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A note from Cindy...

*"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you,
it will be enough."
-- Meister Eckhart*

This is one of my all time favorite quotes. Thank you God for this life. Thank you for this community. Thank you for the circle of people who stretch us and love us. Thank you.

In this season of gratitude I want to share just a little of what is going on with me - and with my health. I have a chronic form of non-Hodgkins lymphoma. It is in the category of blood cancers called "chronic lymphocytic leukemia. I was diagnosed with this in 2000, so you can see I have been living with this for over 20 years. Over these many years I have had many series of treatments to "knock it back" successfully. This fall I began a new treatment which has the promise of keeping it contained for a longer period of time - maybe even years! It's a slow growing cancer, which impacts my immune system. I have always kept working despite the risks of various infections. But I will tell you that COVID-19 has made me more wary. I have been told by the medical universe that I have an approximately 450 times more likelihood of dying from COVID-19 than the average person. Ok - that caught my attention too.

I am not the only person in our church community with profound immune issues. Many have decided to remain home on Zoom. Others are coming back to church and are grateful we are all wearing masks and that many - if not most - have decided to get vaccinated. This is what I want everyone to know: This is the main reason we wear masks - and it is the primary reason to get a vaccine: **to protect other people.** Yes, many will readily survive a bout with COVID-19 and I am aware that many of you have! Thank God! I have also presided at five funerals (graveside services) in recent months of those who died from this virus. In the most recent case, family members grieved even more, because they knew that one of them brought COVID-19 into the family circle and that their mother (in her 70's) did not have the ability to fight it off. She had COPD and a heart condition.

I pray that soon the numbers in our area will go below the level of "high transmission." Several municipalities have recently decided to keep their mask orders for indoors in place for another few weeks. We are doing the same. I realize this is a hassle and a nuisance. At the same time I want to thank everyone for their consideration of those with compromised immune systems. Your selflessness and your care are dearly noted.

I do not spend too many of my waking moments worrying about this. I just go about my life with a certain caution and care. I know this is true for most of you as well. I also deeply trust that God is with us and that as long as we do these common sense things, we will be fine. Period. But we must do them.

So, in light of all this, we give abundant thanks for the gifts of this life. God has truly blessed us with a strong faith and a desire to make a difference in our hurting world. You are each and everyone - a blessing to me. Know that. And thank you for the care you have taken to keep us all safe and healthy!

Cindy



The older youth are planning a paint party at the church soon. The plan is to interact both in-person, in the church basement with snacks provided, or on Zoom for those who prefer to use this platform. Friends or mentors are welcome to join too. A date will be finalized soon.

PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2021!

WCC youth participated in the Pumpkin Palooza on October 17th in Dearborn. Those who attended painted pumpkins, cooked hotdogs on a fire pit, and went on a hayride. They returned to cook s'mores and sing a few campfire songs. It was great to meet youth from Platte City and Smithville, as well as New Market and Dearborn. They hope to do something again in November or early December. We hope even more youth can attend.



Daylight saving time **ends** Sunday,
November 7th, at 2:00 a.m.

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour
before bed on Saturday night.



"It is not happy people
who are thankful, it is
thankful people who are
happy."

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.

"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 October 13th & 27th at 2:30 pm. We meet in the church basement and on Zoom.



From the Music Department...

We're sorry to report that the Weston Christian Church Choir and invited guests will not present "Selections from Messiah" this season. The choir hasn't sung since March 15, 2020 so our voices are out of shape. Also, without knowing what COVID-19's going to do, it became clear we couldn't plan on presenting. Our instrumentalists continue to provide exceptionally good music to support our worship services. For that, we are extremely blessed.

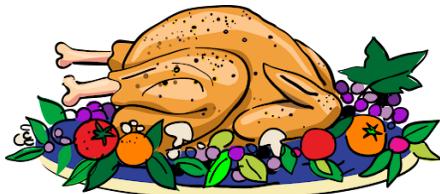
Ladies of the Avalon...

We'll be enjoying lunch together on Wednesday, November 16th. If you'd like to join us please let the church office know by calling 816-640-2846 or send an email to WestonChristianChurch@gmail.com

Bring a friend!



Wow! November is here! We usually have a church potluck turkey dinner and celebrate Thanksgiving and all that we are thankful for on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. With all that is going on with COVID-19, and in an effort to keep everybody safe, the Board has asked that we not have a meal served at church. So, our plan is to provide gift cards to families in need at West Platte schools so they can celebrate at their home with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. We will be getting a list of how many families are in need at the school. We would like to give a \$100 gift card to those families, so think about how you might want to participate. We certainly don't expect everyone to give \$100, but the donations will be pooled and we will buy the cards and take them to the school in time for Thanksgiving.



Weston Christmas Homes Tour December 4th & 5th



WCC is on the tour this year. We are out of our Famous Apple Dumplings :- (so we will not be serving them during the tour. However, we will need help decorating the church and giving tours. Decorating will begin after church on November 23rd and continue for the following two weeks. The first Sunday in Advent is November 28th. Watch for decorating dates and times as we get closer. And watch for times during the Homes Tour so you can sign-up to guide people through. There is some very interesting history to learn and share. For instance, did you know that the downstairs was hand-dug after the church was built? Did you know the original church, built in 1852, along with the parsonage, burned to the ground in 1904 and the present church was built in its place and dedicated May 12, 1907? Membership at that time was 197! And there is so much more.

Thank you for your generosity and dedication to Weston Christian Church and our community. It is such a blessing to share life with you all!



In December and for Christmas, we will have our normal list of kids who need support at Christmastime, as we have done in the past. We will get a list of the kids, along with their sex, age, wants/needs, and we will split those among the congregation. We really want to take care of our kids at West Platte like we always have. They are so grateful.

Those gifts, along with wrapping paper, will be collected on Sunday, December 12th, and delivered to the school on Monday afternoon., December 13th. Stay tuned for your lists and see what child/children you would like to support. This is a great time to gather your children or grandchildren so they can shop and feel a part of the Christmas giving spirit. We also give Sharp's Market gifts cards, to three families, so if you don't want to shop but still wish to participate, you can donate towards those \$100 gift cards. What a great way to share your Christmas spirit!



**Thursday,
November 11th**

AUTUMN'S SONG

by Eileen Spinelli

Leave the dishes, desk, and screens.

The world is bright with golds and greens.

Leaves have drifted ankle deep.

Outdoor cat is curled asleep.

Pumpkins tumble. Apples spill.

Geese fly south beyond the hill.

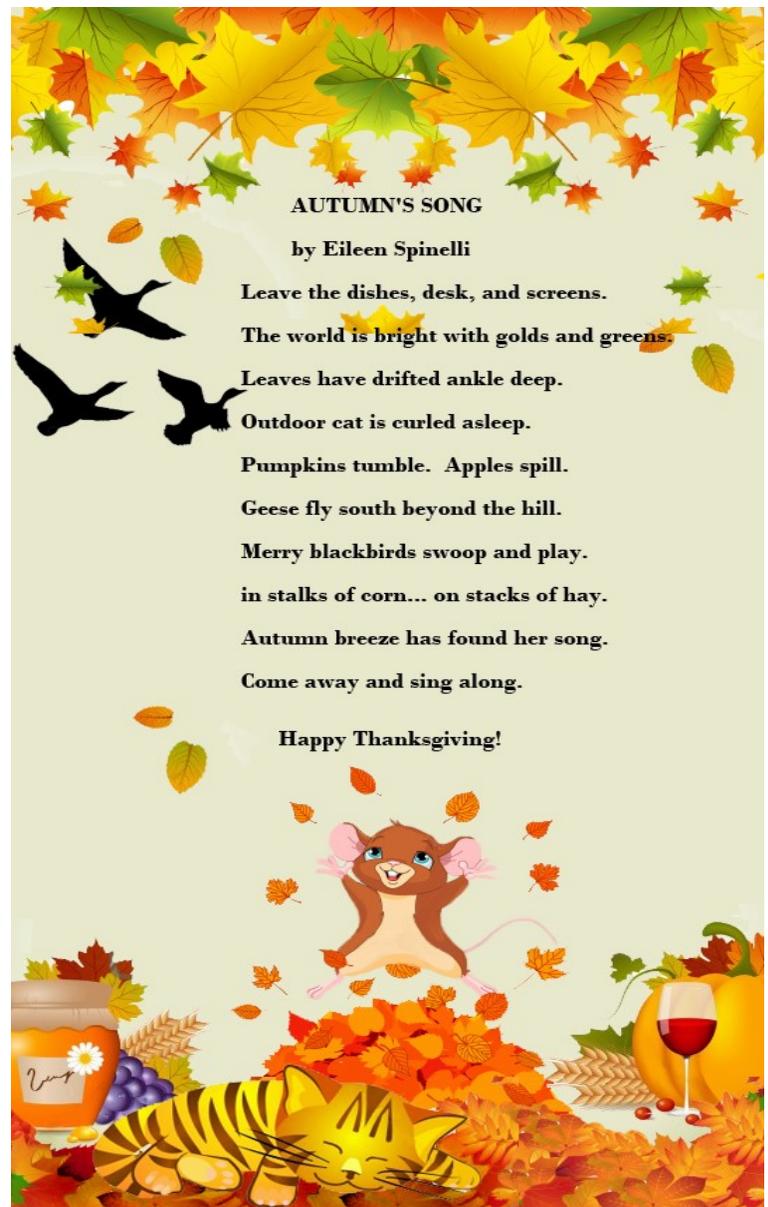
Merry blackbirds swoop and play.

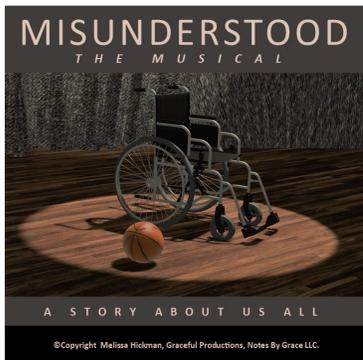
in stalks of corn... on stacks of hay.

Autumn breeze has found her song.

Come away and sing along.

Happy Thanksgiving!





For those of you who missed the opportunity to see the musical, **"Misunderstood: A Story About Us All,"** you can view it online if you go to the website,

notesbygrace.com.

This was written by one of our own and premiered at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Theater in Overland Park,

Kansas, this past summer.

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**.

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Our gifted songwriter/musician also has a new song coming out entitled, "Merry Christmas Kansas City." There will be a video link on Facebook, her website ([notesbygrace.com](http://notesbygrace.com)) and on YouTube and other social media. She is hopeful it will get some radio airplay this season but is unsure at the moment.



The song talks about what a great place Kansas City is, but when she wrote it she was thinking of gratitude. Seeing how divided Minneapolis has been over racial issues and the destruction other cities in our country have endured, it made Melissa both thankful and proud to live in Kansas City.

The division and stress caused by differences in political philosophies, personal choices we have to make about the vaccine, adjusting to new work routines and the general concern about the availability of goods and services — these are but a few of the many issues we all find ourselves deciding which side of the fence we will stand on.

When "Merry Christmas Kansas City" was penned, she was hoping that for the 3 minutes, 49 seconds of the song, the people of Kansas City might listen to it and remember. Remember, there is so much more that unites us than divides us. Remember that the thing that makes our nation great has always been our ability to tolerate and accept our differences. We are a country that has churches, synagogues and mosques all worshipping within feet of each other. We are grateful that in this country you can find a different church or place to worship on every corner, of every city, all worshipping in peace. "Merry Christmas Kansas City" is simply a song that was written to remind us that we should continue to strive for a world where we can all live together in peace.



One of our talented members is performing in "Disaster: The Musical" at the River City Music Hall at 5th & Delaware in Leavenworth, Kansas.

This is a comedy satire of the disaster movies of the 1970s.



### Thanksgiving Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,  
 For rest and shelter of the night,  
 For health and food,  
 For love and friends,  
 For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
 For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
 For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
 For all things fair we hear or see,  
 Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

# Weston Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Service

November 21, 2021

Dinner at 6 p.m. and the service following at 7 p.m.

At First Baptist Church of Weston,  
160 Walnut Street.

## Join us!

Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend! FBC Weston is preparing ham and cheesy hashbrown casserole for the event. Everyone else is encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions email FBC Weston at  
[firstbaptistchurchwestonmo@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptistchurchwestonmo@gmail.com)

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Church Newsletter

# Hillcrest Platte County

November 2021



**Can we capture your member's attention by adding this to your bulletin?**

## HOUSING NEEDS

Our housing residents are a diverse group and we strive to meet all needs.

**Current Needs Include:** →

- Shower Caps
- Deep Conditioner
- Locking Gel or Wax
- Natural Oils (Coconut, Argan, Jojoba, Etc.)
- "Vaseline Intensive Care Cocoa Radiant Lotion"
- Shampoo & Conditioner (for type 3C & 4C hair)



# November Church Calendar



Month ▾



Today < > November 2021

| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                   | MON                                                                                                                                                                                  | TUE                                                                                                                                                                 | WED                                                                                                                                                                                  | THU                                      | FRI                                                                                                  | SAT       |
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| <p>31</p> <p><b>Halloween</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service</li> </ul>                                                 | <p>Nov 1</p> <p><b>All Saints' Day</b></p> <p><b>First Day of American Indian Heritage Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC</li> </ul> | <p>2</p> <p><b>All Souls' Day</b></p> <p><b>Election Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Men's Bible Study</li> <li>9am Chair Yoga</li> </ul> | <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M</li> </ul>                                                                                         | <p>4</p>                                 | <p>5</p>                                                                                             | <p>6</p>  |
| <p>7</p> <p><b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> </ul> | <p>8</p>                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Men's Bible Study</li> <li>9am Chair Yoga</li> </ul>                                                         | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am WMA - Ministers' Breakfast</li> <li>9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M</li> <li>2:30pm WCC Christ and a Cup of Col</li> </ul> | <p>11</p> <p><b>Veterans Day</b></p>     | <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeffs bday 1980</li> <li>Jeffs bday 1980</li> </ul> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> </ul>                                        | <p>15</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Men's Bible Study</li> <li>9am Chair Yoga</li> </ul>                                                        | <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M</li> </ul>                                                                                        | <p>18</p>                                | <p>19</p>                                                                                            | <p>20</p> |
| <p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> <li>11:30am Church Board Meeting</li> </ul>  | <p>22</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Men's Bible Study</li> <li>9am Chair Yoga</li> </ul>                                                        | <p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M</li> <li>2:30pm WCC Christ and a Cup of Col</li> </ul>                                            | <p>25</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p> | <p>26</p> <p><b>Native American Heritage Day</b></p>                                                 | <p>27</p> |
| <p>28</p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> </ul>   | <p>29</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Men's Bible Study</li> <li>9am Chair Yoga</li> </ul>                                                        | <p>Dec 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M</li> </ul>                                                                                     | <p>2</p>                                 | <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm janna dr. apt</li> </ul>                         | <p>4</p>  |