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## *A note from Cindy...*

**Thoughts on a new year:** It's another beginning for me here at Weston and I want you to know again how grateful I am for your warm welcome. I am finding my way and enjoying immensely the many opportunities I have had to meet with many of you individually. I am encouraged by your openness and willingness to engage. Thank you!

And frankly, it is a new beginning for *all of you* as we dream again and listen anew for God's hopes and dreams for us. Here are a few of the places I want to acknowledge and celebrate this hope:

**Adult study and education!** I'm impressed and challenged by all the effort you have put into Scripture study: Christ and a Cup of Coffee which is meeting twice monthly (2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.) at the local Roastery. They have been studying Mark's Gospel, but you don't need advance preparation to join. Just come and listen. Someone is likely to give you a new perspective on your faith journey.

**Sunday school!** If you haven't attended this Sunday morning thought explosion - consider dropping in! This group meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning before Worship. During the four weeks preceding Christmas (Advent) they looked at the infancy narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Currently, they are examining some of the spiritual writings of various contemporary spiritual scholars. Each week, for the next many weeks, they will be considering a new scholar. These include: Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Marcus Borg, Anne Lamott, Richard Rohr and Rachel Held Evans.

**Micah Ministry and the outreach efforts of this church.** This is where our faith "walks the talk." Micah is a once monthly volunteer opportunity at Independence Boulevard Christian Church in Kansas City. In recent months we have had about six people each time make the commitment to help serve a meal to those in need, distribute clothing, work with the children and help with basic medical care. Micah is working hard to address the underlying causes of poverty and homelessness, while providing a hot meal and serving up compassion. Our group car pools, so you don't have to drive yourself. Consider putting this action on your "to do" list in 2020.

**Soup Ministry** here in Weston. Our church provides the kitchen and helps with shopping and preparation of soup for those in our community. The Soup Ministry is a shared vision of our local churches and gathers here at WCC on the third Wednesday of each month. If you know of someone who could benefit from a visit and a jar of warm soup - let us know.

**Music Ministry.** What a blessing you have here at WCC! Every week we have the opportunity to have our prayers enlarged by the beauty of talented musicians. Frankly, I am amazed at how much talent is centered here. During Advent, we had the gift of the Messiah performed once again. During our local Weston Homes tour our church hosted dozens of musical offerings - each hour, a new voice and song! If you have a voice you would like to add to this chorus of prayer and song, please consider doing so.

**Children's Ministry.** I have been deeply moved and inspired by all those who have devoted themselves to this ministry of presence and teaching for our youngest ones. Every week during Worship, a caring adult has stepped forward to tell a story, to ask a question, to offer a prayer with our children. This is followed by an extended time downstairs to continue the conversation. You don't have to be the parent of a small person to participate in this beautiful work. Consider stepping up to help!

And this is just the beginning! These are only a few of the many efforts I have had the opportunity to observe first hand these beginning weeks with you. So much more happens beneath the surface to keep us going and to bring us new life. I have watched the way you stay connected in prayer for one another and for the world beyond our doors. I have noticed the many ways you bring beauty and kindness to one another. I have certainly felt your hospitality and your sense of humor.

Our world today needs our witness of courage and compassion. We have something strong here. God is indeed at work. The Spirit is challenging and prodding us to go beyond what we have known and bring vitality and hope to our neighbors - and to those we do not even know. It's a new year. A new chapter for us. Let's begin again!

—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.**



The music department not only had the pleasure of presenting 'Selections from Messiah' in December but also participating in the Christmas Eve service. We try very hard to remember we are participating in the Worship of God through song rather than entertaining the congregation. We trust you feel that's the case also. Happy New Year.



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

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/6 4:30 pm—Micah Ministry at IBCC
- 1/8 2:30 pm—"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study at Weston Coffee Roastery
- 1/15 10:00 am—"In His Service" Soup Ministry
- 1/19 11:30 am—Church Board Meeting  
6:30 pm—Movie Night ~ light supper
- 1/20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/22 2:30 pm—"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study At Weston Coffee Roastery

## Church Board Meeting

Sunday, January 19th after church

## "Movie Night!"



On Sunday evening, January 19, 6 p.m., please join us at church for a light supper and the showing of the movie "Two Popes." Several people in the Sunday school crowd have suggested this as a thought provoking evening for us. You don't have to be a regular with this group to attend. **All are invited.**



West Platte Fire Department will be having another CPR/AED Class next Monday, evening, January 13th at 6 pm. Lynn Johnson at West Platte would like to know if you plan to attend so she can get the room

set up for the correct amount of people. Contact Lynn directly at [poojohnson@aol.com](mailto:poojohnson@aol.com) if you plan to be there.



## January Sermons

- Jan 5 "Home By Another Way" - Matthew 2:1-12
- Jan 12 "Becoming a Beloved Community" - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
- Jan 19 "Invited" John 1:29-42
- Jan 26 "Called to Be Children of God" Matthew 4:12-23



There is a kindness that dwells deep down in things; it presides everywhere, often in the places we least expect. The world can be harsh and negative, but if we remain generous and patient, kindness inevitably reveals itself. Something deep in the human soul seems to depend on the presence of kindness; something instinctive in us expects it, and once we sense it we are able to trust and open ourselves.

-JOHN O'DONOHUE



## Blankets & Used Clothing for Micah Ministry...



Winter is here!!

Let us be especially mindful of those who are without permanent shelter and those who are the working poor. We continue to collect blankets and gently used warm clothing items (all sizes) and have been made aware that **Micah Ministry is in desperate need of warm winter gloves for men.** We will be serving at Micah (Independence Boulevard Christian Church) again on Monday, January 6th, leaving church at 4:30 pm.

Average worship attendance for 2019

49

(up from 45 in 2018)

Thank You!



Thank you, everyone, for your generous monetary gift to me for Christmas. It was most appreciated.

May this coming year be full of God's blessings for each of you, individually and as WCC.  
Janet

# January Church Calendar



Month ▾



Today < > January 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>29</p> <p>WMA Sing-piration - TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> </ul>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Men's Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>Jan 1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <p>Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Men's Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am WMA - Ministers' Breakfast</li> <li>2:30pm "Christ and a Cup of Coffee"</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> <li>11:30am Church Board Meeting</li> <li>6pm Movie Night-Light Supper</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Men's Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:30pm "Christ and a Cup of Coffee"</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
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