



**weston
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(Disciples of Christ)



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Sunday Service | 10:30 am

A note from Cindy...

"I've seen firsthand how the troubling events of today are taking a toll on our children," writes Michele Borba, child psychologist. I would add these troubling events are impacting all of us. I often tell people I am "on my knees" more often than not, relying on prayer as a pipeline of trust.

Michele Orba maintains that hope is the ingredient we most need right now and she gives several different practical strategies. They are worth our consideration, not only as parents, but as fellow humans trying to stay above the fray.

- 1. Stop negativity in the moment.** Ungrounded pessimism eats away at hope, which is why it's important to catch negativity before it becomes a habit.
- 2. Use hopeful mantras.** Words have great power. Develop an upbeat mantra ("I got this!", "I have what it takes!") Then use the phrase to reduce pessimism.
- 3. Share hopeful news.** Violent media can create a view of the world as completely mean, scary, dangerous. Uplifting news keeps hope alive. Look for inspiring news stories to share with your family, reminding them that God also made a world that is beautiful and that people can also be inspiring.
- 4. Celebrate small gains.** Repeated failure increases hopelessness, but recognizing even a small success boosts hope. Redefine "success" as a gain: a small improvement over past performance due to effort.
- 5. Boost assertiveness.** People who feel hopeless find it difficult to advocate for themselves. Learning assertiveness, which is the mid-point between passivity and aggression, increases helpfulness and agency.
- 6. Create gratitude rituals.** Hopeful people are grateful. One study found that people who keep gratitude journals feel more hopeful about their lives in just 10 weeks. Hold a meal-time tradition in which each family member reveals one thing they are grateful for that happened that day.
- 7. Embrace service.** As misfortunes increase, hopelessness can set in. We have the power to make a difference in the lives of others. It is the example of Jesus. And it leads us to building God's reign on earth, despite the challenges.

These are some of my most fervent prayers of late - laced with hope and great care for the world that God has given us:

Let us give thanks for musicians and artists who, through their creative gifts and work, proclaim the gospel, inspire our faith and convey the experiences, emotions and needs of humankind.

May we remember in prayer our neighbors who struggle financially and live with the uncertainty of how they will support and care for themselves and their families. Let us pray that the Spirit will inspire us to respond with respect for their dignity and to affirm our interdependence as children of God.

May it be our prayer that we overcome feelings of indifference and impotence bred by the tragedy, trauma, complexity and frequency of gun violence. And may we pray that the Spirit will turn us toward Scripture, the teachings of Jesus and one another for the strength, wisdom and courage needed to change our laws and culture for the sake of safeguarding our communities and society.

Cindy

Good Shepherd's Catholic Church Annual Garage Sale
Thursday, July 21st & Friday, July 22nd ~ 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
& Saturday, July 23rd, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The sale will take place in the lower level of the church located at 18601 N. 169 Hwy., just north of Smithville. Use the lower level east entry doors at the back side of the church. Clothing! Shoes! Sports Equipment! Books! Kitchen Items! and much, much more!! Proceeds will go toward their church projects.

**Harvesters
Food Pick-Up Truck**



If you or someone you know is in need of help affording nutritious food, the Harvesters Food Pick-Up truck is in Weston the 3rd Friday of each month (**this month, July 15th**) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **The truck will be at 300 Main Street (City Hall).**

While the scheduled hours are 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., it will often start earlier, depending on how quickly they can get it unloaded and organized.

*From the
Music Department...*



We've had a good variety of special music during June, and July will be just as good.

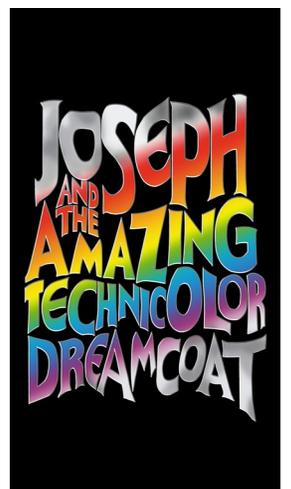
Music shouldn't be the reason you attend church. It should be an additional reason for you to attend church. Music during the worship service is not to be considered entertainment (we all get enough of that as it is) – it should be considered as an additional way to praise God.

Thanks to Melissa for doing the music planning for the 4th Sunday in June – look forward to her presentation the 4th Sunday in July.

Weston Community Theater
**"Joseph and the
Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat"**

Come out to see the Weston Community Theater production
July 8th, 9th, 15th or 16th at 7:00pm
or July 10th & 17th at 2 pm
at the **West Platte High School
Performing Arts Center**

Come at least 30 minutes early as this is free and it is first come, first served, but they will take donations.



**Sunday, August 7th
4 pm to 6 pm**

For all youth and family members. This includes all of our church family. This is a great opportunity for you to come and talk to the youth about their activities and support them as a church family.

Drinks be provided but feel free to bring a snack for yourself or to share. Umbrellas are provided but if you burn easily, bring your sunscreen.

\$6,993.00 has been raised to help Ukrainian refugees fleeing the continued fighting. This includes the beef raffle and individual donations.

THANK YOU for caring!

Weston Christian Church,



We are so thankful for each of you. Your prayers, visits, sympathy cards, and love after my mother's passing have meant so much to us. We are blessed to find such a loving and welcoming church home.

Thank you.

A NOTE OF THANKS...

Thank you all for the beautiful flower arrangement and gift certificate. It was so thoughtful of you. This church is made up of great people and a great pastor! It's a pleasure serving you.



Adult Bible Study

A Bible study held every third Friday at 10:00 a.m. The next session is set for July 15th; August's will be held on August 5th and 26th. All are invited to attend. We are studying the Book of Acts and printed materials are provided.

Painting Workshop

We were very blessed to host a painting workshop led by one of our own during the weekend of July 2nd and 3rd. The class was limited to eight participants and was easily filled. Take a look at some of the photos of the process and a few of the finished pieces. Absolutely stunning work!



Welcome July!

"Summers run and Winters walk".

Such wise words are indeed true,

For June ran away!

I blinked and then she was gone!

Summer's first born left yesterday.

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You have to **love** a nation that celebrates its independence every **July 4th**, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family **picnics** where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is **patriotism**.

~Erma Bombeck~

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.

July Church Calendar

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