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## A Note From Cindy...

My first real job out of college was at a parish in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The following is a quote from one of the junior high students that I had become close to in my work as the church Youth Director. Her name is Linda Sullivan and she is now a family practice physician in Tulsa, treating people from all walks of life. Linda was an excellent student, but she also gave her parents some reasons to worry - as she rebelled against many of the values and lessons they were hoping to give her. As a youth pastor, I didn't see her as rebellious, but I did see her as someone who wondered a great deal about whether she could make a positive impact in her life. She recently sent me this:

*"Today I got to talk with a pair of 80-something married marathon runners, a Vietnam veteran who was shot down twice and still served a full 18 months in combat, a 20 year old working his way through trade school as a server, and a young person who lost 110 pounds in just over a year with lifestyle changes alone. If you despair in humanity, just ask me for a story."*

Well, Linda Jane Sullivan, we all struggle sometimes to not give up on the human race. I for one, am deeply grateful for your voice and your stories.

In the past few years, we have asked a few people in our church to get up and share a bit of their story. Each and every time, the response was enthusiastic! People noted that they really had "no idea" about some aspect of this person's life and faith story. Beginning this fall . . . I am going to ask more of you to do the same. What is your faith story and how does it intersect with the choices you have made? We need to hear how you have overcome some obstacle in your life. We especially want to hear you speak about the role of God and the Spirit of Jesus working through you.

So instead of despair, I'm asking you for a story. Start preparing.

-Cindy

## Women's Bible Study ~ Thursdays August 7th & 21st ~ 1:00 p.m.

## Sunday School/Adult Education - The Wisdom of the 12-Steps - A Study

We want to invite you to join us as we do a study of the 12-Step recovery programs and this spiritual path that has brought so many personal healing and recovery. We will begin June 22nd and will continue for the next 5-6 weeks. Please come and join us when you can!



## Back-to-School Backpack Blessing

WCC will have a Backpack Blessing on Sunday,  
August 17th.

~ 1st Day of School ~  
West Platte ~  
August 20th  
Platte County R-3 ~  
August 19th.



Happy  
**LABOR DAY**

Monday, September 1st



AL-Anon is an organization designed to help **families and friends** of those who struggle with alcohol addiction.

In-Person AL-Anon Meeting:  
Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at  
409 S. 7th St.  
(downstairs-north door)  
Leavenworth, Kansas

&  
"Monday Noon Awakenings"  
Zoom Meeting AL-Anon Group  
Mondays at Noon  
Zoom Meeting ID: 406 647 1926  
Password: 178998

You can also search Google for AL-Anon meetings  
in your area

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.

# Outreach News



A gigantic shout of gratitude for all those who came out to support **Micah Ministry** on the first Monday of this month. We had 16 individuals representing WCC who also were there to show support for the donation from our church to cover the cost of the meal served that night. A beautiful gift of generosity - from one of our members - and which makes us a huge difference to all those who come for a home cooked meal. The numbers are up considerably from a few years ago, with Micah now serving approximately 1,000 persons each Monday. Please continue to save clothing items (in season only!) They are always especially in need of men's clothing and shoes.

**Bristol Manor:** We are doing a monthly worship service, sing-a-long and tea party the first Tuesday of each month. Next opportunity will be on Tuesday September 2, 1:30 p.m. This is a deeply needed and rewarding endeavor.



**Birthday Connection:** We are partnering with this group to bring birthday presents, a cake and card to youth who are in social services. We deliver these items to several agencies and have received wonderful feedback from both youth and our own volunteers. This commitment takes approximately 3-4 hours and is spread throughout the month. Please see Pastor Cindy if you would like to serve in this ministry.

**Hillcrest Platte County:** Members of our "Hillcrest Team" have met with the Housing Director from Hillcrest during the summer. We are considering a larger project to help support their efforts with young adults. Please continue to keep Grace in your prayers, the young woman we are walking with as she navigates her journey to a better life.



## Another Hillcrest Success Story...

**When Briana first came to HPC, she didn't think she could succeed.** On day three, she called her case manager and said she was packed and ready to leave. Her ride was waiting outside. **Overwhelmed and uncertain, Briana ultimately made the decision to stay and put the work in.** That decision shaped everything that came next.

While in the housing program, Briana was able to enroll in classes at UMKC. She began the summer semester and started the path to earn her degree in computer science engineering. **Briana also saved thousands of dollars working, and she secured her own rental after graduation.**

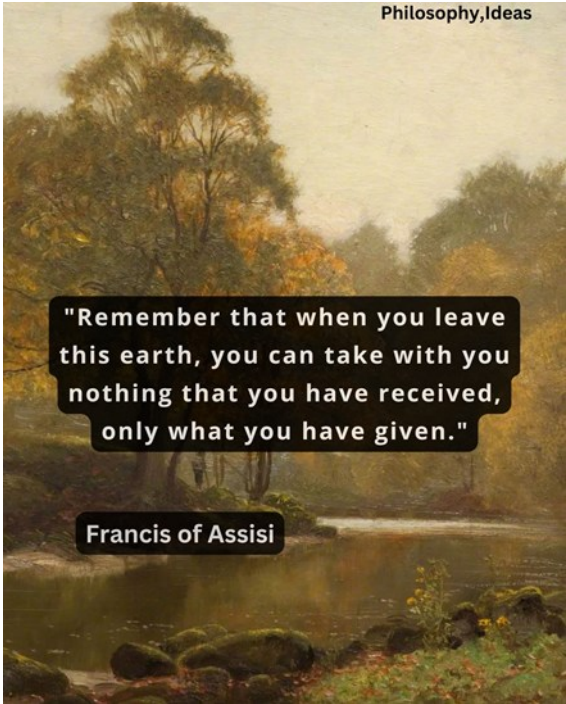
At graduation, Briana's case manager shared that their connection providentially went back years. She first met Briana when Briana's mom was in another transitional housing program; Briana was a teenager at that time. When Briana's application came through to HPC years later, her case manager recognized her name right away.

"She had to be dragged to the finish line," her case manager later said, **not because she didn't want it, but because she carried so much.** She was always thinking about everyone else. She just needed someone to walk with her.

Briana also discovered a second connection: another case manager at HPC was her cousin. They hadn't known the other was there, and while her cousin wasn't part of her case, she cheered Briana on from the sidelines. "Briana had her own boutique on North Oak," her cousin said. "She's run a business. She's a go-getter. But life gets hard, and asking for help is even harder. Most people don't. I'm proud of her for that."

At graduation, Briana stood up to speak. "When I came to Hillcrest, my life was different. I didn't know who worked here. Turns out it was my cousin and a case manager I met years ago. It was a double blessing. I thank God for this program, my sponsors, and everyone here. It was hard. I almost gave up. But I made it.

**Briana is still growing, and we're proud to be a part of that. Even in the hardest moments, she stayed. She showed up, and she didn't quit.**



**Take the Survey** **Survey About Ministries at WCC:**  
Our Board President and Vice President, have been working on a survey for everyone to consider what they would like to see happen here at WCC in regards to our various ministries, our worship time and our outreach. Be sure to give us your updated email so that we can get this survey out to everyone. We appreciate hearing from each one of you. Thank you! Details coming soon.

**Music Director:** We are deeply grateful that one of our talented members has decided to become our Interim Music Director. You may see some new developments in the next many weeks as she evaluates and works with our very talented musicians. Please note the questions (elsewhere in this newsletter) that she has put forth for all our members to consider. Thank you for answering this call.



**Apple Dumplings!**  
Just around the corner, beginning the Saturday after Labor Day, we get to work again. We thank our long-term members who spearheaded this effort in the past and we now are in the process of recruiting some fresh faces and talent to help with the leadership of this annual event. Be prayerful with us as we consider how to keep this amazing momentum going forward. The monies raised at this October Fest event provide considerable funding for many of our ministries here at WCC.




**Erma Bombeck reflecting on life...**  
"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left but could say I've used everything you gave me."



Serving...

"Your Talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

—Leo Buscaglia




Have you ever thought, "I wish I could share this experience, interest, talent, or skill, with my church family?" If that has happened to you, it may be what I call a "Nudge from Above." Each of us have unique experiences, skills, and abilities that are divinely given. The next step is for us to find ways to explore those interests, develop and share them. Weston Christian Church has opportunities for you.


Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? Have you developed skills as an Artist or an Actor? You may be retired (or not) and have IT experience. Are you a teacher or a very community minded person? Do you have experience working with media or sound equipment? Perhaps there is something you've always wanted to try and/or occasionally participate in, with the support of our current staff. There is no better place to bring these gifts than to church.

Please think and pray about what interests and abilities God has given you, and contact either Cindy or Melissa so we can speak to you about where you think God is directing you.

May His Peace be with you as you step into the next chapter.



# Chair Yoga



WESTON  
SENIOR COLLABORATIVE

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

"Tea & Talk"  
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.  
Weston Masonic Lodge  
507 Main St., Weston, MO

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[ParkvilleLivingCenter.org/Weston](https://ParkvilleLivingCenter.org/Weston)

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Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots, or trying to sleep in the treehouse; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape; but most of all...

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# August Church Calendar

August 2025						
Today	<	>	Month	🔍	⚙️	📅
SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Aug 1	SAT 2
● 9:30am Sunday School/S ● 10:30am Worship Service	● 6:30am Men's Bible Stud ● 8am Send Charlie Comp ● 9am Pharmacy					
3 ● 9:30am Sunday School/S ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 11am After church hospit	4 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Stud ● 1:30pm Bristol Manor-Wk ● 4:30pm Micah Ministry a	5	6	7 ● 1pm Women's Bible Stud	8	9
10 Pool Party - Time to be dec ● 9:30am Sunday School/S ● 10:30am Worship Service	11 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Stud	12 ● 8am WMA - Ministers' Br	13 ● 1:30pm Bristol Manor	14 ● 8am Ministerial Alliance I	15	16
17 ● 9:30am Sunday School/S ● 10:30am Worship Service	18 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Stud	19	20	21 ● 1pm Women's Bible Stud	22	23
24 ● 9:30am Sunday School/S ● 10:30am Worship Service	25 ● 6:30am Men's Bible Stud	26	27 ● 1:30pm Bristol Manor	28	29	30
31 ● 9:30am Sunday School/S ● 10:30am Worship Service	Sep 1 Labor Day ● 6:30am Men's Bible Stud ● 4:30pm Micah Ministry a	2	3	4 ● 1pm Women's Bible Stud	5	6