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### Library Conversations

Parents of children all ages, please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Library as we delve into issues of parenting, such as education, prayer, joy, conflict and frustration. We will look at pertinent articles surrounding our daily concerns of raising compassionate, caring kids in our times.

Some of the Fall topics will involve delving into Peace, Love, Hope and Joy. We will pick apart definitions of these foundational concepts to our faith to connect with them more personally and in relationships with our children. All are welcome!!

### Flower Arranging Class

Would you like to learn more about arranging flowers? Westminster has a devoted and talented group who cut from the Celtic Garden in the spring, summer, and fall. We would like to hold a class this fall for interested person(s). If interested, contact one of our arrangers: Kyra Bosnik, Kris Keller, Sook Lee, Lindy Lincicome, Inky Malone, Raphael Peoples, Anna Marie Wilton and Kristy Yates. You will be contacted as to all the details.

### Flu Clinic

On Sunday, October 4th, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm in Wright-Herberich Hall, Walgreens will bring everything needed, people and supplies, to run a flu clinic here at WPC. They will bill insurance or give vouchers for free flu shots. We will have a sign out front to encourage walk-ins, and you are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors too.

## ENCOUNTER

### Third Sunday Dinners

WPC members will be hosting our friends and neighbors from the community for dinner on Sunday, September 20, and October 18 in Wright-Herberich Hall. The September and October dinner will be at 5 pm. The September dinner will be at 6 pm, so dinner guests can enjoy the 5 @ 5 concert that evening. Check with Anne Karney, meal coordinator, or Sharlene Santelli, 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.

## Book Club Meetings

7:00 pm in the Church Library. They will next meet on Monday, September 14 to discuss *The Submission* by Amy Waldman. October's book is *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee.

## 5 @ 5

### Season Seventeen

This year's concerts are so exciting! It hardly seems possible that this concert series has been going very successfully for 17 years! There are always several hundred people attending and the energy and enthusiasm on their part is contagious. Year after year, it is my pleasure to gather inspiring concerts of universal inspiration FREE OF CHARGE to Westminster and the greater Northeastern Ohio community. Many of you, along with a number of people and foundations outside the WPC community, provide generous financial support for 5@5, and I can never express deeply enough my gratitude personally and the gratitude of those who are able to attend because there is no cost. What an incredible gift. If you haven't had an opportunity to give, please contact me and I will happily show you how that's done! I have never understood the phrase "give until it hurts". Quite the opposite, I believe that we give to whatever we choose to support until it feels wonderful. Check the schedule below and mark your calendars. There is professional childcare available, but I personally encourage you to bring your children and give them the miraculous gift of beautiful music. The concerts last only an hour. And what a great way to introduce friends to Westminster Church!! It's that personal invitation that makes ALL the difference. Hope to see you on September 20th. **Soli Deo Gloria**

Jim Mismas

## 2015/2016 Schedule

September 20, 2015	Duo Amaral Latin American Guitar husband and wife duo
November 8, 2015	Festival Chorus with piano 4 hand Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes, Stomp your foot, Copland and Battle Hymn of the Republic
February 7, 2016	Baldwin Wallace University Motet Choir
March 13, 2016	University of Akron Steel Drum Band
May 8, 2016	Mother's Day Opera/Broadway Gala

## **GROW**

### **Celtic Garden**

In 1986, the Westminster Properties Committee was approached about a church garden. The premise was that the garden upkeep would be self contained. No funds were to be requested from pledges and budgets within the church. The Committee gave the go ahead.

A church member who was a landscape architect worked with the committee. Requests went out to members and friends for contributions and plants. Everyone was generous. A wooden Celtic Cross marks the center of the original garden location. Today, the centerpiece of the garden is the Celtic brick walk leading to the arbor. Each brick was cut by a member and laid by gardeners.

Thanks to many generous and hard working people, the garden today has a sprinkler system, a white fence with brick pillars, concrete sidewalks and park benches. A beautiful fountain and lily bed have been given along with numerous rose bushes, shrubs and trees. In the spring a perennial sale has been held to help pay for new plants. The gardeners also take care of the patio and the entrance to the Christian Education Building.

All are welcome to come and help. Come and enjoy the handiwork of our Lord through beautiful flowers. We will be working on the following Saturdays: Sept. 5, 19; Oct. 3, 17, 30. We start at 9:30 and no experience is necessary.

### **The Men's Club of Westminster Presbyterian Church**

The men will resume their monthly luncheon meetings on Monday, September 14, 2015. We meet at 11:30 am at the Olive Garden on W. Market Street in Montrose on the second Monday of each month. All men of Westminster are invited to join this social gathering. If you would like to be added to our e-mail/telephone reminder list, please call Joe Henninger at 330-867-5938 or email at joesuehenn@aol.com.

### **Monday Supper Club**

On September 28 at 6:00 pm, in Wright-Herberich Hall, all members are welcome to join us for dinner. Bring a casserole, vegetable, salad, or dessert to share and your own place setting. Beverages are provided. Back by popular demand, our program speaker will be Shelley Orloski from the Akron Zoo, with more of her special guests. For reservations, please call Tom and Shelley Koutnik at 330-864-2422.

## **Youth Choir - 4th-8th with Denise Howell**

All children in grades 4-8 are invited to join our newly formed Youth Choir at Westminster. Rehearsals will begin on September 13 during the second half of worship. Whether you have participated in Children's Choir in the past, or this is your first experience, we welcome you! The older children will continue the choral training they received in Children's Choir, as well as begin to learn to play handbells. I look forward to making music together!

### **Tween Ministry**

This year our Children's Ministry is breaking its age group into even more specific groupings. From our work with Ministry Architects, we have agreed that the TWEENS (children in 4th-6th grade) indeed need their own separate identity. They are as defined as a youngster between 10 and 12 years of age, considered too old to be a child and too young to be a teenager.

Yes they are!!!! To meet the needs of this group, we are having social events as well as a new Sunday School class with curriculum specifically designed with their questions and needs in mind. Our first event was a trip together with their families at Wildwater Kingdom in Aurora, OH. It was very successful and we're ready to make it an annual event! Please keep this group in your thoughts and prayers and if you'd like to volunteer to help with this specific age, please let Sheila (sheilasvoboda@gmail.com) know!!!

### **New Bible Study for 2015-2016 is starting Sept.13**

Sundays at 9:30-10:15am in Room 106. This group is now called B.R.E.A.D. (Bible Reading, Encountering, and Doing) featuring the Gospel of Matthew: God With Us. *With all we have to unite us, we still find ways to create division. This is the age-old question: do we focus on what sets us apart, or what holds us together? This study takes us to the heart of the controversy in the church of the first century.* Resource study book: \$22 (recommended, but not required.) If you would like to order a book, sign up with Rae Leonard (leonardrae4@gmail.com or 330-256-9316) Note: if you are sometimes engaged in teaching children's classes or singing on Sunday mornings, you are still encouraged to come as often as you can.

## Education News

### Youth Ministry Update

This summer at WPC youth have had many fun and meaningful activities, such as Laser Quest plus lock-in and a project at Haven of Rest, along with helping with the Third Sunday Dinners. Thanks to the volunteers who helped make it all happen. A Youth Ministry Fall Kick Off pool party was held for youth, friends and families, as well as a volunteer orientation to review activities and the Sunday School curriculum for September 2015-May 2016.

Important upcoming dates include: Youth Scavenger Hunt on September 6, and the new Youth Class beginning Sunday, September 13. We ask the congregation to continue to hold in prayer all the youth, their families and the youth ministry volunteers.

### Children's choir news

As always, we will have children's choir rehearsals after the Doxology during worship, but now we will have the children divided up in two age groups. Each choir will sing during worship throughout the year. A schedule will be available once rehearsals begin. Join us Rally Day, September 13 to start rehearsals.

### Children's Choir - K-3rd with Stacy Franzmann

This is an invitation for those children who are in kindergarten through 3rd grade to take part in Children's Choir. This is a wonderful time to build a foundation of "readiness skills" for singing in a group, playing musical games, playing instruments and just enjoying music. I love this quote by Helen Kemp who is known for her work with children's choirs: "Body, mind, spirit, voice, it takes the whole person to rejoice." What a wonderful way to approach music. Being part of the choir can help your child build an appreciation for the Christian faith, music and fellowship. Singing in the choir will open doors to musical and spiritual growth, offering a rich experience of music in worship and a sense of belonging to the church. Opportunity abounds! Join me on September 13 in Room 207 as we begin this exciting journey together. I look forward to singing with your children in the fall.

## SERVE

### Prayer Quilt Ministry

The Discipleship Committee has launched a Prayer Quilt Ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church. *What is a Prayer Quilt?* Very simply, a prayer quilt is a quilt that is made with love and tied with prayers. Each knot tied into the quilt represents a prayer that is offered specifically for someone in need of those prayers. As the congregation or other groups, family, or friends gather, knots are tied into the quilt representing prayers, love and concern for the recipient.

Recipients agree to accept the gift of prayer in the form of a quilt before the quilt is made and tied. To request a prayer quilt, please contact Marian Wahl at [mewahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mewahl@sbcglobal.net) or 330-633-9727, or Ellen Daugherty at [edaugh1185@gmail.com](mailto:edaugh1185@gmail.com) or 330-666-5645.

*How can you participate in this ministry?*

1. Pray, as you tie a knot in the quilt.
2. Volunteer to cut squares, sew, or pull ties. (The group currently meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon)
3. Donate cotton fabric, yarn or embroidery floss (any color). Donated materials may be placed in the box in the coat room.
4. Donate cash to purchase fabric.

### Communion Servers

Please check your calendars for the fall and volunteer to serve Communion. Dates are September 13, October 4 (World Communion Sunday) and November 8. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in Wright Herberich Hall, or email Shelley Koutnik at [skoutnik@infionline.net](mailto:skoutnik@infionline.net). Thank you for volunteering!

### Birthday Sunday Sponsors

Thank you to all who sponsor a Birthday Sunday. There are openings for December and January. A signup sheet for 2016 is on the bulletin board in Wright Herberich Hall. The cakes are prepared by Acme Fresh Market and a sponsorship is \$35.00. Please contact Shelley Koutnik or Raphael Peoples if you want something special. There may be an extra cost.

## Presbyterian Women Gathering Programs

Presbyterian Women Circles will be meeting again in September. Our 2015/16 Bible Study is entitled "Come to the Waters."

**Saturday, October 10, 2015** 10:00 a.m. in Wright-Herberich Hall

"Focus on the Body" Your Health-Panel Discussion

Andi Jopperi, MD – "Your Bones and Joints"

Cathy Melver, MD – "Knowing Your Family Medical History"

Mission - Open M, Brunch and Devotions by Coordinating Team

**Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 – Christmas Tea**

1:00 p.m. in Wright-Herberich Hall

"Focus on the Spirit" Handbell Ensemble - Sing Along

Mission - WYDACA

Host - Evening Circle Devotions - Metanoia Circle

**Saturday, March 5, 2016** 10:00 a.m. in Wright-Herberich Hall

"Focus on our Community" Battered Women's Shelter

Mission - Toiletries, toy collection for Battered Women's Shelter

Host - Martha Circle Devotions - Evening Circle

Dedication of PW Birthday Offering

**Saturday, April 30, 2016** 12:00 p.m. in Wright-Herberich Hall

"Focus on our PW Family" Food Preparation - New Concepts

Mission: Canned food drive for local project

Host - Discussion and Metanoia Circles Devotions - Martha Circle

### Circle Meetings and Leaders

**Discussion Circle** Meets 1st Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

contact - Polly Fisher 330-664-1022

**Martha Circle** Meets 2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

contact - Cathy Melver 330-873-1156

**Metanoia Circle** Meets 4th Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

contact - Mary Lou Griffiths 330-688-7196

**Evening Circle** Meets 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

contact - Ginny Melver 330-374-1157

**Sewing Circle** Meets 3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

contact - Peggy Messaros 666-9086

## Westminster Presbyterian Church Children's Ministry Major Events Calendar September 2015-May 2016

### Weekly Programming Info

Sunday School begins September 13, 2015 and meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM except as noted.

Infant's Nursery (Infants through age 4) 9:00 AM to Noon

Nursery- PreK (Ages 3-5) - Room 105, Bible Story Room

Grades Kindergarten through 3rd - Room 202, Godly Play

Grades 4 through 6 - Room 210/211, Tween Room

Choir Rehearsal 11 AM - Children's - Kindergarten - 3rd Grade - Ms. Franzman

Youth Choir - 4th-8th Grade - Ms. Howell

### Major Events

#### 2015

September 6	10:30 11:30*	Worship Picnic @ Hardesty Park
September 13	9:30	Rally Day, Church School Begins
October 31	3-5:00 PM	Family Halloween Party
November 8	11:30 *	Presbyterian Pandemonium
November 29	4:15 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	Pageant Rehearsal PotLuck Dinner Advent Workshop
December 13	10:30 AM	Children's Pageant

#### 2016

January 3	3pm	Ice Skating @ Canal Park
February 6	5:30-8 pm	Mardi Gras
March 27	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
April 17	11:30 AM	Kids day @ WPC Fun After Church! Nooks & Cranny Tour & More
May 22	9:30 AM	Last day of church school
May 29	11:30 *	Memorial Day Picnic after church

\* or when church ends



### **Fall Kickoff at WPC**

Join us for a picnic on September 6 at Hardesty Park, following morning worship. This gathering will kickoff our children's, youth and adult education ministries, which will begin on September 13, at 9:30 am. The Deacons will provide meat, and members of the congregation are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Drinks and paper products will be provided and a shelter house has been reserved. Please sign up in Wright-Herberich Hall beginning in August. We would love to play volleyball, softball, kickball, and yard games. If you have any of this equipment that you would be willing to share, please contact Sharlene Santelli at [ssantelli@sbcglobal](mailto:ssantelli@sbcglobal) or 330-825-7583.



### **Rally Day, Sunday, September 13**

Sunday School begins at 9:30 for all ages, choir returns, and Pastor Hauerwas will be preaching for the first time. After worship we will celebrate September birthdays and enjoy a reception for Pastor Hauerwas and his family in Wright-Herberich Hall. To add to the fun there will be children's activities on the patio after worship. All are welcome!

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **Finance Report (through June 30)**

Income: \$270,696.14

Expenses: \$293,117.46

Deficit: \$22,421.32

Income continues to be lower than expenses, as we expected for 2015. Please remember to stay current with your pledges and ensure they are paid in full by the end of the year to keep the deficit to a minimum.

The current temporary financial secretary's contract ended on August 14, 2015. The position for permanent part-time finance office position has just been filled!

Charlie Silver resigned as church treasurer in July. Charlie has been a member of the Finance Committee since 2002 and has served as treasurer twice during that time, most recently for the past four years. Thanks to Charlie for his service to Westminster for all these years!

Session has appointed Shelley Koutnik as treasurer, and Marcia Holcomb as assistant treasurer. We thank them for their willingness to serve in these capacities.

Given all the recent changes in the finance office, we hope that you understand that second-quarter giving statements could not be prepared and distributed. We are working on ensuring that third-quarter statements will be distributed in a timely manner. Thanks for your cooperation during this time of transition.

The Finance Committee

## WEEKLY SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 AM-Childcare available  
9:30 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

**Novemner, Advent/Christmas Script deadline: October 9, 2015.** Please have your articles about activities in to the church office by 12:00 Noon that day.

**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.

**We welcomed Eileen Martinez** to the Finance Office on August 24. She was the Assistant Treasurer for the last 30 years at Woodridge Schools and Cuyahoga Falls School. She is married to Chuck, has two grown children, Leah and Kevin, and resides in the Falls. Two dogs and her step-granddaughter, Julia complete her family. Shelley Koutnik will help transition her into her new role.

### WPC Staff:

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## *The Fall Script*

September-October, 2015

### **Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update**

After a prayerful and diligent search lasting nearly two years, the Pastor Nominating Committee presented our head pastor candidate, The Rev. Jonathan Hauerwas, to the congregation on July 26th. After his candidacy sermon, the congregation of Westminster voted by an overwhelming majority to install Reverend Hauerwas as our new head pastor.

Since the mission of the PNC is now fulfilled, a vote was passed to dissolve the committee at the congregational meeting. A transition committee is in place to assist Pastor Hauerwas as he makes Westminster and Akron his new home. Please help us welcome Jon, his wife Kara and their son Liam as they join us in starting a new chapter in the life of our church.

*We welcome the Rev. Jonathan Hauerwas  
to Westminster Presbyterian Church.  
He officially joins us September 1, 2015.*

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*Pastor Jon plans to preach on Rally Day,  
Sunday, September 13, 2015  
with a reception following in Wright-Herberich Hall.  
His formal installation will be planned for a later date.*