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A note from Cindy...

Every day, for the last many days, it occurs to me that our job right now is to be people who pray. We pray that God's vision for our world will emerge because we are people who have stepped up to be more loving in the face of crisis.

Some have noted that we are living in times comparable to the pandemic of 1918 or with those who lived through World War II. Most of us have never experienced anything comparable to our current times. We rely upon our faith which tells us: God is near. God is present - even and especially within our doubts and our fears.

I am praying for the strength of our democracy as we plan to vote next week. I am praying also for all of us who must confront the differences in our political perspectives. The Gospel directs us to love our enemies - those who do not see through the same lens that we do.

I have been heartened by the words of Valarie Kaur, in her recent book: See No Stranger, A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love. She writes:

"Seeing no stranger begins in wonder. It is to look upon the face of anyone and choose to say: You are a part of me I do not yet know. Wonder is the wellspring for love. Who we wonder about determines whose stories we hear and whose joy and pain we share. Those we grieve with, those we sit with and weep with, are ultimately those we organize with and advocate for. When a critical mass of people come together to wonder about one another, grieve with one another, and fight with and for one another, we begin to build the solidarity needed for collective liberation and transformation rooted in love . . . All these practices together make love revolutionary, and revolutionary love can only be practiced in community."

So, just imagine saying this in regards to someone with vastly different political views: "You are a part of me I do not yet know." This means we suspend judgment and imagine: What is it about this person and the way they organize their view of the world that I have not yet considered? This is not a casual matter. Rather, it is rooted in a deep love for one another - a love radically suggested by the Jesus that we profess to follow.

Valerie Kaur also states that these kind of revolutionary practices of love can only be practiced in community. We come together to be stretched by the imagination of God, to be stretched by the varying life experiences and gathered wisdom of others. I suspect we are all feeling the stretch.

My prayer: Don't resist the stretch of God's revolutionary love. We need all hands on deck right now. More than ever.

You are, each and everyone, a blessing to me. May you continue to be a blessing to one another . . . and to our complicated world which hungers for your light.

Cindy



Greetings Weston Christian Church,

The holidays are soon upon us and I hope that you all are making plans for celebration. Our holidays may look a little different this year but perhaps Covid has presented us with an opportunity. We have all suffered disappointments and changes to our lifestyle but perhaps now is a time to look at all the blessings that have occurred because of the virus.

I encourage you to make a list, even if it's just mental, and try and think of all the situations that have occurred that were positive during the previous eight months. There may have been shortages of certain household supplies and some of our favorite foods, but we all had enough to get by. The grocery store issues also created some positives. I know I was able to share some food items I had with my neighbors. I also had some friends that had extra items of things I needed that they generously shared with me. We made connections with people that otherwise would not have occurred.

Time. It is the thing we long for the most and suddenly..., we had it. Staying home and limiting our travel created the appearance of having more time. The number of hours in the day didn't change but how we were forced to use them did change. Perhaps we just needed something to slow us down. Families took the opportunity to reconnect. Brothers and sisters who hadn't spoken regularly began calling each other. Immediate family members were able to spend some quality time together. Couples were cooking and sitting down for meals daily. Our health improved from consuming less fast food and increased exercise. Our better use of time has allowed us to be more creative in our personal and professional lives. It helped us to be more independent and to think out of the box in order to keep our lives moving forward. We've had the time to reflect about what is important to us. What we want to be the driving forces in our lives. It has given us time to think, meditate, communicate and pray.

As the holidays near I encourage you to celebrate them as vigorously as you have in the past. My hope is that this year our focus will be one of gratitude for everything we've gained, and that gratitude is not overshadowed by the things we have lost.

Best,
Melissa



Daylight Savings Time
ends Sunday, Nov. 1st

Remember to set your
clocks back 1 hour
before bed on Saturday,
October 31st.



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 church board is planning to proceed with in-person services to resume November 15th with social distancing and masks. These plans are tentative and are predicated on the number of COVID-19 cases in Platte County. Pastor Cindy will be delivering the sermon via Zoom. More information will be sent via a congregational email as it becomes available.

*Regular Church Board Meeting
November 15, 2020 ~ 4:00 pm*

New Church Board Members (2021)

Here are the new church board members effective January 1, 2021:

- President - Steve Folck - 1 year term
- Vice President - Mike Edwards - 1 year term
- Financial Secretary - Joyce Priddy
- Treasurer - Bill Stoner
- Recording Secretary - Marilyn Wiesehan
- Deacon Representative - Amanda and Jackson Groves
- Elder Representatives - Jim and Janna Powell
- Worship Committee Chair - Linda Barnett
- Property Chair - Tim Whitmer

"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study

Rev. Lem Whitmer continues to lead our ongoing study of the Acts of the Apostles.

Please join us on November 11th and 25th at 2:30 pm via Zoom.



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.

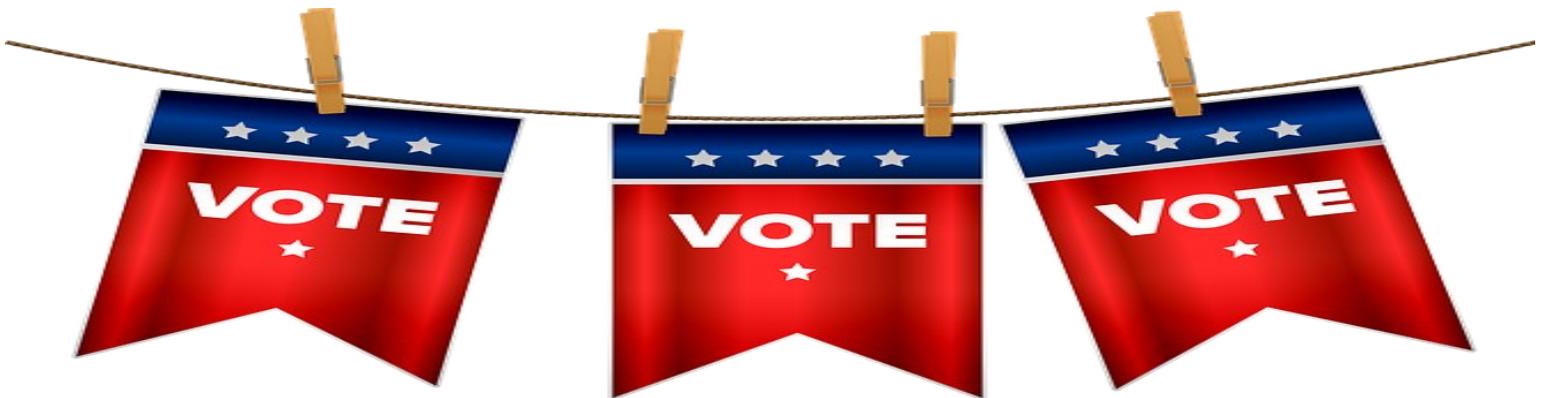
For the live auction, we are looking for vacation homes, weekend getaways and sports memorabilia.

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. Thank you for your support!



Tuesday, November 3rd



November Church Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time ends 9:30am New Zoom ID - WCC's Sunda 10:30am Worship Service	All Souls' Day 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC	Election Day (General Elections) 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M	9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	9am Chair Yoga via Zoom
8 9:30am New Zoom ID - WCC's Sunda 10:30am Worship Service	9 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	11 Veterans Day 8:30am WMA - Ministers' Breakfast 9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M 2:30pm WCC Christ and a Cup of Col	12 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	13 9am Chair Yoga via Zoom	14
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