



WESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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A Musing from Pastor Casey...

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Friends and Family of Weston Christian Church,

It has been a wonderful first month together! At long last, the Sunday snow streak came to an end and Weston is turning green once again. We have new growth at WCC as well: new members are joining our church as new visitors make their way into our doors each Sunday (and come back). We continue to faithfully serve our community as the Body of Christ with physical and spiritual food through jars of soup, gathering 30 to 50 something's for fellowship (and some of their kids as well), leading bible studies, and all the unseen faithful ways in which you all live your lives as disciples of Christ.

In worship, we spent the month of April reflecting on what it looks like for us to be disciples living in the light of Jesus' Resurrection *now*...through breathing in the Holy Spirit, reading the Living Word, listening for God's small voice in the midst of our daily lives, and abiding in a community of other disciples.

As your pastor, my daily prayer is to help each of you grow in your walk with Christ. It doesn't matter if your walk has been 60 years in the making or 6 weeks. None of us is done growing as disciples until we sit at Table with Christ at the Heavenly Banquet.

Maturity in discipleship cannot be microwaved. We like everything fast in this culture, but spiritual maturity takes time. It takes days. It takes years of daily disciplines (praying, reading Scripture, talking with other disciples about God, tithing, serving our neighbors...). Spiritual disciplines make us into disciples. I am here for the long haul to help us be a church that is growing in depth in a culture that too often measures church 'success' by growth in breadth.

In May, we celebrate the birthday of the church with Pentecost Sunday. We will have special offerings on May 20 and 27 that help to equip the general and regional church live into Pentecost with new church plants. We also prepare to enter into the longest stretch of the liturgical year: Ordinary Time. Together we faithfully listen and look for the extraordinary ways God can break into our ordinary days, refocusing our priorities and drawing our gaze heavenward.

Blessings to you as we approach Pentecost. May you become more in tune with the Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ.

Pastor Casey

February Attendance:

	4th	11th	Ash Wednesday	18th	25th
Church	31	47	10	34	42
Sunday School	4	—	—	4	7
Children's Church	6	—	—	7	6

March Attendance:

	4th	11th	18th	25th	Maundy Thursday
Church	54	30	44	45	8
Sunday School	9	5	8	8	—
Children's Church	8	6	7	6	—

April Attendance:

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Church	113	50	48	36	65
Sunday School	9	6	10	7	6
Children's Church	20	9	10	7	11



"Pastoral Piece"

Greetings!

Let me begin by asking you a question? If you could do anything in the world what would it be? What if there was nothing to hold you back. No restrictions regarding time or money. No responsibilities to others. What would you do?

I would like to encourage each of you to ask yourself this question and be really honest about it. I'm sure some of us would say we'd take a vacation or quit work. We have all had that desire at some point. What I'm talking about is taking the time to look at your life and see what talents you possess and then explore ways to optimize them.

Here's an example. I had a friend who spent the majority of her life as a counselor. She liked counseling and was really good at it. She was getting into her later 40's and was taking inventory of her life. She asked herself the question I posed to you. She realized she had always wanted to be a teacher. It took some planning and some re-education but after a while she was qualified to teach elementary. She left her practice to become a teacher. I'm sure she made less money and had all the stress that comes along with learning something completely different (especially at an older age) but she did it. What a difference she made in the lives of so many students. The children loved her fresh approach and "love of the game" attitude. She spent 10 or 12 years in the teaching profession with absolutely no regrets. Now, she both tutors and counsels clients. Wow, talk about a life well lived.

So, how about you? What's your passion?

Asking yourself what your dreams or passions are is one thing, but how many of us are willing to ask God what He may have in store for us? Many of us are doing what we love to do and are content and happy where we are in our careers and life. A complete change in career isn't for everyone. What I'm suggesting is that you may have developed a talent or set of skills that could be utilized in ways you may have never imagined.

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Christ and a Cup of Coffee

Join us as we continue our Bible study. We meet on the second and fourth

Wednesdays, (May 9th & 23rd this month) at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The session lasts an hour and a half. The first 45 minutes we will be starting the study of the book of John. The second 45 minutes is a time for participants to discuss issues that concern them. We discuss spiritual questions as well as let people talk about things that have been weighing on them for a long time. This coincides with us looking at a chapter in the book, "When Bad Things Happen To Good People". So far, 8-10 people have been coming, with many of them from other churches, so **everyone** is invited!

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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Perhaps you have a background in finance. Your skills with money could be used to help single mothers or battered women who are learning to be independent. You could coach them about budgets or show them how to open a savings account. Maybe, your degree is in English or you are a good writer. You could assist someone who has a learning disability by helping them write a resume. You could help someone who is job hunting by walking them through a mock interview. Other ideas are teaching a cooking class, showing someone how to garden, or singing songs or playing an instrument at a nursing home. We all have so many gifts, but if we use those gifts, it usually becomes a matter of time.

Most of the things I mentioned above, (other than the career change) would take less than three hours to plan and execute. Do we think we could find three hours in a week, every other week, or even a month to give to a project that may completely alter someone's life? I want to encourage you to try and open your heart and your life so you will be able to see where God may be leading you to serve. You don't have to wait to retire to be active in your church and community and the payoff will be well worth the effort.

Church Clean-up Day



Saturday, June 2nd
10 am to 2 pm.
Your help is needed and appreciated, even if it's just for an hour or two. Some type of lunch or snack will be provided (that's still being decided). Join us as we do some deep cleaning at WCC!

What's happening in...



Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Saturday,
May 5th

Join us from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for dinner and conversation for the adults.

Please bring a side to share!

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

- 5/1 9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
- 5/5 6:30 pm —Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- 5/9 10:30 am—Christ and a Cup of Coffee
- 7:00 pm—Baccalaureate Service at West Platte PAC & reception in Commons
- 5/13 Mother's Day
West Platte High School Graduation
North Platte High School Graduation
- 5/15 9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
- 5/16 10:00 am—"In His Service" Soup Ministry
- 5/20 11:30 am—Church Board Meeting
- 5/23 10:00 am—Christ and a Cup of Coffee

May Sermons

May 6th—"Complete Joy"
John 15:9-17

May 13th—"Jesus' Prayer for Us"
John 17:6-19

May 20th—"Pentecost"
Acts 2:1-21

May 27th—new series on Paul begins

Congratulations to all our Graduates!

WCC wishes all of you only good things in the years ahead!



"For I know the plans I have for you,"

declares the Lord,

"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

-Jeremiah 29:11



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May Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ● 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service ● 11:30am "Welcome Home" Celebration	30	May 1 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study ● 9:30am Yoga - Fellowship Hall ● 7pm Weston Museum Trustees Mtg	2 ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo
6 ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ● 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service	7	8 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study	9 ● 8:30am WMMA - Ministers' Breakfast ● 10am Christ and a Cup of Coffee ● 7pm Baccalaureate Service ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 ● 8am Community Prayer Breakfast	12
13 Mother's Day ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ● 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service	14	15 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study ● 9:30am Yoga - Fellowship Hall	16 ● 10am "In His Service" Soup Ministry (w ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
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27 ● 9:30am Adult Sunday School ● 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting ● 10:30am WCC Worship Service	28 Memorial Day	29 ● 6:30am Mens Bible Study	30	31 ● 10am American Legion Memorial Day S	Jun 1	2 ● 10am Church Clean-up Day

