

WESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



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Happy
Thanksgiving!

November Sermon Series



November 13th - "What Do You Know?"
Psalm 46
November 20th - "What Will You Declare?"
Psalm 145:1-5, Psalm 100



Advent and Christmas Sermon Series



Advent 1, November 27th - "Expect the Unexpected"
Matthew 24:36-44
Advent 2, December 4th - "What's Inside?"
Matthew 3:1-12
Advent 3, December 11th - "Feeling Fragmented?"
Matthew 11:2-6
Advent 4, December 18th - Children's Program
Matthew 1:18-24
Christmas Eve - "Unto You is Born"
Luke 2:1-20
Christmas Day - "A Child is Born"
Luke 2:1-20

We invite you to join us as
Weston Christian Church Choir and
Guests
perform selections from

G.F. Handel's

MESIAH

Sunday, November 27, 2016
2:00 pm ~ Reception Following

Micah Ministry is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Kansas City, hosted by Independence Boulevard Christian Church. Every Monday evening they serve a hot meal, offer clothing, hygiene kits, blankets and other necessities, offer a medical clinic, offer prayer and other ministries, and offer other means of support for school children to the folks in that neighborhood, some of whom are homeless. Our congregation volunteers at Micah on the first Monday of every month. Our next Micah day is December 5. If you have never gone with us, put it on your calendar and join us! You might love it. Also, we have a permanent plastic tub on the card table to receive your donations of clothing and necessities. Thanks for your on-going support of this ministry!

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.

Thanksgiving Dinners

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Sunday, November 20th, after church. Turkey, potatoes, bread, and stuffing provided. Please bring a side or dessert.



Ministerial Alliance

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service

Sunday, November 20th, Dinner at 6:00, Service at 7:00 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Please bring a side or dessert to this dinner, as well.

What the "Journey" Is All About

The Journey is a collaboration of ministers and congregations working with our denominational entity, "Hope Partnership" to experiment with and share ideas about how to make ministry effective for our changing time. We recognize that nobody has all the answers, but that together we might generate something new.

We encourage each other to be agile, willing to try new things and allow things that are not working to fall away. We call upon one another to be courageous and committed to the mission of Christ. We encourage each other to put our faith in God and to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, whose word will sound different in different contexts. And we just plain give each other tips and suggestions of things we've tried with information about our results, both good and bad.

The day of cultural Christianity is behind us. In order to hold a position of standing in a community one is no longer required to be a regular church attender, or even a member of a church. People no longer attend church out of obligation to family, tradition, or even to God. Consumer culture has taught us to spend our money, our time, and our efforts on things that benefit us, rather than on things that benefit all. Where does that leave us?

The good news is that it leaves us with authentic people who come to church because they want to be there. It leaves us with people who engage intentionally in spiritual practices to draw closer to God and to serve one another. Yes, many Christians are feeling left behind by culture, but that puts us in the company of the first followers of Jesus. We are once again becoming a small band of people who see the corruption of this world and seek a Truth that is much deeper than worldly success. We are free to once again be inspired by the example of one who showed us how to be part of "the Kingdom of God." It may not be good news for institutional church, but it is good news. Let's not lose sight of our Redeemer. See you in church!

Our New Banners Are UP!

Come, take a look at our new banners! Thanks to all who created them and to Joe Pepper for hanging them for us. They look beautiful. They banners were designed to communicate who we see ourselves to be as a congregation.

The first one (left) represents the generations that have gone before, the generations who gather now, and the generations yet to come. We value our heritage and the mingling of all ages with one another, as a family. The second one (middle) represents the value we place on music. The notes on the music staff are from our Communion Response hymn, "More Love to Thee, O Christ." The third banner (right) represents the Tree of Life, symbolizing our fellowship and care for one another, with a basket of apples under the tree, giving a nod to our famous apple dumplings.

Use the banners to hone your skills at introducing our congregation to others.

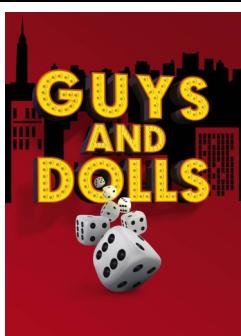
Check Out Our "YouTube" Channel

So far we have six worship services up on YouTube. Thank you to our Technology Group for your efforts to make that happen! You can find them here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcSYS6c73VzMqA3-uk5PmDQ>

We have an opportunity for a volunteer who has software and knows how to edit YouTube videos to get involved! We'd love to have separate videos of scripture/sermon and music. Also, if anybody knows for sure how to handle legal notices regarding music copyrights or other legal issues on YouTube, please help us out!

West Platte High School Musical...
"Guys and Dolls"
Nov. 18th & 19th



Come out and support our "WCC Kids" as they perform in this musical. Sure to be a great evening.

A Fresh ~ Ancient~ Way to Pray



There is an ancient prayer practice that is called, "Lectio Divina." Here's how it works. You take a Biblical text, perhaps just a few verses, and read through it several times, slowly at first, and then more and more slowly.

Ask God to speak to you through the text. You allow your mind to stop racing in all its frantic busy-ness and just sit with the text. After you have read through it one to three times, you read it again with an eye to stop on a word or phrase that catches you in some way and just sit with that word or phrase. You might close your eyes and repeat it over and over, or you might doodle it in a journal, perhaps with artwork. Maybe you'll underline or highlight it in your Bible. Perhaps you'll receive some insight into your own life, or perhaps a question will arise. When you are ready, move on until another word or phrase catches you. Do this for as long as you'd like, and make notes of anything that you'd like to remember. This is prayer beyond asking for things or thanking God for things or confessing things. It is a way to just be present with God.

If you'd like to try it, start with the text from November 6, Ephesians 1:11-23. It has lots of words and phrases that might be worthy of your contemplation.



Thank you
for the Pastor Appreciation Card
and gift...

Thank You for Pastor Appreciation Card and Gift! It is truly an honor to serve God with you. I appreciate you all very much! ~ Mary





Weston's Candlelight Homes Tour

Apple Dumplings

Sign-up sheets are out to pick your slot to help sell WCC's delicious apple dumplings during Weston's Candlelight Homes Tour. The homes tour is coming right up on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Look for the sign-up sheets on the card table. This year we're setting up shop in the Masonic Lodge on Main Street.



SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

"Decisions are made by those who show up." Some decisions need to be made about our Christian Education programs for young children, youth, and adults. We are actively seeking members for the Education Committee, which will meet and make decisions in January. If you'd like to give your input, please join the committee.

Are you good with tools? Love to maintain property and work on upgrades? Care about how our property works and functions? We need you on the property committee!

We are also seeking adult members to serve in various positions on the board. Please drop a note or talk to Mary about how you might serve. You can also volunteer to participate in any ministry, or resign your involvement on any ministry by using our 2017 Stewardship forms (see Pages 5 & 6). Weston Christian Church is not a building or thing outside of us. It is what we make it, together. How has God equipped you to serve? Where is Christ leading us together? Respond to the call of God!



Thank you to those who served in the pulpit by preaching for me while I was gone on vacation. Thank you

to one of our members for her work with the choir and for the special music from her band, during the Music Director's vacation. Thanks to everyone else who stepped up to do extra duties in our absences. We appreciate each of you very much!



PLEDGE CARDS / BUDGET PROCESS

Please pray about how you will participate in the life of WCC in 2017 and return your stewardship volunteer sheet and pledge cards right away (see Pages 5 & 6). We need them as we plan for next year. Thank you.



Reminder...

There will be five choir rehearsals for the "Messiah" performance coming up in November. These are in addition to the rehearsals for our regular services.

"Messiah" Rehearsals:

Thursday, Nov. 10th—7:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 15th—7:00 pm (women only)

Thursday, Nov. 17th—7:00 pm (men only)

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd—7:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 27th—1:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 27th—2:00 pm (PERFORMANCE)

Regional Happenings...

Colors of Grace



Come for a fun night of fellowship and painting. The class is for any skill level, I promise!!!! It is a step by step instructor led class. Cost is \$20.00 per person. We will be making a painting on grace.

When: Wednesday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Lone Jack Christian Church (DOC)

200 W. Lone Jack/Lee's Summit Rd. Lone Jack, MO
{816-697-2370} www.lonejackchristianchurch.com

PLEASE RSVP to Pastor Ann by Sunday, Nov. 13th

About the instructor:

My name is Beth Walker, instructor for Colors of Grace.

Through my son's illness we have had an amazing journey of faith, trials, joy, heartache and answered prayers. My youngest son was born without an immune system. We spent over 8 months in isolation in the bone marrow unit in the hospital. Away from my family, I only had the Lord to rely on as my son was very ill. He underwent intense ablative chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant at 2 months old. After 11 months in the hospital, 2 stays in the PICU, 5 surgeries, 7 septic blood infections, 8 months on IV nutrition, gtube and coming close to death 9 times, the Lord continues to heal our son. The entire time I had 7 scriptures posted on the hospital wall. This series of paint classes focuses on the 7 scriptures. This is a night of fun, fellowship, and to share our journey to give Glory to God.

Zoom Worship from Your Home Computer or Smart Device

You can now join us remotely if you are unable to be with us in person on Sunday mornings. Send an email with your request to join us to westonchristianchurch@gmail.com and we'll send you a "Zoom" invitation. We have tested this technology with good success. Give it a try! Thanks to Francie Stoner and our technology group for providing this service.

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

11/1 9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall

11/3 7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

11/6 Daylight Saving Time ends

11/7 4:30 pm—Micah Ministry at IBCC

11/8 National/State/Local Election Day

11/10 7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)

11/11 Veterans' Day

11/15 9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Messiah-women only)

11/16 11:30 AM—"In His Service" Soup Ministry

11/17 7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Messiah-men only)

11/20 11:30 am—Church Board Meeting

6:00 pm—Thanksgiving Dinner

11/21 7:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal

11/22 7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)

11/24 Thanksgiving Day

1:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)

2:00 pm—"Messiah" Performance



One-on-Ones or Family Talks



Mary offers spiritual guidance in free one-on-one sessions and family sessions. Contact Mary directly to schedule a time.

Legacy Gifts

Have you put Weston Christian Church in your will? Have you thought about making a significant donation in the name of a loved one? Have you thought about how you can help sustain the ministries of WCC long after your time on earth is done? Consider legacy giving! We will have a special Legacy Giving Day on February 12, 2017. Kirby Gould will be here from Church Extension (our denomination's support for stewardship, investment, and giving) to answer our questions and help us launch a new way of doing ministry!



TAI CHI CLASSES...

Classes will start on Nov. 3rd at 5:15 pm and potentially run classes to 7:30 pm, depending upon interest. All Church members welcome!

The 5:15 class will be Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention. This is good for EVERYONE, regardless of age. One of Rod's favorite members is 94 and arrives using her walker! The 6:15 class will be a little more challenging. We're calling it Tai Chi for fitness.

Classes are led by Dr. Rod Philp. Rod is a certified Tai Chi master. His Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention is certified by the American Arthritis Association. He is a Ph.D. geneticist and also has a clinical master's. He is a board certified genetic counselor and works in the Cancer Center at KU Medical Center. Rod does classes like these at KU Medical Center in their Cancer Center. We are so fortunate to have him able to work with us! Come and see what you think! Bring a friend. The first class is FREE! No Excuses! After that, WCC members are \$10 a session and \$15 for community/friends.



Tall Oaks Gala

November 11th

Arrowhead Stadium - North Club

Stadium Tours—5:45 pm
Silent Auction & Fellowship—6:00 pm
Buffet Dinner followed by Live Auction—7:30 pm

All for the benefit of Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center, a ministry of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City
www.talloaks.org

For more information about the Gala call Kenny Funk
913-301-3004

Tall Oaks has served our community by hosting:

1. Specialized summer camps for young persons with Muscular Dystrophy, Juvenile Diabetes, Sickle Cell Disease, Autism & Asperber's Syndrome, Foster Kids and a Grief camp for kids.
2. Many sessions of Christian Summer Camp experiences for children and youth ages 6-18+, camps for Grandparents and their Grandkids.
3. Numerous men's and women's retreats, company business meetings, clergy workshops, family reunions, weddings, school retreats, and college groups.

Reservations:

Ken Mohler
816-444-1553
kmohler@swbell.net

Childcare Reservations:

Stacy Kearney
734-968-9289
s Stacy Kearney@yahoo.com

Auction Donations:

Annette Hollingsworth 913-268-1400 mackh@kc.rr.com	Sherry Radcliff srad5000@aol.com
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Our Disciples Women group, "The Rose Vine," takes your prayer requests and confidential concerns, and shares them only as you direct for prayer and support. Contact one of our ladies with your needs and joys.

Happy Thanksgiving Day!!

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,*

For health and food,

for love and friends,

For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;

For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;

For song of bird, and hum of bee;

For all things fair we hear or see,

Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson





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I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

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*It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
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2017 Weston Christian Church

~ I make a Difference! ~

Stewardship Pledge

I/we would like to make a difference by offering my/our time and talents to the ministries of the Weston Christian Church in the following areas:

- Adult education Bible study
 Candle lighter Children's Church/Education
 Children's Music Choir
 Children/Family Events
 Congregation Connection & Communications
 Community/Hospitality Event
 CMF (Men's Ministry) CWF (Rose Vine)
 CYF (Youth Group) Deacon Elder

- Devotion Line Ministry Endowment Finance/Stewardship committee Gardening
 Greeter Hospitality/Serve Hospitality/Cook or Bake Lay-leader Legal Issues/Advice
 Marketing/Advertising/Signs Nursery Office Volunteer Outreach/Meet Needs
 Visit/email/call to hospital/homebound Pastoral Relations Prayer Chain Property care
 Exterior Improvement Interior Design/Upgrade Small Group/Prayer group Soup Service
 Tech Group A/V Computer Issues YouTube/Zoom Facebook & Other Social Media
 Welcome Wagon (greet new residents) Worship Committee

My favorite way to help: _____

I want try something new in the area of: _____

Name(s) _____

Contact phone/address/email/text/Facebook _____



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Weston Christian Church

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Tithe \$_____ Per week/month/year

Legacy \$_____ Per year

Capital/Building Fund \$_____ Per year

Your pledge is 1) tax deductible 2) Can be increased/decreased throughout the year

Name (optional) _____



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November Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	Mary - Vacation 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:15 WCC Church Zoom Meeting 10:30 WCC Worship Service 3p Budgeting 6	31 Halloween Nov 1 6:30 Mens Bible Study 9:30 Yoga - Fellowship Hall	2	3	4	5 5:15p Tai Chi-Arthritis 6:15p Tai Chi 7p Choir Rehearsal
6	Daylight Saving Time ends 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:15 WCC Church Zoom Meeting 10:30 WCC Worship Service-MUSIC ?	7 4:30p Micah Ministry-Indep Blvd. Christian (No title) Election Day 6:30 Mens Bible Study 5:30p "Silent Night" 7p Worship Committee	8 8:30 WMA Pastors' Meeting-Weston Cafe 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	9 8:30 WMA Pastors' Meeting-Weston Cafe 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	10 5:15p Tai Chi-Arthritis 6:15p Tai Chi 7p Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)	11 Veterans Day
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20	21 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:15 WCC Church Zoom Meeting 10:30 WCC Worship Service 11:30 Church Thanksgiving Dinner 6p WMA-Thanksgiving Dinner-Holy Trinity 7p WMA Thanksgiving Service	22 6:30 Mens Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 Weston Homes Tour
27	28 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:15 WCC Church Zoom Meeting 10:30 WCC Worship Service 1p Choir Rehearsal (Messiah) 2p "Messiah" Concert	29 6:30 Mens Bible Study	30 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	Dec 1 5:15p Tai Chi-Arthritis 6:15p Tai Chi	2	3 Weston Homes Tour