

# WESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



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## Special Project Offerings

Healthy, vibrant churches are all about doing God's mission together with other people, using our own gifts and abilities. We have several special projects underway that provide opportunities for you to get involved, offering time, skills, and/or a few dollars. We are funding these projects through special offerings. Each week we'll highlight one project and ask for donations. All donations will go into one fund to support all of the projects.

We know the wisdom of the grandfather who says to the granddaughter, "There are two wolves inside you. Both of them are very strong. One leads you into love, peace, kindness, gentleness, grace, friendship, and happiness. The other leads you into competition, anger, fear, fighting, hatred, illness, and pain." The granddaughter asks, "Which one will grow the biggest, Grandfather?" He answers, "The one you feed."

Many things compete for our attention, our time, our abilities, and our money. Some of them lead to happiness and stronger relationships with each other, which is the foundation of any church. Some of them are isolating. Ask God how you can become involved in these projects and choose the ones that lead you to more connection and happiness. They are:

### Banner-making

We started this project after church July 31, and will continue work on the banners after church this Sunday, August 7. The cost is \$300.



### Video Group

Our Greater Kansas City Region is putting together a team, along with the equipment, to visit churches and make professional quality videos at low cost. We don't yet know what the cost to us will be. We need folks to come together to plan the content of our video and how it might be used. If any of you would like to participate in the Regional group, we can connect you.



### Getting Our Message Out On The Internet

Anybody interested can be taught how to record our services and events on Zoom, upload those videos on You Tube and transfer them to our channel on Right Now Media. Perhaps we can put links on our website and Facebook page. What are your thoughts about going public with our services and events?



### Audio/Visual Group

Would you like to learn how to run the slides for our worship services and how to stream Right Now Media to our Smart TVs?



### Youth Group

This idea is still at the idea stage. What is your vision for our young people? Might we be able to use Right Now Media to bring kids together in friendship for spiritual development? Who might be called to lead our youth?



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### Meeting New Neighbors

This group is thinking about an appropriate gift we could bring to new residents of Weston. The idea is to greet them at their front door with a smile, a gift, and an invitation to our church. The cost of this project will depend on the price of the gift and the number of new families moving into Weston each month. This will be an ongoing expense, if we commit to doing it.



### Building and Grounds

This group looks carefully at the message our building sends to newcomers and visitors. Does this place look like a healthy, vibrant congregation meets here? Or, does it look like a congregation in decline? All buildings require constant upkeep and upgrades. These expenses will vary by project. This group is prioritizing what they'd like to do first. We'll raise the money one upgrade at a time.

### Getting Our Message Out

We need people who understand present day marketing and social media to teach us the most effective ways to reach people in our community. Newspaper advertising has proven to be expensive and only marginally effective. How should we proceed?



### Logo Group



We have been experimenting with creating a logo with words. Perhaps you have already seen a couple of prototypes. It is time to gather a group to make final decisions about the design we want and how it might be used. We should be able to create this logo with technology we already have at nominal expense.

The Journey has taught us to pray, listen, and follow. When you ask God for direction for your life and for the life of our congregation, where does God lead you? Can you get excited about one or more of these projects? Do you have another idea? Keep them coming! Vibrant bodies are constantly changing. Let's not change just for the sake of change, but let's be willing and excited to try new things as God leads us!

### The Journey

July 24-25 I participated in my fourth Journey clergy work group. We met with Rev. Bill Rose-Heim, our Regional minister. His vision for our Region is to connect clergy and lay people to each other in ways that support and enhance our ministries. For example, people who do audio/visual ministries in their home congregations can share with each other. Stewardship people can help each other. Building maintenance people, website people, musicians, and every other possible ministry is already being done by someone someplace in our Region. Why not connect together? We're planning a mini version of these types of connections for our next Journey Congregational gathering, November 6th at Pleasant View Christian Church. Save the date and look for more information!

## Our identity statement:

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for **wholeness** in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

# August Sermon Series

How do we live a Christian life? What does it mean to follow Jesus? Most of us assume we know, but if asked on the street with only a second to think, we might fall back on ethics. We might say it is to be kind or to live a sacrificial life or something like that. But, Jesus tells us it is really about developing total dependence on God, like he did. It is a surrender to God who is God and the humility to remember that we are not. This sermon series on a conversation between the Gospel of John and the book of First John will reinforce the message of full relationship with God. Come and hear and be transformed.



Aug 7 - "Living the Message"  
1st John 1:1-4; John 1:14-16

Aug 14 - "Child of Grace with a Dirty Face"  
1 John 1:5-2:2; John 1:24-34

Aug 21 - "How Do I Know?"  
1 John 4:1-6; John 14:15-17

Aug 28 - "Abide in Me"  
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-17

**NEXT CHURCH BOARD MEETING  
WILL BE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH  
RIGHT AFTER CHURCH.**

**HELP!!!**



Mary's computer keyboard has "died" and new batteries haven't fixed the problem!

If you have a keyboard you are no longer using and can contribute, Mary would really appreciate it!



## Stewardship Leadership Seminar

We have an opportunity to learn more about stewardship in a seminar being offered by our Kansas City Region on Saturday, August 20, 8:30-noon, at Country Club Christian Church. We must register by August 15. Everyone interested and willing to participate, please contact Mary or the church office and we will include you! In order to register, we'll need your name and email address. Hope to see you there!

## What is Micah Ministry?

Micah is a ministry of the Greater Kansas City Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) This ministry offers a meal, clothing, and other services to the homeless and underemployed population in the neighborhood of Independence Boulevard Christian Church. Volunteers and guests gather on Monday evenings. Volunteers are trained each week, so no previous experience is necessary. You may be asked to assist guests with clothing needs, you may serve meals or pour drinks, or do other simple tasks as needed. If you have never gone to Micah, choose a first Monday of the month and join us at 4:30 in front of the parsonage to carpool down there and give it a try. Most people who try it find they really enjoy it. Another way you can help is to bring donations of clothing, hygiene items, towels, sheets, and blankets to our Micah collections tub on the card table. Micah also accepts monetary gifts.

## What is United Services?

United Service is the name of a local organization that offers free food and household items to those in need. It is located in Tracy. Each week in the bulletin specific needs are listed, but they always accept donations of nonperishable food, hygiene items, etc. Place those in the red United Services tub on the card table.



Please do an online survey for the Region at:

<http://kcdisciples.org/>

## Banner Day at WCC

We had a great time creating three banners in our workshop with worship artist, Grace Cox-Johnson. The banners are designed to introduce ourselves to visitors and to reinforce our identity as we gather each week for worship. WCC is a congregation that values family, with all generations worshipping together, eating together and caring for each other. We have excellent music. And we are grounded in love of Christ.

One banner shows an adult with a child. Another shows the tree of life, with a nod to abundant food and our apple dumplings. The third depicts music and prayer. They will hang in the sanctuary.

For more information about Grace, see her website: <http://www.color4thejourney.net/> or





# Weston Churches...

## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Ice Cream Social



Our friends and neighbors at Holy Trinity Catholic Church have extended an invitation to everyone to join them at their Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 7, 2016, from 3-7 pm. They are featuring ice cream and homemade cake, hamburgers, brats and hot dogs, Bingo, Children's Games, a Silent Auction, Raffle with great prizes including a hand-pieced quilt, and a County Store featuring hand-crafted items, produce, baked goods, and collectibles. Proceeds will go towards an upgrade to the narthex in their historic church. Holy Trinity Catholic Church is located at 407 Cherry St., Weston, MO.

The next **COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be Saturday, August 13th at 8 am at the *Christian Assembly.*



Head over to **Salem Christian Church** Sunday, August 28th ~ 4-6 pm for their ice cream social.



## & Community Picnic First Baptist Church Weston 1st Annual BBQ Cook-off August 14th

Weston Churches are invited to join in a community BBQ Cook-off on August 14th at First Baptist Church Weston. Each church can have two teams-3 people on a team with one designated as head cook.

1. Teams will be given 4 hours to BBQ a 3 pound slab of ribs and chicken legs. Both provided by FBC.
2. Must be cooked on site at FBC parking lot.
3. May use a rub, sauce or both.
4. Each team will need to bring their own grill (no gas grills) or smoker, charcoal and lighter fluid.

Teams need to contact FBC by August 1st by calling the church office at 816-640-2837 between the hours of 8:00 am & noon or David Horseman at 816-640-2475.

Wednesday,  
August 18th  
"Back to School"



# AUGUST 20, 2016

## ENHANCE YOUR

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



### Event Location

**COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

6101 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64133

*Sponsored by the Christian Church  
(DOC) of Greater Kansas City*

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### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00 am Registration & sample material viewing  
9:00-10:00 am Forum  
10:00-10:15 am Break  
10:15-11:15 am Forum  
11:15-11:45 am Team Forum Planning  
11:45 am to 12:00 pm Question and answer session



Creating a Culture of Generosity

### EVENT REGISTRATION FEE OPTION INFORMATION

Complete the separate registration form for your congregational team.

- Option 1.** Congregation Teams (2-3 people from the same congregation all registering and paying at the same time). Fee includes 1 USB flash drive of material per congregational team.  
Registration deadline: August 15, 2016     \$50.00/per team of 2-3 (from the same church)
- Option 2.** Congregations Teams (4-5 people from the same congregation all registering and paying at the same time). Fee includes 1 USB flash drive of material per congregational team.  
Registration deadline: August 15, 2016     \$65.00 per team of 4-5 (from the same church)

For more information contact the Greater Kansas City Regional Office: 913-432-1414, [office@kcdisciples.org](mailto:office@kcdisciples.org)

Worship Committee Meeting  
August 9th  
7:00 pm

### *What's happening in...*



- 9:30 am—Adult Sunday School  
10:10 am—Greeters  
10:30 am—Worship Service  
Tuesdays, 6:30 am—Men's Bible Study
- 8/1 4:30 pm—Micah Ministry at IBCC—carpool from Parsonage  
8/2 9:30 am—Yoga—Fellowship Hall  
8/9 7:00 pm—Worship Committee Meeting  
8/13 8:00 am—Community Prayer Breakfast at Christian Assembly  
8/16 9:30 am—Yoga—Fellowship Hall  
8/17 First Day of School (West Platte, North Platte & Platte Co.)  
11:30 am—"In His Service" Soup Ministry

# AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR

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My calendars

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Other calendars

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7 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 WCC Worship Service-MUSIC 11:30 Banner Making-Finish Up	8	9 6:30 Mens Bible Study 7p Worship Committee Meeting	10 8:30 WMA Pastors' Meeting-Weston Cafe	11	12	13
14 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 WCC Worship Service	15	16 6:30 Mens Bible Study 9:30 Yoga - Fellowship Hall	17 11:30 "In His Service" Soup Ministry	18	19	20 8:30 Stewardship Seminar-Country Club CC
21 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 WCC Worship Service	22	23 6:30 Mens Bible Study	24	25	26	27
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Added Worship Committee Meeting on Tue Aug 9, 2016 at 7pm. Undo

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