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April 2025

Celebrating New Life!

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”... “Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!” These phrases from our liturgy on Ash Wednesday and Easter frame the solemn journey through Lent and Holy Week, culminating in the astounding news that, on the third day after he was crucified, Christ is risen! Through the power of God’s love, from death comes the amazing transformation to new life!

During the six weeks from Ash Wednesday, March 5, to Easter, April 20, the natural world around us is itself being transformed from the darkness and barrenness of winter to the light and life of spring. We are blessed to have many opportunities to see this transformation happening around us in nearby parks and here in the backyard of our church, **beginning** with flowers that sprang forth a week after Ash Wednesday.



Sandy Selby, Bridge Pastor

Mark Your Calendars! Come Get Some **Bloomin' Good Deals** at our **Perennials & Garage Sale!**

Saturday, May 3, 2025
10am - 2pm
Rain or Shine!

Enjoy a tasty (grilled-to-order by Raphael) all-beef gourmet hot dog and optional sides, while you shop!

Consider sharing perennials from your home garden. Please bring them to the Celtic Garden by Friday, May 2.

Donated items are needed for the Garage Sale. Please watch for further details.

Please call the office with inquiries 330-836-2226 x100
Sponsored by the Celtic Gardeners and the Discipleship Committee of Westminster.



From the Desk of the Clerk of Session:

The regular meeting of Session was on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Average in-person attendance in December was 58; average YouTube viewings were 49. Westminster's Annual Statistical Report was submitted to Presbytery on February 13, 2025.

A proposal from Discipleship to offer an after-school program for WYDACA school-age children 2 days a week was discussed. It was received favorably; formal approval is pending working out some logistical details. Other church-wide events were noted; watch for details.

Personnel is working with Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby on a contract renewal; her current contract ends April 10.

Ed Labbe provided an update from the Pastoral Nominating Committee; they continue to review profiles and speak with prospective candidates.

MacGregor PACE has scheduled their grand opening for Eldercare at Rockynol for April 17, 2025, 3-5 pm. There will be a new sign in the parking lot.

~Alec Works
Clerk of Session

Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of Westminster Presbyterian Church through its governing bodies (Eastminster Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant, General Assembly) to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while strengthening the sense of community among Presbyterians.

Westminster's per capita amount per person for 2025 is \$33.00 and is composed of \$18.76 for Eastminster Presbytery; \$3.40 for Synod of the Covenant; and \$10.84 for General Assembly. Consider paying your per capita to help Westminster offset the amount being used from our budget. Please write "per capita" on your check's memo line.

~Jim Cole
Treasurer



I've been blessed to see a trumpeter swan dancing on the ice and a male wood duck showing off his colors.



The day before Ash Wednesday, the ice having melted, a beaver swam near the boardwalk, enjoying the new freedom to explore its territory. A paraphrase of Psalm 103 says, "God touches all in the heavens and on the earth; everything is full of sacred presence." Let us celebrate, along with all creation, **the message of Easter: that God's sacred presence is within and among us, and through God's steadfast and omnipresent love, death has been conquered, and new life abounds.** Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Several days a week, I hike on the Towpath in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, often spending time at the Beaver Marsh near the Ira Road Trailhead. As spring approaches, God's creatures return to the Beaver Marsh for nourishment and for the mating season.



Memorial Easter Flowers

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, along with form. There is no set amount.

If you want to give electronically, go on WPC website at: www.westminsterakron.org under "Give" then select "Easter flowers."

It is very important you return this form, so we can publish your "Memorial"

Deadline For Form and Contribution is Friday, April 13, 2025

(please check one of the boxes and write the rest of your message including your loved ones name)

- In Loving Memory
 - In Memory of
 - In Honor of
-
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Your Name: _____

Donation Amount: _____



TETELESTAT Luke 14:23

"IT IS FINISHED"
A MUSICAL PORTRAYAL OF THE TRIAL, EXECUTION, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

SCRIPT & LYRICS BY JOEL NAGY
MUSICAL SCORE BY RUS NAGY

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
2121 6th Street
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Friday, April 11th at 8:00pm
Saturday, April 12th at 8:00pm
Sunday, April 13th at 2:00pm

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May 2025 Script Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures submitted to the church office at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com by **Thursday, April 10, 2025.**



I hope you are enjoying "The Script", your feed back and entries are appreciated. ~Dawn M Pokorny, Editor

Save The Date:

- ◆ Annual Report Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, April 6, after worship in the Sanctuary. Annual 2024 report will be available.
- ◆ WPC Music presents "Music Moves Me" by the Akron Symphony, Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:30 & 10:45 am (WHH), more on pg. 10.
- ◆ WPC Music presents "Summit Bells" Sunday, April 13, 2025 in (WHH), at 4:00 pm. Free and open to public.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday, 7pm, April 17th; Good Friday, Noon/Chapel, April 18th; Easter Sunday, 10:30 am., April 20th.
- ◆ WPC Celtic Garden Perennial/Discipleship Committee Garage Sale at 10-2 pm., Saturday, May 3rd, on the patio and Wright-Herberich Hall at Westminster church.

BIBLE STUDY

Come join us Thursday evening 7-8pm via Zoom.
Contact Rae Leonard, leonardrae4@gmail.com
for more information and Zoom link.

Let's Dig In together

Staff Schedules

Staff	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Rev. Sandy Selby	Call	Office	To	Make	Appt.
Dave Bodnar	8:00am-12:30pm	8:00am-12:30pm	8:00am-12:30pm	8:00am-12:30pm	
Lou Camerato	8:30am-12:30pm				8:30am-12:30pm
Jim Cole	Call	Office	To	Make	Appt.
Dawn Pokorny	8:30am-4pm	8:30am-4pm	8:30am-4pm	8:30am-4pm	8:30am-4pm
Gwynne Rearick	Call	Office	For	Avail.	Times
Pat Schumacher	8:30am-12:30pm	8:30am-12:30pm	8:30am-12:30pm	8:30am-12:30pm	8:30am-12:30pm
Nik Stackpole	Call	Office	For	Avail.	Times

Westminster News:

One Great Hour of Sharing

This special offering will take place from April 6th through April 20th. One Great Hour of Sharing provides relief from natural disasters, hunger and promotes the self-development of all people.

Your kind gifts bring love and hope to the world through three life-saving programs. **36%** supports the Presbyterian Hunger Programs, which is committed to ending hunger globally.

32% supports Disaster Assistance, which is committed to help others repair from disasters and beyond the initial aftermath globally.

32% supports Self-Development of people, which is committed to helping communities around the world gain the skills they need to improve their communities.

All these programs fit together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This Lenten Season you can help sustain these important ministries and programs in over 100 countries. Please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing. "If we all do a little, it adds up a lot!"

RAHAB

Thank you! Your kind donations of personal care items and women's garments to RAHAB Ministries were wonderful. Our collection box was filled to the brim. When the items were delivered to RAHAB they were very, very grateful for the large donation of much-needed items. Your gifts do make a difference in the lives of others.

First Sunday Food Collection will take place on first Sunday of each month. Non-perishable items requested are chicken and tuna in a can, prepackaged dinners, fruits and vegetables in a can, pudding, toilet paper, paper towels, and personal care items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, body soap, deodorant etc. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Help fill the "red bags" to help those who are less fortunate.

Blue Sunday

Blue Sunday, April 27th is a Day of Prayer for abused and neglected children. Congregations are encouraged to come together as one voice and take time during your worship and praise services to pray for abused and neglected children locally and across the nation as well as those who provide for their care and support. www.summitkids.org

Amplified Youth facing POVERTY

The *Amplified Youth* had the opportunity to participate in a poverty simulation at Akron UMC this past month.

It was such a powerful experience! Each participant was put into a "family" and given a packet that included a bio for each family member and a few resources such as transportation passes, food vouchers, and money.

For just an hour, we were required to play the assigned role and try desperately to pay bills and go to work with our limited funds.

This was complicated even further by having to deal with age-related limitations, handicaps, children, and everyday challenges like having a car break down.

I was shocked that, just in the course of the short experience, all of us were feeling frustrated, and extremely stressed, and some people were even experiencing nausea.

This activity was so meaningful in helping us all develop a stronger sense of empathy for people who are forced to deal with these issues every day.

Poverty simulations play a really important role in helping us become kinder and more compassionate towards everyone.

~Gwynne Rearick



Music at WPC Presents

Summit Bells

Sunday, April 13
at 4:00 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1250 W Exchange Street
Parking across the street

Free and open to the public!



Music at WPC Presents

AKRON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CONCERTS FOR KIDS: "Music Moves Me"

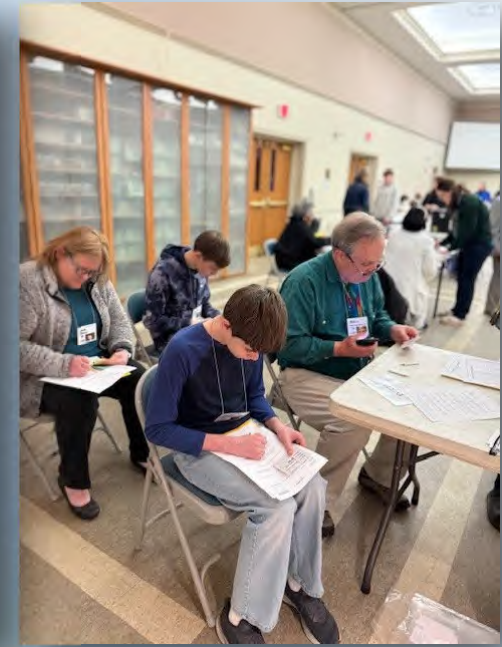
Tuesday, April 8
at 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM



Tickets \$6.00 each for
Adults and children over 2 years old

Tickets available online and at the door

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THE *O'Neil* HOUSE
BED AND BREAKFAST

Nearly 40 people braved the snow and ice to come out to the O'Neil House on March 7th for fellowship and fun. Gayle was such a wonderful host, and her exquisite bed and breakfast was the perfect place to share a meal together.

Raphael made an impeccable Salmon Wellington and Billionaire's Meatloaf for the main course, while everyone else brought their favorite dish to share. The event was a great success, thanks to everyone who participated, and the consensus is that we should do this regularly.

So.....plan ahead for the fall Dinner Party!!

