

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

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Make Music With Us!

Music
at WPC



Whether you're a seasoned musician or brand new, there's a place for you in our music program. Come as you are—no experience needed!

CHOIR

The choir gathers each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Together, we lead music in worship every week.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Our handbell choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 4:45. We share our music in worship once a month and travel each year to ring at the Area 5 Festival.

CONCERT SERIES

Our concert series brings exceptional musicians and ensembles to our community, offering inspiring performances throughout the year. These events celebrate the joy of music and invite everyone to experience its beauty together.

WHY IS MUSIC IMPORTANT?

COMMUNITY

Music builds community by bringing people together and turning shared sound into lasting connection.

CREATIVITY AND GROWTH

Music fosters creativity and personal growth, helping us discover new skills, express ourselves, and gain confidence.

WORSHIP AND CONNECTION

Music deepens worship and connection, opening our hearts to God and drawing us closer together in faith.

Preparation for John Rutter's Requiem:
About the music requiem:

John Rutter is one of the most celebrated and widely performed choral composers of our time. Born in London in 1945, Rutter studied music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he later served as Director of Music. His works known for their lyrical melodies, rich harmonies, and accessible style, span sacred and secular genres, including carols, anthems, and major choral—orchestral works such as the Requiem and Gloria. October 26, at 4pm. in the sanctuary of Westminster.

Community Dinner in September 2025

Once again, this dinner was a winner!
We had a great turnout of 60 people and an industrious volunteer crew which included Bob Carlyon, Earl Pierson, Marian Wahl, Kris Keller, Stacy & Jim Franzmann and Margo Works.

The food, prepared by chef Mike Grau was perfect for October: Bratwurst and sauerkraut, homemade spaetzle noodles, German potato salad, rolls and cookies!

Our next dinner is not the usual last Thursday of the month due to Thanksgiving so instead it will be Thursday, November 20.

Hope to see you there!



Bon Appétit!

Session – September 2025

The regular meeting of Session was on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

On behalf of the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC), Ed Labbe reported that a candidate has provisionally accepted an offer to serve as pastor of Westminster.

The offer is within the constraints approved by Session in July 2024.

The candidate is scheduled to deliver the candidate's sermon on Sunday, October 26.

The candidate's name will not be announced until the week before the candidate's sermon, included in a letter to the congregation.

A motion prevailed to call for a special congregational meeting immediately following the worship service on October 26, 2025.

The first purpose is to vote on calling the candidate to serve as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, with a start date of January 5, 2026. The other item is to formally elect Kate Huisinga to serve on the church-wide Nominating Committee.

September 28 was Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby's last Sunday as Bridge Pastor. She noted she has enjoyed serving and will be serving as pulpit supply some Sundays this fall, and pastoral care as available and needed. Pulpit supply will be used from October 5, 2025 through January 4, 2026.

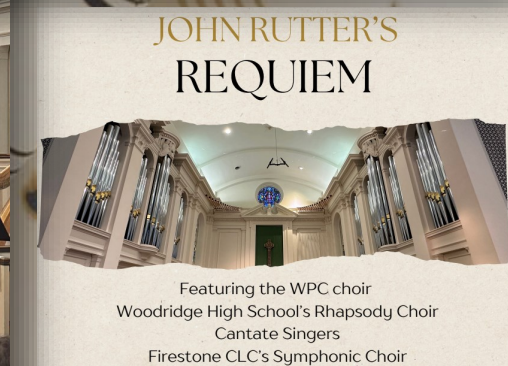
Preliminary unaudited data for 2025 through August shows a deficit of \$14,033. Endowment distributions, interest and contributions were above budget. Finance and Personnel expenses were below budget, with Personnel reflecting pay for a full-time pastor.

Committee reports noted several upcoming activities.

Alec Works
Signature

~Alec Works
Clerk of Session

REHEARSAL: Preparation for the Big concert



CELTIC GARDEN NEWS

Once again the time is coming to put the Celtic garden to bed.

Where has the summer gone?

The beautiful garden would not exist without the dedication of a group of gardeners who come out rain, shine, sleet, or snow. And we can't forget our dedicated flower arrangers, who week after week create professional-caliber altar arrangements, and also provide table flowers for lunches, etc.

Kudos to every one of them!





Music at WPC

2025-2026 CONCERT SERIES

1250 W. Exchange St.
Akron, OH 44313

Sunday, September 14 12:00 PM	Music at WPC Community Day ✓
Sunday, October 26 4:00 PM	Rutter's Requiem
Sunday, December 7 10:30 AM	Firestone Madrigals
Sunday, December 21 4:00 PM	Christmas Carol Sing
Sunday, January 25 4:00 PM	Ensemble Mercury
Sunday, April 26 4:00 PM	Stow Heritage Ringers
Sunday, May 24 12:00 PM	Picnic and Carillon Concert

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Save The Date:

- ♦ Community Dinner (WHH) November 20, from 5-7 pm.
- ♦ "Hanging of the Greens" November 23, at 11:40 am.
- ♦ Church Office Closed November 27 & 28, Thanksgiving.
- ♦ Firestone Madrigals at 10:30 am worship service, Dec. 7th.
- ♦ Christmas basket distribution, Dec. 13th contact Ed Labbe for more details and volunteering, elabbe@roadrunner.com

December, 2025 Script Deadline

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



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

Zoom Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Join Bible Study via Zoom

If you would like to be added to the email list to receive a link to our Bible study group, contact Rae Leonard at leonardrae4@gmail.com.

Staff Schedules

Staff	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
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



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Discipleship Doings:

The Discipleship Committee is looking forward to an active fall season at Westminster.

- On October 26, we will be providing refreshments in Wright Herberich Hall following the 4:00 PM performance of Rutter's Requiem.
- On Monday, October 27 from 6:00 until 7:30 we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event for members of all ages and for area kids and families. If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out treats or simply come be a part of all the fun and enjoy some Halloween themed snacks, we would love to have you! If you choose to hand out treats, please arrive in the back parking lot by 5:45 pm.

Costumes are optional, but a fun fall spirit is strongly encouraged.

- On December 14, we are planning to host a Christmas cookie exchange and light lunch after the worship service. Bring a couple dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and go home with a variety of cookies.
- Our Thursday Zoom Bible Study led by Rae Leonard is in full swing studying the book of Luke. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this group. You can join by reaching out to Rae or by contacting the church office.
- The Sunday morning Adult Book/Discussion Group is continuing to meet at 9:30 am in room 106. Our discussions center around thought-provoking readings and how we can respond as Christians to events in our lives and in the world at large. All are welcome to be a part of this group, and you can join in at any time.

Contact information: Dottie Erb, email: erbd@icloud.com



On the evening of October 17th, the sanctuary at Westminster came alive with music as approximately 60 guests attended a captivating performance by talented artists from Les Délices. The diverse array of musical expressions created a vibrant atmosphere, leaving the audience with a memorable appreciation for the artistry showcased.



bohemian rhapsody

Amplified Youth

UPCOMING EVENTS!

SEPT-JAN

'25-'26

FALL/WINTER



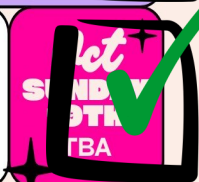
Sept.
SUNDAY
21ST
4-7 PM

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
SCAVENGER HUNT**

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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**CVNP DAY
OF SERVICE**
CLEANING THE FREEDOM TRAIL



Nov
SUNDAY
16TH
3-5 PM

PROJECT FEED

KENT UMC, 1435 E. MAIN ST., KENT, 44240

**GAME DAY
WITH SENIORS**

HERITAGE CROSSING, N. CLEVE-MASS. RD.

Dec
SUNDAY
28TH
1:30 PM

Jan
MONDAY
19TH
9-1 PM

**BACK2SCHOOL
SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
AND SOCIAL, TBD**

SOUTH ST. MINISTRIES, 798 GRANT ST., AKRON, 44311

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, canned fruits and vegetables, 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.

The PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness offering extends light to those in the shadows and guides them into ways of peace. This offering was collected on October 5th, and envelopes will be in the pews for your convenience. Secure online giving is available on our website as well. WPC keeps 25% of the proceeds to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

The annual WPC Giving Tree will appear a little earlier this year. Since it starts to get cold about now, we want the recipients to have the scarves, mittens, hats, and gloves when they need them. So, between October 26th and November 9th, let's shower the women and children sheltering at ACCESS with lots of warmth and love. We have secure online giving on our website as well.

Please Join us at Westminster Presbyterian Church for a special service, honoring “*All Saints Sunday*”. We will remember those members who passed away this year. Guest musician will be Sarah Boyd, who will play the bagpipes.

Turn clocks back before your bedtime on Saturday, November 1, 2025.





Throughout the past five weeks, we examine how hymns have evolved through the centuries, how they express our deepest spiritual longings, and how they respond to the challenges of our contemporary world. Topics included the history of hymnody, hymn texts addressing creation care, gender-inclusive language in song, and the impact of the digital age on congregational singing. These sessions were informal, engaging, and open to a range of perspectives.

Thank you to those who took the class. There were 15 participants who learn a lot about the different components and history.

~ Nik Stackpole

Hymnody Class 2025

