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church  
(Disciples of Christ)



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

*Handel's*  
**MESSIAH**

Sunday, November 25, 2018  
2:00 pm  
Reception Following



*WCC's annual  
Thanksgiving Potluck  
After church, Sunday,  
November 18th*

Sunday, December 9th  
after church



Please mark your calendars &  
make plans to attend  
Weston Christian Church's  
annual Congregational Meeting.

**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.

## *A Musing from Pastor Casey...*

Dear Friends and Family of Weston Christian Church

It's that time of year when things get real 'full' real fast. Our calendars are full-of events, meals, visits and visitors. Our houses are full-of the smells of harvest, the voices of loved ones. Our bellies are full-of holiday treats, both sweet and savory.

But this is not the case for everybody. This season of thankfull-ness is hardest for those who are not on anyone's calendars, not on anyone's guest list, not planning to host or be hosted at anyone's feast. This season is hardest on those who cannot enjoy the fullness in front of them because someone they love is not filling that space with their voice, with their life.

As Christians, we are called to weep with those who weep and celebrate with those who have something to celebrate in their lives. It can be easy to celebrate in this season of warmth and light. But we must not neglect caring for the poor in spirit.

So this month, will you keep your heart open to those around you who may be overlooked in the hustle and bustle of this season? Will you give them a call, offer them an invitation, or pack them a meal? November is Thank Full month at WCC, and we commit to living out the gratitude we share for life abundant in Christ. You can read more about this in the newsletter (page 3).

I am full of thanks for each of you, and your sharing in the spreading of the Gospel in Weston and beyond.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Casey

## Thank YOU!

A big thank you to WCC for your gift to me in recognition of  
"Pastor's Appreciation Day."

Pastor Casey



## Counting down...

*Come Experience the Magic In Weston*

# 37th Annual Candlelight Homes Tour

December 1 & 2  
2pm-7pm

The 2018 Candlelight Homes Tour will feature 3 Premiere Homes, The Murphy House B&B, The Rumpel Nest Loft, Churches & The Holladay Distillery Welcome Center all dressed up for the Holidays.

*Catch the Holiday Glow*

Tickets in Advance \$15  
Day of Tour \$20  
To Purchase Tickets

Order online at [www.westonmo.com/events](http://www.westonmo.com/events)  
Or stop by the Weston Chamber of Commerce  
526 Main St. Or call (816) 640-2909

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

*Weston Christian Church is  
featured in the tour!*

## "Pastoral Piece"

No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear."

— C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed

The past month has been filled with the loss or the anticipated loss, of a significant person to many members of our congregation and community. I have tried to find ways to comfort and support those who are going through this difficult process. I knew my efforts, though well intended, were not enough to ease their suffering.

I prayed diligently that the Lord would show me how I could "fix" the brokenness. I pleaded for the words that might bring some relief from the overwhelming grief I knew my friends and parishioners were dealing with daily. No miracle cure arrived. I experienced the helplessness of being unable to ease their suffering.

Then my father died. Then I understood.

Each of us must experience loss and grief in our own way. It is a process that takes as much time as it takes. There is no calendar or clock that dictates that process. There are moments of comfort, as we experience the genuine care and concern expressed by those who love us and grieve with us.

There is relief, as we begin to move forward from the immediate loss. Yet, we struggle as we begin to restructure our lives in the absence of the one we loved.

Where in this process is GOD? Why do we feel He is silent? Where is He as we go through our days numbed and on autopilot? How does He expect us to go through the motions as we deal with the overwhelming feeling of emptiness? Does He understand our dilemma as we do our best to continue the appearance that everything is as it was before our world completely changed?

C.S. Lewis, in his book "A Grief Observed" states, "The time when there is nothing at all in your soul except a cry for help may be just that time when God can't give it: you are like the drowning man who can't be helped because he clutches and grabs. Perhaps your own reiterated cries deafen you to the voice you hoped to hear."

We are drowning in waves of emotion and fear. We are looking to be rescued from the pain and loss we are experiencing. We do need God's presence in a way that perhaps we have never experienced Him before in our lives. Here is the solution for our quandary.

BE STILL, LISTEN and WAIT.

He is here.

Melissa



## "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Living Room Fellowship  
Saturday, November 3rd - 5:00 pm

Come over to Pastor Casey's house for a simple meal of soup and bread as we watch and discuss a documentary on Fred (aka "Mister") Rodgers.

The event is BYOB (and tissues) and childcare will be provided.

**RSVP to Pastor Casey by November 1st.**

## "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.



No act of kindness



November is **THANK FULL** month and we at WCC are encouraged to do random acts of kindness for people in our lives, especially in the community. This can be anything — bring lunch for a co-worker, assist a neighbor with raking a yard, volunteering, offer to watch a friend's children

for a few hours while they run errands, pay for the person behind you in line at McDonald's, visit someone in a nursing home, call your parents. The opportunities are everywhere. You are asked to do just one thing, although you'll probably do more.

There will be a box in the back of the sanctuary with paper for you to anonymously write down your experience. These will be read to the congregation each week.

Also, please remember to invite anyone you bring to church to attend our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 18th.



### 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 goes through 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.*

**NOVEMBER SERIES  
GIFTS OF LOVE**

NOV. 4- THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT  
NOV. 11- "WE STAND WITH LOVE"  
SPECIAL GUESTS 'THE MANY'  
NOV. 18- A COMMUNITY OF LOVE  
[FOLLOWED BY THANKSGIVING MEAL]  
NOV. 25- THE KING OF LOVE  
[PERFORMANCE OF 'MESSIAH' AT 2]

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seeking wholeness from the inside | out

### Daylight Saving Time

**Ends**

at 2 am Sunday,  
November 4th.

Remember to set your  
clocks **BACK** 1 hour before  
going to sleep Saturday

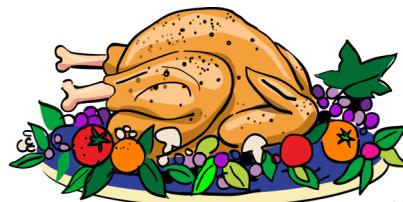


WMA Community  
Thanksgiving Dinner/Service  
Weston Community Church of the Nazarene  
Sunday, Nov. 18th ~ 6:00 pm-Dinner  
7:00 pm-Service

The Nazarene Church is supplying the meat, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, drinks & table service

WMA is asking that the other member churches provide the following:

Weston 1st Baptist & Weston Christian - Desserts  
Holy Trinity & Christian Assembly - Salads  
Salem Christian & United Methodist - Vegetables



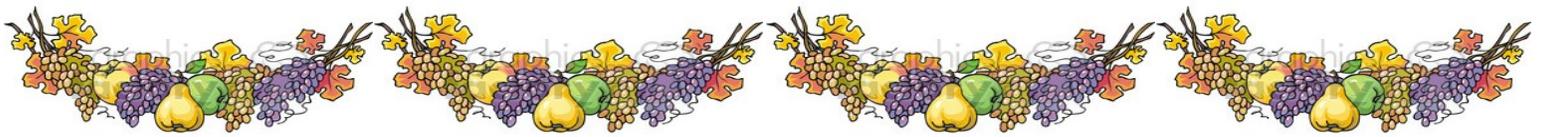
November 10th  
Father Christmas will lead  
Weston's  
Children's Holiday Parade  
at 5:30 pm,  
followed by the  
Christmas Tree Lighting  
Ceremony.



WCC will recognize veterans  
during our worship service.

*Honoring all who served*  
**VETERANS DAY**  
11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER





## Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 6th 6:00 am to 7:00 pm

Voters in line at 7:00 pm will be allowed to cast a ballot.

### 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	45
Sunday School	5	6	6	8	8
Children's Church	4	8	7	6	9

### October Attendance:

	7th	14th	21st	28th
Church	37	38	35	53
Sunday School	0	5	?	5
Children's Church	0	5	10	14

### 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
- Wednesdays, 7:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal
- 11/3 5:00 pm - "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" - Living Room Fellowship at Pastor Casey's
- 11/4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/5 4:30 pm - Micah Ministry at IBCC
- 11/6 ELECTION DAY - be sure to vote
- 11/8 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal ("**Messiah**")
- 11/9 6:00 pm - Tall Oaks Masquerade
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 10:30 am - WCC's Veterans Day Recognition Svc.
- 11/13 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal ("**Messiah**")
- 11/14 10:00 am - "In His Service" Soup Ministry
- 4:00 pm - "Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study
- 11/15 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal ("**Messiah**")
- 11/18 11:30 pm - WCC Thanksgiving Potluck
- 6:00 pm - WMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner/Service - Weston Comm. Church of the Nazarene
- 11/20 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal ("**Messiah**")
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/25 2:00 pm - "**Messiah**" Performance and Reception
- 11/28 4:00 pm - "Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study



## Mission Christmas

*Experience the wonders of His love*

Want to **DONATE** towards providing gifts for families in need & shelter clients?

Visit [CityUnionMission.org/Donation-Page](http://CityUnionMission.org/Donation-Page) and select "Mission Christmas"

Want to **VOLUNTEER** in the Christmas Store or on Delivery Day?

Visit [MissionChristmas.org](http://MissionChristmas.org) to sign-up

Want to **HOST A DRIVE** at your business, organization or church?

Visit [CityUnionMission.org/Drives-And-Collections](http://CityUnionMission.org/Drives-And-Collections) and select "Mission Christmas" to sign-up



**RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!**



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!**





**2018 KLOVE CHRISTMAS**

**FEATURING:**

- BIG DADDY WEAVE**
- KIM WALKER SMITH**  
OF JESUS CULTURE
- BRANDON HEATH**
- SARAH REEVES**

*WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:*

- BECCA BRADLEY**
- JONATHAN CHU**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
**SHEFFIELD FAMILY LIFE CENTER**  
**KANSAS CITY, MO**

Tickets: [TICKETFLY.COM](http://TICKETFLY.COM)

HAPPY  
**Thanksgiving**  
**DAY**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



# November Church Calendar

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thu Nov 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
<b>Youth Week</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am No choir</li> <li>9:30am Adult Sunday School</li> <li>10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting</li> <li>10:30am WCC Worship Service</li> <li>5pm Youth 'Trunk or Treat' at Fairview</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Mens Bible Study</li> <li>8:30am Allpro pest control 8:30 home</li> </ul>	<b>Halloween</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm "Wont You Be My Neighbor" - Liv</li> </ul>
<b>4</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2am Daylight Savings Time ENDS</li> <li>9:30am Adult Sunday School</li> <li>10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting</li> <li>10:30am WCC Worship Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Mens Bible Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Tall Oaks Masquerade Gala</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10</li> </ul>
<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Adult Sunday School</li> <li>10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting</li> <li>10:30am WCC Worship Service</li> <li>5pm Youth meet at FCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans Day observed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Mens Bible Study</li> <li>7pm Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am WMA - Ministers' Breakfast</li> <li>10am "In His Service" Soup Ministry (I)</li> <li>4pm "Christ and a Cup of Coffee"</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17</li> </ul>
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<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Adult Sunday School</li> <li>10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting</li> <li>10:30am WCC Worship Service</li> <li>2pm "Messiah" Performance</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Mens Bible Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm "Christ and a Cup of Coffee"</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30</li> </ul>
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dec 1</li> </ul>
						<b>"Christmas Candlelight Homes Tour" 2</b>

