

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The leaves are falling and we are seeing a lot of changes in our weather, but one thing never changes and that is our Lord. **Hebrews 13:8** ⁸**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.** In a day when we see mostly chaos and selfishness, it is wonderful to realize there is a group of people who love each other and support each other.

I start my 8th year with Weston Church of Christ on November 1. What joy it has been to be your minister, but you also have ministered to Teresa and me. **Philippians 1:3-5 ESV** ³**I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,** ⁴**always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,** ⁵**because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.**

Just a few weeks ago you gave us a monetary gift that was very generous and an indication of your appreciation of our ministry here. You have been understanding and supportive through my recent cancer treatments. I am feeling better every day. More than the financial gift, you have been my co-workers for Christ and His Church. Thank you for your ministry with me for our Lord.

Later this month we will have a day to especially be thankful for all our blessings and have time with family and friends to give credit for every good gift that comes from above. These seasons coming certainly may remind us of whom we have lost. It is not lost on us who also have had our family leave us too soon either. Please especially pray for the Lehman family, Roe family and Spoerl family during this season.

For any who have been lost to us by other means, we continue to pray for their return to the fellowship that they could again be an encouragement. And one last thing, it does matter WHERE you go to church. We need to teach and model the truth to our friends and family.

II Corinthians 1:3-5 ESV ³**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,** ⁴**who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.** ⁵**For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.**

The last Sunday of November we will again shift gears and start our walking through Advent. At the same time, we are looking forward to not just Jesus' first coming, but to his second and final coming. Like the 1st century Church, we repeat the desires they had. The last two verses of the book of Revelation say it all. **Revelation 22:20-21 ESV** ²⁰**He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!** ²¹**The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.**

Your co-worker in the Gospel

Gary

Stewardship Statistics	10/02/22	10/09/22	10/16/22	10/23/22	Total Money And Average Attendance	
	Attendance for in-person services.	55	37	36	52	
General Fund	\$5026.00	\$955.00	\$2560.00	\$1396.00		\$9937.00
Weekly Budget	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71		\$9858.84
+ or— Budget	\$2561.29	(\$1509.71)	\$95.29	(\$1068.71)		\$78.16
Designated Giving						
Birthday Money	\$77.00					\$77.00
Food Pantry	\$130.00		\$25.00			\$155.00
Kevin Roe Memorial		\$55.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$455.00
Minister Appreciation			\$950.00			\$950.00
Corey Lehman Memorial				\$35.00		\$35.00
Total Giving's	\$5233.00	\$1010.00	\$3735.00	\$1631.00		\$11609.00

Prayer List

Peace in our world
 Krause's-Pacific Rim Ministries
 Duane Rupe (stroke/prostate)
 Doris Rothenbuhler (cancer treatments)
 Shelly Sharp (friend of Peggy's/cancer)
 Nicholas Nicely (cancer treatments)
 David Wackler (needs work)
 Sandra Metzger (chemo)
 Lori Bolton (throat cancer treatments)
 Jeremy Forrester (renal failure/dialysis)
 Marcia Mitchell Olivarez (strength)
 Derrick Saylor (sarcoidosis treatments)
 Juanita Spaulding (health issues)
 Shelly Sherman (cancer)
 Jerry Saunders (hospital/friend of Bob W.)
 Jennifer Martini Wackler (health issues)
 Chuck Sackett (needs bone marrow transplant)
 Vicki Kempf (colon cancer)
 David Reynal (prostate cancer)
 Glen Agner (more surgery/doing better)
 Pat Sonoras (stage 4 pancreatic cancer)
 Kenny McIntosh's sister, Beth (health)
 Marv Nichols (upcoming heart surgery)
 John Roberts (rehab to gain strength)
 Russ Harshberger (still having pain/hip replacement scheduled for Nov. 8)
 Becky Repasz (health)
 Family of Ray Goodman (Mary Ann's brother)
 Jessica English (Bob & Peggy Walker's niece/hospice called in)

Prayer list continued:

Matt Zulch (deeply affected by refinery fire/loss of 2 co-workers, needs to find comfort and peace)
 Family of Matt & Ben Morrisey (two brothers who died in refinery fire)
 Mark Wysocki (skin cancer)
 Family of Corey Lehman
 Darlean Carpenter (Update/UT hospital/ extensive therapy/needs prayer)
 Jeremy Prowant (Kay Roe's cousin/ cancer returned)
 Family of Kevin Roe
 Sue Wueller (Lee's sister in rehab facility/complications from Parkinson's)
 Family of Robbie Lehman (Gloria and Garry's brother)
 Family of Mike McAfee (Deb's BIL)
 Mary Cooksey (OSU hospital again)
 Mike Nuhfer (broke arm/truck accident)
 Family of Denise Ickes
 Family of Sandy McIntosh (Bobbie McKenzie's mother-in-law)
 Family of David Mendieta
 Family of Ron Dyal
 John McKenzie (Gamma Knife surgery - 11/18/facial neuralgia)
 Jane Spoerl (surgery went well on 10/25)
 Nancy Snyder (hip surgery 11/15)

Remember our Shut-ins

Mary Ann Hillier - B. G. Manor #7
 Rose Mary Gensen - Arbors of Oregon
 Peggy Carsey - Brookdale #105

Those in Service

Lt. Col. Elijah Ward – Ft. Sill, Ok
 Ron Burkhart - Stateside
 Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
 Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
 Daryl Trail - U.S. Navy
 Luke Millican - USAF
 Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan

**Daylight Saving Time Ends
 November 6, 2022, 2:00am**

Remember to
 fall back an hour.
 Catch an extra
 hour of sleep!





SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

at the PARSONAGE
continuing the study
“**Life in the Kingdom**”
by Jack Hayford

Note: No Small Group on Nov. 23rd.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 7:30pm



ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 6:00pm

ONE GAME NIGHT THIS MONTH

November 11th

6:30-9:00pm

Bring food to share.
Games are provided.



Food Pantry is Open
November 5th and 19th
10:00am - Noon

Nominations for Leadership

- *Nominations are being accepted thru November 13th*
- *Consult the scriptures and Church By-Laws*
- *Talk to the nominee to be sure he wants to accept the responsibility*
- *Pray for the nominees and the upcoming election on December 11th*

November Sermons

November 6	The Church at Thyatira	Revelation 2:18-29
November 13	The Church at Sardis	Revelation 3:1-6
November 20	The Church at Philadelphia	Revelation 3:7-13
November 27	The Church at Laodicea	Revelation 3:14-22

From Scarcity to Abundance

Author Parker Palmer recounted being stuck on a storm-grounded airplane for hours. Though it was lunchtime, meals weren't available, and passengers grew irritable. One flight attendant apologized for the delay, expressing empathy for people's stress, and then passed around two breadbaskets, asking everyone to contribute something.

"Some of you brought snacks to tide you over, and some of you have a few LifeSavers or chewing gum," she said. "And if you don't have anything edible, you have a picture of your children or spouse ... or a bookmark or a business card." Then, she said, "we'll pass the baskets around again, and everyone can take out what they need."

Complaints soon ceased, Palmer recalled, as passengers searched for items and stopped focusing on themselves. The plane became a community of sharing as scarcity and deprivation transformed into abundance and joy.

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A Veteran's Service

American hero Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) led a life of daring and risk, from racing cars as a teen to piloting warplanes. Throughout his experiences, Rickenbacker grew in faith while discovering that "life had no meaning except in terms of helping others."

In the first issue of *Guideposts* magazine, Rickenbacker described spending four agonizing months of 1941 in the hospital after an accident. While recovering, he pondered life and death, concluding that he couldn't give up because he still "had work to do, others to serve."

Less than two years later, that ordeal came in handy. After crashing in the South Pacific, Rickenbacker and "seven other starving men" were adrift on a raft for 21 days. Most were "so young they needed the strength and understanding of a man who had been down in the valley of the shadow, who had suffered and made sense out of his suffering," he said. "It was clear to me that God had a purpose in keeping me alive. ... I had been saved to serve."

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International Conference on Missions (ICOM) November 3rd-5th in Columbus, Ohio



Some church member are attending. There are sessions for all ages. The church has paid the registration fee. If you are interested in attending, act fast. Time is running out! Talk to Ed Tolles or Gary Wackler.



Saturday, November 26th at 9:30am

- ◇ Decorate the Christmas Trees
- ◇ Advent Candles and bows
- ◇ Manger scene
- ◇ Guiding Star
- ◇ Hang the tapestry

WE NEED YOU

If you can't come on the 26th, let us know if you want to do something on another day or time. We just want everything up before November 27, the First Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Cookie Jars

We're giving out the jars during food pantry days in December. We need some donated ingredients to fill the jars. Ladies Christian Fellowship will be assembling the jars on November 28 at 7:00pm.

There will be a sign-up sheet at church with the needed items. Please bring the ingredients to the church by November 20.

After we fill the jars, they are decorated with festive material, ribbons and the recipe.

This is always a fun time! There might be extra chocolate chips to snatch one or two!



Gratitude Galore

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"

King concludes: "And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."

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Pardon me!

The annual turkey pardon has been called America's "most absurd holiday tradition." Every November, the president oversees a tongue-in-cheek ceremony, pardoning bird pairs with yummy names such as Biscuits and Gravy, Tater and Tot, and Drumstick and Wishbone.

Theologically, pardon is synonymous with divine forgiveness, an action only God may take. **Psalm 130:3-4** ³**If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?** ⁴**But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.** Every sin, at its deepest level, is directed against God and his call to holy living. We can *forgive* someone for a personal offense, but only God can set aside the penalty for sin.

Pardon is also related to atonement, which refers to God reconciling sinners to himself, making us "at one" with him. The Hebrew verb usually translated into English as *pardon* involves the idea of restoration to full favor.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



Weston Family Fun Day was enjoyed by all; even the BIG KIDS!



Girls having fun at the Weston Family Fun Day!

They got a feel of the Sheriff's car from two perspectives!

Look at those lovely smiles!



The Company You Keep

At a concert, a Christian musician talked about growing up in the South, saying his accent was a giveaway. Then he described his relationship with Jesus, noting that he spends lots of time in God's Word. By "hanging out with Jesus," he said, he has "picked up Jesus' accent." Just as people know he's from the South because of how his voice sounds, they know he follows Christ through his actions and words.

Proverbs 13:20 emphasizes that the company you keep can greatly influence you, for better or worse. Imagine the impact we can have on other people by hanging out with Jesus more!

Dear God, we invite you into our daily lives. Hang out in our hearts and minds so that when people see and hear us, they'll know whose we are. Amen.

—Julie Lee

Christian Symbol

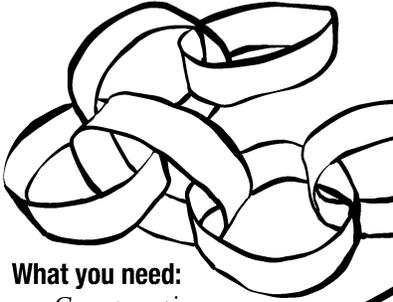


TRUMPET—In the Old Testament, trumpets, often made from ram's horns, called people to worship or war (and often promised victory). Joshua and the Israelites used trumpets to fell the walls of Jericho. Under Gideon, the small Israelite army blew trumpets and smashed jars to confuse the Midianites into surrender.

The New Testament says trumpets will sound at the Last Judgment and the resurrection of the dead. In Revelation 11, a seventh trumpet proclaims God's final and complete triumph.

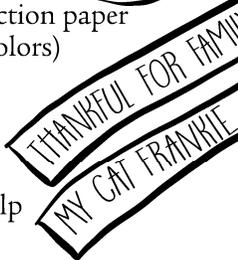
Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

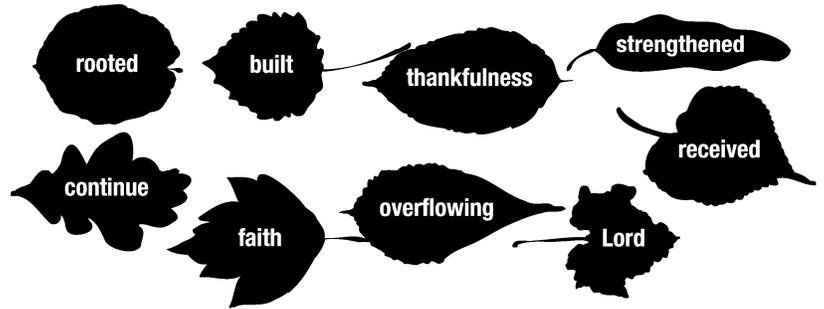
1. Why couldn't the pirate play cards?
 2. What kind of shoes do all spies wear?
 3. What do you call a sleeping bull?
- (answers on page 9)



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,
 _____ to live your lives in him, _____ and
 _____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you
 were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness

Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" — but probably could be?

- love
- faithfulness
- self-control
- gratitude
- gentleness

Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)



1 Dave & Cindy Wichman

15 Jim & Carole Clark

2 Derrick Saylor

6 Norman Tolles, Sr.

13 Carole Clark

17 Nancy Roe

17 Teresa Wackler

27 Gloria Hughes

Answers to jokes from page 8:

1. Because he was sitting on the deck
2. Sneakers
3. A bulldozer



Dear church family,

Thank you so much for the love, hugs, and kind words. Thank you to those who came to Corey's service, to Gary for a lovely service, the hard working dinner committee and all who helped with the pies, eggs, etc. We feel the love! We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church. God bless you all! The flowers were beautiful too!



Love,
Garry & Deb, Rachel & family

The first Sunday of Advent

November 27th

HOPE

**The expectation
of Jesus' return.**

Ladies & Cooks of Weston Church of Christ,

Thank you for supplying the desserts for Doug's funeral luncheon. It was greatly appreciated and they were delicious!



In Christian Love,
Jane & family

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 FOOD PANTRY 10AM - NOON
			7:00pm Small Group "Life in the Kingdom"	7:00pm Band Practice		
		7:30pm Board Meeting				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am Worship Fellowship Break Adult S.S. after break			7:00pm Small Group "Life in the Kingdom"	7:00pm Band Practice	6:30 - 9:00PM GAME NIGHT 	
		6:00pm Elders Meeting				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 FOOD PANTRY 10AM - NOON
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S. Leadership nomina- tions will close.			7:00pm Small Group "Life in the Kingdom"	7:00pm Band Practice		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 9:30am Hanging the Greens 
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S.		Deadline for December Newsletter Articles	NOTE: No Small Group		NOTE: NO GAME NIGHT	
27	28	29	30			
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S. 	 7:00pm LCF Assembling the cookie jars!		7:00pm Small Group "Life in the Kingdom"			

"Trust in God. He will see you through; glorify His Name in 2022!"

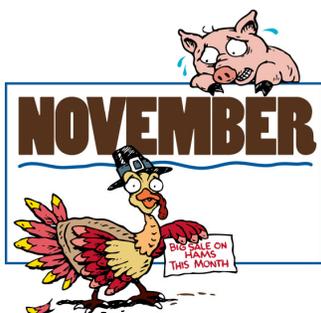
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December newsletter articles due November 22

Sunday Worship Times

9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Sunday School



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**The purpose of the Weston Church of Christ is to glorify God by reaching the lost,
strengthening the saved and serving as one body for Jesus Christ our Lord.**