



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

Here are some dates to put on your calendars!!!
More events will be added ☺
We'll keep you updated!

August 2016

Family Picnic at Silver Creek, Saturday, August 13
Tween Classroom Open House, Sunday August 28

September 2016

Labor Day Picnic, September 4 after worship
Rally Day! Sunday School begins!! Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 am

October 2016

Open House for Godly Play and Bible Story Room classrooms, October 9
Halloween Party, October 29, 3-5:00 pm

November 2016

Pageant Rehearsal, Advent Potluck and Workshop, November 27, 4:30-7 pm

December 2016

Christmas Pageant, December 11

January 2017

Ice Skating, January 8, 2017 from 3-5 pm

April 2017

Easter Egg Hunt April 16th

May 2017

Last day of Sunday School and Teacher Appreciation, May 21, 2017
Memorial Day Picnic, May 28



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

The IGNITE 12:50 leaders would like to invite all 7th thru 12th graders to join them starting September 11 at 9:30 am for the 2016-17 Sunday school year. In addition to Pat Santelli, Kate Huisinga and Mike Grau, we welcome our newest IGNITE teacher, Andi Jopperi. We will be continuing to primarily use the engaging Spice Rack curriculum that we used in 2015-2016, but are changing up topics every 5-6 weeks to cover a more diverse range of topics based on the recommendations from Ministry Architects. We will kick off the Sunday school year at the beginning of the Bible with the book of Genesis and looking at what some of these ancient stories can tell us about our relationship with God in today's world. Look for more updates from the IGNITE team as we progress through the church year.

Youth Ministry Volunteer Training

On Saturday, September 17, 2016 Youth Ministry Volunteers will meet at WPC from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for volunteer training. Please watch your email inbox for further information.



Youth Ministry Events

August 6, 2016 (Saturday) – Volunteer Opportunity for youth and others at Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank at 350 Opportunity Parkway in Akron. Youth will meet at WPC at 8:10 am to travel to the Foodbank where we will work until 11:30 am. We'll enjoy lunch together at the church when we return. Parents can pick up their youth at the church at 12:45 pm. Each participant needs to complete the Foodbank's online volunteer application prior to arrival on August 6. We will email all youth and parents a direct link to that application along with instructions. Open-toed shoes and jewelry are not permitted in the warehouse when handling food. Comfortable shoes are recommended since we may be on our feet the entire time. **ADULTS IN THE CONGREGATION ARE WELCOME.** There is no cost for this event. Contact person is Sharlene Santelli (ssantelli@sbcglobal.net).

August 28, 2016 (Sunday) – FALL KICK-OFF FOR YOUTH MINISTRY Families with youth in grades 7-12 are invited to a Fall Kick-off on Sunday, August 28 from noon to 3:00 pm at the home of Valerie Stutler (1241 Lisa Ann Dr., Akron, OH). Younger family members are welcome. Lunch will be served at noon, and a parent meeting will follow. This is an opportunity for families to get to know one another and to learn about upcoming youth events at WPC. The 2016-2017 Event Calendar will be distributed, and participation documents/forms will be updated as needed. More information about this event will be coming when invitations are sent. There is no cost for this event. Contact person is Valerie Stutler (veggiegirl1449@gmail.com).

September 10-11, 2016 (Saturday & Sunday) – BOWLING AND LOCK-IN Meet at WPC at 6:30 pm to travel to Riviera Lanes for bowling. The cost for youth is \$10, due August 28. We'll return to the church for pizza, games and lock-in. On Sunday morning, youth will gather for the IGNITE 12:50 Sunday School Class. Donuts will be provided. Contact person is Sharlene Santelli (ssantelli@sbcglobal.net).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Final Summer Event with Children and Family Ministry

On Saturday, August 13, from 1:00-5:00 pm join us in Norton at **Silver Creek and a Metro Park for swimming picnic.** The White Spar Shelter, inside the swimming area is reserved for the day to gather, eat and enjoy end-of-summer fellowship.



Rally Day 2016 for Children's Ministry

On Sunday, September 11th we will all gather back in our Sunday School classes at 9:30 to learn the stories, language and books of our faith. The classrooms will be set up and sparkling, the teachers will be prepared and inviting and God's love will be spread far and wide! Please invite friends!!! Nursery will be open from 9:15 am – 12:00 noon infants-4-year-olds
Bible Story Room 105 Ages 3-5
Godly Play Room 202 K- grade 3
Tween Space Room 107 4-6 grade

VBS 2016 Under Construction Wrap-Up

Wow!!!! What a week we had. Twenty outstanding adult volunteers, 16 wonderful student helpers, and 45 children shared, cared, learned, worshipped and celebrated together. We learned the bible background to helping our neighbors, giving what we can, and knowing that God is with us now and always. Our focus was contributing to the 8 new Habitat for Humanity houses being built this summer. We did it with gusto!! We made gifts, collected goods for their pantries and signed 2x6's that send our love directly to a house being built. YOU can help too!!!

On July 31 we will be selling tiles decorated by the VBS children. The proceeds go directly to our Akron Habitat for Humanity. Be generous!!! Thanks to all who contributed to this VBS in so many ways, when this congregation works together, the Spirit is fully felt!

EDUCATION NEWS



Adult Education News for Fall

How much do you know about Islam? We will be offering a four-part video series on Islam this fall at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings starting on September 11. All adults are welcome.

Following this series, you are invited to do further exploration in one of two ways. Starting October 9, Rae Leonard will offer a four-week class on Abraham, the father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Explore how it all started. Pastor Jon will also be offering a three-week class starting Oct. 16 on contemporary issues in Islam.

In November, all adults are invited to meet together again for a discussion of some of the most difficult passages we find in the Bible. Watch for more on this later.

As Advent begins on November 27, we will offer two choices again. Parents are invited to the library with Sheila for conversations about Advent related themes. At the same time, Rae will offer a four-week class looking at the biblical texts that explain the major themes of Advent. This will prepare us and our families for our celebration of Christmas.

Please plan to take advantage of as many of these opportunities as you can, as often as you can. All are welcome.

Eye-Opener Bible Study

The Eye-Opener Bible Study is another option for study. Join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00 am in Room 106 at the church. Come enjoy fellowship and discussion. All are welcome! We will resume meeting on September 8 for breakfast at the Eye Opener at 8 am, then study starts again on September 15.

Who Sets Our Vision?

As my first year as your pastor draws to a close, I would like to offer a few words about visioning and my intentions for our shared visioning process moving forward. Who sets the vision for the church? Well, at the most basic level, God does. But, God does not typically speak to us from the majesty of a burning bush or a whirlwind. Therefore, the Presbyterian Church affirms that the will of God is present through the decisions of those who have been selected by God and elected by the congregation to lead on behalf of the church. At the local level, this group of leaders is called the Session.

Our current visioning process has multiple components. First, our hired consultants, Ministry Architects (MA), have been very helpful from the standpoint of encouraging lay leadership and ensuring that Westminster is pursuing appropriate visions and programming for our children's and youth ministries. To this end, MA is working closely with our staff and key volunteers to move our church forward in each of these areas. Visioning documents have been crafted and discussed at length at visioning retreats and have been ratified by those present for the retreats, the Discipleship Committee, and the Session as a whole.

Next, and much like the visioning that takes place for our children and youth, the overarching vision of the church is the responsibility of our Session. The Session leads our church by setting the vision and by making determinations about which programs our church will pursue and how these programs will be administered. My first year has been full of gleaning as much knowledge as I can about Westminster's past and present. With this knowledge and understanding about who you were, who we are, and who we wish to become, I am able to facilitate a strategic visioning process with our Session. I intend to pursue this with a small group of Session members who will ultimately bring their findings and recommendations back to the entire Session for further comment, evaluation, review, and action.

I remain confident about our future, and am eager to begin work on this important process in the life of our church.

Peace,
Jon

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Save The Date! October 8, 2016. Our first Gathering will be at Rockynol. Wonder what has been happening right across the street? Come see for yourself. Lunch will be provided and a short tour of the new Assisted Living facility. No covered dish to prepare, tables to set up or dishes to wash. Look for details in the bulletin in the fall.

Looking for A Bible Study Group? We are looking for new members. After taking a summer break we will be studying 'Who Is Jesus?' in the fall. There is a group that will fit your schedule. We meet at the church, in a home, during the day and in the evening. Check it out! Questions? Contact Ginny Melver or Shelley Koutnik.

Circle Meetings and Leaders

- Discussion Circle:** Meets 1st Tuesdays at 10:00 am
Contact - Polly Fisher 330-664-1022
- Martha Circle:** Meets 2nd Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Contact - Cathy Melver 330-873-1156
- Metanoia Circle:** Meets 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm
Contact - Mary Lou Griffiths 330-688-7196
- Evening Circle:** Meets 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm
Contact – Ginny Melver 330-374-1157
- Sewing Circle:** Meets 3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
Contact - Peggy Messaros 330-666-9086
- Mary's Circle:** Meets 1st Fridays at 9:15 am at the church.
Contact Denise Howell; childcare is available

Presbyterian Women obtain voice and vote at General Assembly

Celebration and thanks are in order. The General Assembly just approved the two business items of Presbyterian Women. At the 223rd (2018) General Assembly, PW in the PC(USA), Inc., will be a corresponding member with voice and a seat at the assembly. The second piece of business includes PW in the Organization for Mission, which recognizes PW, Inc., as a corporation that relates to the PC(USA). Presbyterian Women has been affirmed over and over again this week as a valuable organization of passionate women who live out God's call to serve through the PW Purpose. Repeatedly, we have been reminded what the mission, advocacy, Bible study and magazine mean to the whole church. Building an inclusive caring of women that supports the PC (USA) is always in the work of PW. Thanks be to God, Presbyterian Women across the country, for your part in bringing us to this momentous day. Amen!

What is Rally Day?

*by Patrick Canavan, Children's Ministry Director at
Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA
September 8, 2015*

Inevitably, at this time of year, I am asked by at least several people about the meaning of Rally Day. When we advertise the beginning of the new Bible School year, we call the first Sunday, Rally Day. It is a day set aside to reassemble or "rally" after the relatively quiet summer of vacations, camps, etc.

In many Protestant churches, Rally Day marks the beginning of the church calendar year. It typically occurs in September or early October. The customs associated with it vary quite a bit from parades and picnics to special church meetings where goals for the coming year are presented.

If you are a parent, a child, an adult, or really anyone at all, I hope you celebrate Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th. *(Date changed for WPC.)*

Introduction of the New Children's Choir Director



Samuel Olin-Hitt is a Sophomore Music Education Major at Baldwin-Wallace, where he studies Voice with Jim Mismas. As a student, he's been a teacher assistant at MusicPlay, an early childhood music curriculum. He has also taught in a summer program called SMART 360, which is geared toward teaching music and literacy to elementary students of the Akron Public School System. He is incredibly passionate about enriching lives through music education and very much enjoys working with early elementary age groups. He is also heavily involved in Elimination of Prejudice, an on-campus philanthropy, and is the Fundraising Chair for BW's chapter of the Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association.

Samuel has been a member of the choir at WPC for a year. In that time, he has been encouraged by the congregation's commitment to having a positive impact on the community at large by living out true Christian principles of love, acceptance, and compassion. He is honored to accept the role of Children's Choir Director, and he hopes to have a similarly positive impact on this community through the enriching power of music.

Email contact: wpcchildrenschoir1250@gmail.com or 330-936-8489

GROW

WPC Rally Day Is Sunday September 11th!

Let's start the Fall with a bang! Join us on Rally Day Sunday, September 11 to begin our educational opportunities at 9:30 am for all ages and then a meaningful Worship at 10:30. Note the change in classroom for our 4th-6th graders. Room 107! The Bible Story Room for 3-5 year olds remains in Room 105 and Godly Play, K-3rd, is upstairs in Room 202. The youth will now gather upstairs in Room 211 and all adults are gathering in Room 106 for a series on Islam. The children in grades K-8th have choir and bell practice beginning after the children's sermon. K-3rd grade will be meeting their new Choir Director, Sam Olin-Hitt, and Denise Howell returns to guide our 4th-8th graders in bell choir.

Don't miss this great start!!

new MEMBERS CLASS

New Member Class

Are you interested in pursuing membership at Westminster? Our next new member's class will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 am -10:15 am and Sunday, October 9 from 9:00am - 10:15am. Following the second class, new members will be welcomed in worship during the 10:30am service on October 9. Please contact Pastor Jon to learn more or to sign up.

SERVE

Third Sunday Dinners

WPC members will host our friends and neighbors from the community for dinner on Sundays, August 21, September 18 and October 16 in Wright-Herberich Hall. Dinner is served at 5 pm. Check with Anne Karney, meal coordinator, or Betsy Melick, volunteer coordinator, to see if your services are needed. Or come to serve as table hosts and share a fine meal with our church family and guests. Please invite a neighbor who may need a warm meal, or more importantly, friendly conversation.



Celebration for the baptism of Callen Spring, daughter of Kevin and Erin Spring on May 29, 2016.

Celebration for the baptism of Nathan Hauerwas, son of Jon and Kara Hauerwas on May 29, 2016.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Sue Wyle Jones who passed away June 11, 2016.

Celebration for the baptism of Reese Bedillion, daughter of Marc and Laura Bedillion on July 17, 2016.

Congratulations on the birth of Phoebe Adagio Haynes, daughter of Tia and Bevan Haynes, born Thursday, July 21. She weighed 7 pounds 10 oz. and was 20.25 inches long.

Internet Safety Events for Adults and Youth

The WPC Youth Ministry is sponsoring two important events dealing with Internet Safety.

September 19, 2016 (Monday) 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Parent Education Event on Internet Safety. This event is intended for parents, school administrators, teachers, counselors, pastors, and youth workers in the Akron community. A panel discussion led by representatives of the Victim's Assistance Program, Summit Co. Prosecutor's Office, Common Pleas Court, FBI, and the City of Akron Prosecutor's Office will focus the conversation on sexting, cyber-bullying, and human trafficking. The event will take place in the sanctuary at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

September 26, 2016 (Monday) 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Youth Education Event on Internet Safety. This second event is intended for youth who are twelve to eighteen years old. For this event, the youth will be divided by age, with 12-14 year olds in Wright-Herberich Hall and 15-18 year olds in the sanctuary. Age specific information will be shared by a panel of experts, similar to the team that will present at the parent education event.

More information on these events will follow in WPC Updates. Contacts for both events are Walter Hayes (waltermhayes@gmail.com) and Pat Santelli (psantelli@scglobal.net).

Westminster Memorial Garden

The Westminster Memorial Garden opened in the late spring of 2012. It is located adjacent to the Johnstone Patio. Westminster's Memorial Garden is a sacred space that provides a place for members to inter their ashes in a setting surrounded by the beauty of nature and the community of faith.



The ashes are not interred in containers, but are placed below the surface of the earth. The name of those interred is affixed to a plaque located on the west wall of the garden area. If a purchase agreement is made for you and a partner, space is reserved so the names may be displayed contiguously.

If you have questions about the Memorial Garden, its policies or you would like an agreement form, please contact any member of the Committee: Shelley Koutnik, Marcia Holcomb, Kara Hauerwas, Phil Fry, Earl Pierson and Jim and Barb Shriner.

Please walk through the garden and experience the peace and serenity.

Nominating Committee

In the Presbyterian Church, the members of the congregation are given the privilege and responsibility of electing those individuals who will serve in the offices of Elder, Deacon and Trustee. The Church Wide Nominating Committee of Westminster is meeting July 31 to begin its work to develop a slate of nominees to be voted upon by the congregation in late fall.

When we call you to serve in a leadership position, please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents in the life and ministry of Westminster. We are hoping you will accept the call to serve with ENERGY and ENTHUSIASM and give your best efforts to advance the mission of Westminster.

Thank you!!

Phil Fry
Nominating Committee Chair

FIVE AT FIVE Season Eighteen Schedule

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| September 11, 2016 | Philip Thomson, <i>piano</i> |
| October 2, 2016 | Akron Baroque |
| November 6, 2016 | Choral Festival Concert
Fauré Requiem and The Battle Hymn of the Republic
<i>Choirs of WPC, Firestone, Woodridge and Revere High Schools and the Men's and Women's Choirs of Kent State University</i> |
| March 12, 2017 | John Sherer, <i>organist</i> at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago with Cole Seaton, <i>tenor</i> |
| May 14, 2017 | Mother's Day Opera/Broadway Gala |



Philip Thomson, *piano*



Weekly Email Prayer List

Each week on Monday a prayer list is sent to those members of Westminster who have agreed to take the time or pray for those in need. The email prayer list includes members and our extended community. If you feel called to be part of this ministry of prayer for the needs of others, please contact the church office at gwilson1250@gmail.com to be added to the weekly email list.

Also if you have a prayer need, please let someone from the church staff know of your need so it can be added. Prayer request cards are also in the pews for your use. Prayer requests can be anonymous.

COME

Ice Cream Social

On Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on the WPC lawn we will enjoy some ice cream, music and time to socialize. Invite your family and friends to enjoy ice cream with toppings, while listening to music by the Akron Big Band. Bring blankets or bag chairs. In case of rain, this event will be held in Wright Herberich Hall.



Ice Cream Social

Dinner Bridge

Meets on certain Saturday evenings. Call the church office for more details.

May winners

First - Monte York
Second - Shirley Werner
Third - Fran Sawaya

June winners

First - Loren Pool
Second - Fran Sawaya
Third - Shirley Werner

ENCOUNTER

Book Discussion Meeting

8/8/2016 *Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins, led by Kacey Yates Gable
9/12/2016 *The Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig, led by Harriet Cutler
10/10/2016 *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver, led by Kristy Yates
11/14/2016 *The Gene: An Intimate History* by Siddhartha Mukherjee, led by Cathy Melver

As always the book group invites everyone in our WPC community to join in lively discussion of a wide range of books. We meet monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Anderson library.

Christmas in June Recap

Christmas in June 2016 was a success by every measure, continuing the Outreach Committee's summertime food security ministry to Westminster's neighbors in need for a second year. Partnering with the Salvation Army and sourcing protein-focused foods from the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, more than 30 WPC volunteers packed and distributed bags of food to 184 very grateful families of from 1 to 11 individuals each, with remaining food stocking the Army's food pantry and hot lunch kitchen for the many more neighbors it serves each week.

The Salvation Army staff have expressed their deep gratitude for our contributions to their Block Party, which also included giving Bible story activity books and crayons to the children attending the event. And the Outreach Committee thanks every donor, every volunteer and everyone who offered prayers for us, as we could not have undertaken this heartwarming work without that support.

Attendance Statistics

April	2015	2016
week #1	*27/**336	128
week #2	185	142
week #3	133	152
week #4	165	174
*Easter 8:30 **Easter 10:30		
May		
week #1	140	177
week #2	186	162
week #3	145	141
week #4	160	170
week #5	145	177
June	8:30/10:30	8:30/10:30
week #1	35/86	29/129
week #2	36/108	43/105
week #3	39/104	45/85
week #4	42/90	43/124

OTHER NEWS

Good Neighbors/First Sunday Food Collection

The demand for food at Good Neighbors remains high. Please respond to their need by bringing food to church on August 7, September 4 and October 2. They also can use your paper and plastic grocery bags. Place them in the box marked Good Neighbors that is in the coatroom.

Sewing Group

The group is in need of adult size bath towels to make bibs for local nursing homes. A box for your donated towels is in the coatroom. Thank you for your support.

Greeting Card Ministry

Please contact the church office if you feel anyone needs to be contacted by this ministry. If you have any cards to donate, please drop them in the Library in the box provided.

Befrienders

Contact the church office if you or someone else you know would enjoy a friendly visit!

Handicap Parking

We are making an effort to have plenty of parking for those with handicap permits behind the church. Please observe the parking spots as marked for the handicapped. Those without permits are asked to park across the street.

Sermons/Bulletins

Sermons and bulletins are posted on our website westminsterakron.com under the bulletin/sermon tab. Printed sermons are on the literature racks.

Church Directories

A new link for a corrected directory will be coming soon. Check your email soon.

Pastor Jon's Office Hours

Pastor Jon will be out of the office during daytime hours on Wednesdays, but will continue to attend evening meetings on Wednesdays as scheduled. In case of an emergency, he can always be reached by cell phone at 360-510-1750.

Serve on the Youth Vision Team. This involves strategic planning and long-term visioning to stay ahead of the youth programming from week to week and month to month. Again, training will be provided by Ministry Architects.

If any of these opportunities appeal to you, then please get in touch with me.

Peace and best wishes,
Jon

Upcoming Events

Pastor Jon's Study Leave

Sunday, August 14-Saturday, September 3, 2016

Pastor Jon will be out of state on study leave from August 14 through September 2. Emergency pastoral coverage will be provided by The Reverend Stephanie Crossland from Northminster in Cuyahoga Falls.

WPC Fall Kickoff

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Join us for a picnic on September 4 at Hardesty Park, following morning worship in the sanctuary. This gathering will kick off our children's, youth and adult education ministries, which will begin on September 11, at 9:30 am. The Deacons will provide meat and members of the congregation are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Drinks and paper products will be provided, and a shelter house has been reserved. Please sign up in Wright-Herberich Hall beginning in August. Volunteers will organize games for children. Contact person is Sharlene Santelli at ssantelli@sbcglobal.net or 330-825-7583.

Rally Day

Sunday, September 11, 2016

After a great summer, hopefully full of relaxation and renewal, we are thrilled to welcome everyone back to our program year of education, reflection and inspiration.

There are plans for children, youth and adults, so please check out those sections in the Script and join us first for our Education Hour at 9:30 and then for Worship at 10:30.



During the interim period at Westminster, prior to my call, I was encouraged to read about the work of Ministry Architects (MA) and to see how well our hired consultants were already communicating this same message. Our advisers at MA continue to state how crucial it is that Westminster not rely on the staff to do the work and ministry of the church. First, we don't have enough staff to make this possible. Secondly, it is not sustainable. Yet, I have often witnessed how difficult it is to transform congregational culture, and how easy it is to revert to previous patterns of operating which can no longer be reasonably supported by a church and staff of our size.

The reality is that we currently need many more volunteers to engage in the life of our congregation if we are to both maintain our current level of programming and plan for future growth. Over the past several years, our leadership has encouraged you to step up in many ways and, on each occasion, you have responded positively with skill, love, and commitment. For all of your efforts, I am greatly appreciative. In fact, it is your dedication to serve which ultimately brought me to Westminster.

Here are some examples of our current volunteer needs. Can you help?
Office: Use our American Church Software (ACS) program to maintain worship and Sunday school attendance records, make changes to contact information, and print labels; proofread bulletins and church newsletters; update literature racks, organize name tags and bulletin boards; schedule liturgists and assist staff with ongoing needs; stuff bulletins with inserts, send hand-written cards and letters to WPC members; answer phones and relay messages; make copies, assist church groups with mailing requests; open doors for those visiting the church; type documents, organize and inventory office supplies; assist with updating and distributing the church directory.

Youth: *Serve on the Youth Administrative Team.* Ministry Architects suggests 2-3 dedicated folks organizing the ministry. This work has been done solely by Sharlene Santelli, who is stepping down from this commitment at the end of the summer. The amount of time for each person involved is likely 2-3 (maybe 5) hours per week. This is a bit more than the typical committee involvement. But, since we do not have a paid staff person in the youth area, it is going to be important for a few people to give time weekly in an effort to make the ministry function well on a weekly and monthly basis. Additional training will be provided by Ministry Architects.



June 2016	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$40,350.28	\$56,365.25	\$281,568.30	\$337,891.50
Total Expenses	\$47,722.64	\$49,159.19	\$290,100.73	\$311,033.81
Net	(\$7,372.36)	\$7,207.06	(\$8,532.43)	\$26,857.69

Revenues: Contributions to support general operations are right on budget at June 30, 2016 and represent a \$1,700 increase compared to June 30, 2015. Contributions to the Discipleship Ministry are ahead of budget by \$2,670. A total of \$2,941 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip that happened the week of July 11. Outreach revenues are on budget for this year and \$2,900 ahead of prior year giving. A total of \$6,856 was contributed for Christmas in June. Budgeted total revenues include anticipated withdrawals from Rowley investments necessary to balance the budget totaling \$116,400 for the year.

Expenses: Total expenses at June 30, 2016 are \$21,000 below the amount budgeted. Of this amount, \$12,200 is attributable to a reduction in payroll and payroll related costs and volunteer staffing for the first half of the year. Total expenses related to Properties are also under budget by \$3,300 primarily due to lower heating bills for the first half of 2016.

At June 30, 2016, there is an operating deficit in the amount of \$8,532.43.

Thank you for your continuing financial support!

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending June 30, 2016.

Giving Statements for the period ending June 30, 2016 were emailed on July 12. If you did not receive an email and wish to have a copy of your giving statement, please email Eileen at wpcfinance1250@gmail.com or call 330-836-2226 ext. 5.

Weekly Sunday Morning Schedule starting September 11.

9:00 am-Childcare available
9:15 am-Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room
9:30 am-Christian Education for all ages
10:30 am-Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30 am-Fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall

**Sunday, August 7, 2016 is the last Sunday for our Early Morning
Worship on the patio at 8:30 am.**

October/November Script deadline: Wednesday, September 14 please have your articles about activities into the church office by 12:00 pm that day. The plan is to distribute on Sunday, September 25.

WPC on Social Media Follow us on **Facebook** at Westminster Presbyterian Church and **Twitter** @WestPresAkron. Evotionals and Sunday Updates are posted on these social networking sites, as well as upcoming events, pictures, and information. If you would like to be added to our email list please contact gwilson1250@gmail.com.

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The Script

August-September 2016

From Our Pastor

On Being the Church

Roy Oswald is a leading church consultant who has written extensively in his field. Oswald describes congregations according to four, typical sizes. Family-sized churches, he writes, have less than 50 active members. Pastoral-sized churches claim 50-150 active members. Program-sized churches are defined by 150-350 active members, while corporate-sized churches benefit from over 350 active members.

In my first year with you, I have often heard that Westminster was once a wealthy, corporate-sized congregation of 1,500 members with a large office and program staff. But, that was more than twenty years ago. Since then, Westminster endured a difficult pastorate and the ensuing loss of membership, financial resources, and staff. This has resulted in a very different church from the one that many long-time members recall.

Oswald notes that when a congregation transitions from a corporate-sized church to a program-sized church (which is how I would describe Westminster today), the first thing the church is likely to lose is its ability to support a large multiple staff. Areas of ministry that have been managed by the core staff will need to be turned over to church volunteers. Lay leaders who chair important committees have had the benefit of a staff person to confer with and to manage some of the administrative work of the committees. When staff is cut, these lay volunteers will need to take charge more fully, delegating the follow-through work that was previously carried out by a staff person.

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