

### **WPC Parenting Speaker**

Dr. Yvonne Gustafson, a Parent Educator, will join us on Sunday, April 17 at Westminster Presbyterian Church to discuss the importance of *Raising Resilient Children*. Join us from 3:00-4:45 pm in Wright-Herberich Hall. Then stay for a free community meal at 5:00 pm. A free will offering will be taken. Invite a friend, all are welcome. RSVP at westminsterakron.com.

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

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

The Men's Club will meet on Monday, February 8 and March 14, 11:30 am at the Olive Garden on Market Street in Montrose. 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 21 and March 20, 5:00 pm in Wright-Herberich Hall. 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.

#### **Remaining Five at Five Concerts**

February 7, 2016	Baldwin Wallace University Motet Choir
March 13, 2016	University of Akron Steel Drum Band
May 10, 2015	Opera/Broadway Gala

Mark your calendars for this unique season of musical concerts. Children are always welcome and professional childcare is available. These events are very popular so come early for a good seat. Concerts are from 5:00-6:00 pm, doors open at 4:00 pm.

#### **Coffee and Fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall**

On Sunday, February 14 children K-8th grades will help bake cookies for Coffee and Fellowship with Jamie Willis and other volunteers. Join us after worship when the children of Westminster share their "love!"



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### ***The Lenten Script – February/March, 2016***

#### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days – like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.) In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

At Westminster, we invite you to prepare your hearts and minds as best fits your spiritual needs. For many, quiet meditation is preferred. For some, the physical movement of yoga brings the participant to a place of deep, Lenten contemplation. For others, candles, music, and scriptural or devotional study heighten awareness and provide a new sense of purpose. Our goal is that you might reflect upon your life in a new way or ways and even, yes, that you might be changed.

May you sense God's presence this Lent.

Peace,  
Jon

## ***Mardi Gras Celebration***

Join us for a festive Mardi Gras celebration on Saturday, February 6. Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. Activities for children will be in the library. Menu: muffaletta sandwiches, green salad, gumbo, shrimp po'boy sliders, plantation punch, king cake, and red velvet cake. Sign up in Wright-Herberich Hall, so that we know how many will attending. All are welcome!

## ***Family-Friendly Ash Wednesday Worship*** **February 10, 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!***

Once again Westminster is sponsoring Yoga for Lent this year. Beginning Saturday, February 13 and ending March 19 we will gather downstairs in the ILP dance studio from 9:00-10:00 am. This gives us time in our busy days to meditate, turn toward prayer, and become more comfortable with these bodies that God gave us. There is no fee, but you will be able to give a free-will offering for the instructor. Join us and bring a friend!

## ***"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 or call 330-836-2226. Our website is: 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:** Sunday, March 20, 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, March 24, 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, March 25, 12:00 Noon, Eberts Chapel. A short, solemn time of readings and meditation.
- **Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord:** Sunday, March 27  
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!

## ***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