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A Musing from Pastor Casey...

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

The trees are preaching in Weston right now. Can you hear their sermon?

They are preaching *revelation*:

Many leaves contain yellow and orange pigments all year round, but they are hidden by the vivid greens of chlorophyll—the pigment that makes it possible for light to be absorbed to provide energy for photosynthesis. As daylight hours grow shorter, and days cooler, the chlorophyll breaks down and fades away. This allows the yellow and orange to shine through in a brief moment of glory.

As the hidden beauty of what has been in the leaves all along radiates and as the green curtain fades away, the trees preach God's revelation.

They are preaching *transformation*:

Where do the red leaves come from? Not from the art of subtraction, but from the holy art of transformation. Those pigments appear when leftover sugars in certain leaves are transformed into anthocyanins, red and purple pigments. This transformation is most intense where the sunlight has had the most time to touch the leaves. This is why leaves bathed with sunlight are the reddest of all. And the same goes for the crimson side of apples. As the sun-kissed leaves and apples glow red, the trees preach of the Son's power to transform creation.

All our life is in this sermon. Seasons change, and new insights are revealed. Seasons change, and God takes the stuff of our lives and transforms it, transforms us, allowing new hues of grace and beauty to emerge as we allow the Son's light to bathe us in love.

As you walk about Weston and take in the sermon, may you hear God's whisper and wisdom speak to your heart.

Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be Yours,

Pastor Casey

"Pastoral Piece"

One of my favorite songs is entitled, "When October Goes."

Barry Manilow, (yes, I said Barry Manilow) wrote the music for this piece and these were the last song lyrics ever penned by the great Johnny Mercer.

Poetically, we often find comparisons made between the stages of a person's life and the seasons. Spring usually is a reference for youth and the fall implies maturity.

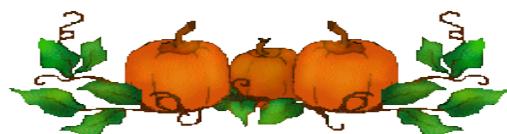
"When October Goes," is very reflective of the lyricist's life. Lines such as "Children running home beneath a twilight sky. Oh, for the fun of them, when I was one of them" is reminiscent of the carefree days of his youth. The lines, "When October goes the same old dream appears and you are in my arms to share the happy years." Again, he's referring to the memory of a past love.

October is my favorite month for so many reasons. The tepid weather. All the activities I try to enjoy one last time before the onset of winter. Long walks or drives allow me to appreciate the beauty of the changing foliage. Spending some time outside to bask in the warmth of an Indian Summer. Perhaps, in finding the time to just "be" I am better able to recognize all the blessings I have received. How incredibly grateful I am to our Lord for all of them.

The last and possibly the best lyric of the song states, "It doesn't matter much how old I grow. I hate to see October go." I believe this is the lyricist's realization that nothing lasts forever.

It is a reality we all need to acknowledge but not fear. We truly know peace when we are able to understand that the God who created the seasons is with us for all the seasons of our life, as well as for all eternity.

Melissa



October 6th & 7th



Help us as we sell our
"world famous"
apple dumplings
during Weston's Apple Fest!

A sign-up sheet is located on the
card table.



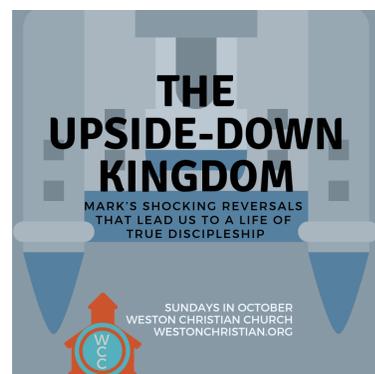
Join us in
October
as Pastor Casey
begins a new
sermon series...

October 7th
"Where the Children Are
Blessed"
Mark 10:2-16

October 14th
"Where the Last Are First"
Mark 10:17-31

October 21st - "Where the Least Are Greatest" - Mark 10:35-45

October 28th - "Where the Blind Can See" - Mark 10:46-52



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.

October Activities/Events are gearing up...

“Bring a Friend to Church” Month - All of October is “Bring a Friend to Church” month. Weston’s Apple Fest is a good reason to invite some of your friends to come to church with you and then head to downtown for some “Fall Fun”!

“Youth Sunday” - “Youth Week” will culminate with WCC’s youth leading the worship service on Sunday, October 28th. The youth will be responsible for the main body of the service with adults distributing the Eucharist.

“Discipleship Class” - This will begin about 5:30 pm Friday evening, October 26th, and resume about 9:00 am on Saturday, October 27th, concluding mid- to late afternoon.



Tuesday, October 2nd - the *Weston Christmas Homes Tour Decorating Committee*

is meeting in WCC’s sanctuary at 7:00 pm. We need to decide how and when we will decorate the sanctuary for the tour.



“Rose Vine” Meeting Sunday, October 14th after church with a salad luncheon.

Drinks will be provided.

“In His Service” Soup Ministry

is in need of volunteers to help prepare soup. This ministry meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday of the month, at 10 am in the church’s kitchen to prepare soup for those in need in the Weston area. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please call the church office.



Community Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, October 13th
8:00 am
Weston Community Church of the Nazarene



(No prayer breakfasts in November or December)

October 26th & 27th...



**“What Is a Disciple?”
Retreat at WCC**

One of our members will present a series of sessions on the beliefs and practices of the Disciples of Christ denomination. Sessions will begin Friday evening, October 26th and resume Saturday morning, October 27th, concluding mid- to late afternoon. Meals, fun activities and child care will be provided. This is **open to everyone**.



WCC needs your help!!!

If you can serve as a Greeter on Sunday mornings we need you!
A sign-up sheet is located on the card table which spans September ~ December.
There are lots of opportunities!

All you need to do is arrive at 10:15 am,

SMILE



and say “hello” as you pass out bulletins.

Worker Needed for Apple Fest

Michael Bianchi will have a food booth at Weston’s upcoming Apple Fest, Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 6th & 7th. He is in need of a person to work at his food booth for about 8 hours each day. The pay is \$12/hour, plus free meals. If you know of someone who is a good worker and is trustworthy, have them give Mr. Bianchi a call at 713-339-0900 or email him at mikebianchi33@gmail.com.



July Attendance:

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Church	55	45	45	42	32
Sunday School	6	5	7	7	7
Children’s Church	6	4	12	7	7

August Attendance:

	5th	12th	19th	26th
Church	33	38	51	61
Sunday School	7	7	9	7
Children’s Church	4	5	8	14

September Attendance:

	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Church	29	50	51	37	
Sunday School	5	6	6	8	
Children’s Church	4	8	7	6	

What's happening in...



October



	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
	Wednesdays, 7:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal
10/1	4:30 pm—Micah Ministry at IBCC
10/2	9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
10/6	Weston Apple Fest—WCC sells apple dumplings
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10/10	4:00 pm—"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study
10/10	8:00 am—Community Prayer Breakfast Weston Community Church of the Nazarene
10/14	1:00 pm—Youth "Crop Walk" at Central UMC, KCMO
10/16	9:30 am—Yoga in Fellowship Hall
10/17	10:00 am—"In His Service" Soup Ministry
10/21	11:30 am—Church Board Meeting
10/24	4:00 pm—"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study
10/26	5:30 pm—"What Is a Disciple?" at church
10/27	9:00 am—"What Is a Disciple?" (concludes) at church
10/28	5:00 pm—"Trunk or Treat" at Fairview CC, Gladstone, MO



RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!

TALL OAKS 2018

MASQUERADE GALA

**ARROWHEAD STADIUM NORTH CLUB
FOUNDERS PLAZA ENTRANCE – PARKING LOT M
November 9th 6:00 PM**

<http://www.talloaks.org/gala> OR Contact your Tall Oaks Gala Volunteer!!

Silent/Live Auctions

Themed baskets, gift certificates, entertainment, handcrafted items, sports memorabilia, movie tickets, wine, unique artwork, jewelry, vacations and services.

Stadium Tours

5:45 pm

FREE

Childcare!!



Dinner & Dessert

7:30 pm
(Cash Bar)

Enjoy a plated salad and delightful buffet with multiple entrees and side dishes.

Dessert is a Surprise!

October Calendar

TODAY < > October 2018		Search	Settings	Month	Calendar	
Sun 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting 10:30am WCC Worship Service 	Mon Oct 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC 	Tue 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Mens Bible Study 9:30am Yoga - Fellowship Hall 	Wed 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6 Weston Apple Fest
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