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A note from Cindy...

Be the Mirror

Elections often seem to make it even more difficult to love our neighbor. Elections reveal our deep divisions and feed our tendency to judge others. Yet, as Thomas Merton says, "Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy."

I hear more than a little anxiety voiced by so many that we as a nation are in a time of crisis. Let us remind ourselves that we all contribute to the success or the downfall of this experiment we call democracy. I strongly encourage everyone to vote and to consider each vote in light of Jesus' command to love one another.

Not only do we have a responsibility to vote, but we have a Christian responsibility to reflect the light of Christ in all we say and do. This means pausing before we send out a politically charged Facebook or Instagram post. It means we listen more to what others have to say . . . and perhaps not adding our strong disagreement, but simply our concern for the one who is speaking. This does not mean we cannot have a different view or voice a different perspective. It is all about HOW we do this.

In the epistle to James we hear: "With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth! My friends, this can't go on." James 3: 8-10 (The Message)

We can love people when we don't agree with their actions, views, and values. The key is to do what Ed Hays suggests in

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Apple Dumplings!

The apple Dumpling Gang did it again with many thanks also to friends and neighbors~! We sold out COMPLETELY by 3:30 on Sunday afternoon ... so we are sad to say we have none to sell for the Christmas Homes Tour. We considered gathering a few volunteers to make 600 more but the orchard was out of Jonathan apples.



Please accept our gratitude to everyone who jumped in to make these tasty treats that have become an icon for Apple Fest.



The Greater Kansas City Region's Becoming Beloved Community Team is creating devotions for Advent 2022.

Sign up to receive links to these reflections that can be shared with your church community, or, snap the QR code.

Includes 6 short videos and 5 written devotions.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS...

If you are interested in participating in the Region's Advent devotions writing, please fill in the form **online** at the Region's website (address below). Once the information is gathered and completed, please submit the completed forms and/or responses to office@kcdisciples.org Please label the subject line: Advent 2022 Subscribers when submitting the form. Feel free to contact 913-432-1414 or email office@kcdisciples.org if you have any questions in regards to this.

Name	Congregation	Smart Phone Number	Email

In the near future we hope to offer the unique offering of "Centering Prayer" to our congregation — as well as to others in our area interested in joining us. Here is a bit of background about this...

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Contemplative Prayer

We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. In the Christian tradition contemplative prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart — our whole being — to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Through grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing, closer than consciousness itself.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. It presents ancient Christian wisdom teachings in an updated form. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with him.

Blessed are those whom no one else notices. The kids who sit alone at middle-school lunch tables. The laundry guys at the hospital. The sex workers and the night-shift street sweepers. The closeted. The teens who have to figure out ways to hide the new cuts on their arms. Blessed are the meek. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.

Blessed are they who have loved enough to know what loss feels like. Blessed are the mothers of the miscarried. Blessed are they who can't fall apart because they have to keep it together for everyone else. Blessed are those who "still aren't over it yet." Blessed are those who mourn. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.

Jesus was God's Beatitude— God's blessing to the weak in a world that admires only the strong.

- Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber



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his book The Gospel of Gabriel: "Simply be the mirror in which others can see themselves as God sees them." When we reflect God's love for others back at them, they are more likely to feel secure, nurtured, and generous rather than fearful, ego-centric, and greedy. Jesus had a heightened awareness of God's love for him, which allowed him to extend compassion to others; as it was for him, so it is for us. Helping people see God's love for them is more likely to foster their better nature than judgment, condescension, and criticism.

We are not helpless in this imperfect, maddening world in which we live. Daniel Berrigan said, "If you want to have hope, do hopeful things." To be a mirror of God's love is one of the most hopeful things we can do.



Trip to Israel

Rev. Kevin Kelley and Rev. Dave Culver, area Disciples' clergy are organizing a trip to Israel February 7-16, 2023. There are still a few spots available. An informational meeting will be held at Platte City Christian Church on Monday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Please give Rev. Kelley a call if you are interested: (816) 858- 2000.

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For food in a world where many walk in hunger; For faith in a world where many walk in fear; For friends in a world where many walk alone; We give you thanks, O Lord.”

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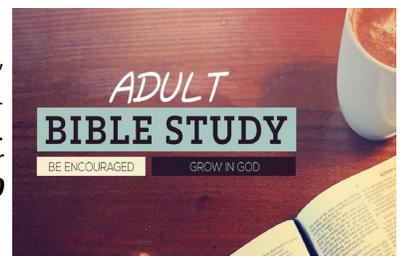
Gather at
1:00 p.m.,
Sunday,
November 20th at
WCC

Thanksgiving is a time where we gather to give thanks for our friends and families, usually over a big meal. Weston Christian Church has traditionally had our Thanksgiving dinner the Sunday before Thanksgiving, right after the service. This year we are the host for the community Thanksgiving dinner. Instead of having it at the traditional time of 6:00 p.m., we think it would be better to combine our church and community Thanksgiving dinners into one and serve at 1 o'clock on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 20th.

Our church will be providing the turkey, ham, gravy, mashed potatoes, and dressing. Please join and if you can, bring a side dish or dessert. It should be a fabulous celebration of Thanksgiving as we share the hospitality of our amazing church dinners with the community in Thanksgiving for all that we are given! If you have any questions, please contact Francie Stoner at 816-226-3322.

In addition, we will be collecting money to provide gift cards from Sharp's Market to some students at West Platte who need a little help in providing their Thanksgiving dinner. We hope to give \$100 gift cards to approximately 15 to 20 families. Anything you would like to donate is appreciated. Be sure to mark your donation for **West Platte Thanksgiving**. (And we will be doing our traditional Christmas gifts to students again for Christmas. More information will follow.)

Our "Acts of the Apostles" study meets every third Friday in the church basement. The next session is set for **November 18th at 10:00 a.m.** Join us!



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)

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, November 18th**) 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.



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.

November Church Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sund 10:30am Worship Service	31 Halloween 6:30am Men's Bible Study	Nov 1 All Saints' Day First Day of American Indian Heritage M	2 All Souls' Day	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time ends 9:30am WCC's Sunday School/Sund 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Senior High Lunch/Convers 4pm Women's Book Study	7 6:30am Men's Bible Study 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC 7pm Messiah practice - Women	8 Election Day 8am WMA - Ministers' Breakfast	9	10 7pm Messiah practice - Men	11 Veterans Day	12
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