

# THE CREST



Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Celebrating a Spirit-Filled Journey of Faith

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## FEBRUARY 19, 2012 LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-10

### SERMON

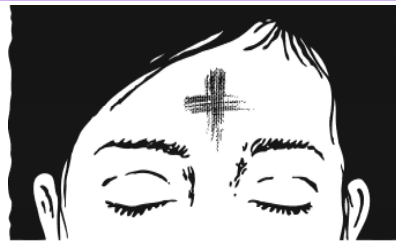
GLIMPSES OF GOD

REV. KORY WILCOXSON

### Worship

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

## Lenten Activities at Crestwood



## Ash Wednesday

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 22, 7 P.M.  
CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
SANCTUARY

(CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED)

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## LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION SERIES: WHO IS JESUS, REALLY?

We have so many different images for Jesus in the Bible. How are we to make sense of them? For our Lenten Adult Education Series, we'll be exploring the identity of Jesus as revealed to us in the gospel of John. What does Jesus mean when he uses the "I AM" statements about himself? Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Chalice Hall as we take a closer look at this person we call our Savior.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Feb. 26	Kory	John 15:1 - I am the true vine
March 4	Emily	John 10:10 - I am the good shepherd
March 11	Colette	John 8:12 - I am the light of the world
March 18	Robyn	John 6:35 - I am the bread of life
March 25	Kory	John 14:6 - I am the way, the truth and the life
April 1	Robyn	John 11:25 - I am the resurrection and the life

## LENTEN SERMON SERIES JESUS WAS NOT A NICE GUY

- Feb. 26 - No More Mr. Nice Guy
- March 4 - Jesus the Arsonist
- March 11 - The Scary Power of Jesus
- March 18 - Jesus the Intimidator
- March 25 - Jesus was NOT a Family Man
- April 1 - Palm Sunday - Jesus Was Unsuccessful
- April 8 - Easter - Finding the Real Jesus



## Elders Meeting and Luncheon

THIS  
SUNDAY  
February  
19,  
12 p.m.,  
in Chalice  
Hall

We'll continue our study of the book "Practicing our Faith." Please make plans to attend!

# Parish News

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Members - Mitch Alcorn, Bill & Maureen Carman, \*Vaiden Cox, Roberta Dellinger, Jane Farmer, \*Family of Zonia Hanson, Becky Hightower, Mildred Janis, Steve Seithers and Family

Family of Members- Michael Arnold, Tommy Clark, Don Colliver, \*Mark Katherine Folkner, Lilly Foster, Donald Hamm, Elise Lackey, Kristy Leininger, \*Larry Newsom, J.R. Stephenson, \*Bob Stokes, \*Jonathan Towles

Friends of Members- Martin Anderson, Rosie Coleman, Diane Ferh, Family of John Fink, Tonya Huggins, Nelson Irving, Peggy Justice, \*Debbie Kelly, \*Family of Mary Dunlap Kernan, Rebecca Mercier, Family of Mike Moore, Gary North, Madi Phillips, Saul Sebulsky, Lee & Tanua Smith, Family of Bill Williams, Judy Zielke and Family and Friends

Armed Forces- Blake Chambers, Matt Green, Tucker Gentry, Dwayne Harlan, Dwight Harlan, Darcy Kiefer, David Kiefer, Josh Kolenda, Patrick Ritter, Adrian Sargent, David Schloesser, Rocky Shapla, Stewart Spragens

Our World Community- The conflict in Afghanistan and the people of Japan and the Pacific after the recent devastation.



## A WORD FROM KORY

It was a hospital visit I would never forget. I hadn't been at the church very long, still wet behind the ears after graduating seminary just a few months before. I was also still dealing with my own recent illness and MS diagnosis, so a hospital was about the last place I wanted to be. Too many bad memories.

What's more, I didn't even know this lady. Eve was a member of the church but was a shut-in, and had been so for as long as most people could remember. I hadn't visited with her yet, so this was truly a pastoral cold call, not one based on a previous relationship. I'm not even sure how we found out she was in the hospital; she had no surviving family that we knew of, and only a few people checked on her from time to time.

As I drove to the hospital, I felt the usual new-minister anxiety creeping up in me. What was I going to find when I walked in the room? Would she be awake? If not, should I wake her? Would she be able to talk? Or could she only listen? And would I actually have anything to say? Would I default to the empty platitudes like "Everything is going to be OK," even if I didn't know that to be true? When would I pray? WHAT would I pray?

As I arrived at Eve's room, the doctor was just leaving. He asked me if I was a family member, and I told him I was Eve's pastor. He said he was glad someone was coming to see her and told me that she was experiencing a slow, gradual decline in her health from which she wouldn't recover. His last words to me were a warning: "She's very confused right now, so I'm not sure what she is going to say." I wanted to respond, "That makes two of us!"

When I walked in the room, Eve's eyes were closed, but the rustling of my coat got her attention and she looked at me as if she were searching for a name that was just out of reach. I introduced myself and I told her I was the new minister at her church. Her eyes brightened for a moment as she heard the name of familiar, comforting place, and immediately she began asking questions about the church. She named several families whom she knew and asked about their well-being.

I took a seat next to her bed as Eve continued to share snippets of memories from her time at the church. There was nothing confused about her recollection and lively story-telling. Maybe I had caught her in a rare moment of clarity, or maybe the doctor had simply dismissed her as another elderly, dying patient. Ironically, when I got in the car to come see her, I had done the same thing.

I asked Eve about her family and she grew quiet. She said, "There's nobody left. It's just me." Then she took a long pause and said emphatically, "And it stinks!" Her laughter was offset by the sadness of her face, as if the heaviness of her loneliness was weighing down her countenance. She shared some her recent struggles and how much she appreciated the church's presence in her life. I was reminded that the little things we do for others can make a world of difference: a card, a phone call, a hospital visit.

Eve started to talk about her family. She recounted several stories from her daughter's childhood, then said almost matter-of-factly, "She died when she was 20 in a car accident." She tried to move onto a new subject, but her tears wouldn't let her. She sobbed as if the news were just delivered, an open wound on her heart that had never healed, even decades later.

It was at that moment, when there were no words to say that would fix this problem, that I simply sat, touching Eve's arm. And after a few seconds, she snapped her head up, looked me right in the eyes and said with all the clarity in the world, "Faith! Faith is what got me through that. Faith is what will get me through this. Remember that, Kory. You always have faith."

I prayed with Eve, asking God to be with her and comfort her and heal her. She thanked me for the visit, told me how much it meant to her to have me there. What she didn't know, what I was only able to share with her later, was how much the visit had meant to me! Sometimes, in the midst of the busyness of our world and our station-to-station living, God breaks in and gives us a glimpse of something divine, something transcendent. "Faith! You always have faith." I sure do, thanks to Eve.

### MISSION CENTER LOAN

Original construction loan 2001:	\$1,150,000.00
Loan balance as of 02/08/2012:	\$553,418.14

### STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

February 12, 2012

**Contributions:**

Pledges & Offering \$11,286.50

**Attendance:**

Sunday School	85
Detention Center	85
Worship & Wonder	
8:30 a.m. Worship	54
10:45 a.m. Worship	221
Total Worship	275

# SERVING THIS SUNDAY

## Elders

8:30 Service: Pat Nielsen

10:45 Service: Sonny Wray and Dabney Parker

## Ushers

8:30 Service: Fanny Hughes, Doug Damm

10:45 Service: David Henry, Jeff Franklin, Bev Setzer, Wayne Lollis

## Deacons

8:30 a.m. Service: Lee Kessinger and Chase Azevedo

10:45 a.m. Service: Bob Wheeler, Patrick Lakin, Amy Wheeler, Casey McDonald, Callie Fulkerson, Tye Reece, Tyler Street, Boyd Shake

Choir: Mary Taylor and Monte LaFrana

## Acolyte

10:45 Service: Olivia Greinke

## Sound Technician

10:45 Service: Jason Taylor



## COLETTE'S CORNER

by Colette Lane

In Kory's recent column, he stated that our Ministry Council had answered his question about what we can do better at Crestwood with "pastoral care on all levels." Of course that is true! We can always improve in that area. However, we need your help to do that. If you have a pastoral concern whether to be published on the prayer list or to be kept private, please let us know. If you or someone in your family: goes into the hospital; is scheduled for surgery; has lost a loved one; or just needs prayer for any reason, please let us know. We want to be attentive to your needs. We also have Stephen Ministers who can be a part of that pastoral care. They are trained to listen, support and pray with you in times of crisis or with a chronic issue. I am the referrals coordinator for the Stephen Ministers and you can just let me know your need and I will try to match a care-giver with you if there is one available. Also, we can each be caring for one another. If we keep that as a goal, I'm quite sure that we will work together to minister to each need. Thanks for your concern for one another and for helping to keep us informed. We can only try to minister to a need if we are aware of it.

Glad to be one of your ministers,

Colette



## Welcome Guests

**FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

Karla Bertagnole, Clell & Alice Coleman, Carmen Covert, Roger DeLacey, Beth Franklin, Bobbie Jo Franklin, Tyler & Mary Green, Teresa Hackworth, Gini James, Jean Johnson, Karen Jones, Brenda Jordan, Daniel Jordan, Jane Jordan, Dallas & Saralyn Kingsolver, Larry & Jennifer Lakin, Rick Meadows, Santa & Bhim Monger (and Rodan and Sandesh), Oatis family, Bob Smith, Jane Wallace, Hank & Katherine Woodall

If you know someone who visited this week, call them and invite them back to Crestwood!



## Green Lines

Add your fireplace ashes to the compost pile. Allow ashes to cool, then mix them into the compost. They are a valuable soil amendment that will help nourish your garden in the spring.



Share a Laugh-  
It's Contagious

## WELLNESS CORNER

Relief from stress is always a major health concern. Laughter can help take the stress away. So, have a good belly laugh whenever you can.



## The Gift of Years

### MARCH WILL BE THE BEGINNING

*"Old age is not when we stop growing. It is exactly the time to grow in new ways."*

March will begin our conversations on "The Gift of Years." Loren Broadus will be leading the conversations as we discover what might be ahead for us. If you're interested in Senior Empowerment, contact Colette to join in these conversations.



## New Yoga Class

We have been given a wonderful opportunity by one of our Crestwood neighbors. Louise Booth is offering a Beginner Chair Yoga Class to Crestwood members. This class is being offered on Mondays, at 9 a.m., in the Seekers Classroom. There is no charge for this class, so please join her on Mondays for some healthy stretching and exercise!



# The South Wing

# Children's Ministry News

## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH WING - BY CAROLYN MILLER

For all the stories in the Bible, little is written about Jesus as a child. In most Gospels, we have the birth story, then John the Baptist arrives on the scene. Only in Luke, do we find the story of Jesus at the temple as a boy. In Mark and John, we don't even have the birth narrative. Jesus arrives as man, not baby. So, how does the baby in the manger become Jesus the Christ?

Since Christmas, we have spent time each Sunday morning, imagining Jesus growing up. We have considered what he was like as an infant, a preschooler, a young child, a preteen, a teen and even a young man. We have pondered his favorite foods, his friends, and his family. We have asked important questions and silly questions. We have not always agreed.

Our children believe Jesus to have been a child much like themselves. Although he lived in a time without cars, their Jesus loved his parents, fought with his siblings, and went to school. Their Jesus was a great friend. He knew he was special, but didn't always understand how.

Although I feel 2000 years old at times, I was not there to watch Jesus grow up. However, I see him every week. As an infant, he smiled at the sound of his mother's voice. When he could walk, he ran. He learned from his earthly and heavenly fathers. He was a friend who shared what he had. As a teen, he took time to care for the younger children. When it was time to leave home, he was sad.

The story of Jesus is more than how he died, it's how he lived. Let us share the story.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### CHERUBS

IN CLASSROOM WITH MS. FANNY.

### EXPLORERS (K-2)

DRAMA WITH TARA WILKINSON, LEIGH WILCOXSON, AND AMY WHEELER. *WORKERS AND THE VINEYARD.*

### DISCOVERERS (3-5)

SCIENCE WITH SUANN REESE, AND BETH PICKRELL. *THOSE WHO BUILT HOUSES ON ROCK AND SAND.*



### Worship and Wonder

#### LAMBS (3-K):

*THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND THE WOLF*  
STORYTELLER:  
JEN BROWN  
GREETERS: TRACY PADEN AND  
KAREN BLAKEMAN

#### LIONS (1-2):

*THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS*  
STORYTELLER: DOUG WILKINSON  
GREETER: MASON KESSINGER

ACOLYTE  
OLIVIA GREINKE



### Worship and Wonder

Worship an Wonder Storyteller  
Training, March 10, 10-2, March 11  
after church for lunch.  
Contact Ms. Carolyn  
Carolyn@crestwoodchristian.org if  
interested.



## SECOND SUNDAY ON US

All children (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade), invited to Children's Groups on Sunday, March 11, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. for movie night.



The Children's Choir will meet this Sunday, February 19, at 9:30 a.m., as we will be singing at the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. **We will not be meeting in the afternoon.**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**VBS—JUNE 11-14, 2012**  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!



**Children's Groups This Week:**

## THE KINGS



## HANGING WITH EMILY

Have you seen the show Minute to Win It? The premise is that contestants have one minute to complete a task to win money and move onto the next level. Surprisingly these games make great group-building activities.

Sunday night, youth were split up into teams to complete silly and some difficult tasks. One of those is called the Candy Elevator, in which youth must use two pencils tied together with string to lift Skittles to their mouths. This game, while very funny to watch, encouraged youth to support their teammates and grow as a youth group. One team struggled in this task, and as time dwindled down one youth was left to complete the task. Her team huddled around her cheering until she finally completed the Candy Elevator.

Silly games allow youth to have fun, but at the same time without knowing it they build relationships and create an environment where youth build a community of trust.

Peace,  
Emily



## CYF CAFÉ

On Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., all high schoolers are invited to hang out in the CYF Room for the Sunday School hour.

This low-key gathering will be a great time to catch up, chill out and get ready for worship. It will be a "latte" fun, so see you at the CYF Café!

## OUR SPONSORS

### Chi Rho

Amie Lane Tyson  
Liz Perry  
Ben Thompson

### CYF

Dan Tyler  
Patrick McDaniel  
Lyndi Van Deursen

## UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Feb. 19: Making Significant Connections (Genesis 2:18)

Feb. 26: Service Project Sunday

March 4: Accountable Friendships

March 11: Connecting with Others

## Mission Trip Dates



Chi Rho: Heifer Project in  
Lansing, Michigan:

June 18-22

CYF: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

July 9-13

March 16-18

Lumber Jack and Jane Weekend @  
WaKonDaHo



Join Disciples youth across the region for a camp WaKonDaHo cleanup weekend. This weekend retreat is a great opportunity to reconnect with camp friends, meet new people and give back to the camp that is so special to many youth and adults. The cost is \$20; registration forms will be available soon.

## REGULAR CHI RHO/CYF SUNDAY SCHEDULE

4—4:30 p.m.

Arrival and gathering time -  
let the fun begin!

4:30-5 p.m.

Youth Music/service  
project

5-5:30 p.m.

Dinner

5:30-6:50 p.m.

Group Time

6:50-7 p.m.

Closing time - we'll see you  
next week!

## SUNDAY'S COOL!



All Chi Rho youth (middle schoolers) are encouraged to come to Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Chi Rho Room. Your adult leaders have some great activities planned for you. Don't miss it!



Eighters Camp:

June 3-9

CYF 2: June 25-30

Chi Rho 1: July 2-7

# DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Working together as women of faith to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the Church of Jesus Christ.

We welcome women of all ages to join us!

## DORCAS DWM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 10 A.M.  
CHURCH LIBRARY

PROGRAM PRESENTED BY COLETTE LANE

## MARY MARTHA DWM

MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 20, 2012, 6:45 P.M.

STUDY: MELINDA THOMPSON  
CONFESSING THE BEATITUDES

HOSTESS: FRAN MCKINNEY AND  
MELINDA THOMPSON

WORSHIP: PAT NIELSEN

## NAOMI DWM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 9:45 A.M.  
BRADFORD ROOM

PROGRAM: SUE ANN COWGILL  
CONFESSING THE BEATITUDES

WORSHIP: JOAN TOZER

HOSPITALITY: ALICE HAYS AND  
JEANNE JOUETT



**Church-Wide  
Chili  
Dinner**

SPONSORED BY DWM  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 12 P.M.  
CHILI, HOT DOGS, SALAD, &  
HOMEMADE DESSERTS.

A DONATION EQUAL TO DINNER OUT  
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IS REQUESTED.

COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT  
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DWM MONTHLY  
SERVICE PROJECT

INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT  
DWM MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT  
COMING SOON!  
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION!



PARENTS OF YOUNG ADULTS  
FEBRUARY 18, 6 P.M.

# MARDI GRAS PARTY!!!

AT THE HOME OF CHUCK & TERESA MCLENDON  
(441 SOUTH CLEVELAND ROAD, ATHENS)

We will bring the Bayou to Lexington for Mardi Gras. Potluck Cajun-style. If you want to try your hand at a Cajun recipe please do. We will need appetizers, salads, RICE (both brown and white) and desserts. Please let us know what you will bring as we plan to

*Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

Please contact Teresa McLendon (tcmclendon@yahoo.com) or Holly Gardner (elbows5695@windstream.net).



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RESERVATION FORMS WILL BE IN THE  
BULLETIN THIS SUNDAY.



are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to laura@crestwoodchriian.org or 266-0459.

Help us show Crestwood hospitality as we welcome our two new ministers to their new church home. The fellowship Ministry Team is hosting a "Welcome Home" dinner on Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. in the gym. Chicken and drinks will be provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Fun activities are being planned to help Robyn and Emily get acquainted with Crestwood. All



**Mission Desk  
Volunteers Needed!**

finds pleasure in doing for others.

If you would like to experience this call the church (266-0459) or come by to the office and see Don Guinnip, and he will start you on your journey.



## MEN'S GROUP Activities

Saturday, Feb. 18, 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast in Chalice Hall. We'll spend time getting to know Emily Witsiepe, our new Minister for Youth and Families.



Center

**Fundraising Event** Crestwood Childcare will be holding a "Shop 'Til You Drop" Fundraising Event for our playground renovations on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.. We are looking for various vendors that would like to reserve a booth to sell their merchandise. The booths range from \$30-\$50 depending on the size and you are required to donate 10% of the profits. If you have any more questions or would like a vendor application, please contact the Childcare Office. Applications must be received by March 9<sup>th</sup> and space is on a first come, first serve basis as well as vendors from the same organization.



## JOIN US FOR: SERMON TALKBACK

Join us on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Bradford Room for our "Sermon Talkback." We spend some time discussing the sermon topic and scripture from the previous Sunday, as well as look at the sermon for the upcoming Sunday. This is a great way for us to dive deeper into scripture and the issues brought up on Sunday. Each week is a stand-alone class, so you can drop in at any time. And if you missed the sermon, they're always available on the website. This is a great opportunity for you to engage in conversation and "talk back," so we hope you can join us!

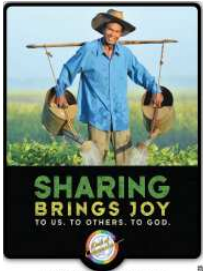
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WEEK OF COMPASSION  
FEBRUARY 19—26  
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Church School — 9:30 a.m.  
Worship — 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
Youth Programs — 4 p.m.

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister  
Rev. Colette Lane, Minister of Nurture  
Rev. Emily Witsiepe—Minister of  
Youth and Families  
Laura Kaczmarek, Church Administrator  
Carolyn Miller, Children's Coordinator  
Frank Spragens, Music Director  
Dr. Noemi Lugo, Children &  
Youth Music Director  
Martha Duttlinger, Cherub Choir Director  
Jane Johnson, Organist  
Ann Smith, Accompanist  
Michelle Mayes, Child Care Director  
Dr. David Blondell, Minister Emeritus  
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Ronnie DeAeth, Assistant Custodian

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[www.crestwoodchristian.org](http://www.crestwoodchristian.org)

## Comic Corner



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"



Questions?

## TAKE A CRASH COURSE!

*Would you like to know more  
about Crestwood?*

On Sunday, February 26, we'll be holding a "Crestwood Crash Course" after the 10:45 a.m. worship service in the Administration Wing. This is a great opportunity to meet some of the leadership of the church, learn more about Crestwood and ask any questions you might have.