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(Disciples of Christ)



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Sunday Service | 10:30 am

A note from Cindy...

*When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.*

*I am so distant from the hope of myself,
In which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.*

*Around me the trees stir in their leaves
And call out "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.*

*And they call again, "It's simple" they say,
"And you too have come into the world to do this,
to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine."
--Mary Oliver*

Happy springtime my friends!

This lovely bit of wisdom from the poet Mary Oliver speaks to me today. "And you too have come into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine." We forget. We get bogged down. We hear the nightly news and we feel powerless in the face of chaos and suffering.

I am wondering what would happen to each one of us if we slowed down enough to walk more slowly and to bow often.

Personally, I am really working on this. As we move out of full scale pandemic mode into the phase of learning to live with this virus, the activity level all around is ramping up. Weddings! Family gatherings! Every imaginable sporting event! The competition for our time and attention has increased exponentially. How do we find the time "to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine?"

I have no simple answers - only the quiet reminder to pause. God's presence is all around us in the beauty of this season. Don't miss it. And remember, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill that cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:14).

Cindy



"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" Bible Study

Our study continues of the
Acts of the Apostles.

*This group meets on the second and fourth
Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
May's sessions are set for May 13th & 27th.*



Mother's Day Sunday, May 8th



From the Music Department...

The choir is excited to return. We did three songs from G. F. Handel's 'Messiah' on Easter Sunday. We give a big thanks to all of our guest singers and guest organist. The choir now will be singing on a regular basis.

From the Worship Committee...

In an effort to make our worship experience more welcoming to our younger members, there will be a "Something More" Service held on the fourth Sunday of May. This service will continue each month during the summer and will take place during normal church time. The talents of one of our own and her musician friends will be showcased, along with a brief sermon from Pastor Cindy. We are excited to include WCC kids in worship!



You may have the grace
to look up and out

—Maya Angelou,
"On the Pulse of Morning"



WCC Beef Raffle Fundraiser



If you or family members would like to participate in this raffle, to benefit refugees from Ukraine who have fled to Poland, please take a few moments to consider going into the following website:
<https://givebutter.com/CgN69n>
We are in the process of getting this link on WCC's website.

RESOUND FEST

Save the Date ~ June 10th, 11th, 2022



Resound Fest is a FREE Christian Music Festival held annually each summer at Miracle Hills Ranch, Bethany, Missouri. In 2022, the festival features:

- *Matthew West
- *Cain
- *Cochren & Co.
- *Tasha Layton
- *Jordan ST. Cyr
- *Ben Fuller & more

Full details can be found at Resoundfest.org

Don't miss this incredible weekend of music and ministry!

See more info on Facebook!

[Resound Fest], [35556 West 200th Avenue, Bethany, MO],
[660-425-2277], [Resoundfest.org]



Meetings are held at Church of the Nazarene, 19495 County Road H, Weston, MO 64098, three times per month on the first, third and fourth Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.
westonmoafg@gmail.com
(Contact person: Victoria C. - 816-308-9730)

Meeting ID: 889 8798 3955
Passcode: jP2RzF

HELP FOR SENIORS...

A branch of the Disciples for Christ called, "Rebuilding Together Kansas City," is offering services to help Seniors with safety modifications in their home. If you or someone you know in our area of Platte County is interested please contact Pastor Cindy.

FROM THE CHURCH BOARD:



If you were with us on Easter at the church, you were able to enjoy our magnificent Reuter organ with our guest organist at the console, bringing fabulous music from these 44 year old pipes. And you witnessed the return of our choir after over 2 years in Covid-silence. Selections from Handel's Messiah rang out! Traditional "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" and other joyous resurrection hymns filled the church from almost 100 voices in the pews! You may have missed that there were a couple of notes that didn't play or maybe you heard the vibration that one of the ranks added that shouldn't have been there. It was still great to be back together in full-voice celebrating Christ's Resurrection!

A little organ history: This all began in 1977 with the desire to bring a pipe organ to our church. Many fundraising activities ensued, including wine and cheese parties and raffling off a new Chevrolet Vega. The drawing was done on July 4, and the winner was Edward Kline (known to friends who frequented Vaughn's Conoco Station as Boogie Burns). In May of 1978, the contract was signed with Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas and by December of 1978, it was installed. With all of this, the \$31,000 organ was paid for when it was installed.

Here we are 44 years later, with almost no maintenance other than tuning over all of those years, This amazing instrument that was originally bought for \$31,000 is now worth over a quarter-million dollars and is still the only pipe organ in Weston! And this sweet baby needs some help. The repairs that need to be done will cost more than the original cost of this fabulous instrument. We are looking at a cost of over \$48,000 for repairs, much-needed maintenance and necessary electronic upgrades. We also have the opportunity to add 2 ranks to this organ that would contribute beautifully to our music worship, but at this point they are on a wish-list for the future.

The board has authorized the expenditure of the money for maintenance. We know that there are some in our church family that love this instrument and would like to contribute to this effort. So we are reaching out today to see if there is a way that we could raise some or all of the monies needed to bring this instrument back to full service like it was when it was new. Here's an opportunity to help take care of a major asset of our church and the church's music worship, which is always so fabulous!! We appreciate so much your consideration of whether to be a part of this project. Thank you for all that you do for the Weston Christian Church and our family here.

If you would like to help, please make your contributions to *Weston Christian Church*, with *Reuter Organ* in the subject line of your check. We also have a PayPal link on our website www.westonChristian.org. Thank you in advance for your generous donations and efforts to revive this beautiful instrument. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us: Steve Folck, Quint Shafer, Francie Stoner.

In Christ's Love,
Your church family

P.S. If you missed our spectacular Easter Sunday Service, or you just want to hear it again, here is the YouTube link: https://youtu.be/Ua8HYRP_ozY (You can also enjoy the incredible strings accompaniment!)

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.

Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

– Micah 6:8

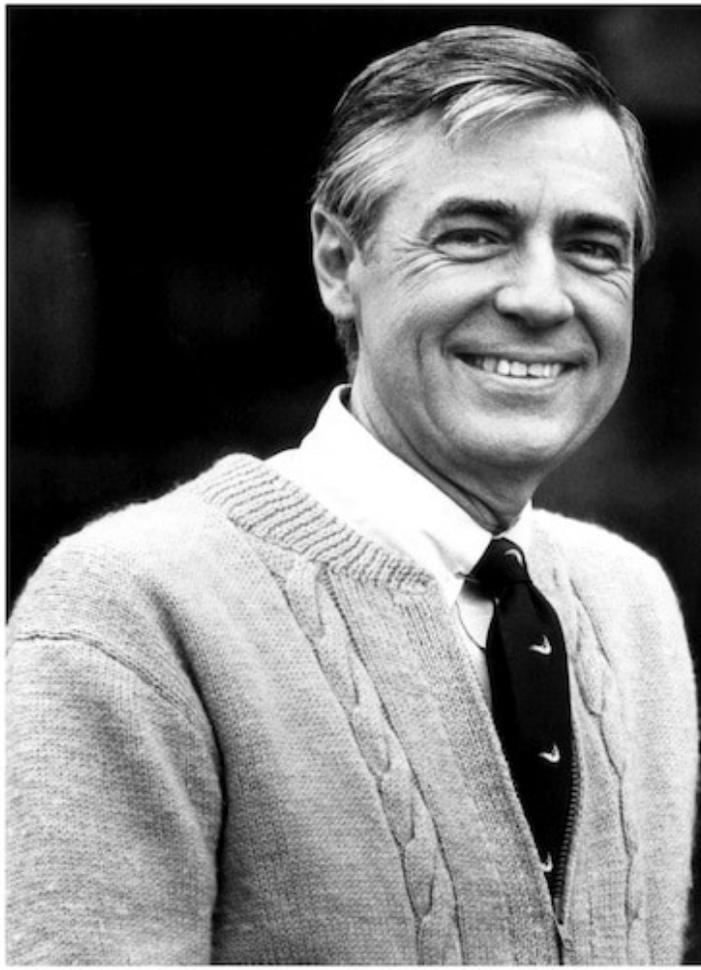
Our Mission

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth."

– Acts 1:8

Our Confession

As members of the Christian Church, We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.



*There are three ways
to ultimate success.*

*The first way
is to be kind.*

*The second way
is to be kind.*

*The third way
is to be kind.*

-Mister Rogers



May Church Calendar

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May 2022
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 1 First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service 	May 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC 	May 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Chair Yoga 	May 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M 7pm Choir Rehearsal 	May 5 Cinco de Mayo	May 6	May 7
May 8 Mother's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service 	May 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 	May 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am WMA - Ministers' Breakfast 8:30am Chair Yoga 	May 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M 7pm Choir Rehearsal 	May 12	May 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Christ and a Cup of Coffee-Bib 	May 14
May 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Church Board Meeting 	May 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 	May 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Chair Yoga 	May 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M 7pm Choir Rehearsal 	May 19	May 20	May 21
May 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service ("Something") 	May 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 	May 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Chair Yoga 	May 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M 7pm Choir Rehearsal 	May 26 Ascension Day	May 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Christ and a Cup of Coffee-Bib 	May 28
May 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sunday Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service 	May 30 Memorial Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 	May 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Chair Yoga 10am American Legion Memorial Day 	Jun 1 First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weston Christians Prayer/M 7pm Choir Rehearsal 	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4