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Welcome to Westminster,

We are an open affirming congregation sharing God's love in West Akron. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

The flowers in the chancel are given by Pat Schumacher in celebration of family members birthdays and anniversaries.

First Sunday Food Collection will take place on February 2, during worship. Non-perishable items requested are chicken and tuna in a can, prepackaged dinners, fruits and vegetables in a can, pudding, toilet paper, paper towels, and personal care items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, body soap, deodorant etc. Monetary donations are appreciated.

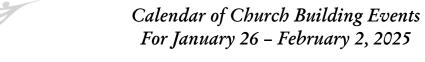
Please join us in Wright-Herberich Hall after church for coffee and fellowship. At that time, Bridge Pastor Sandy Selby will provide a brief presentation (five or ten minutes) of the major points made by Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich in his "Senior Safety" presentation at Westminster on January 14 about phone, email, and text scams. As anyone can fall victim to these scams, people of all ages are welcome to attend. If you cannot attend in person and would like to have a copy of Sandy's notes, please email her at wpcpastorselby@gmail.com, or call the WPC Office.

Free Covid self-test kit, (one per household), available to pick up in Wright-Herberich Hall and the Narthex.

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Community Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, January 30th at 5:00 pm. The event will take place in Wright-Herberich Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow community members over a delicious meal. Whether you're looking to make new friends, catch up with old ones, or simply enjoy great food, we would love for you to join us. Come hungry and ready to share in the warmth and camaraderie of our community!

We will be collecting personal care items and women's underwear on February 2nd & Feb. 9th. RAHAB provides basic needs to women and children who have been affected by human trafficking. The items requested are: full-sized shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, and deodorant (Ethnic hair care products are also needed), new women's bras, underwear, and socks. Your kind donations help to give a sense of dignity to those in need.

"Sweets and Treats" Brunch, February, 9th, after service. Join us for quiche, tomato soup shots with grilled cheese dippers, fresh salad, and Valentine Treats from Westside bakery. We'll also have stations set up around the room where you can make a card for your Valentine, learn to arrange flowers, and sample delectable chocolates.



Sunday, 01/26

8:30 am Childcare available

8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)

9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)

9:30 am Commissioning Class (Youth Rooms, upstairs)

9:30 am Sunday School (Godly Play Room, upstairs)

10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

Tuesday, 01/28

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Room 106)

Wednesday, 01/29

3:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal

6:30 pm PNC Meeting (Room 106)

Thursday, 01/30

10:30 am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

5:00 pm Community Dinner (WHH)

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, 02/01

8:00 am Food For Life

Sunday, 02/02

8:30 am Childcare available

8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)

9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)

10:30 am Worship/Food Collection & YouTube Live-Stream

11:40 am Outreach Meeting (Room 106)

11:45 am Coffee/Birthday Cake Fellowship (WHH)

This Week's Music at WPC:

Scan or take a picture of the QR code with your smart phone and learn some musical history and context.





*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the life of the world, saying, O Christ our Light,

hear our prayer

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ taught us, saying in one voice:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 471 O Praise the Gracious Power CHRISTPRAISE RAY

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary "Music For a Festival" Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Today's Worship team is Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching); Raphael Peoples (liturgist); Nik Stackpole (organist); Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual); Adult Choir and Ushers

At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.

Bolded text is read or sung by all. *Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Voluntary "8 Modal Pieces, Mode de Re," Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

*Call of Worship

Raphael Peoples

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

*Hymn (insert) O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

Prayer of Confession

God of our Restoration

whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

*Response 567

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,

The peace of Christ be with you.

Moment of Mission

Stacy Franzmann

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you.

Last one to sign, please leave at the end of the pew. Thank you.

Offertory "Father, We Thank Thee,"

Nik Stackpole (b. 2000)

Father we thank thee who hast planted Thy holy Name within our hearts. Knowledge and faith and life immortal, Jesus Thy Son to us imparts. Thou Lord did make all for Thy pleasure did give us food for all our days, Giving in Christ the bread eternal, Thine is the power, be Thine the praise.

Watch over thy church, O Lord, in mercy save it from evil guard it still. Perfect it in Thy love, unite it, cleansed and comforted unto Thy will. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides was in this broken bread made one, So from all lands Thy church be gathered into Thy kingdom by Thy Son!

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures
here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

(Children may exit with Ms. Valerie to attend choir rehearsal)

Prayer for Illumination

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us, God, may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you. Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 19

Hymn 167

God's Law is Perfect and Gives Life

HALIFAX

The Second Lesson

Luke 4:14-21

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Singing Harmony"

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby