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(Disciples of Christ)



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A Note From Cindy...

On Sunday mornings during the past several weeks, the Sunday School group has been reviewing some of the basic concepts and priorities of our denomination. For some, this is old history. You know what we believe and you are out in the world living it. But several of you are relatively new to us, so I want to take a moment to share a couple of thoughts.

I personally came to the Disciples of Christ tradition because I was encouraged to think on my own about my Christian beliefs and to do my homework in Scripture. I was never told I had to believe certain dogmas or doctrines, but that our only true statement of faith is that *we believe in Jesus*. We profess that Jesus is "Lord and Savior," and that means a great many things to each one of us.

For me, it is not only a promise of eternal life - but a commitment to living the Kingdom of God in this life as well. In other words, the work of salvation is not a one time commitment to believing in Jesus. It extends throughout our lives as we attempt to live his teachings on compassion for our neighbors and justice for all God's children. Another way to say this is that I believe and *trust in God's grace*, while knowing that Jesus expects me to keep living a life of service and love. (See the Book of James alongside the Gospel of Luke!)

Many have asked me about how this tradition looks at Scripture. First, we believe the Word of God is divinely inspired. We are called to read and study the Scriptures for ourselves. We do not have a hierarchy of leadership which tells us what to think. We pray. We study. We take into account the history, the background and the context as we study. And it is no surprise to anyone, that some arrive at different conclusions about what is most important. So when we disagree, we listen to one another and we show respect and love. This way of living our faith emphasizes our unity rather than our differences. The early Disciples had a saying which still holds: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love."

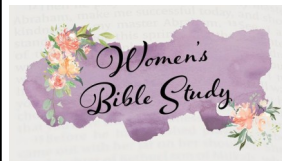
And yes, all of this is very, very idealistic. We come from many different Christian roots. In our WCC family we have folks who were raised as Methodists, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Baptists, Mormons, Presbyterians, Disciples, Non-denominational and more! One day, we all came through the door of this particular church and said to ourselves, "I've found a home here. This is a place where I can know and love Jesus. This is a place where I can continue to grow. This is a place which will show respect and care for my own spiritual growth." At least I hope this is what you have found here. One of my favorite phrases is within the "Identity Statement" of the Disciples of Christ: "We are a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." More than ever it seems, this is exactly what the Spirit is calling us to be and to do. Never hesitate to contact me with a question or if you simply want to have a conversation about all of this. I welcome that too. May you be blessed.

-Cindy

~ News from the Worship Committee ~



We hope you took the time to complete the church-wide survey that the Board sent out via email. If you forgot, no worries. You can always talk to any of the following members of the Worship Committee to share your thoughts and ideas. We're always happy to hear what's on your mind.



Women's Bible Study

This group will meet only once in October. Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 1:30 p.m., in the church.

We will return to our regular schedule of the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, at 1:30 p.m.

Weston Christian Church Choir

Anyone interested in singing with WCC's Choir?



We have a long tradition of providing meaningful musical presentations during the Christmas season. I want to continue this tradition by premiering the new cantata, "Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love," which focuses on the four themes of Advent.

Rehearsals begin this Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:30 p.m. at WCC. Other rehearsal dates are October 21st, November 4th, November 18th, December 2nd and December 9th, all at 7:30 p.m. at the church. We will have the final rehearsal on Sunday morning, December 14th, at 8:00 a.m., with the performance later that day. There will be a choir party after the morning service to celebrate.

Please consider this your personal invitation to join us as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons. I think you will enjoy this music and the meaning behind it and you should feel free to invite a friend. More details to come.



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.

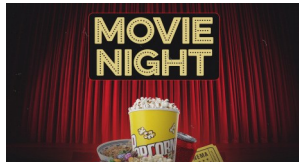
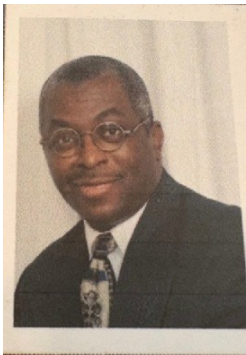
Parent Meeting...



On Sunday, October 12th, immediately after Worship ~ for all parents of youth participating in our church programs. We need everyone's support and involvement to continue to make our youth program a success.

Guest Pastor ~ October 26th

On October 26th, we will be hosting **guest pastor, Rev. Sandy Ray Fields, Sr.** Pastor at Walnut Boulevard Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Pastor Cindy met Rev. Fields recently as he serves also as an area hospice chaplain. Cindy will be traveling to his church on Sunday, October 19th and will be here on October 26th for the message delivered by Rev. Fields.



Among the many things we learned from the recent church survey is that many of you are interested in bringing back our Sunday evening movie nights. So . . . we are asking you for your thoughtful suggestions on any movie that you feel would be inspiring, and/or capable of sparking a great conversation. Contact Pastor Cindy with your suggestions!



You might have noticed all the lovely bricks by the front door with the names of various people on them. These names honor and commemorate those we love who have passed on to eternal life. If you have someone you would like to honor in this way, please contact the church office. We are trying to put together a new order for the person who does the engraving. Cost: \$25 per engraved brick.

Friday, November 14th

ONCE UPON A TIME
at the
*Tall Oaks
Gala*

GALA CHAIR
Nora Engelken -
engelkennora@gmail.com

Tall Oaks Gala Event Details

- 5:00 p.m.—Happy Hour & Silent Auction-Dining Hall
- 6:30 p.m.—Live Performance in LLC
- 6:45 p.m.—Dinner & Raffles
- 8:00 p.m.—Live Auction, Raffles & Spirit Pull
- 8:45 p.m.—Music & Dancing
- 11:00 p.m.—Conclusion

12778 189th St., Linwood, Kansas 66052

Note of Thanks...

WCC recently received a note of thanks from Rev. Mindy Fugarino, Pastor of Independence Blvd. Christian Church and Executive Director of The Micah Ministry...

Rev. Fugarino extended heartfelt thanks for WCC's \$750.00 donation for hot meals, hygiene kits, clothing, listening ears, spiritual support and outdoor survival gear for their guests.

She continued that in 2025, they have served over 25,000 meals and given out over 21,000 clothing items, and over 120 rolls of toilet paper are given out each month. Medical care and case management support, mail and government form assistance, opportunities to signup for food stamps and voter registration are also offered through Care Beyond the Boulevard.

She has seen people provided the necessities needed to escape a dangerous living situation; a single mom excited by the ongoing support of diapers as she anticipates moving into a rental property; an elderly neighbor with mental illness received patient attention to clothing and medical needs; an unhoused man thanked them profusely for the ability to enjoy another meal...and the list goes on.

These were small glimpses of the lives they engage each week and in whom they encounter the image of God.

Urgently Needs:



- Women's NEW Underwear S-XL
- Sports Bras all sizes
- Men's NEW Underwear M-3X
- Men's Crew Socks
- Men's Tennis Shoes
- Men's Jackets Large and up

**Best Times for Drop Off:
Tuesday and Thursday Mornings**

Weston Christian Church will now be volunteering at Micah on the 2nd Monday of each month. Mark your calendar!





GARDENING WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION,
COTTAGE GARDENERS OF WESTON, AND
WESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
WESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
540 WASHINGTON ST, WESTON, MO 64098

FREE

What You’ll Learn:

- “Ground Rules: Know Your Site, Sow Your Success, Plant, Grow, Eat, Repeat: 3-Season Vegetable Gardening & Food Safety” – Learn how to prepare and assess your garden site, extend your harvest across three seasons, and ensure safe handling of homegrown produce.
- “Petal to the Metal: Showstopping Flowers & Functional Landscapes” – Explore how to design vibrant flower beds that are not only beautiful but also support pollinators and enhance your garden’s ecosystem.
- “Bug Balance: Insects, IPPM, & Pollinator Power” – Discover how to identify common pests, apply integrated pest and pollinator management, and strike a balance between protecting crops and supporting beneficial insects.
- “Bee the Change: Pollinator Gardening & Eco-Stewardship” – Gain practical tips for creating pollinator-friendly gardens, choosing native plants, and contributing to local biodiversity.

Who’s It For

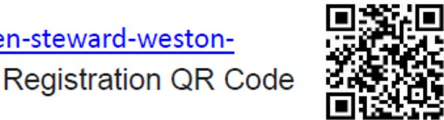
- Anyone interested in gardening, especially those wanting hands-on practices + learning about pollinators, pests, and sustainable landscaping.

Suggestions / What to Bring / Tips

- Dress comfortably - a must for any hands-on garden workshop
- Bring a notebook or something to take notes.
- Light Lunch and beverages will be provided



Register here: <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/extension-garden-steward-weston-christian-church>



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

[Learn More](#) www.facebook.com/WestonSeniorCollab/
ParkvilleLivingCenter.org/Weston

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

October Church Calendar

October 2025						
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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● 9:30am Sunday School/S ● 10:30am Worship Service	● 6:30am Men's Bible Stud					Weston Apple Fest
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