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(Disciples of Christ)



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Sunday Service | 10:30 am**

A note from Cindy...

"Where the Spirit is moving, love for God always, always, always overflows in love for neighbor."

- Rev. Brian McClaren

This may seem obvious, but we need to keep asking and praying and listening for the Spirit to direct us. And when we do, we can be sure, as Brian McClaren tells us, that our love for God will spill over - always and always and always - in love for our neighbor.

So, let me ask: "How is this love of God working in your life?" "How is this love of God at work in the life of our church community of Weston?" "How will people be able to see that we are people who love God and love our neighbor?"

Churches, ours included, all have a tendency to focus on self-preservation. How will we continue? How will we pay our bills? How will we keep our beautiful historic building in good shape? In the coming months, we will be talking about all these practical questions, which are also truly important questions, but they are not the only questions. Actually our most important question is this: *Is the Spirit at work in our church? In us? In what we say and even more, in what we do?*

These are a few of my humble observations: We are on the move.

Hillcrest Ministries is speaking to us and leading us out into the wider world. It is a beginning.

Our kids are leading us. Four young people, including grandchildren and neighbors, went to camp this summer. They got to glimpse a larger world of care and joy beyond our stained glass sanctuary.

The youth are being invited to participate with other young people in our nearby Disciples' congregations. Area pastors are pooling resources to figure out how to nurture and support the faith life of these young people.

Our adult educational opportunities, times for spiritual growth, are often full of great questions and occasionally unsettling new discoveries. We are being challenged by new information about Scripture and new insights about the spiritual journey.

Our technology has improved and has helped us to connect with people who are not able to join us in person. Zoom conversations are the starting point for more and more connections. The list is long . . . and inspiring.

In the end, I keep asking, "How is God using all our gifts for the larger good?" The Kingdom of God is about this work: Welcoming. Supporting. Encouraging. Taking risks. Loving those who are different from us.

"Use us O God, to build something new in this world. Something which speaks of your love and grace and mercy. . . and may the Spirit widen our circle to truly include those beyond our doors."

Blessings,
Cindy



"GROW OUR FAITH IN COMMUNITY"

You are personally invited to join us on a new journey to "Grow Our Faith in Community." If you want to deepen your faith commitment beyond our Sundays together, this is for you! And it is a journey we will take together, supporting each other in this community of fellow seekers. Please consider joining us! We will be meeting on Zoom at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays beginning August 17th. Hope to see you then.

The Spiritual Journey Calls to Us: Beginning Tuesday, August 17, 7 pm on Zoom, we will be hosting a series of conversations on what it means to **"Grow our Faith in Community."** The spiritual journey is not a solo journey, but is best undertaken with faithful companions who are also seeking to learn and to grow. These evening conversations will be facilitated by Pastor Cindy as well as several other members of WCC. Topics will include: Defining the journey, stages of life and growth, spiritual awakening, dealing with resentments and victimhood, forgiveness and the ongoing practice of prayer. We will meet for 8 weeks and take a break after October 5. It is then our plan to have a guest speaker to talk to us about the Enneagram - a valuable tool for knowing ourselves and opening more fully to what God has called us to be. As Bob Dylan so eloquently noted: "He (or she) who isn't busy being born is busy dying."



Every year our Regional leaders put together a retreat for women in the fall. This is a gathering of women from all over our region. This year the retreat will be September 10th, 11th and 12th at Tall Oaks Camp. Kirby

Gould will be the keynote speaker, with the theme, "Faith that Overflows." You can get a discount if you register by August 9th. Please see Cindy for further information. **The registration form is on page 3 of this newsletter.**



From the Music Department

COVID lives on. Our church board is requiring masks of all folks in worship - as you know from trying to sing with a mask on, it's kinda hard to breathe easily. So, no vocalists during August. Our instrumentalists will continue to provide professionally presented music during the masking!!!

UPCOMING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Lots of good information will be shared in the near future about WCC's upcoming **Capital Campaign**. Be sure to check future newsletters, bulletins and/or congregational emails.

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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The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

CORETTA SCOTT KING

“Christ and a Cup of Coffee” Bible Study

Our study continues of the Acts of the Apostles.

This is held each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Please join us on August 11th & 25th at 2:30 pm. We meet in the church basement and on Zoom.



1st Day of School

West Platte - Monday, Aug. 16th
 Platte County R-3 - Tuesday, Aug. 24th
 Park Hill - Monday, Aug. 23rd
 North Platte - Tuesday, Sept. 8th
 North Kansas City - Monday, Aug. 23rd



Meals-on-Wheels ~ Weston Area

Drivers are still needed. So far, only one person has stepped up. This program can't start until more people volunteer. Please call Deanna at 816-270-4100. Very flexible schedules are available.

Branson Trip

The trip to Branson is set for the weekend of **October 15-16.** As some of you may chose to drive down Saturday morning, the organizer needs to know by September 30th if you will be staying at the hotel Friday night.



“Misunderstood: A Story About Us All”

is a musical written by one of WCC's own, that will be premiering at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Theater in Overland Park, Kansas. The show runs August 5th through the 8th. The evening performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday matinee starts at 2:00 p.m.

Misunderstood is a one-act musical about Eliot Bishop. We experience his struggles and joys while living with disabilities. As the musical's narrative unfolds, Eliot, as an adult, reveals to us phases of his childhood. Through the perspective of his dad, Alex, and his life-long friend, Sam Ashford, we discover more facets of Eliot. Eliot exemplifies the joys and disappointments we all feel. Through song, dance, and laughter we see Eliot living life beyond his handicap.

Misunderstood would not be characterized as a Christian work, but it is faith-based. The piece was written due to the author's desire to address issues of moral conscience. The musical deals with the problems faced by the handicapped but "Misunderstood" goes beyond that one group by suggesting we all need to be more understanding, compassionate and engaged with anyone or perhaps everyone, who feels Misunderstood.

Please visit the writer's web site, notesbygrace.com, for more information regarding additional showings of the musical and listen to excerpts from the musical score.

JOHNSON COUNTY
 Arts & Heritage Center

SUMMER SHOULD GET A SPEEDING TICKET.



**GKC Disciple Women's Ministry Fall Retreat
September 10, 11, and 12, 2021
Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center**

**“Faith that Overflows”, Keynote Speaker, Kirby Gould
“Spiritual Pauses” by Teresa Spear**

Early Bird Registration must be postmarked by *Monday, August 9, 2021*

Final Registrations must be postmarked by *Monday, August 23, 2021*

Send your payment to GKC Regional Office 9401 Johnson Dr. Shawnee, KS 66203. Make checks out to GKC DOC, Fall Women's Retreat in the memo line.

NO refunds will be processed after Friday, August 27, 2021

Options are:

CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE

A. Friday & Saturday, September 10-11, 2021

LLC Early Bird	LLC Late	Cabin Early Bird	Cabin/LLC late
\$100.00	\$115.00	\$87.00	\$102.00

B. Saturday 9am through Sunday morning- September 11-12, 2021 \$100.00

Includes Saturday lunch and supper, Sunday breakfast

Lodging in LLC If received after August 23, 2021 \$115.00

C. Full Weekend: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 10, 11, and 12, 2021

All Saturday night lodging will be in the LLC.

LLC Early Bird	LLC Late	Cabin / LLC Early Bird	Cabin/LLC late
\$180.00	\$200.00	\$165.00	\$185.00

D. Saturday Only: September 11, 2021

9:00 am-5pm, Includes Lunch \$60.00 After August 23, 2021 \$70.00

Virtual options are being investigated. More information to follow.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Church: _____

I would like to room with: _____

Dietary needs _____

August Church Calendar



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Today < > August 2021

SUN Aug 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
<p>Church Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday 10:30am Worship Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Chair Yoga 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Chair Yoga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weston Christian's Prayer/M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Chair Yoga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Chair Yoga 	
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