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## *A note from Cindy...*

### **Rooted in God**

Years ago, I had the good fortune of hearing a lecture by the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Wangari Maathai. Wangari was a woman from Kenya who had studied biology here in the United States as a young woman. In fact, she was an undergrad at Mt. St. Scholastica, in Atchison, Kansas in the 1960's. After winning the Nobel Peace Prize for her work with the Greenbelt Movement in Africa, she returned to Atchison and to the women who had been her teachers and mentors.

The Greenbelt movement is a grassroots effort to plant trees - millions of trees - across Africa to combat the consequences of massive deforestation. She had started out small, with a group of women in Nairobi, empowering them to take action on behalf of their communities. The idea quickly spread, giving thousands and thousands of women the inspiration to make a difference in improving their immediate surroundings and improving the much larger ecosystem of the planet.

I have a tree planted on our small bit of land from that evening's talk. It stands as living memory to the importance of being rooted and the importance of every small effort we make to do the larger thing - the larger good.

But what I most clearly remember about Wangari was her reference to the power of her faith - and the power of that community of faithful women - to nurture and support her in that faith. I am telling you about her today because more than ever, I sense, we need a return to these roots.

We all have our passionate opinions about the politics of the day - and yet at day's end we are still brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our roots are anchored in the love and mercy of Jesus. This is our Alpha and Omega - where we begin in our discernment and where we go when we decide what to do - and how to respond to the events of our time. Instead of taking our cues from the media, we take our cues from the example of Jesus. And what do those cues tell us? That all of life is a gift from the Creator. That the Kingdom of God is a shared dream of how we might treat one another, how we might advocate for one another, all in the name of Jesus.

So . . . as we maneuver our way through this pandemic . . . through an election season . . . through a growing awareness that not all of God's children have received the blessings we take for granted . . . let us spend some time on our knees. Humility about our strong views is in order. Recognizing our God in the face of Jesus will require more moments in prayer. Perhaps many more.

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## *A note from Melissa...*

Greetings Weston Christian Church,

I wanted to send you a few words of encouragement.

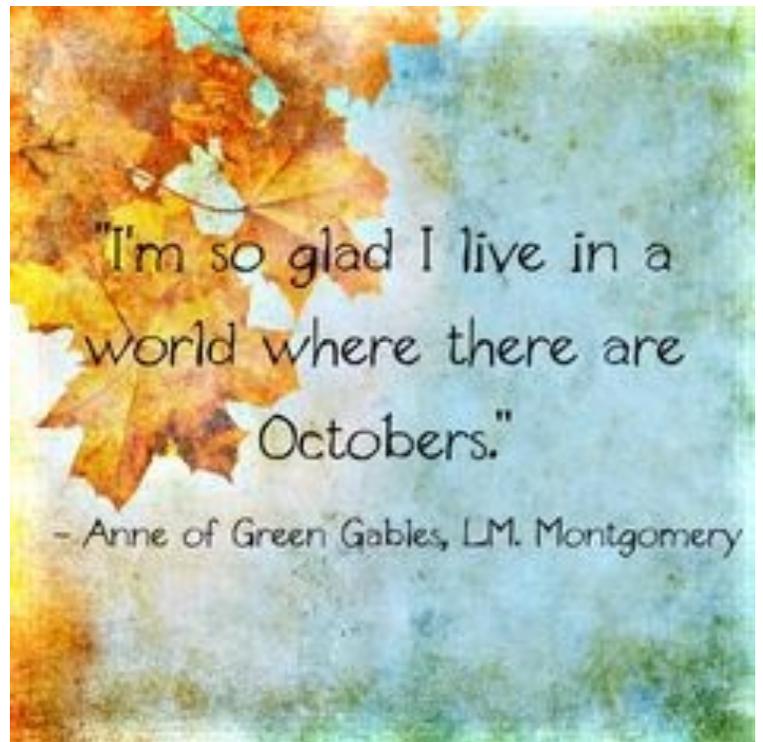
Like you, I have been overwhelmed with all the issues we are dealing with today. We never get a break so may I suggest we make our own break.

Go outside. It's Fall. I walked out to the patio the other evening very disappointed as my musical is yet another casualty of the COVID virus. It was set for a November premiere and now we will have to wait..., indefinitely. Sound familiar? I sat outside trying to figure out what my next move would be when it suddenly occurred to me that I was in a very tranquil place. I felt a soft warm breeze gently brushing my hair. I looked over to see one lone petunia still standing, still beautiful...the last remnant of my spring garden. It was there simply being what it was created to be. It struck me; everything in our world has a season. Nothing lasts forever. We will get through this season and once again be able to be who we were created to be without all the angst of the unknown.

Take a break. Go outside and enjoy the Fall. Breathe. It's all going to be okay. God's got this.

God's got us.

Melissa



## **Elders & Deacons**

It's time to start thinking about replacements for the Elder/Deacon team members whose terms expire at the end of December 2020.

*Please let Melissa know if you are interested in serving in this important role.*

### **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.**

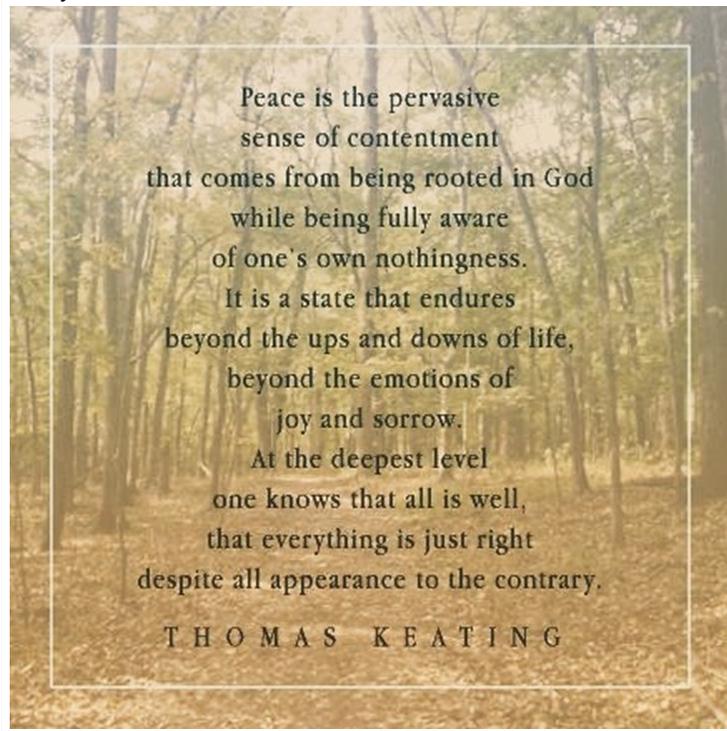
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May you be blessed and may you be a blessing to one another.

*"In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground. A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. That time is now."*

-- Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Oslo, Norway -December 10, 2004.

Cindy



# Thank YOU Apple Dumpling Gang



A huge thank you to all who have helped with our apple dumpling process and getting these golden delights ready for our weekend of Apple Dumpling sales! We welcome all new members of the Apple Dumpling Gang and thank you for joining with our veteran members of the Apple Dumpling Gang! It was great for everyone to be safely together! These apple dumplings are something that Weston and Weston Christian Church are known for. We have people that come from all over the United States and even the world to get their apple dumpling fix, so all of your efforts are greatly appreciated!

We will be selling our Famous Apple Dumplings between 10 am and 5 pm on October 3rd, and between 12 noon and 5 pm on October 4th, in a small booth in front of Beverlin's Statuary, downtown on Main Street. And thank you all for your help in this amazing fellowship project that brings such delight to so many, while also contributing to our church funds.



## Apple Dumpling Production...

Apple dumpling production this year was a great exercise with working in shifts and wearing masks. We made 1,206 on Sept. 19th and 1,098 on Sept. 26th.

Thanks to everyone who participated – sure is a lot easier on everyone to make 2,300 on two Saturdays than 7,200 on three Saturdays.



One of our member's has recently completed a Yoga Teacher Training course and would like to begin offering donation-based beginning yoga (chair yoga if requested) sessions to our community. These sessions will be offered via Zoom (at the church in the future) at a time convenient to teacher and students. The sessions are limited to two students, which allows her the opportunity to provide a more personalized approach to her teaching and the particular physical needs of the participants. Ten percent of the donations received for these sessions will be given to the Good Samaritan Fund at WCC.

Yoga is a beneficial practice for body, mind and spirit, as it increases flexibility, stability, and strength. You do not already have to be flexible, stable, or have great core strength to begin a yoga practice. Our member has been practicing for seven years and has found yoga to be helpful in reducing stress and reducing pain caused by scoliosis.

Her long-range goal is to become a yoga therapist. Most yoga therapy programs require the completion of a 200-level yoga teacher training program and one year of teaching experience (this is why she wants to begin) before one can be accepted.

If you have questions or would be interested in participating in a session by yourself or with a friend or family member, please contact the church office at 816-640-2846 and the secretary will give you our member's contact information.

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FELLOWSHIP GROUP 10AM CST

OCTOBER 2  
RENEW THROUGH CREATIVITY  
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OCTOBER 3  
RENEW THROUGH WORSHIP  
WORSHIP 10AM CST

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## The Tall Oaks Gala is Going Virtual!

Sunday, November 8th - Evening Program and Live Auction  
Sunday, November 8-15 - Silent Auction

***The Virtual Live and Online Silent Auctions will be new and exciting!***

Donations are needed! Please consider silent auction donation items with a minimum \$30 value. The most popular are restaurant gift certificates, local attractions, and themed baskets.

For the live auction, we are looking for vacation homes, weekend getaways and sports memorabilia.

**As we all know, this is a tough year with camps cancelled. Please consider donating an auction item to support our beloved Tall Oaks! We need donations by October 11th. Please contact ANN MORTON - 913/515-3828 or amorton324@gmail.com**

Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center is a ministry of the Greater Kansas City Region. For over 50 years, children, youth and adults have attended camps, conferences and retreats at Tall Oaks. Tall Oaks also serves many other groups in our community such as summer camps for young people with juvenile diabetes, autism and foster kids. All proceeds from the gala will benefit this wonderful ministry in our region.



*Autumn shows us how beautiful it is  
to let things go.*

# October Church Calendar

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27 9:30am Reminder - WCC's Sunday Service 10:30am Worship Service	28 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	29 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	30 9:30am Weston Christians' Prayer/M 10:50am help jeff	Oct 1 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	2 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	3 10am Apple Dumping Sale
4 Feast of St Francis of Assisi 9:30am New Zoom ID - WCC's Sunda 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Apple Dumping Sale	5 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC	6 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom 7pm Weston Museum Exec Board mtg	7 9:30am Weston Christians' Prayer/M 2:30pm WCC Christ and a Cup Of Co	8 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	9 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	10
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