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*The Script* – October, 2014

Westminster Presbyterian Church

***Fall Stewardship Drive Coming!***

Westminster Presbyterian Church is going to conduct a good, old-fashioned stewardship drive this fall (audible, collective groan!). The reason for this resides in the single-theme tune I will sing for you until I leave Akron and a new pastor arrives. Summary: candidates for the pastoral position at WPC are watching you! They are asking questions, one of which has to do with the financial resources available to carry on and grow WPC's ministry. So we are setting out on a resource-recruitment process that will do two things (at least): 1) turn around the decline in support for this cherished ministry; and 2) demonstrate to candidates that you *will* provide solid support for the ministry you will undertake together.

Friends, I'm frugal! I don't like spending my money; and I don't like spending other people's (your) money. We've had our year of cutting and saving, however. **I am going to encourage the Finance Committee to plan on spending more money next year!** We have multiple areas where growth is not only useful, but essential. Ain't no way around it or a fancy way to say it. The growth and rejuvenation of WPC depends on God's blessing; and on generous givers who share their financial blessings to support the worship and work we love.

A Stewardship Task Force has been appointed to hound-dog this effort: Steve Harp, Peggy Messaros, Jim Shriner, Cindy Weiss, and Margo Works. They will be writing you a letter and sharing additional information during the month of October. I will preach a sermon on this theme on October 19. We will have a service of gathering and dedication on November 2. Not every worship time during October will be stewardship-focused. The tune will be playing in the background, however.

In the meantime, the PNC (Bless and pray for them!) is interviewing candidates. What will they see and hear? I expect that they will be excited by a vision of a congregation, lean and frugal, and actively gathering the resources to embrace the vibrant future God desires for this band of believers called Westminster Presbyterian Church! (vigorous, collective cheer!)

Confidently, Pastor Zomermaand

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

8:30 AM-Worship (Eberts Chapel, continuing through Nov. 23)

9:00 AM-Childcare available

9:30 AM-Education Classes

10:30 AM-Worship in the Sanctuary

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES~Sundays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Rally Day gave a good start to our program year. Classes began on September 14 and continue weekly. Here is the line-up:

**Godly Play Bible Story Room:** 3 year-olds-kindergartners, Room 104

This is a room where young children learn the language and rituals of our faith. Rather than being told what to believe about God, children discover for themselves who God is through stories and guided activities.

**New Godly Play Class:** Grades 1-5, Room 202

We will continue the Godly Play educational model with children in grades 1-3. Room 202 has been repurposed to serve that age group. We will have an Open House in the room during one of the weeks in September.

**Grades 6-12 in the Student Center:**

A new format will be used for our middle school and high school students. We will combine fellowship, worship, and study in our time together, continuing to use the *ReForm* video clips as our teaching tool.

**Parents of Young Children:** Library Conversations

If you haven't read *'Is That Me Yelling? A Parents Guide to Getting your Kids to Cooperate Without Losing Your Cool'* then this is the time! We started the discussion in August, but there's LOTS more. We will look at our triggers for yelling, goal setting for parents, temperaments of you and your child and a whole lot more.

**Adults in Room 106:** "Discovering the Psalms"

The Psalms is a collection of prayers, poems, and songs that people have used to speak directly to God of their faith, fears, trust, doubts, grief, hope, praise, and thanksgiving. Come explore how they relate to your personal faith journey and how they can guide us in our prayers.

**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays during the second half of worship

All children in Kindergarten-5th grades are invited to attend rehearsal for children's choir each Sunday, beginning September 14. Children will be dismissed to Room 207 in the Education Wing for rehearsal after the Time of Young Disciples in worship (approximately 10:50 am) and can be picked up after worship.

**Preschoolers-Kindergartners Child Care:** During 10:30 Worship

After the Time for Young Disciples in worship, 3 year-olds through Kindergartners may go to Room 104 for supervised, age-appropriate activities. They may be picked up there after worship.

## Support Our Children's Education Program! Godly Play® – 1st through 5th Grade Curriculum Fall 2014 – Winter 2014– Spring 2015

On Sunday, September 21, and Sunday, September 28, members and friends of WPC had an opportunity to visit and support our new Godly Play classroom for children in grades 1-5. Godly Play teaches children the art of using Christian language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Godly Play values the oral tradition of storytelling, and the stories are told using beautifully crafted objects. Godly Play is practiced in a "prepared environment" in the tradition of the Montessori method of education. The materials are very sturdy and should last for many years. Westminster has purchased several stories to complete the 2014-2015 curriculum for 1st through 5th grades. Please show your support by contributing. The price range for Godly Play stories is \$15 to \$400. The opportunity to donate online to the overall Godly Play program is available at [westminsterakron.com](http://westminsterakron.com) or send a check to Westminster Presbyterian Church 1250 W. Exchange St. Akron, Ohio 44313 noting "Godly Play" in the memo line.

## Five at Five Concert Series -- Season Sixteen

September 28, 2014

November 2, 2014

February 1, 2015

April 12, 2015

May 10, 2015

Phillip Thomson, piano

Festival Chorus and Orchestra

Highlights from *Messiah*

Akron Baroque: Super Bowl Baroque!

James Mismas, *organ*, a friends celebrate his 50th year as a church musician!

Opera/Broadway Gala

Mark your calendars for this unique season of musical concerts -- something that truly makes WPC unique. Children are always welcome and childcare is available. These events are very popular. Come early for a good seat. Concerts are from 5:00-6:00 PM.

## School Supplies for Portage Path Community Learning Center

Thanks to all who donated school supplies for Portage Path CLC. Here is what we sent: 2 pencil cases, 6 dictionaries, 5 "book socks," 1 3pk disinfect wipes, 2 boxes of highlighters, 3 protractors, 3 packages (pkgs) of index cards, 9 pkgs erasers, 4 pkgs filler paper, 2 notebook binders, 1 pkg post-it notes, 2 bottles of hand disinfectant, 9 calculators, 1 pkg sharpie markers, 2 pkgs color pencils, 1 pkg dry erase markers, 1 pkg water colors, 17 rulers, 22 pkgs of scissors, 61 spiral notebooks, 6 composition books, 27 pkgs of glue, 2 pkgs of mechanical pencils, 16 boxes of colored markers, 78 folders, 65 boxes of crayons, 33 pkgs of pencils...and \$180.

## Celtic Garden News

In about 6 weeks it will be time to put the Celtic Garden to bed for the season. This year it was the place where children played, wedding pictures were taken, Westminster members and friends took pictures, people sat and prayed and friends walked through and admired the flowers.

It is a blessing to have a place that so many can enjoy. The following gardeners are the people that make this possible. Please thank them when you have the opportunity; Lou Albertson, Cindy Beidler, Kyra Bosnik, Stacy Franzmann, Phil Fry, Lisa Bansen-Harp, Tom Koutnik, Chuck Lebold, Jan Lonsdale, Ginny Melver, Earl Pierson, Marge Rearick, Chuck Wilson, Anna Marie Wilton and Kristy Yates.

We are always looking for new gardeners and the garden schedule is in the Sunday bulletins. Plan to come and join us for the rest of this year or next spring.

## COME

## **\*\*NEW\*\* Presbyterian Pandemonium**

We must stay connected to the vine of Jesus Christ,  
The very source of our faith  
And the meaning for our lives.  
~M.S. Lowndes

Do you ever wonder how to become more connected to Westminster or how to become a better disciple? The Discipleship Committee at Westminster is coordinating a **Discipleship Fair** to be held on **Sunday, November 9, 2014**, after morning worship. Every group in the church will be invited to share its ministry. So there will be opportunities to learn more about these groups and join in fellowship with other believers. Mark your calendars, and watch for further information.

## **\*\*NEW\*\* Halloween Party for Children**

Children ages three through twelve and their families are invited to a Halloween party on **October 25, 2014**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Wright-Herberich Hall. Please wear your Halloween costumes, and join us for a parade, games, and food.

## **Men's Group**

The Men's Club will meet on Monday, October 13 at 11:30 AM at the Olive Garden on Market Street in Montrose again. Please let Joe Henninger (330-867-5938) know if you will be attending. All men of the church are welcome.

## **Third Sunday Dinners**

Jesus taught us to "Love your neighbor as yourself," Matthew 19:19. In this spirit, we are very excited about hosting our next Third Sunday Dinner at Westminster, on October 19, November 16, and December 21 at 5:00 PM. Our church doors will be open to anyone and everyone. Come and join church members and our neighbors to share a meal and fellowship. And bring a friend or neighbor.

## ENCOUNTER

## **Monday Supper Club**

October 27 at 6:00pm. 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. Our program will be presented by The Summit County Historical Society, "Understanding the American Hobo" from their "Remember When" series. For reservations, please call Harloe and Harriet Cutler at 330-836-9036.

## **Presbyterian Women**

Calling all WPC ladies, Presbyterian Women is for you! PW Circles meet monthly September-May (and in-between on occasion) for fellowship and Bible study. This year's study is *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians*.

- Discussion Circle meets 1st Tuesdays at 10 AM - contact Polly Fisher (330-664-1022)
- Martha Circle meets 2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - contact Cathy Melver (330-873-1156)
- Mary Circle meets irregularly - contact Denise Howell (330-780-6763)

- Metanoia Circle meets 4th Thursdays at 1 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)

Save the dates and watch for more details on our quarterly church wide PW gatherings:

- **Saturday, October 11**, from 10 AM-12 PM "Recharging Your Body, Mind and Spirit. Shawn Dominic, a registered yoga instructor, breathologist, and Reiki master will teach us ways to recharge our body, mind and spirit.
- **Saturday, December 6**, from 1 PM-3 PM A Christmas Tea will be entitled "Recharging your Soul", with a musical program.
- **Saturday, March 14**, 2015 from 10 AM-2 PM
- **Saturday, April 25**, 2015 from 10 AM-2 PM

## GROW

### **Eye-Opener Bible Study**

We meet Thursdays at 8:00 AM in Room 106 and will continue to study the book of Acts during the Fall. Come enjoy the fellowship and discussion. All are welcome!

### **Book Club**

We meet the first Monday of the month in the library at WPC at 7 PM. All are welcome!

- October 6, *Heartsick* by Chelsea Cain.
- November 3, *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan.
- December 1, *Longbourne* by Jo Baker. Longbourne is set among the servants in the world of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, so come enjoy a Potluck dinner and viewing of the 2005 movie, *Pride and Prejudice*. All are invited, we would love to see you!
- January 5 - *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes, (led by Linsy Beige)
- Feb 2 - *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, (led by Kristy Yates) 10:50 am) and can be picked up after worship.

## SERVE

### **Good Neighbors**

The demand for food at Good Neighbors remains high. Don't forget their need by bringing food to church on October 5, November 2, and December 7. They also can use your paper and plastic grocery bags. Place them in the box marked Good Neighbors that is in the coat room.

### **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 coat room. Thank you for your support.

### **Acme Receipts for PW**

This fundraiser goes to our mission program - both locally and globally. The program began on September 18, please look for the boxes in the Narthex and Wright-Herberich Hall. Thank you again for your continued support.

### **Save a Life Super Saturday**

On October 18 Akron General Medical Center will hold a FREE hands only CPR and AED at AGMC Wellness Center WEST (9-10 AM 10-11 AM) and GREEN (noon-1 PM, 1-2 PM). Learn how to save a life in 45 minutes! Contact AGMC for more information.

## **2014 CONTRIBUTION UPDATE**

Year to date totals August 2014

Budget (yearly).....	448,703
2014 Received (8 months).....(50% of budget).....	228,296
YTD budget (8 months).....	299,135

## **Congregational Meeting Set for October 19**

Session has called a congregational meeting on October 19 after 10:30 Worship for the purpose of electing elders, deacons, endowment trustees and at-large church-wide nominating committee members; and considering minor amendments to the church's by-laws. The Church-Wide Nominating Committee is completing its slate for presentation that day.

## **All Saints' Day October 26**

On Sunday, October 26, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. As part of our annual Celebration of the Saints we read the names of church members who have died in the past year, placing a stone on the communion table in their honor. Members and friends are also invited to place a stone on the table in honor of a saint they have lost to death. Stones will be provided, but you may also bring your own. This is a powerful service that you won't want to miss.

## **2014 Church Directory**

Electronic copies of the church directory are available. Email the church office for the link. Hard copies are available in Wright-Herberich Hall. We do our best to keep the information current. Please send updates and corrections to the church office at [gwilson1250@gmail.com](mailto:gwilson1250@gmail.com).

## **Electronic Giving**

Many of you already support the congregations with your time, talent, and financial support but great participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program at [westminsterakron.com](http://westminsterakron.com), it only takes a few minutes to setup a recurring giving plan.



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