

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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# The Script July 2022



Dear WPC congregation and friends,

It bears repeating in these difficult times that every crisis has its own context. The interactions of social unrest, political upheaval and economic stresses that define our life together are complex, yet share a common and misleading focus - blaming the outsider. This negative knee jerk response inhibits a range of positive responses: recognizing key strengths and building on them, accepting personal or group responsibility, and understanding and even forgive. Every group, from the simplest 3 person family (is family life ever simple?) to the largest country, is prone to casting blame on "the other" in search of a quick fix to the problem, whatever the problem might be.

At its next meeting, the Session will receive the list of names offered by the Nominating Committee to form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). This is a big step forward in the interim process and one for which many of us have been eagerly waiting. The PNC will have many weeks of thoughtful, prayerful work ahead of it as it seeks the next called/installed minister of WPC. Their temptation, and ours, will be to search for the "quick fix" to identify a problem(s) for which the next pastor is the solution. I have a few ideas how to resist this temptation!

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As the Holy Cow Assessment report is presented (another big step forward in the process), listen for ways in which you can be involved now. Don't wait for someone else to 'fix' the problem. Ask yourself what you can do to be a part of the solution right now.

Another way to resist the temptation of a quick fix is to accept that small changes now can have a large impact in the years (that's right, years!) to come. Adopt the longer view of the church and her ministry, understanding that faithfulness to Jesus Christ is not for a moment but a lifetime.

Yours in the Lord, Pastor David



# **Staff Schedule Month of July and August**

The church office hours stay the same from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Staff	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reverend David Aber		10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	
Dr. Abby Haake		10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	
Meaghan Diaz	9am-1pm			9am-6pm	2-5pm
Dave Bodnar	8am-4pm	8am-4pm	8am-4pm	8am-4pm	
Office Volunteers		10am-2pm		10am-11am	2-3pm

## **Deacons/Rally Day**

Mark Your Calendars! Rally Day is coming back. On Sunday, September 11, 2022 the Deacons will provide a luncheon following the service with members bringing side dishes and desserts. There will be games and activities for members to socialize and celebrate our return from summer travels and the beginning of the new Sunday School year. Bring a friend!

#### Children's Ministries



VBS is coming: Monday, July 11—Thursday, July 14, from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please register online at: http://www.westminsterakron.org/whats-happening/currentupdates/

#### Men's Luncheon

The Men's lunch group will not meet in July or August. See you in September. You can reach Bob Leonard at (330) 848-1170, or email him at leonardbob29@gmail.com.

# **Prayer Quilt Ministry**



The Prayer Quilt Ministry is happy to be making quilts for handicapped children in Serbia.

They will be delivered by Claudine Schooley when she travels to Serbia in September. Here is a picture of a few of the quilts. We are having fun designing and sewing the quilts!

# **Steeple Update**

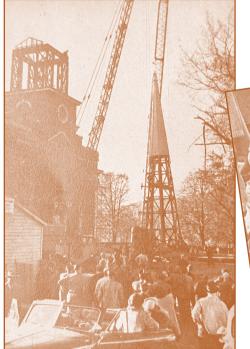


The scaffolding is installed. Soon a small service trailer and other materials will arrive and be placed at the bottom of the front steps. The area behind the orange fence is a **dangerous construction zone!** If you see anyone trying to enter this zone, please report it to someone at the church immediately.

Greg Frost, the President of Frost Renovators, is willing to talk to people interested in the details of the project. As the project moves along, some may want to get a tour and further explanation of what is going on.

Let me know if you are interested.

Ginny Melver Properties Committee



Putting the steeple in place, on November 1949, attracted a big crowd.

#### **Alarm Code Alert**

Over the years there have been many alarm codes issued. According to Brinks, our alarm service provider, there were thirty-two. Some codes belonged to people no longer employed at the church and some codes had no name associated with them. We now have eighteen codes. There is room for more codes. Pastor David and Dave Bodnar have the list of the codes and whose name is associated with each one. If you have been an infrequent user or don't know if you have a code, please check before trying to use it.

#### From the Outreach Committee

A big Thank You to all who participated to make Undie Sunday a success. Your donations of new, unopened packages of underwear for men, women, and toddlers are much appreciated.

We hope to make this an annual program in the life of the church.



#### **PNC News**

The owner of *Holy Cow! Consulting* is currently scheduled to present the interpretation of our survey results on Sunday, July 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. We realize this is a later date than we hoped for, and that this date will not work for everyone, but they need time to analyze the data and we need a date that fits their schedule and ours.

The interpretation is the time where we would talk about what our mission study should reflect and our profile for the PNC. The data itself will be enormously helpful in that work and the writing of that information. People often want to grow but there are frequently internal fixes that have to happen first. The data will show what internal fixes

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need to happen first. That will give us some ways to move through our transition with a list of some low hanging fruit that needs attention first. This will help our Session with next steps and our PNC with who that next good fit needs to be.

The new date and time for *Holy Cow!* is Wednesday, July 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is so we can have a representative from Eastminster Presbytery's Committee on Ministry present.

#### Celtic Garden

Volunteers have finished planting the Celtic garden, and God has provided the sunshine and the rain to make it thrive. Many people in the neighborhood come to enjoy our garden. We think the resident rabbits enjoy it the most, however, as they seem to consider it a smorgasbord planted solely for their pleasure.

Flowers from the garden are used to create the beautiful arrangements that are in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, and also for special occasions in Wright-Herberich Hall. Volunteers are needed to create these arrangements. If you are already a







# **Balcony Window**

The balcony window portrays Christ's victory over death – the resurrection being the hope of Christians. Christ is shown holding the banner of victory, with His right hand raised in benediction. In the side panels are lilies, symbols of the resurrection, and with the lilies are peacocks, ancient symbols of immortality.

The text, from St. John's gospel, reads "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:13). This is a suitable note of triumph which the worshiper may take with him into the world, remembering that we are "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." (Romans 8:37).

The predominating color of the background is green, a symbol of hope and growth in grace, while the Christ is robed in a rich mixture of reds and red-violets, colors of divine love, sacrifice, and Kingship.



# From the Church Office

♦ The wedding of Adams/Emerson was celebrated on May 28, 2022.

#### Church Attendance

Month	YouTube Views	In-Person	Total Average
Average for 4/3 to 4/24	72	95.4	167.4
Average for 5/1 to 5/29	59.8	92	151.8

# **WPC Summer Worship Services:**

- First Service In-Person at 8:30 a.m.
- Second Service In-Person & on YouTube LIVESTREAM at 10:30 a.m.

Follow us on Social Media: Facebook at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Twitter @WPCAkron and Instagram.



The Reverend David Aber, Interim Pastor
Dr. Abigail Haake, Music Director/Organist
Meaghan Diaz, Finance Office
Dave Bodnar, Daytime Custodian
Traci Range, Director of Childcare
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## **August Script**

Please have your articles and pictures submitted to the church office at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com by **Tuesday**, **July 12**, **2022**.

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

