

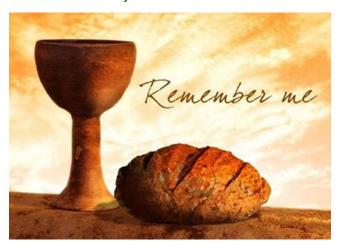
weston christian church



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Sunday Service | 10:30 am

A note from Cindy...



On Maundy Thursday this past Holy Week I shared a bit of Disciples of Christ history. I am reminded in these contentious times that the sacredness of our convictions about the Communion Table are so central and necessary. Please take a few moments to prayerfully consider this history:

As Disciples of Christ we do not even strive for unanimous consent on anything but one truth: Our belief and our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. How we believe this and how deep is our trust in Jesus is not a point of contention. We recognize that we come to God with our own experiences, our own joys and failures too. We come willingly. We come hesitantly. We come downtrodden. We come joyfully. But each of us knows Jesus and the God who sent Him here to us in a unique way. At the table, with all our differences, large and small, we come united.

In August 1801, Barton W. Stone envisioned a public communion service being a great Christian witness when he called for a meeting at Cane Ridge Meeting House in Kentucky. A few years later, Thomas Campbell joined him in calling for unity - a unity expressed most beautifully in the Lord's Table. At the time, there were many barriers in various denominations (as there are still barriers in many today) - but Stone and Campbell both saw the Lord's Table as a visible sign of unity among all Christians. Unity not uniformity. We today are still a part of this movement. Many claim that this Stone Campbell movement never intended to eventually become a separate denomination. The early leaders envisioned a Christian Church where all denominations could find a place.

Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn, in their history of the Disciples write: "The table is central, born of the fact that it does not belong to us. It is the Lord's table. We come at God's invitation which is why Disciples say that we neither invite anyone to nor debar them from the table. It is not ours. It is the Lord's. When the church claims ownership, the table represents division. When it remembers that the table belongs to God, the table becomes the gathering place for the one community under Christ.'

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They continue: "Communion is perhaps the single most visible reminder that we live and move and have our being because we are held together by a covenant with God in Christ and one another that transcends whatever differences we bring to the ta-

I continue to pray that our WCC congregation can model the truth of these ideals.

Cindy



Worship Words...

Our slightly modified 3rd Sunday services are continuing with success. March 17th was filled with lots of youthful exuberance, joyful music, and wonderful contributions to the liturgy by our youngest members. Thank you to our Youth Director and one of our Accompanists for supporting the children in this Youth-focused Committee service.

Holy Week services and Easter Sunday worship was spirit-filled and beautiful. Special thank you to Jeff Elsea and all the musicians and singers who delivered a rich musical accompaniment to the Easter service. Handel's Hallelujah Chorus finale was especially moving. Also, much appreciation to Christy Shafer for coordinating the Easter Sunday flowers turning the sanctuary into a celebratory setting for Christ's resurrection.

If you have thoughts, suggestions, input to WCC's worship experience, please let the Worship Committee hear from you. Blessings to all.

From the Church Office...

Wrapping up with getting the church's database updated with any new information. If your last name begins with the letters S through Z, please send your information to me and I will make the edits. Thanks, Janet



Bristol Manor

Bristol Manor A special thanks to Kim Wade and family for their organizing Easter gift

bags and delivering them to the residents. Your kindness matters!

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.



Dates: June 15 and June 26 Age: 5 - 8 years

Day Camp is a one-day camp experience for children. The children will experience creation, worship, games, art, archery, hayride, and friendships all in the great outdoors.

Dates: July 8 -10
Age: 2nd and 3rd grade
Program which includes spiritual develop-

ment, fun activities, service, and mission.

Dates: June 24 - 27 Age: 4th and 5th grade

Program which includes spiritual development, fun activities, service, and mission.

Dates: July 14 -18 Age: Grade 6th and 7th

Program which includes spiritual development, fun activities, service, and mission.

Dates: July 6 - 12 Age: just graduated 8th grade

Just Say Know program To provide soon-to-be ninth grade youth with factual and spiritual sexuality education that will help them view sexual intimacy as a gift from God intended for loving lifelong committed relationship.
To enlighten youth to the dangers, risks, and consequences that can occur when God's gift of sexual intimacy is used out-

SUMMER CAMP Dates: June 18 - June 23

side of marriage.

Program led and organized by the Regional Youth Cabinet which includes spiritual development, fun activities, service, and

mission.

Age: Highschoolers

Disciples of Christ offers summer camps to campers of ALL ages!! Visit our website to learn more at kcdisciplescamps.org



MUCH MORE IMFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE TALL OAKS WEBSITE:

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April 2024	MoN Apr 1 Easter Monday 6 6:30am Men's Bible Study 4:30pm Micah Ministry at IB	8 • 6:30am Men's Bible Study	15 • 6:30am Men's Bible Study	22 • 6:30am Men's Bible Study	29 • 6:30am Men's Bible Study
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April 2024

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