



WESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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A Musing from Pastor Casey...

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Friends and Family of Weston Christian Church,

I am incredibly grateful today.

Today, I sit at my desk the morning after the official 'installation' service. The joy from that service still lingers, as do the words of covenant that we shared:

"We covenant to uphold each other with our prayers...to share joys and sorrows...to attend to the living word of God preached and taught..."

We have covenanted to "Doing Church Together" was Rev. Dr. Mike Graves' message to us. He reminded us that it is no small thing—preaching and listening to the word of God, breaking bread together...it has been known to bring the dead back to life again. It has been known to turn the tragic into comedy again.

Another way to think about this call is in this phrase: "Being Church Together." As the WCC choir so eloquently sang, walls and structures don't make a home...but the love that we share together provides all the shelter we need. Weston Christian Church is not the beautiful, historic building on the corner of Washington and Spring Streets. It is, you, it is, us, it is the bond the Spirit strengthens between us and Christ each time we come together to *do* church and then leave the sanctuary to *be* church.

And this leads us into the sermon series "No Longer Strangers" that begins on July 15th and runs through August 19th. We will consider together what doing an being church within and beyond these walls looks like. Our guide will be Paul's letter to the Ephesians who wrote to that church in the midst of conflict to remind them all that because they are "now in Christ Jesus," they are no longer strangers to God, and no longer alienated from one another.

Thank you for sharing this journey with me and my family. May God bless us and keep us focused on His will!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Casey



Summer Office Hours Reminder...

Beginning **JULY 1st**, Pastor Casey will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Janet will work Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Any foreseeable variances from this will be printed in the prior Sunday bulletin.

**Regular hours will resume when school starts again in August.
Thank you all for your patience.**

"Pastoral Piece"

Greetings,

Life is filled with decisions. The moment our day begins we are forced to make decisions. What am I going to wear? Do I want breakfast here or grab something on the way to work? The Broadway bridge is closed so what other route should I take? The dry cleaning needs dropped off so I need to leave in 10 minutes. There's that soccer game tonight, my turn to drive. Did I give the kids their lunch money? All this and it isn't even 7:00 a.m. It's a lot to handle. So how does our relationship with Christ enter into the picture?

I find that if I can start my day with either prayer and meditation or reading (Bible or devotional book) it helps put me in a more Christ centered frame of mind. Let's face it, we lead busy lives. There are so many things we NEED to do, it's difficult to find time to do the things we WANT to do. So we have to make the time.

There was a popular cliché for years WWJD or What Would Jesus Do? We saw it on bumper stickers and bracelets. It was a catchy reminder to think before you act.

I try, (emphasis on try) to use the following guidelines as I deal with my day to day situations.

1. Listen. This is a hard one. We live in a society that wants answers now. Problem solved yesterday. So our inclination is to try and "fix" things and then move on to the next problem. Sometimes the best answer is unspoken. Sometimes it's being able to listen.
2. Put others first. I believe most of us do this in our daily lives. The hard part is being able to do it when it isn't convenient. Here's an example. You know tonight is your child's soccer game so you planned ahead and got to work early. You got your assignments completed and now you have about 30 minutes of down time before you can leave for the day. You look over and your eyes meet your co-worker. He or she is buried because you are short staffed and most of the load landed on their desk. Decision time. You can look away and pretend you are doing something on your computer, OR you go over and offer either some encouragement or help. You are sincere, so you know they may take you up on your offer to help in which case your free time is no longer. However, they may just be grateful for a small break and someone who understands their situation. Regardless, your simple act of compassion has changed the relationship that you have with that person. Small acts of kindness change everything.
3. Lastly, I ask myself this question. "Am I serving Christ?" If we truly want to serve Christ we must serve others.

None of us are perfect but we do a lot more towards furthering the Kingdom than we think. It's those little acts of kindness that truly make a difference. Listening, Sharing, Empathizing, Encouraging, Sacrificing. These are all actions, when included in our decision-making process, that help us to truly live as followers of Christ.

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.



Lots of "goodies" coming up at WCC! Check them out!

July



8th—Patriotic Sunday

14th—we're focusing on specific areas of the church for cleaning over the next few months. We'll have fun as we spiffy up WCC!

14th—join us for a Potluck at Pastor Casey's—bring your family's favorite dish and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship.

29th—"Blue Grass" Group will be playing during church.

August



11th—Church Cleaning—we're focusing on specific areas of the church for the next few months.

11th—Rose Vine Restart Meeting—7 pm at WCC

26th—Church picnic & "Back-to-School" Celebration

"Beyond Redeemed" or "Kindred Spirit" will be performing during a worship service.

September



"Homecoming" - Beyond Redeemed (?) - BBQ in the park

Tailgating & Royals Baseball Game

October



October 6th & 7th - "Apple Fest" - WCC will once again be selling our apple dumplings during Weston's annual "Apple Fest"!

"Bring a Friend to Church" & Potluck

November



"Thank Full" - WCC will perform two weeks of "acts of kindness" for people and then those people will be invited to our annual Thanksgiving potluck.

December



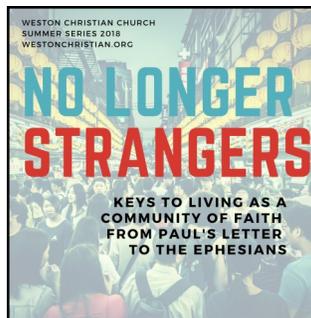
December 1st & 2nd, WCC's Choir will perform Christmas carols during Weston's annual "Christmas Candlelight Homes Tour"

What's happening in...



Sundays, 9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
Sundays, 10:15 am—WCC Church Zoom Meeting
Sundays, 10:30 am—Worship Service
Tuesdays, 6:30 am—Men's Bible Study

7/4 Independence Day
7/10 9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
7/11 10:00 am—"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study
7/15 11:00 am—WCC Church Board Meeting
7/18 10:00 am—"In His Service" Soup Ministry
7/24 9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
7/25 10:00 am—"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study



The keys to living as a community of faith, shown by the letter to the Ephesians.

The identity statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) states: "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."

But what does that mean? What does it truly mean to be a movement for wholeness? How do we accomplish this in the ways that we "do church," and "be church," within and outside these walls?

I hope you will join us in the month of July as we begin to discern what that means, with a **new sermon series beginning July 15**. Together in worship we will walk through Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, and discern our identity as the church at Weston today.

July 15 – Ephesians 1:3-14 – "The Family"

July 22 – Ephesians 2:11-11 – "Aliens Brought Near"

July 29 – Ephesians 3:14-21 – "God's Powerful Love"

August 5 – Ephesians 4:1-16 – "Bound Together"

August 12 – Ephesians 4:25-5:3 – "Making Peace"

August 19 – Ephesians 5:15-20 – "Overflow"

Won't you join us? It simply is never the same without you – and we need you as part of the conversation! ALL are welcome!

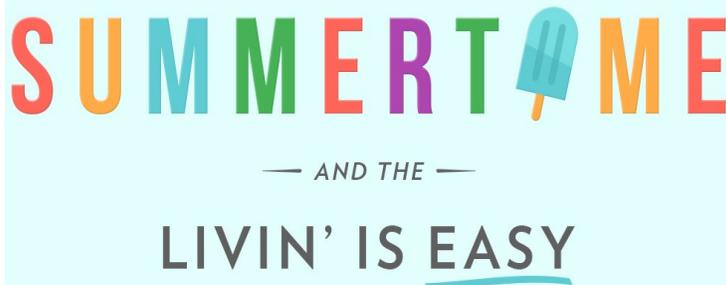


The Living Room Fellowship...

Join Pastor Casey and Phillip and daughters for fun, food and fellowship on Saturday, July 14th from 6:30—8:30 pm at the Parsonage. **Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.**

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	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
	May Attendance:				
	6th	13th	20th	27th	
Church	48	48	39	43	
Sunday School	7	7	?	2	
Children's Church	9	7	?	10	
	June Attendance:				
	3rd	10th	17th	24th	
Church	62	70	41	58 (Installation-75)	
Sunday School	7	10	7	8	
Children's Church	15	13	5	11	



July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jul 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting 10:30am WCC Worship Service 	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Mens Bible Study 	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
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