

10:30 am Service In-Person & on YouTube **LIVESTREAM**

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The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday



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The Script



July 2025

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth."

(Psalm 100:1)

In our worship service on June 8 we celebrated the feast of Pentecost, the day on which Christians recall the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early followers of Christ fifty days after his resurrection. During our service we celebrated the work of the Holy Spirit within our congregation by having Appreciation Day, acknowledging and thanking the people of our congregation who volunteer in more than thirty ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

At the conclusion of our Pentecost service, the celebration continued! Members of our congregation, guests, and visitors gathered in Wright Herberich Hall, on the patio, and on the lawn, to have picnic lunch and listen to a Carillon concert by Director of Music/Organist Nik Stackpole. Nik played popular music selections ranging from ABBA's "Dancing Queen" to Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World."

What a joy it was to hear the bells chiming in new and creative ways!
In my sermon on Trinity Sunday, June 15, I said,

Christians have always lived in the tension between the conservative—grounding us in the tradition—and the creative—calling us to be open to our present context. In the 21st century that tension between the conservative and the creative is being lived out in new and challenging ways in our churches and in our civic life.

Nik's Carillon concert demonstrated how the tension between the conservative, in this case grounded in Westminster's long tradition of playing sacred music on the Carillon bells, and the creative, playing pop and movie music on those bells, could enliven a community that appreciated a creative and joyful presentation of music on bells that call us to worship, each Sunday.

It wasn't just people who were part of the community gathered to hear the Carillon! For most of the concert, a hawk was perched on the cross on the steeple of the church (he left, briefly, during "Climb Every Mountain," but returned for "Star Wars"). Several songbirds could be heard singing along with the Carillon throughout the concert.

Thank you, Nik, for hosting such a joyful and Spirit-filled occasion. Rumor has it that, due to popular demand, there will be another Carillon concert in the fall!

Blessings,
Sandy Selby, Bridge Pastor



We like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated gardeners who work tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain the stunning grounds of Westminster Church. Their unwavering commitment and countless hours of labor are evident. The beauty they create not only enhances the church's appearance but also provides a serene and inviting atmosphere for all who visit. Thank you for your remarkable efforts in making this sacred space truly remarkable.



From the Desk of the Clerk of Session:

The regular meeting of Session was on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Training for officers elected at the April 6 congregational meeting was held on May 18. New elders and deacons submitted statements of faith and answered the following questions:

1. What passage of scripture most shapes your vision of the mission of the Church and your role in it?
2. What will be your #1 priority as an officer of this congregation?
3. Can you answer all of the questions for ordination contained in the Book of Order confidently and affirmatively?
4. What does it mean to you to “submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life?”

All were accepted with ordination and installation scheduled was June 15.

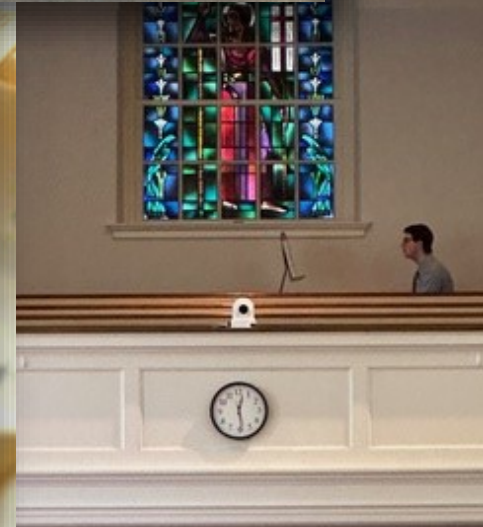
Rev. Barry Chance led a discussion on committee structure. He noted some overlap in the types of work performed by committees. Out of an estimated 65 active worship attendees, 34 currently serve on committees some on multiple committees. This does not count task forces such as the Celtic Garden. Current committee responsibilities are not always clearly defined.

Barry explained that churches have often had a “silo” committee structure, e.g., Human Resources, Finance, Operations, etc. This has at times led to competitiveness between committees. Another option is Planning (visioning), Operations (execute plan) and Evaluation (how did it work). Task forces can perform designated tasks for a set period of time. He suggested establishing a task force of 2 elders and 2 deacons to develop a proposed structure for going forward. Discussion will be continued at the June meeting.


Preliminary unaudited data for 2025 through April shows actual revenues \$182,152; budgeted \$166,643. Actual expenses \$181,014; budgeted \$213,571. Net (actual revenues less actual expenses) is a surplus of \$5,138. Endowment distributions and interest were above budget; contributions were below budget. Personnel expenses were below budget. Expenses need to be monitored since contributions tend to decrease over the summer months.

Average worship attendance for April was 81, including 131 on Easter Sunday. Average viewings on YouTube for April were 63 (YouTube Live = 90).

~Alec Works
Clerk of Session



Community Dinner



On Thursday, May 29th, Raphael Peoples and Mike Grau assisted by Sam Grau treated about 30 diners to juicy roasted pork loin, Raphael's special scalloped potatoes, scrumptious green beans and a delicious array of fresh fruits.

Along with the wonderful meal there was good fellowship amongst church members/volunteers, several regulars, some from WYDACA and a few first time guests. They thoroughly enjoyed the meal and look forward to the next. Several guests were grateful to be able to take a meal home with them.

Volunteers were: Marian Wahl, Earl Pierson, Lisa Bansen-Harp, Jennifer Vicarel, Suzanne Grafinger, Peg Messaros and Jim and Stacy Franzmann.

Save the date!

The next Community Dinner will be held on Thursday July 31st from 4:45 pm. to 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy great food and fellowship.

~Stacy Franzmann

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is a significant celebration that focuses on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which comprises the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This day serves as a reminder of the nature of God as three distinct persons united in one essence. It invites believers to reflect on the profound unity and love inherent within the Trinity. Additionally, Trinity Sunday encourages individuals to deepen their understanding of this theological mystery and its impact on their faith.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Save The Date:

- ♦ Office Closed Friday, July 4th.
- ♦ Celebration of Life for Suzanne Rogers, Saturday, July 5th at 2:00 pm. Westminster Presbyterian Church, reception to follow immediately after in WHH.
- ♦ Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby on vacation July 5-July 12th.
- ♦ Akron Pride 5K will be August 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm.
- ♦ Akron Pride festival/march, will be Saturday, August 23, 2025 more details to come.
- ♦ Sunday, September 14th in WHH after 10:30 am worship, WPC Music presents, "Community Day."

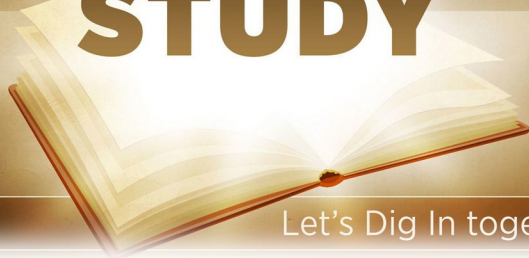
August 2025 Script Deadline

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



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

BIBLE STUDY



Let's Dig In together

Thursday Bible Study will take a break during the summer months and will resume in September. More information will be provided as we approach that date. Thank you to everyone who has participated; we hope to see more of you join us in the fall.

~Rae Leonard
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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:

First Sunday Food Collection will take place on the 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.

Chanel Flowers: Again this summer the chancel flower arrangers will be cutting flowers from the Celtic garden to add beauty in the chancel and grace to worship. We appreciate the time and love that many volunteers offer to make this possible. Your flower memorials support the continuing care of the Celtic Garden. Please contact Kristy by email/phone or text; ksnyates@gmail.com; 330-807-6228.

Hello Everyone,

As many of you may already know, our church groups and activities will be taking a well-deserved break for the summer months. This pause gives everyone a chance to unwind, enjoy some sunshine, and spend quality time with family and friends.

We truly value the connections we've built within our church family, and we can't wait to dive back into our programs and gatherings! We will be sure to keep you updated on when we'll resume our activities, so you won't miss out on any of the fun.

However, please join us every Sunday at 10:30 am for worship at church, where we gather to uplift one another in faith, celebrate our shared beliefs, and strengthen the bonds of our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

In the meantime, enjoy your summer adventures—whether it's hiking, barbecuing, or simply relaxing at home. We look forward to reuniting with all of you soon and sharing more joyful moments together! Take care!

~Westminster Staff

...in this crazy world of ours,
why not stop and enjoy?

Dinner Groups & Fellowship Coffee Hour

At Westminster, folks really know how to have a good time together! Whether it's during the friendly chatter at their cozy dinner groups or the relaxed Sunday coffee hours right after worship, the laughter and stories flow freely. These gatherings are all about building connections, sharing delicious meals, and enjoying each other's company in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and make new friends!

Interested in joining, please contact Dottie Erb, at
email: erbd@marietta.edu



ETC, school of musical arts rehearsals filled Westminster hall for a couple weeks in June with magical rhythm, talent and laughter. You all are amazing and should be so proud of yourselves.

MUSIC IS LIFE
THAT'S WHY
OUR HEARTS HAVE BEATS.

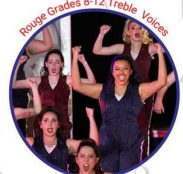
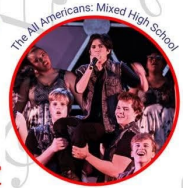


LOVE TO SING?
DANCE?
PLAY AN
INSTRUMENT?
**Then ETC is for
YOU!**

We are a non-profit, community-based, competitive show choir that provides musical education, performance training, and varied performance opportunities to students grades 3-12 in the greater Akron area.



For More Info:
<https://etc-schoolofmusicalarts.org/audition-information/>
Have questions?
Email the Executive Director at Robert.Sabree@etc-hsma.org





Co-led by Chef Ariel



Led by "Ms. R."

Soulful Sprouts

presents a
week of Gardening, Cooking
& Nutrition Fun for Kids!

AUGUST 4-8 | 10 AM - 3 PM DAILY
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What is Soulful Sprouts?

- Gardening** Grow fruits and veggies while learning about God's amazing creation.
- Cooking** Create simple, healthy meals and snacks with the help of a trained chef.
- Nutrition** Discover how to make smart, healthy choices through interactive activities.
- Service** Help others with a special service project to help families in need

Who Can Join?

Kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade
No experience needed. Just bring a willingness

Family Celebration Dinner

Join us at the end of the week for a special dinner planned, prepared, and served by kids!

Spaces are limited! Sign up today!!



SCAN ME



CHRIST
OFFERS
FORGIVENESS
FOR
EVERYONE
EVERYWHERE



Westminster's youth ministry after-school program is filled with excitement. The "Garden Grub-Club" kids from WYDACA childcare are exploring the colorful world of nutrition, discovering vibrant food groups, savoring unique tastes and textures, and experimenting with a variety of spices and ingredients. With eager hands, they are learning to plant seeds, nurture their growing gardens, and appreciate the wonders of nature.

Once their homegrown produce is ready, they find delight in creatively preparing and enjoying the fruits of their labor, turning every meal into a delicious adventure. The children are also using their talents and imaginations during classroom activities. This program is fantastic! The kids are thriving and learning so much while enjoying the company of their peers.

