

# WESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



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## Mary's Moment...

The last few days a hymn has been disturbing my daily activities. It just keeps crashing in. I can't even remember the last time I sang it. Does that happen to you? If so, listen!

I've had a "pull" sensation in my belly. It isn't related to food or digestion. It feels different, like a marionette string is embedded within me and the puppeteer is tugging it. Does that happen to you?

I've been lost in thought and something catches my eye and my attention is drawn to some beauty or some symbol that brings a loved one to mind or calls up a memory or brings some inspiration. Does that happen to you?

I've prayed fervently for God's leading in a particular decision and have sought scripture, sought wisdom of friends and mentors. I've made point charts and journaled, looking for the answer, and it has never come. Does that happen to you?

I hear the voice of someone I would *never ever* intentionally listen to. Perhaps I'm in a restaurant in which is blaring a TV program I carefully avoid and the Holy Spirit comes rushing in with an insight. That one almost makes me mad. Couldn't you have used a friend, LORD?

I have finally laid down a pressing question and have become comfortable in the not-knowing. Sometime later I have wandered past a conversation among friends or colleagues at a gathering and overheard someone say something. I don't know their context, but it is the answer I was looking for so desperately.

The Holy Spirit has used my body, my mind, a book, a teacher, my dog, sunlight in a tree, the wisdom of my mother, the listening ear of my sister, a memory of a paper I wrote years ago. God can and does use absolutely anything to speak to us. Do we listen?

Anybody curious about the hymn I mentioned first? Here is it: Rise up! Rise up! Rise up, o men of God. Rise up o ye of God. Rise up women and men of God! Be done with lesser things! Rise up! You can find all the words in your hymnal on page 611. The spirit is within and among you. Listen and follow. Arise o ye of God.

Blessings,

Mary



BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA

WCC is hosting Boy Scout Troop 522 from Hillside Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas, February 17-20 (Friday, 9:30 p.m. -Monday morning). They will be camping out in our building, and will provide all their own meals, etc.

If anybody has ideas about how we could make their stay more pleasant, please do! We want to be good hosts.



## February Sermon Series



February 5th—Matthew 6:33  
Scout Sunday

February 12th—Deuteronomy 34:1-5  
Kirby Gould—"Unfinished Business"

February 19th—Matthew 5:38-48  
"You Have Heard"

February 26th—Matthew 6:19-25  
"What is Defensible?"

## Valentine's Progressive Dinner Saturday, February 11th ~ 6 pm

It is getting close to the time to share our friendships with our annual Valentine's Progressive Dinner. We have narrowed it to two homes—down from three—and are serving **Heavy Appetizers** and **Heavy Desserts**. Everyone chips in and coordinates bringing either an appetizer or dessert to the hosting home, so not a huge deal and always a lot of fun!



## SKY ZONE coming up...

Our Youth Group is going to Sky Zone Kansas City on Sunday, February 26th. Our session is from 5-6:30 pm. We'll gather at the church at 3:30 pm and will return about 7:15 pm. Cost is \$17.99, plus \$2.00 for socks, if you don't already have the required socks. Parents must complete an online waiver prior to your child's arrival at the park. You can find those at [www.skyzone.com/kansascity](http://www.skyzone.com/kansascity). We will purchase the tickets at least a week in advance, so please make your reservations by emailing [westonchristianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:westonchristianchurch@gmail.com) or texting Mary at **417-689-1137**. No child will be excluded for inability to pay, so parents please get your checks to Mary by February 19th and she will buy the tickets for everyone who has made a reservation, regardless of who has paid or not. Kids, invite your friends!

### 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.

# What will be YOUR Legacy for the next generation?



- Join us for a special presentation with Kirby Gould from the Christian Church Foundation as we discuss
- Ways to create a legacy gift for Weston Christian Church and other charities you love
  - How to create a “pledge replacement” gift
  - Ways to pass assets to children and charity in a tax-efficient manner
  - How our permanent funds are benefitting the church
  - That God calls us to be good stewards of all of our assets
  - Why everyone needs a will

Sunday, February 12th, 10:30 am,  
with lunch & workshop following church

No products will be sold; this will be for informational purposes only to provide you with the knowledge to make important decisions that can affect your heirs.



## CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

*Celebrating 50 Years of Helping Disciples Make a Difference*

### REGIONAL NEWS

#### **Our Representatives to Our Region:**

Who are they? Mary Bolan and Donald Pepper

#### **What do they do?**



- ❖ They share our congregation’s good news, best practices, questions, and recommendations at Regional gatherings
- ❖ They share with us other congregations’ good news, best practices, questions and recommendations
- ❖ They help shape the future of our Regional partnership which:

- Organizes our summer church camp at Tall Oaks
- Assists our pastors and church staff in times of conflict, growth, or change
- Develops education standards, scholarships and training opportunities for clergy
- Provides references for scholarship candidates and ministers seeking to serve the Church
  - Connects us with mission and training opportunities
- Helps to match congregations and leaders with other Disciples who share similar interests, projects or long-term missions
  - Shares information from other Regions, General Units and the Ecumenical and Interfaith communities
- Helps us to do a better job of reducing harmful practices and attitudes resulting in unfair discrimination and improving our skills at reconciliation and the pursuit of justice.
  - Represents us in shaping the future of our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada

Please take a moment to thank our representatives to our Region. Let them tell you about the work being done this year to restructure our Region to become an even more effective partner with us!

# Tall Oaks News...

## TALL OAKS NEWSLETTER

January 2017



Thanks to the Youth Leadership Council, Tall Oaks has installed and updated the sound and visual systems in the LLC.

A new HD projector, surround sound, modern cables in the meeting space and a large video monitor with speakers in the fireplace room allows us to serve the needs of our groups.

What we think, we become. - Buddha



### 2016 Remembered

2016 was a year of remembrance for so many reasons, it started with the loss of our close friend Roberta Christenson. Tall Oaks welcomed new staff in key places and got to know our groups better and developed some great partnerships. Though a weak financial first quarter we did have a wonderful summer with all camps growing in number. We moved from two CYF camps down to one with positive results. Fall kept us quite busy hosting schools for Outdoor Education and some new groups to enjoy the facility. We rebuilt the challenge course and updated the facilities and even had a group paint the pool house. The Gala was a success this year with nearly \$40,000 to help continue our ministry. 2016 was a challenging year, one I won't forget, one to build on for sure, we move forward with excitement in 2017.

### Looking forward to 2017

Moving forward we see great things on the horizon, winter and spring look to be busier, staff is settled in, we have a much better grasp on the task at hand. Summer will be even more busy than 2016, and fall will keep us hopping. We have upgraded Milagro cottage, will paint Campbell and Koinonia, build new paths for hiking and horseback rides. With the increase in bookings and a more stable staff setting 2017 should be solid fiscally. We will host the Gala again in the fall and will introduce CamPalozza on May 6<sup>th</sup> here at Tall Oaks. This fundraiser should help with online continuing giving which will increase our Empowerment fund and allow us to continually upgrade our cottages and service.

## Chi Rho Mid-Winter Feb. 24 & 25

Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. To Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.  
Cost \$65

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17

**Tall Oaks can now accept donations by credit card, a small monthly give helps with large long term goals. Contact us for more details. A small amount goes a long way to meet our goals of serving others.**



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**Camp and Conference Dates—2017**

**Day Camp 1:** Thursday, June 1

**Day Camp 2:** Thursday, June 29

**Day Camp 3:** Wednesday, August 2

**Primary 1:** Wed., May 31 (10:00) - Fri., June 2 (2:00)

\* (Staff arrive May 30, 5 pm) Shalom & Delaware

**Primary 2:** Sun., June 25 (10:00—Tue., June 27 (2:00)

\* (Staff arrive June 24, 5 pm) Koinonia, Campbell & Shalom

**Junior 1:** Sat., June 17 (10:00) - Sun., June 20 (2:00)

\* (Staff arrive June 16, 5 pm) Shalom & Delaware

**Junior 2:** Mon., Aug. 7 (10:00) - Thur., Aug. 10 (2:00)

\* (Staff arrive Aug. 6, 5 pm) Shalom & Delaware (could add Campbell/Koinonia)

• **General Assembly July 8th—12th**

**Chi Rho MAD?:** Tue., Jul 4 (4:00) - Sat., Jul. 8 (11:00)

\* (Staff arrive Jul. 3, 5 pm—Milagro) Campbell, Shalom & Delaware

**Chi Rho 2:** Sun., Jul 30 (4:00) - Thur., Aug. 3 (2:00)

\* (Staff arrive Jul. 29, 5 pm) Koinonia, Campbell, Shalom & Delaware

**Eighter's:** Sun., Jul. 30 (4:00) - Sat., Aug. 5 (10:00)

\* Staff arrive Jul. 29, 5 pm) LLC, Milagro, Campbell)

**Equine (high school age):** Mon., Jun. 12 (4:00) -

Thur., Jun. 15 (2:00)

\* Milagro

**Equine II (middle school):** Thur., Jun. 29 (4:00) - Sun.,

Jul. 2 (3:00~)

\* Milagro

~later end time so that kids can do show for parents

**CYF:** Wed., Jun. 28 (4:00) - Mon., Jul. 3 (3:00)

\* (Staff & Cabinet Tue., Jun. 27 in LLC) LLC, Koinonia, Campbell, Shalom, Delaware

**Grandparent 1:** Tue., May 30 (4:00) - Wed., Jun. 1 (2:00)

\* LLC & Milagro

**Grandparent 2:** Sun., Jun. 25 (4:00) - Tue., Jun. 27 (2:00)

\* LLC & Milagro

**Grandparent 3:** Wed., Jul. 5 (4:00) - Fri., Jul. 7 (2:00)

\* LLC & Milagro

**Grandparent 4:** Wed., Aug. 9 (4:00) - Fri., Aug. 11 (2:00)

\* LLC & Milagro



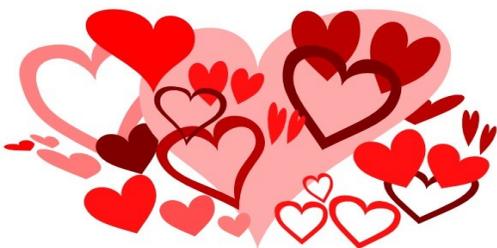
*What's happening in...*



	9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
	10:10 am—Greeters
	10:30 am—Worship Service
	Tuesdays, 6:30 am—Men's Bible Study
	Wednesdays, 7:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal
	Thursdays, Noon—Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	5:15 pm - Tai Chi-arthritis/balance
	6:15 pm - Tai Chi-balance
2/5	10:30 am—Scout Sunday during Church
2/6	4:30 pm—Micah Ministry at IBCC (carpool from Parsonage)
2/7	9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
2/11	8:00 am—Community Prayer Breakfast (Christian Assembly)
	6:00 pm—Valentine's Progressive Dinner
2/12	11:30 am—Legacy Giving Day
2/14	Valentine's Day
2/15	10:00 am—"In His Service" Soup Ministry
2/17-20	WCC hosting Boy Scout Troop 522 from Wichita, KS
2/20	Presidents Day
2/21	9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
2/26	6:00 pm—Bean Soup Dinner (Lent)
	3:30 pm—Youth Group to Sky Zone

*Bible Study: Thursdays at Noon*

Our Bible study is underway. Join us as we study the Parables of Jesus. *Lunch included.* See you there!



# February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Adult Sunday School ↕ 10:15 WCC Church Zoom Meeting 10:30 WCC Worship Service	30	31 6:30 Mens Bible Study	Feb 1 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	2 12p Bible Study-Fellowship Hall 5:15p Tai Chi-Arthritis 6:15p Tai Chi	3	4
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26 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Adult Sunday School ↕ 10:15 WCC Church Zoom Meeting 10:30 WCC Worship Service-Notes of Grace 12p Bean Soup Dinner-Lent Prep. 3:30p WCC Youth to Sky Zone	27	28 6:30 Mens Bible Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	Mar 1 6p Ash Wednesday Service 7:30p No Choir Rehearsal	2 12p Bible Study-Fellowship Hall 5:15p Tai Chi-Arthritis 6:15p Tai Chi	3	4