, July and October.

Locations are variable. Depending on whether we can meet outdoors. April 11, our book is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi, and July 11, we will read *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. As always, all are welcome to join us.



#### **Outreach Committee**

#### Haven of Rest

A sincere thank you to those who donated towels, wash cloths, PJ's etc. to the Haven of Rest. They were very appreciated. It is not too late to donate. Just place them in the wooden bin in the coat room and they will be delivered to the Haven of Rest.



Food For Life program continues to make 200 sandwiches twice a month and to deliver them to the Haven of Rest. They have expressed sincere thanks.

#### **Denominational Offerings**

Thank you for your generosity to the *One Great Hour of Sharing*. At this time of crisis in Ukraine, your donations are most appreciated since 25% of what you donated is assigned to the Disaster relief program of the Presbytery. They in turn will be helping with disaster relief in Ukraine as well other areas where disasters have occurred. It is not too late to contribute. Send your contributions to the church with One Great Hour of Sharing marked on the memo line.

Pentecost Offering will be collected June 5, 2022. 40% of the money collected will remain at Westminster for local projects involving youth at risk. In the past we have contributed to the Learning Centers of Helen Arnold School and Robinson School. A youth will be giving the Moment for Ministry.

#### First Sunday Food Collection

The First Sunday Food Collection continues with the food going on alternate months to the Good Neighbors Unit in Good Year Heights or to Christ Woodland Methodist Church is West Akron. The Youth have been helping with the distributions also. Both non-perishable food and monetary donations are appreciated. Thank you for all that you have contributed to this much needed program.



#### **Adult Bible Study**

Feeling a need for a little Bible study this spring? Looking for some fellowship time with other WPC folks? Searching for a way to reduce your stress in this complicated world? Consider trying out Westminster's online weekly Bible study. We meet on Zoom every Thursday evening, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. to discuss various Bible passages. This is a very informal group who enjoy sharing observations and raising questions about particular passages. We all come away with new understandings and appreciation for the Bible. No previous knowledge is required, and the texts to be discussed are sent out ahead of time. All you need is your Bible.

If you would like to join this group, just email Rae Leonard at <a href="mailto:leonardrae4@gmail.com">leonardrae4@gmail.com</a> or call 330-256-9316 for the Zoom link.

#### Children's Ministries

Easter Egg Hunt: Please come early on April 17 for the 10:30 a.m. worship service so that we can gather outside for the hunt by 10:00 a.m. *Teens and Tweens* can gather with Margo at 9:30 a.m. to set out the eggs. Each child will get a half-dozen egg carton to use to collect their eggs, but they may bring a basket instead. We will have paper bags for them to take their goodies home. Join the fun---Rain or Shine!

#### **Save the Dates**

- ♦ May 1, 2022 Church Wild Scavenger Hunt
- ♦ Monday, July 11-Thursday, July 14, 2022 VBS Kindness Camp from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. complete with crafts, lessons, recreation, worship, music and more!

<u>Teens</u>: in the Tween Room, students helped their teacher set up a tent so they could better understand how this simple dwelling served as a shelter and a retreat to offer prayers to God---aha, so that's why the disciples who witnessed the Transfiguration offered to make three tents!



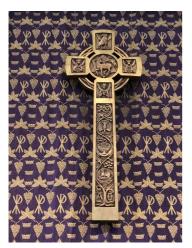


Food Pantry: five Tweens worked diligently at Christ Woodland church's food pantry and, an hour later, boxes and bags were unloaded and items were well-organized so that the pantry was ready for those in need!



#### **Celtic Cross**

The Celtic cross is the focal point of worship in our sanctuary. It was dedicated in 1964. The cross is five feet in length and hand wrought in bronze especially for Westminster's Chancel and is suspended before the dossal curtain. The Celtic design was chosen because of the historical background of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. The Celts were pushed as far north as Scotland by Roman invaders. Christianity was introduced in 563 A.D. The Celtic Christians adopted the tapered cross with the circle at the cross arms. Into the stone crosses were cut symbols of Christian faith. (To be cont'd...)



are as follows: symbols of the four Gospel writers are cut into the cross arms. The circle representing eternity, contains the crown of thorns. Into the upright are worked symbols of the Holy Spirit (the dove), Communion (cup and wafer), the Church (the ship), and the Alpha and Omega (Christ as the beginning and the end of life). The symbol at the center of the cross arms is "the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." The lamb carries the resurrection banner and is superimposed

on the Star of David (Jesus was of the lineage of David).

The cross serves to recall an idea, not by exact resemblance, but by suggestion. In this manner, then, an empty cross is symbolic of both Christ's death for us and His resurrection and he assurance of His eternal Lordship. The empty cross adds significance in the worship and understanding of our faith.



#### Thank You Letter from Westminster Previous Member

2/22/2022

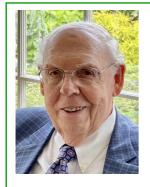
Dear Sir/Madam,

Please deposit this check to the music fund in memory of Roger Nelson. Thank you so much for providing a Zoom presentation on your website of the memorial service. It was meaningful to those of us who could not attend. He was a devoted servant and friend.

Thanks also for wonderful memories I have of our years as members of Westminster.

Sincerely, Monte York

#### **Members Update**



Roger Hilding Nelson died February 2, 2022,

Frank Joseph Holub died February 11, 2022.



#### **May Script**

The monthly Script will be online on April 29, 2022. Please have your articles and pictures submitted to wpcoffice1250@gmail.com by **Tuesday, April 12, 2022.** 



#### **Monthly Financial Report**

February 2022	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$20,719.42	\$31,286.08	\$105,367.98	\$82,359.66
Total Expenses	\$38,993.38	\$47,615.77	\$51,300.69	\$89,156.54
Net	(\$18,273.96)	(\$16,329.69)	\$54,067.29	(\$6,796.88)

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

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The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

