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A note from Cindy...

*"In the grief we feel about "what we have done and what we have left undone" maybe there can be a gentle leaning toward living our daily life in such a way that we have even just a few less regrets for how we spent our time, or how we held a grudge or how we withheld our love. And this, to me, is one of the ways that the memory of our beloved departed can be to us, a blessing."
-Nadia Bolz Weber*

I know. It's the Advent season, which is so full of promise and expectation . . . why am I thinking today about grief? I suppose it is as simple as noting that this is the first year ever I've had Christmas without my parents being on the earth. I'm too old to admit to being orphaned - but it does feel altogether different to be one of the elders instead of simply one of the kids.

During the holiday season I know it is normal to get caught by our grief. All of us have lost someone somewhere along the way - and it has altered our view of these special times. We find ourselves looking back and remembering: this time last year . . . or another year when we were all gathered around a table. The empty seat leaves quite a hole in the heart. So when I came upon these words by Nadia Bolz Weber, they stopped me in my tracks. Grief can be filled with "what we have done and what we have left undone." But it can also be a "gentle leaning toward living our daily life in such a way that we have even just a few less regrets for how we spent our time or how we held a grudge or how we withheld our love . . ."

Advent is a time of deep reflection about what it means that Christ came - and still comes - among us. What have we learned so far? What do we know we still need to learn? How are we willing to grow? Where have we gotten stuck? In what ways are we willing to open to our grief and open to our wounds and allow wisdom to enter?

May we treat one another with tenderness and generosity during this Advent time.



Weston Christmas Homes Tour December 4th & 5th

WCC will once again be on the Weston Christmas Homes Tour, December 4th and 5th. A very grand word of "Thanks" to all who decorated the church with such beauty and grace. We pray that all who cross our threshold will feel the Spirit of God in this sacred place.

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.

Youth

*Isaiah 40:26
Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host
one by one,
and calls them forth each of them by name.*

This was the theme for our painting as we gathered for an evening of fun and fellowship. We each created our own starry night. Thank you to all the youth who came out Sunday, 28 November, and painted. We also had several adults laughing, painting, and helping out.

It was a great night of pizza and painting as we painted a picture of our own unique way just like each one of them. No two were alike.

December is a busy month; we won't be getting together but we hope to join other Christian churches in January. If you can, join us for some fun and fellowship in the new year.



From the Music Department...

COVID has really affected the ability to sing in public. Singing in the privacy of your shower, I assume, has remained strong during the pandemic. Masks limit the amount of air you can take in and muffle the sound going out - bad deal in the vocal music world.

December will bring a variety of music - strings, handbells, piano, organ and maybe even some trio and quartet vocals. The choir WILL be back in some form in 2022.

And notes of thanks from our outstanding young musicians...

Thank You!

Thank you all for the excellent scholarship. I really appreciate the generosity. I have had a great experience at KU so far!



Thank You!



Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! It has helped so much and gets me closer to achieving my dreams. I love my church family and can't wait to see everyone soon!



Christmas for West Platte School Families

It has been our tradition for the past many years to adopt children from the West Platte school district for Christmas. We work with Ms. Corrine Allee, school counselor, to identify kids who probably would have a tough Christmas. She works with the parents of the kids to identify things that they need and want, keeping everything anonymous. We take those lists and split it up among us to provide the gifts and we also look for donations of money that we can use to buy each family a \$100 Sharp's Market gift card so they can have a nice Christmas meal. This has been a tough year for many, so we have 9 families that need our help. There may be a 10th family which has several kids and we are waiting for final details. They have participated in the past, so Corrine thinks they will join again this year too. Those will be sent out as soon as they're received.



The list of families was sent out as an email to the congregation recently. Once you've identified a family (or a family that you and others are pooling resources to adopt), please contact Francie Stoner at westonfrancie@gmail.com or text or call her at 816-226-3322 to ensure the family is still available. Then shop for the clothes and gifts, making sure to have them before Monday, December 13th. Please DO NOT WRAP the gifts; instead, place them in a plastic bag and note who they're for (i.e., Family #2, 14 YO Girl). Include wrapping paper so the parents can wrap the gifts. It's always nice to include the receipt so an exchange can be made if necessary. Drop the gifts off at the church on a Sunday or take them to Francie and Bill Stoner's at 720 Fourth Street, Weston, Missouri, before noon on Monday, December 13th. Francie and Bill will organize everything and get it to the school on Monday afternoon. If you included any gift cards, please place them in an envelope so Francie can be sure that Corrine gets them. If you are including some or all of the Sharp's Market gift cards, this is really important. We will be hoping for a lot of those or for cash donations.



If you don't want to or can't shop, that is perfectly fine. Donations for the Sharp's Market gift cards are really needed, as we are looking to give a total of \$1,000 in Sharp's Cards.

We have such a generous congregation! Corrine is always so amazed by our generosity. These kids really need our help. Thank you all for helping any way you can.

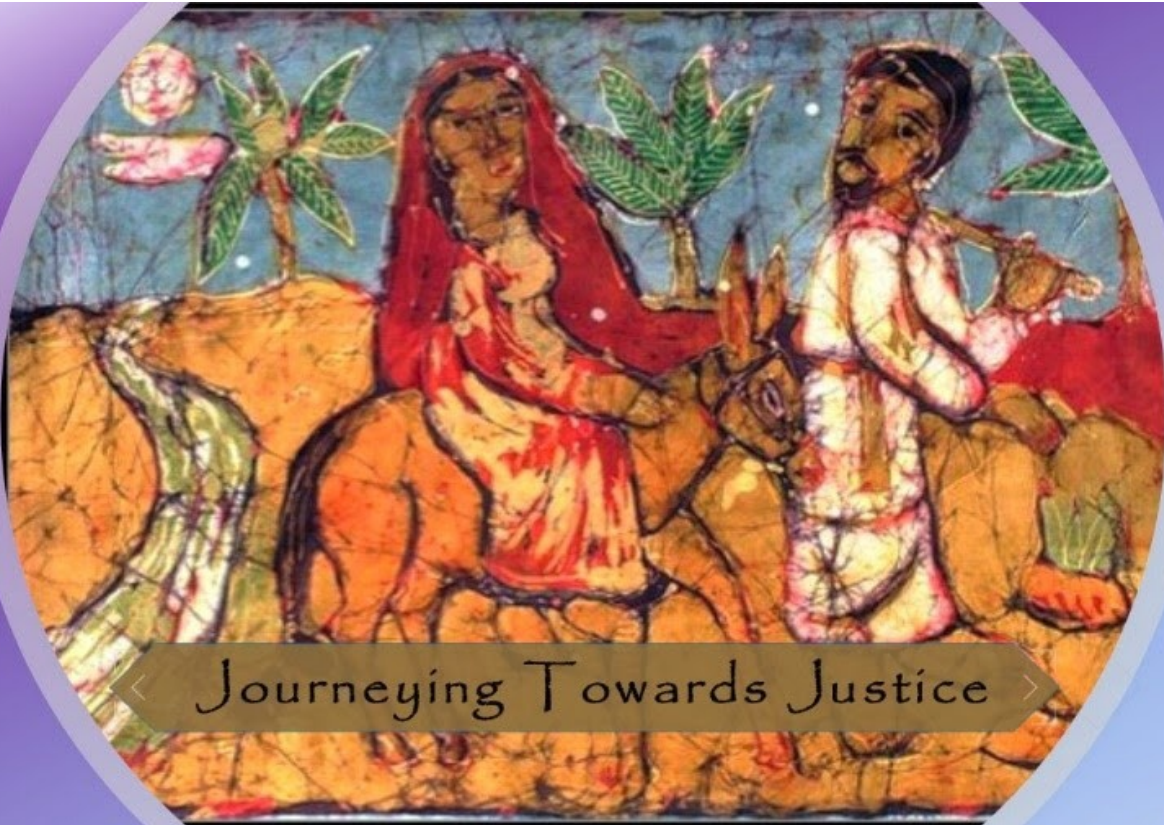
"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study

Our study continues of the
Acts of the Apostles.

This is held each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Please join us on December 8th & 22nd at 2:30 pm. We meet in the church basement and on Zoom.



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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City



This Advent, join the Becoming Beloved Community Task Force from the Greater Kansas City Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in a daily devotional with a racial justice theme.

November 28th – December 24th members of the Becoming Beloved Community Task Force will share a brief video reflection on what it means to love our neighbor and work to create a just community.

Visit our [Facebook page](#) or go directly to our [YouTube channel](#).

December Church Calendar

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