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Sunday Service | 10:30 am

A note from Cindy...

Romans 8: 1-2. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

We are smack-dab in the middle of the Lenten season. Time perhaps to do a bit of a reality check. Why Lent? Why this season of reflection? The larger wisdom of the church speaks to us about the need to constantly take stock of our lives, to pay attention to the places where we get caught, where we get stuck and where we lose sight of the path. For Christians, this path is the life, the death and the resurrection of Christ. And it is important that we pay attention to all three of these realities: the life and teachings of Jesus, his death and all its many implications, and his rising from the dead which continues to speak and to challenge.

Someone recently asked me, "Why do we place so much emphasis on outreach here at WCC?" My immediate thought was that this is the mandate of our Lord - to be His hands and feet in our world. But there is so much more. The writings of Paul affirm again and again that we are set free from all that holds us down (sin, shame and guilt) We are set free by the dying and the rising of Jesus. And it occurs to me that we are set free in order to set others free. When we set down our burdens of guilt and shame, our regrets, our baggage, so to speak, we are able to be more fully present to a world in turmoil. We are more present to those who need a breath of new life.

So Lent is the greening season, which is one of the original meanings of the term "Lent." It is a time of renewal. A time for starting over. It is our time to figure out how to trust the freedom given to us through the dying and rising of Jesus.

This is my humble prayer: a prayer that you are getting free - free from all that holds you down, all that holds you back. And when you are living this freedom, others are set free by the light of Christ in you. What joy! What hope for our world!

Cindy

From the Church Office...

In the ongoing effort to get accurate information into the church's database, **if your last name begins with the letters M through R, please send your information to me and I will make the edits.**

Worship Words...



Worship Committee

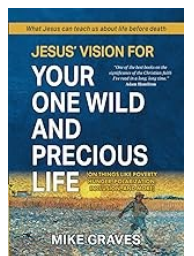
The 3rd Sunday non-traditional services launched on Sunday February 18th under the guidance and coordination of Pastor Cindy and one of our great musicians. This first foray into these alternative worship Sundays featured a focus on LOVE, with love-themed music and testimonials about Love between partners present and passed; amongst family members; and the bond amongst our own church family. We celebrated Love and Christ who is the source and root of all LOVE.

Our next alternative-service Sunday is on February 17th and will feature our Youth. Youth Coordinator and Pastor Cindy are working with the younger members of the congregation to make this service about them and in turn share their sweet and genuine Love for God with all of us. Parents, please encourage and support your children's participation in this special Sunday service.

UPCOMING CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Sunday, March 17th
After the worship service.

Join us in Adult Sunday School as we discuss the book, "Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life" written by Rev. Mike Graves.



We are preparing gift bags for the residents this Fellowship Hall in the church's lower level.





IRISH POTATO BAKE March 16th

All kinds of delectable toppings for your baked potatoes.
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds from our potato bake this year will go to one of our youths' New York Concert Choir Trip Fund. Come out, eat a LOT and have fun!

**Loaded Potato/Salad/Drink & Dessert
\$6.00 in advance ~ \$8.00 at the door**

\$5.00 Hotdog/Chips/Fruit/Dessert for the kids

**Tickets & To-Go Orders are available
Call 816-640-2846 or email the church at
westonchristianchurch@gmail.com**

ALL HANDS ON DECK! Volunteers are needed from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 16th, to help hang signs outside at the church, to decorate the church hall for the dinner and to prepare all the goodies for the potato and salad bars. Also, volunteers are needed to serve, clear and clean up from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Desserts are needed too.

Tickets are available at the church.



Micah Ministry is an ecumenical feeding and clothing ministry housed at IBCC in the Old Northeast area of Kansas City. They started as an outreach effort by the Independence Boulevard Christian Church/Disciples of Christ and now include volunteers from dozens of churches and community organizations. The inspiration for the term "Micah Ministry" comes from the

words of the prophet Micah:

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." -Micah 6:8

Micah continues to serve several hundred people each Monday night. WCC is committed to a monthly volunteer effort the first Monday of each month. We also regularly collect needed items. They are currently in need of men's tennis shoes, jeans and sweat pants. We have been reminded that they only have storage space for winter clothing, so save your summer items for later. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



Bristol Manor

We are preparing gift bags for the residents this spring. Our goal is to have bags ready by St. Patrick's Day. The bags will consist of both fun and useful items. If you would like to donate, see the list on the table by the front door of the church.



Hillcrest Platte County

Tuesday, March 19th at 6 p.m. We are honored to be able to serve the graduation dinner for those who have recently completed the rigorous program at Hillcrest. Our "Hillcrest Team" has planned and organized the menu and still need desserts (cookies and brownies) for the evening meal. More than anything we need all people that night to serve the meal. If you are able to bring a dessert, we will be leaving from the church at 4:45 p.m. - so bring it before this time. If you are coming to serve, simply bring the dessert with you to Platte Woods United Methodist Church. Plan to be on site, at Platte Woods, by 5:30 p.m. Thank you!

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, even you.

~~ Anne Lamott



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.



Presents for the 2024 Easter Season

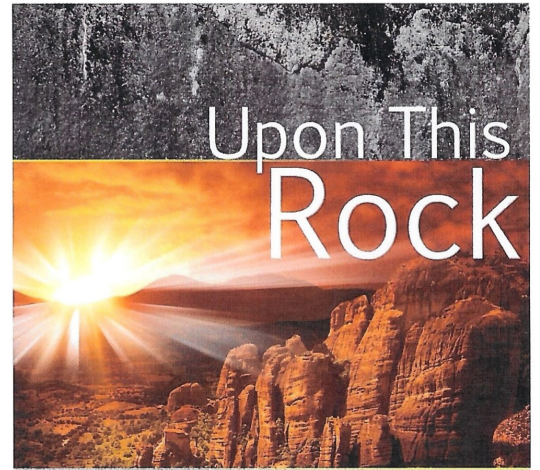
*Under the Direction of Darrell Willson
Samantha Brant, Accompanist*

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Wyatt Park Christian Church
2623 Mitchell Ave., St. Joseph, MO

Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
17385 MO Hwy 371, Platte City, MO



The Passion, the Question, the Call

Pepper Choplin

*For information call 816-522-8934
www.facebook.com/CantoChorale*

~~ Easter Week ~~

Palm Sunday - March 24th -
Children's Parade during Sunday School Hour

Maundy Thursday - March 28th -
Worship service in Sanctuary. (No Seder Meal)

Good Friday - March 29th - *WCC hosts the Weston Ministerial Alliance Good Friday service.
Guest Pastors.*

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil - *Holy Saturday is March 30th and we hope as many as possible will sign up to participate in this 12-hour prayer vigil. The sign-up sheet is on the card table and is divided into 30 minute time segments. You can pray either at the church or in your home. This is a time to pray for our loved ones and friends, our neighbors, village, state, nation and our world.*

Easter Sunday - March 31st - *We will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. We will have lovely flowering plants in the Sanctuary.*

March Church Calendar

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25 ● 9:30am WCC's Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 11:45am Bean Soup Lunche	26 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Study	27	28 ● 1:30pm Bristol Manor	29 ● 10:30am All Pro Pest contro	Mar 1	2
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10 ● 9:30am Sunday School/Sun ● 10:30am Worship Service	11 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Study	12	13 ● 1:30pm Bristol Manor	14 ● 8am Ministerial Alliance Mtg	15	16 ● 4:30pm Potato Bake
17 ● 9:30am Sunday School/Sun ● 10:30am Youth Worship Svc ● 11:30am Church Board Mee	18 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Study	19 ● 6pm Hillcrest Grad Dinner	20	21 ● 1pm Women's Bible Study	22	23
24 ● 9:30am Palm Sunday Paradi ● 10:30am Worship Service	25 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Study	26	27 ● 1:30pm Bristol Manor	28 ● 7pm Maundy Thursday Serv	29 ● 7pm Good Fri. Svc @ WCC	30 ● 6am Holy Saturday Prayer V ● 12pm Courtney-Birthday Part
31 ● 8am Easter Svc ● 9:30am Sunday School/Sun ● 10:30am Worship Service	Apr 1 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Study ● 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IB	2	3	4 ● 1pm Women's Bible Study	5	6