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A note from Cindy...

I am still marveling at the convergence of events which have brought me here to WCC as your pastor. Sometimes we can only see the imprint of God's hand on the direction of our lives when we look back, but I can say with confidence that from the beginning of this process, I have experienced God's insistent, but gentle guidance in calling me here.

Your enthusiastic welcome has meant everything. I know, it almost seems mandatory to greet the pastor after Worship to try to say something kind about the message. Yes, you've done that. But you have also lingered, held my hand and held my gaze, "I'm so glad you are here. Thank you for saying yes." This has moved me deeply. Hospitality is clearly one of the spiritual gifts of this community. Bless you for that.

Here's a little bit of info about me: I was born and raised in Garnett, Kansas and went to Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. I majored in Religious Studies/English and Secondary Education and completed my graduate work in Pastoral Ministry at Loyola University in New Orleans. I'm married to Bill Molini, who hails from St. Louis. We have two grown children, Zaria, who lives in Miami, FL, and Ben, who lives in Kansas City, MO.

Most of my professional life I have worked within the Roman Catholic tradition as a youth pastor, a high school theology teacher and as a retreat director. I have also worked in the non-profit world as a chaplain in a shelter for women and as the cofounder of an Arts and Healing project called The Center for Expressive Arts.

Nearly 15 years ago, I discovered the Disciples of Christ. I was caught by the emphasis on open discussion and respect for Scriptural interpretation. I was also drawn to the beauty of the open table. It has been my greatest honor and privilege to serve as a Disciples pastor for the past ten years.

What are some of my immediate hopes for Weston Christian Church? First and foremost, it is my prayer that we can find new and thoughtful ways to grow spiritually. I'm interested in the many ways we can gather: to study Scripture, to tell our stories, to listen to the faith journeys of others. Secondly, I will be asking, "What will we DO with this growing awareness?" "How will we serve those in need within our community and those on the margins?" Within all of these questions, I am especially interested in how we nurture our young people and care for our senior citizens.

My very first goal: to get out into the community and meet each and every one of you within your home or your workplace. I have a prayer of blessing for each household that I would like to share. I'll be putting out a sign-up sheet each week, for as long as it takes, and I'm asking you to choose a time. This will give me a chance to hear from each of you and especially to listen to your dreams and hopes for your community.

May we grow into the heart of God together. It is a joy to be here.

— Cindy



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.



Thank You, LORD!

Pastoral Pieces

Greetings,

I've researched through numerous documents these past weeks trying to learn about the biblical history behind the idea of Thankfulness. I had this huge article written about how thankfulness isn't a primary concept in the Pentateuch and only starts to become an important theme beginning in the Psalms. The New Testament takes the concept of expressed appreciation toward God and develops it until it becomes one of the central themes of Christianity.

Then I thought about it.

I realized, regardless of the number of centuries that have passed or how early Jewish interaction with God seems so different than how we approach Him today, the idea of being thankful to God is one of modern-day Christianity's most important principles. It drives everything we do.

Thankfulness allows us to understand God's love for us because it helps us become more aware of His daily presence in our lives.

Thankfulness allows us to see opportunities to help others and enhance their lives just as God does for us.

Thankfulness keeps us in check. It reminds us Who it is that provides for us. Thankfulness keeps us from becoming boastful and greedy.

The idea of living your life in a state of gratitude is a life changing decision that impacts every aspect of your life. It is only when we are truly able to be grateful for all the good things that God provides that we become able to be equally thankful when life becomes difficult.

Thankfulness leads to trust. When we express our thanks to God we are wholly trusting. When we are in a state of complete reliance upon God; we become very aware that He is in control of everything.

All of it. The good, the challenging, the amazing events of grace we experience and the moments of complete despair. He is in control in sickness and in health, in affluence and desititution, in all things no matter how mundane or inconsequential, He is there.

This kind of intimacy with God all begins simply by being thankful.

Blessings,
Melissa

November Sermons

Nov. 3rd

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Hebrews 12:1-3
"Honoring All Saints: The God Intoxicated People"

Nov. 10th
Luke 20:17-38
"Love Never Dies"

Nov. 17th
Isaiah 65:17-25
"The Infinite Imagination of God"

Nov. 24th
Luke 23:33-46
"Forgiveness as the Final Word"



Blankets for Micah Ministry...

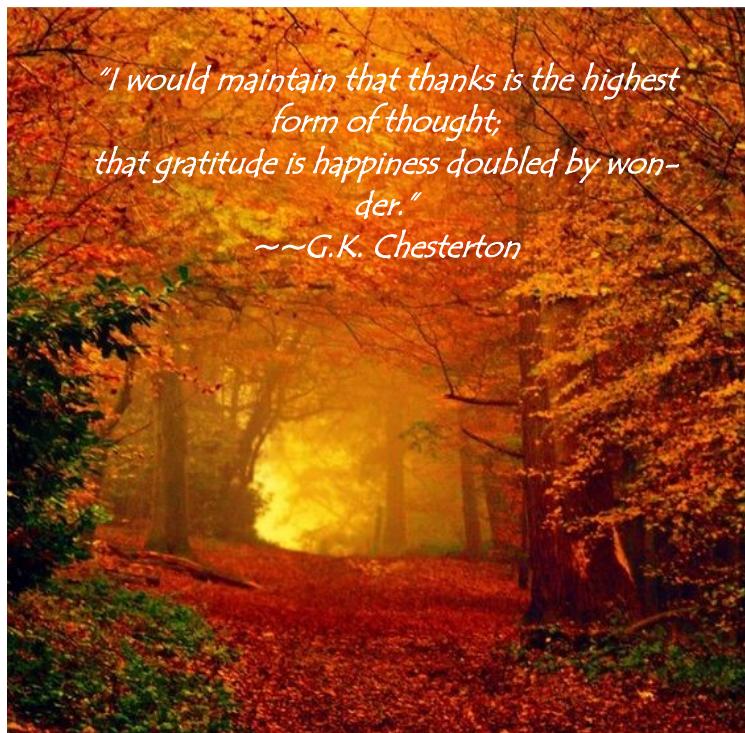
As you know, Fall is upon us, and along with the beauty of Fall (and soon Winter) comes colder temperatures. That said, if you have blankets that you would like to part with, Micah Ministry would love to have them to give to their guests. Blankets are such a necessity; not only do they help to provide warmth, they also provide comfort.

If you have any questions, please call Tashina Schimming, Micah Ministry Assistant at Independence Boulevard Christian Church at 816-231-0016 or email her at ibcckc@gmail.com.

Announcing...

There will be a Homes' Tour Decorating Committee meeting and a Worship Committee meeting on November 5th at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

"Rose Vine" and "Aged to Perfection" Holiday Event will be coming up. Watch your email for the details.



"I would maintain that thanks is the highest form of thought; that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."
~~G.K. Chesterton



Daylight Saving Time ends November 3rd ... 2:00 am.

(Remember to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night.)



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	Daylight Saving Time ends for 2019
11/4	4:30 pm - Micah Ministry at IBCC
11/5	7:00 pm - Homes' Tour Decorating Committee & Worship Committee Meetings - church basement
11/11	Veterans' Day
11/12	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)
11/13	2:30 pm - "Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
11/14	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)
11/17	11:30 am - Church Board Meeting
11/18	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)
11/20	10:00 am - "In His Service" Soup Ministry
11/21	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)
11/24	6:00 pm - WMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner/Service - Christian Assembly
11/25	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
11/26	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)
11/27	2:30 pm - "Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study Fellowship Hall



Weston's Candlelight Homes Tour

is coming right up on December 7th & 8th and WCC is again on the tour!

Volunteers will be needed to help get our church decorated for the Christmas festivities and ready for guests. Just think about all the "oohs and ahhs" that are sure to attend it! Look for an email and/or an announcement in church soon about specifics.



CPR-AED Class...

West Platte Fire Department has scheduled a CPR-AED class for Wednesday, November 13th from 6 pm to about 7:30 pm. If you would like to attend, PLEASE let Janet in the Office know. Lynn at West Platte has asked for a headcount before November 11th.



November Church Calendar

November 2019						
Today	<	>	Q	?	Month ▾	☰
SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Nov 1	SAT 2
● 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meetin	● 6:30am Men's Bible Study	● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	● 7:30pm Halloween	● 8pm All Saints' Day	● 9pm All Souls' Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Saving Time ends	● 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC	● 6:30am Men's Bible Study ● 7pm Homes Tour Decorating Comm ● 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
● 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meetin	● 6:30am Jeff's bday 1980	● 8:30am WMA - Ministers Breakfast ● 2:30pm "Christ and a Cup of Coffee" ● 6pm CPR/AED Class at WPFD ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
● 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meetin	● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)	● 6:30am Men's Bible Study	● 10am "In His Service" Soup Ministry ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Messiah)		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
● 10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meetin	● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	● 6:30am Men's Bible Study ● 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	● 7:30pm Thanksgiving Day	● 8pm Black Friday		