



WESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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“Pastoral Piece”

My life as a musician has been filled with lessons. Here are a few things I have learned that we can apply to some of the situations we are currently facing at WCC.

Transition: Moving from one place to another

Transition in music is the act of moving from one movement in a composition to another. It often includes a few measures of chord or tempo changes that lead the music in a new direction. Although making the change can be challenging, the piece is usually left enhanced and revitalized. So it is in the life of a church. As difficult as change may be, without a time of transition, the church would not experience the growth or renewal that accompanies change.

Remember: The lessons of the past affect the present and the future

A musician has a lot to remember. Dynamics and expression symbols are important but styling a piece and remaining authentic to its original conception is paramount. The church also benefits by remembering its origins. The Gaskills, Hulls, Halls, Wilsons, Peppers and Bradleys, are a few of the families that have served this church over the years. Their contributions are priceless. The thing about the past is it is always just one day away. My prayer is that we learn from our past, by remembering its successes and failures, as we are creating its future.

Understanding: Music is diverse.

Trying to understand even just one style of music can take a lifetime. You may have your personal preferences when it comes to styles of music but eventually you come to realize that all music is made up of the same properties. All musical styles have the elements of melody, harmony and rhythm. How these are joined together is what makes that particular genre unique. If you really take the time to listen, you can find something that you appreciate in all styles of music. I find this to be the case with people as well. We may not all have the same backgrounds or experiences, but we are all God’s children and regardless of our level of education, age or personal beliefs there is a place for us all. Taking the time to listen and gain insight into other’s opinions is what allows us to be tolerant and understanding in all situations.

Satisfaction: The reward of purpose

Music can invoke many emotions. It can move you to tears or make you want to dance on the ceiling. Whatever the situation most of us find music to be very satisfying. Satisfaction is just kind of the point. Why do it if it isn’t satisfying? Sometimes church tasks become very mundane. We end up doing things because “they need to be done.” However true that might be, I want to encourage each of you to find an area of service you feel might be your calling. Perhaps it’s singing in the choir or helping with outreach ministries; what’s important is that you choose to serve in a place you feel God is leading you. I believe serving in areas that fit our skill sets makes whatever task we are performing an enjoyable one. This is how we experience the satisfaction that God provides to those who are called according to His purpose.

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To the Members of Weston Christian Church,

Let me begin by saying how honored and humbled I am to have been selected as your board president.

My pledge to you is that I will endeavor to perform my duties to the very best of my ability. I will utilize the experience and expertise of those that have served before me and those who serve with me.

I promise to listen and continue listening as I endeavor to lead us in a direction that will always take into account the best interests of the church as a whole. Likewise, I am also committed to considering the needs of the few equally with the needs of the many.

Lastly, I will do my best to keep myself in a position of humility and openness to the leading of our Lord as I strive to be a vessel that He can use to fulfill His purpose here at Weston Christian Church.

This is my pledge of service to Weston Christian Church. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST JANUARY 13TH ~ 8:00 AM



WCC IS HOSTING!
Everyone is invited to attend.

Soup / Sandwich Luncheon



**Sunday, January 14th,
after church**



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.

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Telling others: Sharing the good news

Music is all about performance. You can practice until everything is perfect, (ok we know it's never perfect) but if you don't advertise than nobody will come to hear your efforts. Sometimes it's as simple as asking. Twenty- four years ago Jeff Elsea walked into my office at West Platte Schools, introduced himself and asked if I might want to come to WCC. Thus began my relationship with this church. Although I was called to serve other denominations, in the end it was the relationship I had with the members of this church, which brought me back. We have no idea the long term impact that reaching out to others will have. If there is one thing I would encourage each of you to do, it is to share your church experience with others. I believe WCC is the best kept secret in Weston and perhaps it's time to share the good news in more ways than one.

I'm sure by now you have noticed the anagram **TRUST**. Ultimately, the most significant thing that music has taught me over the years is TRUST. You can prepare and educate yourself. You can be talented and skilled. All the pieces can be in place for you to achieve a great performance, but in the end it all boils down to trust.

Trust in yourself. Trust that the work you have done to prepare yourself will be enough. Believe you can meet whatever challenge lies ahead.

Trust in others. Having faith in the wisdom and generosity of others will provide you the strength that you need to persevere when you are faced with challenges.

Trust God. This is the most important aspect to remember. Without complete trust in God our best laid plans will fail. Putting our confidence and faith in God is the most important thing we can do as a congregation and as individuals. The road that lies ahead of us will be a wonderful, enlightening journey if above all else we can Trust God, Trust God, Trust God. (Thank you Mary Bolan.)

Notes from the Church Office...

With the beginning of a new year, I thought it would be a good time to send some reminders about a few things.

Please send any changes/additions/deletions you may have to the bulletin or the online church calendar to me as soon as you are aware of them. This will ensure that the bulletin is as accurate as possible on Sunday morning. A draft of the bulletin is usually sent to each participant in Sunday's service on the Wednesday before, but sometimes this isn't always possible. The bulletin is printed early Thursday mornings.

Also, if you need to reference items in the file cabinet, please ensure they are returned to the appropriate file folder when you are finished.

In the coming weeks, please look for an email or a hardcopy note asking you to share your contact information — name, address, phone number, cell phone number and email address. There are several inaccuracies on the current contact list kept in the church office and now that the holidays are behind us, it's probably a good idea to start the new year with some "housekeeping."



This information is essentially for use by the in-coming pastor and church office staff and is NOT posted online or made available to the public. Also, this is a "contact list" only; not a membership list.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Thank you so very much for your generous Christmas gift to me. It was much appreciated. I look forward to working with you in the future. Happy New Year everyone!

Church Secretary

January Sermons

January 7th - Rev. Terry Barnes
"God With Us"
Matthew 1:23

January 14th - Rev. Terry Barnes
"Bringing Up Baby"
1 Samuel 2:18-20 & 26, Luke 2:51-52

January 21st - Rev. Doug Reece

January 28th - Rev. Doug Reece

October Attendance:

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Church	20	26	27	40	49
Sunday School	5	7	7	9	7
Children's Church	1	3	4	7	8

November Attendance:

	5th	12th	19th	26th
Church	31	33	48	28
Sunday School	6	7	—	8
Children's Church	5	5	7	3

December Attendance:

	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Church	39	52	47	48	
Sunday School	5	7	7	7	
Children's Church	5	9	9	9	

(Candlelight-30)

What's happening in...



- Sundays, 9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
- Sundays, 10:10 am—Greeters
- Sundays, 10:15 am—WCC Church Zoom Meeting
- Sundays, 10:30 am—Worship Service
- Tuesdays, 6:30 am—Men's Bible Study
- Wednesdays, 7:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal

- 1/1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 1/2 9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
- 1/13 8:00 am—Community Prayer Breakfast
(WCC HOSTING)
- 1/14 11:30 am—Soup/Sandwich Lunch after church
- 1/15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/16 9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
- 1/17 10:30 am—"In His Service" Soup Ministry
- 1/21 11:30 am—Church Board Meeting
- 1/22 6:30 pm—Regional Board Meeting at East Gate CC

Submit Prayer Requests to Church Office

Please submit your prayer requests to the church office on a weekly basis, either by email or by telephoning the church office at 640-2846. THANKS!!!



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HITS DEEP TOUR '18



Featuring
TOBY MAC
DANNY COKEY
MANDISA
RYAN STEVENSON
FINDING FAVOR

Friday, February 23
Sprint Center
Kansas City MO

Tickets: KLOVE.COM or
AIR1.COM
Keyword "TOBY"

GET A GROUP DISCOUNT!

GROUPS OF 4+ GET 10% OFF—USE CODE "FAMILY"

GROUPS OF 10+ GET 15% OFF—USE CODE "GROUP15"

Worship Calendar

TODAY < > January 2018








Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 New Year's Eve ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ○ 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service	Jan 1 New Year's Day	2 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study ● 9:30am Yoga - Fellowship Hall	3 ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ○ 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service	8	9 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study	10 ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11	12 ● 5:30pm West Platte PTO	13 ● 8am Community Prayer Breakfast-WCC
14 ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ○ 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service ● 11:30am Soup-Sandwich Dinner	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study ● 9:30am Yoga - Fellowship Hall	17 ● 10am "In His Service" Soup Ministry (w/) ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
21 ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ○ 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service ● 11:30am Church Board Meeting	22 ● 6:30pm Regional Board Meeting	23 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study	24 ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ○ 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service	29	30 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study	31 ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	Feb 1	2	3

