



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

We have now entered a new phase for *youth* ministry at WPC. Much work has already been accomplished in order to lay the foundation for current and future success. Sean Williams, a representative from Ministry Architects, is overseeing our two new *youth* teams. The Administrative Youth Team, comprised of Sean Williams, Linda Cunningham and Kyra Bosnik will manage the day-to-day responsibilities of our youth ministry. This team will be working in consultation with the Youth Visioning Team of Phil Keller, Sharon Easterling, Elsbeth O'Connor and Kimberly Cheng. The Youth Visioning Team will maintain responsibility for setting program goals and suggested programs and projects in the months and years ahead. Please extend your thanks to these leaders in the life of our church.

Peace, Jon

Introducing Sean Williams



Sean P. Williams - Staff Consultant, Ministry Architects. Sean began working in youth ministry in 1997 and has served as Youth Minister in United Methodist Churches and Presbyterian Churches (USA) in Texas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and South Carolina. He is currently the Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator at First Baptist Church in McMinnville, OR. Sean graduated from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX with a B.A. in Theology, and continues to learn and study in a variety of fields, including leadership, economics, social justice, theology and more. Sean lives in

McMinnville, OR with his wife, Jenn, their son Parker and daughter Sybil.

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YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

ACCESS on October 8

On Saturday, October 8, WPC youth will volunteer at ACCESS (230 W. Market St., Akron, OH) from 9:00 am to noon. ACCESS is an organization that provides emergency shelter services for women and children. Each year, ACCESS collects jewelry and sells it at a fundraiser called The Jewelry Box. On October 8, our youth and friends will help sort jewelry for this event. The youth will meet WPC Youth Ministry chaperones at ACCESS at 8:50 am. Parents can pick youth up at ACCESS at noon.

Haunted House on October 23

“Deep in the woods of Hudson, terrifying screams can be heard in the fall.” On Sunday, October 23, WPC youth will travel to Hudson, OH to enjoy the 44th annual Hudson Haunted House, presented by the Hudson Jaycees. The cost for youth is \$10.00. Bring a friend, and meet at WPC at 6:45 pm.



Adult Education Class on Islam: Past, Present, and Future

Classes have begun and will continue through October 23, 2016.

Guiding the discussion is a video series featuring John L. Esposito, an expert in the study of Islam and Professor of Religion and International Affairs, as well as Professor of Islamic Studies at Georgetown University. In addition to his role at Georgetown, Professor Esposito serves a vital role as a consultant to the Department of State, multinational corporations, governments and the media.

Westminster's pastor, the Reverend Jon Hauerwas, will serve as our leader for this course.

Upcoming Topics and Dates:

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| October 2 | The Quranic Worldview |
| October 9 | Women and Change in Islam |
| October 16 | Islam at the Crossroads and Western Reaction |
| October 23 | Islam in the West and the Nation of Islam |
| October 30 | The Future of Islam |

WESTMINSTER IS HOSTING
DiscipleFest2016

ON OCTOBER 22, 2016
9 am - 2:30 pm

A *Christian disciple* is a person who accepts and assists sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. *Christian discipleship* is a process by which the disciples (you and me) grow in the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to show the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Eastminster Presbytery is convening **DiscipleFest 2016** here at Westminster, intending to equip us all to be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Prompted by the Holy Spirit to examine our thoughts, words and actions, we offer opportunities to learn, share, serve and grow by considering: prayer, Scripture study, missions, intergenerational ministry, how we use our money, spiritual formation, how churches work in real life and caring for God's world. Attendees will hear a keynote speech "Discipleship: Career or Commitment?" by Dr. Mary Mikhael, attend two workshops of their choosing and enjoy lunch and worship in the company of Presbyterians from throughout our presbytery. Workshop topics include:

"Challenges Facing the Church... in the 21st Century" - "How the Church Can Connect..." - "Called As Disciples in Christ's Mission"
"Embodying Worship... for Lay Liturgists" - "Look Before You Lead..." - "Older Adults and Spiritual Formation" - "An Evangelism Tutorial for the Congregation" - "Older Adults and Spiritual Formation" - "Ministry in a Multi-Cultural World"

DiscipleFest 2016 Registration forms are in WPC's Reading Racks and can be downloaded at Eastminster's website: www.faithfulness.com.

Cost including lunch is \$15 per person through Thursday, October 13. Thereafter and on the day of the event, cost is \$25.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Sometimes our children are a little antsy or wiggly during our Time with Young Disciples. Most of them have already been at church for an hour participating in Sunday School and their comfort and ease while being with each other shows itself in their behavior on the steps. The good news is that they are comfortable and feel like family, the difficult news is that sometimes family members push, shove and find themselves in all sorts of positions on the floor!!!! We are thrilled to have the children with us, we are trying hard to deliver messages that speak to them and we may need some help as well as forgiveness in this process. We are adding a few adults up there to see how that works. Please remember that Jesus welcomes the children and we do too!!

Peacefully~

Sheila

Bible Story Room and Godly Play classroom Open Houses Sunday, October 9

Would you like to visit one of our unique Sunday School rooms? Our children have the privilege to hear the stories of our faith in a very sacred and inviting environment. Would you like to witness this experience? This is your chance. Please sign up at the Connection Point in Wright-Herberich Hall.

Tweens Unite!!!! Grades 4-6

Join us on Sunday, October 9 for a fun pizza lunch and SkyZone adventure. We will meet for lunch after worship on Sunday Oct. 9th in the Tween Space, room 107. Afterwards we will all head to SkyZone for some fun! Contact Denise Howell if you want to join us, dmilnerhowell@gmail.com. You will need to fill out some forms for us that you will find in room 107 and you will need to go to skyzone.com/bostonheights to fill out their online waiver. Questions, see Sheila.

WPC Children & Family Events 2016-17

More events will be added ☺
We'll keep you updated!

OCTOBER 2016

Tween Event **SKYZONE** Oct 9, 11:30 am-2 pm
Children/Family Ministry **Halloween Party** Oct 29, 3-5

NOVEMBER 2016

Children & Youth **Pageant Rehearsal,**
Advent Potluck and Workshop
Nov 27, 4:30-7 pm

DECEMBER 2016

Christmas Pageant Dec 11 during worship

JANUARY 2017

Children & Family Ministry **Ice Skating** Jan 8, 3-5

FEBRUARY 2017

Tween **Service Event with Good Neighbors**
Feb 25

MARCH 2017

All Church Event **St. Patrick's Day Party**
March 18, 5:30-8

APRIL 2017

All Church Easter **Egg Hunt** April 16, 10:00 am
Tween **Earth Day Service Event** April 22

MAY 2017

Last day of **Sunday School & Teacher Appreciation** May 21
All Church **Memorial Day Picnic** May 28

JULY 2017

Vacation Bible School July 10-13

DiscipleFest2016

DiscipleFest 2016 - Volunteers Needed



WPC is hosting this major Eastminster event, and attendance is expected to exceed 200! So... Outreach needs help from our congregation...LOTS of help to prepare and assure it will be a success for all that attend!

Set-Up Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 21 (time to be announced) to arrange registration tables, workshop classrooms, display spaces and lunch seating in Wright-Herberich Hall.

Event Volunteers are needed on Saturday, October 22 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm to serve as greeters and guides, serve breakfast, handle registration, pass out event materials, set-up and serve lunch and close the event. Sign-up sheets will be at the Connection Point in Wright-Herberich Hall. Contact Gert Wilms for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our first Presbyterian Women's Gathering of the season will be at noon on Saturday, October 8, at Rockynol. Lunch will be provided, followed by a short meeting and tour of their new facilities. We will have a Freewill Offering for Rockynol Life Care. Childcare will be available at the church ONLY IF childcare requests are received by Saturday, October 1. Contact Ginny Melver at ginnymelver@gmail.com or call 330-374-1157 for questions, reservations and childcare reservations.

Bible Study Circles have started or will be starting up for the year. The topic is WHO IS JESUS? Study Guides are available at the church for \$9. We now have five circles, all have room for more. Most Circles meet monthly from September through May. Please consider joining one of the following groups:

Discussion Circle. Meets first Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

Contact Polly Fisher at 330-664-1022.

Evening Circle. Meets third Mondays at 7:00 pm.

Contact Ginny Melver at 330-374-1157.

Martha Circle. Contact Cathy Melver at 330-873-1156 for more information.

Mary Circle. Contact Denise Howell at 330-780-6763 for more information.

Metanoia Circle. Meets fourth Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Contact May Lou Griffiths at 330-688-7196.

Celtic Garden News

Sadly, the time has come to put the Celtic garden to bed for the season. This growing season has been very challenging due to the wet spring and the very hot and dry summer. In spite of the challenges, the garden has once again been a neighborhood oasis, where individuals could come and enjoy the flowers, the gurgling fountain, the birds, bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies - a place to contemplate God's artistry. A couple of highlights were the installation of a rose arbor that never has to be painted, and the mysterious appearance of a giant plant that continued to grow and relentlessly creep along the brick walk, and to produce mystery fruit - a great conversation piece! Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard this year to create a beautiful garden.



FIVE AT FIVE

Season Eighteen Schedule

October 2, 2016

Akron Baroque



November 6, 2016

Choral Festival Concert
Fauré Requiem and The Battle Hymn of the Republic
Choirs of WPC, Firestone, Woodridge and Revere High Schools and the Men's and Women's Choirs of Kent State University

March 12, 2017

John Sherer, *organist* at Fourth Presbyterian Church,
Chicago with Cole Seaton, *tenor*

May 14, 2017

Mother's Day Opera/Broadway Gala

EDUCATION NEWS

Children and Youth Ministry Thank You's

Westminster would like to offer our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the following people for their previous commitments and efforts in serving our children and youth ministries.

The Children's Ministry Renovation Team: Walter Hayes, Char Molinaro, Susan Shellito, Erin Spring, Kevin Spring and Margo Works.

The Youth Ministry Design Team: Todd Brown, Kate Clark, Ellen Daugherty, Betsy Engels, Laurel Labbe, Bill Melver and Sharlene Santelli. Sharlene Santelli also carried a great load by organizing and coordinating the day-to-day responsibilities of our youth ministry.

Thank you all!

Peace,

Jon

Ministry Architect Update for Children and Youth

There are so many things to celebrate these days in the children's and youth ministry. We just had our last Ministry Architects visit in which we looked back over the past year and half, discussed the current ministry, and celebrated all that has been accomplished. In the children's ministry we are celebrating a successful VBS this summer with 45 children, 16 youth helpers, and 20 adult volunteers. We're also excited to now have a Tween program for 4th-6th graders including a Sunday school class, special events and outings, and a dedicated Tween space. Godly Play has added the Lord's Prayer this year so that all of our children will learn the Lord's Prayer in that class. We have 17 regular adult volunteers in the children's ministry this year which is great because last Sunday morning alone we had 42 infants, toddlers, and children! The youth ministry has plenty to celebrate too. This summer 7 youth and 3 adults participated in a weeklong mission trip to West Virginia. An ample number of Sunday school teachers, event chaperones and coordinators, an Administrative Team and a Vision Team have been recruited to manage the youth ministry this year. A new space has been renovated for the youth and last week Saturday, 11 youth attended the Fall Kick Off which included bowling and a lock-in. We thank you, the congregation, for your continued support and prayers as we minister to our children, youth, and their families.

SERVE

Third Sunday Dinners

WPC members will host our friends and neighbors from the community for dinner on Sundays, October 16, November 20 and December 18 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. As the weather starts to cool...consider attending to enjoy a warm meal with community and friends.

Youth Center Renovation



Thanks to many volunteers, WPC youth are enjoying a renovated Youth Center. Removing the wax from the tile floor proved to be an enormous task, which was accomplished with the help of Jeremiah Ward, Mark Preebe, Bob Leonard, Pat Santelli and Sharlene Santelli. Many thanks to Todd Brown for priming the floor and to Dave Stobbs, Bob Leonard, Pat Santelli and Sharlene Santelli for laying the carpet squares. We are so grateful for three WPC members who donated the carpet, the T.V. and the wax stripper. Nick Day, Natalie Labbe and Caden Labbe gave up a Saturday afternoon to select furniture for the room. It's a great space, and we hope it will get lots of use in the coming years.

Just a reminder

Flu Clinic

On Sunday, October 2, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm a flu shot clinic will be held in the library. The pharmacy staff from Walgreen's will administer the shots and fill out all the paperwork for your insurance company. There is no charge, with or without insurance. Please contact Ginny Melver with any questions at ginnymelver@gmail.com or call 330-374-1157

Daylight Savings Time Ends

On Sunday, November 6, 2016 Daylight Savings Time will end and we will *FALL BACK*. Put a reminder on your calendar so you are not too early for education and worship!

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 October 2, November 6 and December 4. They also can use your paper and plastic grocery bags. Place them in the box marked Good Neighbors that is in the coatroom.

Befrienders

Contact the church office if you or someone else you know would enjoy a friendly visit! We are also looking for new VOLUNTEERS, so please consider this wonderful ministry and contact Marge Brideweiser or Anna Marie Wilton if you are interested.

Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off

The Finance Committee will briefly address the financial position of the church during worship on several Sundays in October. A Service for the Consecration of Pledges collected during our Stewardship Campaign will be held at the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, November 6.

Birthday Cake

2016 has been another successful year of monthly birthday cake sponsorships with cakes being sponsored each month. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. Now it is time to focus on 2017, and the birthday cake sign-up sheet is now posted on the bulletin board across from the coat-room just outside Wright-Herberich Hall. The cost to sponsor a cake is \$50. You can choose how to designate the cake. It might be in honor of that month's WPC birthdays, to someone in particular whose birthday or possibly in memory of someone whose birthday is that month. But don't wait, October is already sponsored and the other months will probably go quickly.

Giving Envelopes

Any church member that no longer wishes to receive giving envelopes in the mail and has not contacted Eileen Martinez yet can do so by email at wpcfinance1250@gmail.com or by phone at 330-836-2226, ext. 5. Giving envelopes for January 2017 will be ordered soon.



Celebration for the baptism of Paul Crabtree, son of Adam and Elizabeth Crabtree on September 18, 2016.

Celebration for the baptism of Georgia Vuchak, daughter of Kyle and Kathryn Vuchak on September 18, 2016.

Celebration for the baptism of Greg, Mason, and Chance Logue on August 7, 2016.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jim Spindler who passed away August 22, 2016.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Rozell Duncan who passed away August 15, 2016.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Butch Easterling who passed away August 3, 2016.



Attendance Statistics

*no 8:30 service

July	2015	2016
	8:30/10:30	8:30/10:30
week #1	*/88	43/87
week #2	24/118	19/108
week #3	28/86	37/119
week #4	*/197	23/89
week #5		??/95
August		
week #1	26/102	35/110
week #2	27/123	93
week #3	32/87	116
week #4	35/89	125
week #5	25/111	

Get Connected... PRESBYTERIAN PANDEMONIUM

Sunday, November 13, 11:30 am

Are you new to Akron...looking for a way to connect with the community? Maybe you're recently retired with some extra time on your hands? Westminster is providing an occasion for learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church and opportunities for involvement. Every group at WPC will be invited to share information about ministry and fellowship groups, so that all can discover and celebrate the diverse opportunities at Westminster for connecting with one another, with the community, and with the world. Each group will provide food (American style tapas) to share as folks browse. Group/Ministry leaders will receive information about this event via email, and we look forward to hearing from you so that we can organize the set-up in Wright-Herberich Hall. If you are the leader of a group and you do not receive information, please contact Denise Howell at dmilnerhowell@gmail.com.

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!

GROW

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.

COME

Pet Blessing

Bring your loved ones...paws and all on Sunday, October 9 from 2:00-4:00 pm on the front steps of the church. Our pastor, the Rev. Jon Hauerwas, will be offering prayers for the animals you love in recognition that all creatures are of value in God's sight. We hope to see you (and your best friends) there!



Halloween Party!

Saturday, October 29, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Fun, fellowship, food and entertainment. What could be better??? Bring your most creative self, your ghouls and goblins, your princesses and superheros, your cupcakes and your pirates to our annual Halloween Party. This year we are having a few surprise visitors for some great entertainment. Don't miss it!!! Bring a friend!



First Sunday in Advent

Please mark your calendars for the 1st day of Advent, Sunday November 27. The Christmas Pageant rehearsal will begin in the church at 4:15 pm. Our Advent Potluck will follow at 5 pm with our Advent Workshop after the dinner at 5:30. This year we will have Advent music and activities. Please join us. The entire congregation is welcome!

ENCOUNTER

Book Discussion Meeting

- 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.



Monthly Financial Report

August 2016	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$31,390.04	\$47,115.25	\$363,558.03	\$444,572.00*
Total Expenses	\$42,564.64	\$49,491.52	\$396,465.14	\$430,720.35
Net	(\$11,174.60)	(\$2,376.27)	(\$32,907.11)	\$13,851.65

Revenues: Contributions to support general operations are short of budget by \$3,153 at August 31, 2016. Through the generosity of our congregation, \$6,856 was contributed to the Christmas in June project. The Student Mission Trip raised \$3,166 and Pentecost contributions provided \$311 for our local Youth Ministry Program. Building Use Receipts contribute \$10,400 to our Year-to-Date revenues. Budgeted total revenues (noted with an asterisk) include anticipated withdrawals of \$116,400 from Rowley investments to balance the budget for the year.

Expenses: Total expenses at August 31, 2016 are \$34,255 below the amount budgeted. The majority of this budget reduction is the result of two unfilled staff positions. Total expenses related to Properties are also under budget by \$5,000 due to lower heating bills for the first half of 2016 and a conscious effort by the Properties Committee to reduce costs.

At August 31, 2016, there is an operating budget deficit in the amount of \$32,907.11.

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 August 31, 2016.

Weekly Sunday Morning Schedule

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

Special Services coming up. World Communion Sunday: Sunday, October 2. Service of Remembrance: Sunday, October 30, 2016.

December/January Script deadline: Monday, November 13 The Script will be distributed on Sunday, November 27.

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

October-November 2016

From Our Pastor

Cause for Celebration

With the arrival of fall, we have welcomed the excitement and energy of a new church year. Now in my second year at Westminster, I could not be more pleased with our progress. We are baptizing and welcoming new members to our church. Our children and youth ministries are growing. Our recent class inviting adults to engage in a comparative study of Islam has been very well received. Our music program is thriving. Our many outreach projects continue to serve those in need. Our beautiful facility is being used not only for our benefit, but for the benefit of the greater community. We are serving God and our neighbors with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, and we are engaging in the risky and rewarding business of making disciples in Christ's name.

As stewardship season approaches, please remember that we continue to rely upon your volunteer and financial commitments in order to keep our momentum going. We dedicate ourselves to this mission because we believe in the power of the Living God to build community, transform lives, and break down every barrier which separates us. In 1 Corinthians 12, the chapter immediately before Paul instructed us that "faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love," he reminded us that "you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it."

Our calling, then, is sacred, ancient, and radically counter-cultural. We are to love as Christ loved, to give as Christ gave, and to continually give thanks. As we consider our own place in the body of Christ, may we consider that which we have been given and that which is ours to give.

With deepest appreciation,

Jon