

### **Men's Fellowship Lunch**

While this is not specifically a Lenten discipline, the Men's Club will meet on Monday, February 9 and March 9, 11:30 AM at the Olive Garden on Market Street in Montrose. These men take their lunch pretty seriously! Please let Joe Henninger (330-867-5938) know if you will be attending. All men of the church are welcome.

### **Third Sunday Dinners**

WPC members will be hosting our friends and neighbors from the community on Sunday, February 15 and March 15, 5:00 pm in Wright-Herberich Hall. 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.

### **Missionary Presentation: *Jeff and Christi Boyd***

The Boyds, two of our supported missionaries living in Kenya, will be with us on Sunday, March 15. Watch for details of their visit in our weekly announcements.

**Monday Supper Club:** March 23, 2015~Save the date!

### **Remaining Five @ Five Concerts:**

- April 12, 2015 James Mismas, *organ*, and friends celebrate his 50th year as a church musician!
- May 10, 2015 Opera/Broadway Gala

Mark your calendars for this unique season of musical concerts. Children are always welcome and childcare is available. Concerts are from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

### **Presbyterian Women:** Upcoming Church-wide gatherings!

Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 10:00 am in Wright-Herberich Hall.

PW will offer a presentation of the Truly Reaching You Ministry and their "Not Wasted" program. Not Wasted is a micro-economic development program where women transitioning from incarceration or recovering from addiction learn sewing and hand crafting skills to create tote bags, jewelry, and other products from recycled materials.

Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 10 AM-2 PM~Save the date!



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### *The Lenten Script* – February/March, 2015 Westminster Presbyterian Church

#### ***To Observe a Holy Lent***

I almost always read a statement from the Ash Wednesday worship liturgy that includes the phrase above. I *rsvp* in my heart by committing to some practices during the next forty days which help me fulfill that duty. In this short *Script*, we will be sharing information and opportunities for you to respond as well, in your individual and family lives and through the work and witness of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We intentionally tone it down a bit during Lent so that we can focus more clearly in the life, ministry, and passion of Jesus Christ. So read ahead and plan to make the next couple of months a holy time.

Reflectively,  
Pastor Zomermaand

#### ***Mardi Gras Celebration***

Well, if it weren't for Lent, there would be no *Mardi Gras*! Join us for a festive evening on Saturday (not even Tuesday!), February 14, 5:30 pm, in Wright-Herberich Hall. Dinner, dancing, and Akron Big Band, so join us!

#### ***Family-Friendly Ash Wednesday Worship:***

**February 18, 7:00-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

- The service will be **short**.
- We will not provide child care this evening as we want everyone to participate.
- Ashes will be imposed on those who so desire.

## ***Lenten Yoga returns!***

Please join LifeSource Yoga instructors, Ashley and Egan, on Saturdays in Lent, **February 21-March 28, 9:00 am**, in the WPC downstairs dance studio. Yoga helps us center, quiet ourselves, and be wholly engaged as we open ourselves to communicate with the One who made us. All levels are welcome. A free-will offering basket is available.

## ***Lenten Mid-Week Offering:***

### ***The Practice of Spiritual Disciplines***

**Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25, 6:30-8:30 pm**

This year during Lent, WPC is offering an opportunity, not only to talk about spiritual disciplines, but to *practice* them. Pastor Zomermaand and Elder Kate Clark, a trained spiritual director, will guide five evenings of talk and practice. You are invited to gather each week in the Student Center at 6:30 pm for a bowl of homemade soup. The practice sessions will run from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Feel free to attend any or all of the presentations. **Please sign up on the table in WHH so we know how much soup to prepare.** Topics are:

**February 25:** An Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines (Pastor Z)

**March 4:** Contemplation and Nature (Kate Clark)

**March 11:** Contemplation and Art (Kate Clark)

**March 18:** *Lectio Divina* (Bible reading—Pastor Z)

**March 25:** Journaling (Pastor Z)

## ***Gathering for Parents of Teenagers***

On Wednesday, March 18, we will join the Lenten Study Group for soup at 6:30 pm. Directly afterwards, we will spend time sharing the joys and frustrations of parenting teens. Sheila Svoboda will update the group on the work of our Youth Ministry Task Force. Confirmants will meet with their mentors and other teens for fellowship in the youth Center. Sign-up will be in WHH, or contact Sheila ([330-836-2226](tel:330-836-2226) ext #105) or [sheilasvoboda@gmail.com](mailto:sheilasvoboda@gmail.com).

## ***“40 Quotes for 40 Days” of Lent***

During Lent Westminster will be posting "40 Quotes for 40 Days" on Facebook, Twitter, WPC website and via email. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive these inspirational quotes each day during Lent please email us at [westminsterakron@gmail.com](mailto:westminsterakron@gmail.com) or call 330-836-2226. Our website is: [westminsterakron.com](http://westminsterakron.com) Twitter: @WestPresAkron, Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church.

## ***Holy Week Schedule:***

At the end of the Lenten season, Holy Week arrives—the reason for our disciplines and observations. Be sure to make the events of this, the most holy week in the Christian year, a priority in your lives.

- **Palm Sunday:** Education and worship following our regular Sunday morning schedule and including the Palm Parade in worship and an anthem by the Children’s Choir
- **Maundy Thursday Worship:** Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary. We remember the establishment of the Lord’s Supper and the beginning of the passion of Jesus this evening.
- **Good Friday Reflection:** Friday, April 3, 12:00 Noon, Eberts Chapel  
A short, solemn time of readings and meditation
- **Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord:** Sunday, April 5  
8:30 am—Early Worship on Johnstone Patio (weather permitting)  
9:00 am—Fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall  
10:00 am—Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn (weather permitting)  
10:30 am—Festive Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:30 am— Fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall

Come for Early Worship and stay for the Easter Egg Hunt, or come for the Easter Egg Hunt and stay for worship at 10:30 am!

## ***Other On-going Activities***

### **WEEKLY SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

9:00 AM-Childcare available

9:30 AM-Education Classes for all ages

10:30 AM-Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30 AM-Fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall