one in Christ: a weekend of unity

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." — Galatians 3:28

The weekend of **October 3–4**, the Tree of Life Parish will make history. For the first time, we will come together as a parish to **learn, grow, and worship**.

To some, this may not seem like a big deal. But it is something truly meaningful.

As Galatians reminds us, we come together with different backgrounds, different experiences, and different identities—all under one roof. This gathering represents not only our obedience to Scripture, but also our willingness to recognize and celebrate the beauty found in unity.

This weekend will be both powerful and informative. We will have the opportunity to celebrate the unique history and culture of each of our churches and learn what makes each one special. We will also have the opportunity to learn more about my own background and culture—what has shaped me and what makes me who I am.

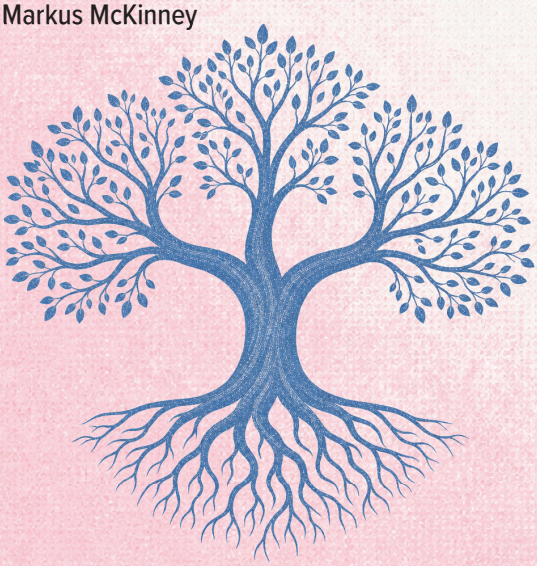
But this information will not be shared simply for the sake of learning. We will use what we discover to help us grow together as a parish and do all we can to keep our doors open to the world.

We may be different churches, but we share the same calling: to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

This weekend is one way we live into that calling—by coming together, learning from one another, and discovering what we can accomplish when we embrace our unity.

I look forward to sharing in this wonderful time of unity, learning, and fellowship with all of you.

Pastor Markus McKinney



OCTOBER 2026

WESLEY watch

this month @ Wesley

MEETINGS

Sundays Youth Group 6pm
Mondays Staff Meeting 1-2pm
Wednesdays Prayer Circle Noon, Praise Kids 5pm, Praise Band TBD
Thursdays Choir Practice 7pm
Fridays Men's Coffee Gathering 7-8am @ Hy-Vee

10/5 WCCDC Baord Meeting 5:15pm
10/6 Church Council Meeting 6-7:30pm
10/6 Christian Education Meeting 7pm
10/8 Wesley Foundation Board Meeting 4:30pm
10/13 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 2pm
10/14 Faith & Love Fellowship 10am
10/15 Habitat for Humanity Meeting 7pm
10/19 Social Concerns Meeting 3pm
10/19 Missions Committee Meeting 4pm
10/20 Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm
10/21 Nurture Committee Meeting 3pm
10/22 WCCDC Baord Meeting 5:15pm
10/26 Staff Parish Committee Meeting 5:30pm
10/26 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
10/27 Witness Hospitality & Communications 5pm

SUNDAY REGULAR WORSHIP

Contemporary 8:30am w/ Praise Band
Traditional 11am w/ Sanctuary Choir

EVENTS

10/3 A Gracious Invitation to Leadership 9am-Noon
10/3 Creation Care Service 11-12pm Chandler Park
10/4 United Worship Service 10am
10/4 A Gracious Invitation to Leadership 11:30am-2pm
10/7 Men's Bible Study 6-7pm
10/10 Prairie Quilters 9am-3pm
10/17 Fall Clean-up 8am-Noon
10/17 Men's Breakfast 8:30am
10/18 Blessing of the Prayer Shawls (both services)
10/18 Fall Festival 4pm
10/21 Men's Bible Study 6-7pm
10/22 XYZ Presentation 1pm
10/23 WCCDC Halloween 5pm
10/24 Fall Clean-up Makeup Date

9/29-10/2 Office Closed (Staff at Leadership Conference in KC)
10/12 Office Closed

mission of the month

Church World Service Blankets

For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Visit **cwsglobal.org/blanket-mission** for more information.



Thank you for helping transform lives!

sunday morning volunteers

		Ushers	Greeters (downstairs)	Welcome (upstairs)
10/4	10:00am	Marilyn Hopper, Sharon Evans, Michele Long & Wayne Steward	Gina Anderson & Martha Fentem	Genie Marshall
10/11	8:30am	Bonnie Barker & Dennis Danowski	Merritt Family	Laurie Black
	11:00am	Gina Anderson & Dale Hample	Ben & Kim Lampitt	Louise Reynolds
10/18	8:30am	Lois Bigham & Jerry Lieber	Marti Dallmeyer	Ginny Kessler
	11:00am	Michele Long & Dana Walker	Param & Abha Singh	Dave & Marilyn Eck
10/25	8:30am	Beth Shryock & Rick Iverson	Kessiena Erebi	Marilyn & Lindy Woods
	11:00am	Marcia Moulden & Scott Smith	Jon & JoAnn (Hairston) Jones	Jan Armstrong

Want to participate? Contact office@macombwesleyumc.com

connect + participate

Trip to Work at the Midwest Mission
Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Midwest Mission is a great place to serve—and it's fun, too! By volunteering there, we help provide practical assistance to people both across the United States and around the world.

The Tree of Life Parish is forming a group to spend the day serving at Midwest Mission in Pawnee, Illinois. This is a parish-wide event, and anyone from any of our three churches is welcome to participate.

We'll travel together, leaving in the morning and returning home in the evening.

Cost: $16 / person
(Only 15 spots)

Sign-up with Jim Olsen at 309-313-4991

Serving Shifts:
8:30am-11:30am
12:30pm-4:00pm

