



**weston
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church**
(Disciples of Christ)



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A Note From Cindy...

*"Let us notice and pay attention to where Christ is at work - within ourselves, our church, our community and our world."
~~ paraphrase from Village Church in Mission, Kansas*

I've been researching information about area food pantries and social services that help people in need. I came across this quote from Village Church in KC and it gave me pause. Are we noticing and paying attention to where Christ is at work? It's easy to go negative when we look around and see so many people struggling and the social safety net dissolving. I keep saying, "Churches are going to need to do more."

And here's the thing. Everywhere I turn I see that Jesus is at work opening more doors for people - especially through our churches. I just had a conversation with one of our members who encouraged me to "keep looking for ways to help our people locally." And I can see that we are finding our way with this as a priority. I'm not just talking about giving out gift cards for food and gas (though we do that on occasion too!). It's more about building relationships and helping people feel connected and loved.

This past week we had more volunteers show up for Bristol Manor than there were residents! We continued with our singing and our Scripture reflections and the conversation was thoughtful and inspiring. Jesus showing up? YES.

Our church is working with other churches and other local folks to open a food pantry here in Weston. The first distribution will be on Nov. 13th from 3-7 p.m. We are also providing volunteers for Harvesters, who come to Weston on the third Friday of each month. This has already been a lot of work from many, many good hearts. Jesus here? YES.

We will soon be delivering and organizing Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts for our West Platte families who might be having a rough time right now. Jesus here in all of this? YES.

This is a generous church. You all are amazing in how you give of your time and talent and treasure. Jesus is at work. In you. In us. Everywhere we turn. We've just got to be looking.

—Cindy



The KC Disciples Region will hold their **Special Christmas Offering on December 7th and 14th.** As you know, 100% of this offering stays here in the Greater Kansas City Region for our shared Ministry.

To view a video on how this impacts our region, copy/paste the link below into your browser.

https://youtu.be/qsCeSM_Kbw?si=zPTbB3HkDRr6bBeR



Thanksgiving Day
by Lydia Maria Child

Over the river and through the wood,
To grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood—
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes
And bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.

Over the river and through the wood,
To have a first-rate play.
Hear the bells ring,
"Ting-a-ling-ding!"
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river and through the wood,
And straight through the barn-yard gate.
We seem to go
Extremely slow,—
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river and through the wood—
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin-pie!

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.

~~ Weston Food Pantry ~~

WCC, our area churches and other community volunteers are opening a local food pantry in the month of November. The first day of distribution will be **Thursday, November 13th from 3:00-7:00 p.m.** If you know of anyone in need, please let them know. We will also need volunteers for the distribution days.



Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

A steady group of folks has been gathering for many weeks each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Prayers of healing are offered for people on our prayer list as well as prayers for the church and the larger world. Do consider setting aside this hour to pray for the needs of our community. All are welcome.



Cookies-by-the-Pound Holy Trinity Catholic Church



Our neighbors at Holy Trinity are having their 23rd annual

Cookies-by-the-Pound sale the weekend of the Weston Holiday Homes Tour, December 6th & 7th.

They will be in the Weston Masonic Lodge #53 at 507 Main Street, Weston. They'll be open Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and December 7th from Noon to 3:00 p.m., or until sold out.

Brittany's Sweets & Treats

TO ORDER text: (740) 501-5780

Holiday Cookies

½ Dozen \$6 or 1 dozen \$11

Gingerbread men	Snickerdoodle
Chocolate Crinkle	Sugar Cookies
Thumbprint	Hot Cocoa

Mini Loaves \$7

Mini Muffins \$6 for 12

Pumpkin
Braided Cinnamon Roll
Sugar Cookie Banana
Monkey Bread
Pumpkin Shaped Bread Rolls

Assorted Holiday Boxes \$20
includes items not on menu!!

Brittany has decided to move on from the military. She opened this business to allow herself to become financially secure, being a single mother. She has faced hardships in the last year, but baking has been her safe place and she makes everything from scratch and with love.

Brittany takes orders throughout the week and pickup-delivery is available

for the weekends. Any special events coming up, please give two weeks notice.

Pastor Pulpit Exchange

In October, we had a Spirit-led exchange with our pastor and Rev. Sandy Ray Fields from Walnut Boulevard Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Pastor Cindy met Rev. Fields through their mutual work at our local Bristol Manor Senior Living facility. Rev. Fields works as a hospice chaplain, as well as serving the church in KCK. Their conversation led to a decision to speak at one another's churches and to look for ways to bring our congregations together. They consider these small steps in a much larger effort to begin the work of dialogue and friendship.



Pastor Sandy Ray & Pastor Cindy

Pastor Sandy Ray, Pastor Cindy, Elizabeth Fields, Bill Molini



Outreach

So many good things are happening with this ministry at WCC!

1) We have funded gift cards to Aldi's for the recent refugees coming into our country since last January. These gift cards, totaling \$1,000, were delivered to **Della Lamb** Social Services last month. They will aid the South Sudanese family that we helped to resettle as well as several other families who have struggled since State Department funding was cancelled earlier this year.

2) We are delivering birthday gifts and a sweet treat through **Birthday Connections** to youth who are living in various social service programs. Birthday Connections is now working with our local Farmer's House to provide baked goods for the program.

3) **Micah Ministry**, in downtown KCMO, continues to draw more of our folks into a monthly commitment to serve the working poor and the homeless. We have allocated \$500 to buy clothing and shoes from area thrift stores to help meet the ever-increasing needs. We are also collecting cold weather clothing right now from our church members. Next volunteer night is Monday, November 10th.

4) Our local **Bristol Manor** is getting more of our attention than ever. On the first Tuesday of each month we have a worship service, sing-a-long, and tea party with the residents. In November we had nine volunteers from WCC who participated!

5) Also, locally, we are helping to set up the new **Weston Food Pantry** and ...

6) Continue to support **Hillcrest Platte County**. We are still sponsoring one young adult at a time, through the apartments in Platte City. Keep your prayers going for Grace, who has moved on for more intensive support - and our new person, Michael, who we are just getting to know. WCC also made a donation through our budgeted Outreach funds for \$2,000 to help buy new mattresses and computer screens for residents who have completed the program.

7) **Thanksgiving and Christmas** ~ WCC provides dinner and gifts for many families.

8) Outreach also made a \$100 donation to the **LAUGHH Foundation** for their annual mission trip to the country of Colombia.

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Shir Hama'aloth:
Psalms of Ascent

Rainbow Mennonite Church

Saturday, November 22, 2025 4:00 pm

Our 2025-26 season opener plays on the themes of the *Psalms of Ascent*, a musical pilgrimage. In honor and reflection of this literal pilgrimage of methodically moving upward toward the Temple, we similarly aim to ascend in terms of our understanding and inclusion of a composer who deserves recognition as one of the Baroque era's most innovative artists: Salamone Rossi. Rossi's Jewish identity was a professional impediment in Christian Europe, and his exclusion from the canon of music is an unjust, while predictable, outgrowth of the antisemitism that was prevalent in his lifetime.

The program frames Rossi's work in the context of two of his 17th century colleagues, Monteverdi and Purcell, as well as alongside the indisputable pinnacle of the entire Baroque era: Johann Sebastian Bach. While Monteverdi, Purcell and Bach each held Christian identities, all four of our featured composers lived and worked in environments where religious identity was a basis of social and political exclusion and each experienced it firsthand in some ways.

You can learn more about Rossi from this Early Music America article: [Salamone Rossi's 'Songs of Solomon' at 400](#).

And from the Early Music Sources mini-documentary linked below!

Psalms of Ascent

The spiritual tradition of pilgrimage

Saturday, November 22, 2025 4:00 PM

[Rainbow Mennonite Church](#)

1444 Southwest Blvd, Kansas City, KS

This is a free concert and no tickets are required.

Donations welcome!

Beginning our 16th season, **Musica Vocale** provides a professional-level choral experience, performing a wide variety of a cappella and accompanied music not often presented in the Kansas City area. We provide singers an opportunity to perform in a collaborative, professional environment, and create a shared musical experience, which we are proud to offer to our community.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and rely on your generous donations to continue to bring music to Kansas



We continue to work with Hillcrest and with Grace, and your continued prayers for Grace are appreciated! This month, we will be adding a new young adult, Michael, to our ministry efforts.

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**When Natalia arrived at Hillcrest Platte County, she was escaping a domestic violence situation that had escalated to physical assault and put her life in danger.** Before finding HPC, she had been living in a crowded shelter, sharing space with many others, and struggling to feel safe.

**At Hillcrest, everything changed.** For the first time in a long time, Natalia felt secure, supported, and seen. She often shared her gratitude for having a private, peaceful space where she could breathe and rest.

**Natalia faced challenges that would have discouraged many, but instead of giving up, she chose to rise.** Through her determination and with the guidance of her case manager and counselor, she paid off thousands of dollars in debt, built a strong emergency fund, and learned the skills needed to sustain her independence.

**Just one week before October graduation, Natalia moved into her very own apartment.** She expressed deep appreciation for the Hillcrest community, sharing that the care, encouragement, and support she received from her case manager, counselor, and staff gave her the tools and hope to start over.





ONCE UPON A TIME  
at the  
*Tall Oaks  
Gala*

Friday, November 14th

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

Chair  
Yoga



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/](https://www.facebook.com/WestonSeniorCollab/)  
[ParkvilleLivingCenter.org/Weston](https://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

**Lamentations 3:22-23.** "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."



# November Church Calendar

| November 2025             |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Today                     |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
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| Month                     |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| Google app                |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| Master Gardener Class @ V |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| Halloween                 |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| SAT Nov 1                 |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| THU 30                    |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| WED 29                    |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| TUE 28                    |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| MON 27                    |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| SUN 26                    |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 9:30am Sunday School/S    | 6:30am Men's Bible Stud |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 10:30am Worship Service   |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 2                         | 3                       | 4                       | 5                    | 6                          | 7            | 8                      |
| Daylight Saving Time ends | 6:30am Men's Bible Stud | Election Day            | 7:30pm WCC Endowment | 1pm Women's Bible Stud     |              |                        |
| 9:30am Sunday School/S    |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 10:30am Worship Service   |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 9                         | 10                      | 11                      | 12                   | 13                         | 14           | 15                     |
| 9:30am Sunday School/S    | 6:30am Men's Bible Stud | Veterans Day            | 1:30pm Bristol Manor | 8am Ministerial Alliance I |              |                        |
| 10:30am Worship Service   | 4:30pm Micah Ministry a | 8am WMA - Ministers' Br |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 16                        | 17                      | 18                      | 19                   | 20                         | 21           | 22                     |
| 9:30am Sunday School/S    | 6:30am Men's Bible Stud |                         |                      | 1:30pm Women's Bible St    |              |                        |
| 10:30am Worship Service   | 7pm Church Board Meet   |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 23                        | 24                      | 25                      | 26                   | 27                         | 28           | 29                     |
| 9:30am Sunday School/S    | 6:30am Men's Bible Stud |                         | 1:30pm Bristol Manor | Thanksgiving Day           | Black Friday |                        |
| 10:30am Worship Service   |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 11:30am Thanksgiving Di   |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 30                        | Dec 1                   | 2                       | 3                    | 4                          | 5            | 6                      |
| Advent Begins             | 6:30am Men's Bible Stud |                         |                      | 1pm Women's Bible Stud     |              | Weston Christmas Homes |
| 9:30am Sunday School/S    |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |
| 10:30am Worship Service   |                         |                         |                      |                            |              |                        |