

THE CREST



Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Celebrating a Spirit-Filled Journey of Faith

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AUGUST 7, 2010
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON
"Hold On"
REV. COLETTE LANE

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

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SERMON SERIES

Plastic Jesus: Fighting Against Comfortable Christianity



To be a follower of Jesus implies movement. But too often the constant challenges of everyday life cause us to put our faith development on the back burner. How can we live as Christians first in a world that values things like noise ("Can you hear me now?"), perfection ("Never let 'em see you sweat") and comfort ("You deserve a break today")? In this sermon series we'll look at aspects of Christian faith like silence, self-image, grace, Sabbath and service to see how they fit into today's world. Can we live a life that reflects the authentic Jesus and not the plastic one?



The Dorcas DWM Group is jump-starting the 2011-2012 season with a luncheon at the home of Jesse Fennell on Wednesday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. Guests are welcome. Please call Billie Arnold (543-9775) if you are interested. We would love to have you join us for some good food and fellowship.

CRESTWOOD HOSTS



Crestwood seeks to lead the community in caring for God's creation through recycling as well as providing an opportunity for free recycling. A Community Recycling Bin has been placed in the corner of the south parking lot, next to the trash dumpster. Please help spread the word about the bin and encourage all to bring all their recyclable materials. Recyclable materials include Glass, Cardboard, Paper, Aluminum & Steel Cans, and Plastic Bottles.



Mark your calendars! The Youth Kickoff Event will be Sunday, August 21, at 4 p.m.

Come for fun, games, food and a great start to our fall youth groups. We'll see you there!



**Breakfast and Children's
Sunday School Orientation
on August 21 at 9:30 a.m.**

Parish News

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Members - *Will Bennett and Family, *Liz Brasie, *Mary Katie Burcham, Martha Duttlinger and Family

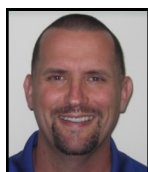
Family of Members- Steve Alford, Hank Lynn Billings, Debbie Stapleton, Bobby Day Wilson

Friends of Members- *Family and Friends of Dick Hurst, Johnny Johnson, *Clara McGarvey, *Wilson McGarvey, Family and Friends of Janet Tipton

Armed Forces- Andy Banks, Blake Chambers, Clayton Bailey, Austin Cheek, Dwayne Harlan, Dwight Harlan, Holly Hernandez, Darcy Kiefer, David Kiefer, Josh Kolenda, Eric Landis, Patrick Ritter, Adrian Sargent, David Schloesser, Rocky Shapla, Stewart Spragens, Brad Stone

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

** Names added this week*



A WORD FROM KORY

A continuation of Kory's report from General Assembly:

What I learned at the General Assembly in Nashville:

We're Not Dead Yet - The demise of the mainline church has been well-documented. We are getting older and smaller and don't seem to have the resources to slow the downward trend. But my time at the Assembly showed me that we aren't as comatose as people think. All throughout the week there was a wonderful spirit at the Assembly. The worship services were energizing and the messages were inspiring. I expected much more hand-wringing and "woe are we" talks. Instead, the dominant emotion I experienced was joy. We are blessed as a denomination with wonderful, faithful leaders and dedicated congregations. We have a wonderful story to tell that the world needs to hear. We can stand around worrying about what's going to happen to us, or we can be about the business of being God's hands and feet in this world. At this Assembly, I sensed a real desire to move forward into whatever future God has planned for us.

Watch out for the Whipper-Snappers - It is true that as a denomination we are graying, as the generations that helped build the church get older. But I was amazed by the number of youth and young adults who attended General Assembly. I'm sure their presence added to the spirit of joy I felt. I was particularly impressed by the number of young adults who were not afraid to let their voice be heard. That's both a blessing and a challenge for the Disciples. Our denomination is at a crossroads: how do we continue to minister faithfully to the older generations while including and engaging the younger generations? In areas like communication, music and worship styles, what works for one group won't necessarily work for the other. We want the young adults to feel heard and included and we don't want the older folks to feel forgotten or discarded. As young adults continue to move into leadership in our denomination, this is an issue that will remain on our radar screen.

In Christ There Is No East or West - Our denomination was founded in part on a desire to seek unity in our world, and it is inspiring to see how we live that out in our modern context. This is especially true in the racial and ethnic composition of our leadership. I cannot remember one instance when the main stage didn't include at least one woman and one person of color. In fact, several times the only group not represented was white males...and that's a good thing! Asians, Hispanics and African-Americans all hold prominent positions of leadership within the Disciples. It was refreshing to see faces and hear voices that weren't like mine. My understanding of my own faith and the call to love my neighbor was greatly expanded.

What Does It Mean to Include Everyone? - The tagline for our denomination is "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world," but living out wholeness is becoming more and more of a challenge, especially around issues of sexuality. There is a growing desire within the ranks to have our denomination publicly support the inclusion of gays and lesbians, but it was clear to me that a lot more discussion is needed before we are ready to take a stand. The challenge is how to have that discussion in productive, respectful ways. Our General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins, promised to give this issue more attention in her next six years in office. While this will not be an easy task to accomplish, it is a necessary conversation for us to have if we truly want to seek wholeness.

Rev. Kory is on vacation.

He will be back in the office on Monday, August 8.



MISSION CENTER LOAN

Original construction loan 2001:	\$1,150,000.00
Loan balance as of 7/15/2011:	\$578,913.21

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

July 31, 2011

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering \$18,611.74

Attendance:

Sunday School 58

Detention Center

Worship & Wonder

8:30 a.m. Worship 52

10:45 a.m. Worship 220

Total Worship 272

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Elders

8:30 Service: Elaine Carman

10:45 Service: Judy Derrickson and Lucy Wells

Ushers

8:30 Service: Fanny Hughes and John Roysse

10:45 Service: David Henry, Jeff Franklin, Joel Lovan, Tracy Lovan

Deacons

8:30 a.m. Service:

10:45 a.m. Service:

Choir:

Acolyte

10:45 Service: Ella Harris

Sound Technician

10:45 Service: Tye Reece



COLETTE'S CORNER

by Colette Lane

One of our members was sharing with me yesterday that she had viewed sessions from our General Assembly on the internet. She was thrilled to be a part of the gathering through media. Our sermons are available online along with our Crest publications. That's one way for folks who are out of town or who can't attend can keep in touch! Technology is wonderful in that respect. There's also skype that can help in communications by being able to see each other as we have conversations. But there's one thing that is still missing in all of this innovation. That is the warmth conveyed by shaking hands or giving a hug as we greet people to begin a conversation. I watched in both services yesterday as I asked people to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. At first there was silence as people began to stand; then as greetings were exchanged people became more animated and the level of sound increased significantly in the room. I had a chance to speak with a first time visitor following the service. I told him that I hoped he had felt welcomed. He smiled, shook my hand and said "Yes, I did!"

Hospitality is a tangible expression of the Lord's love. Thanks for sharing that special Crestwood touch!

I'm glad to be one of your ministers,

Colette



WORSHIP GUESTS

JULY 31, 2011

WELCOME VISITORS!

Alex Arnold, Michael & Lisa Balko and CJ, Bill & Pattie Bridges, Abby Butler, Beth Franklin, Bobbie Jo Franklin, Jimmy Franklin, Jean Johnson, McKenzie Jones, Rex Letcher, Russell Letcher, Tim Letcher, Bill & Eileen McCann, Charles Murphy, JB Murphy, Mary Murphy, Rachel Pegram, Jean Powers, Jay Prather, Jay & Suann Reese, Nancy Lou Slone, Donna Thor, Annie Varner, Marie Weaver, Dorothy Williams.

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

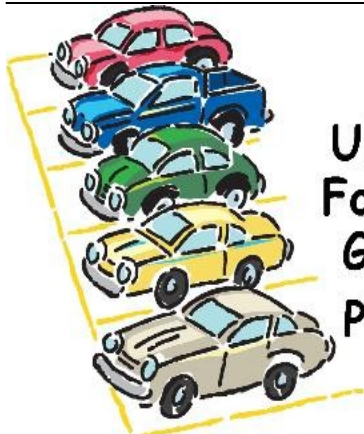


WELLNESS CORNER

A newly published study suggests that eating more like our hunter-gatherer ancestors could improve our heart health. The suggestions were more grass fed beef, nuts, berries and eggs. So, let's try adding at least one of these to our diet and see how that works for us.



Mary Martha Group Lunch:
August 22, 2011
11:30 a.m.
Merrick Inn



UK Football Game Parking

UK GAME DAY CAR PARKS

This year we will open our lots 2 1/2 hours before kickoff for all home games. The cost to park in our lot is still \$5 a space. We are also offering a Reserved Season Pass for \$50 for a limited time (contact Kory to reserve your space). Please remember to invite your family and friends to park at Crestwood in support of Youth Missions.



Green Lines

If every American ate just one meal a week from locally raised produce and meat, we would reduce our oil consumption by 2.5 billion gallons every year.



The South Wing

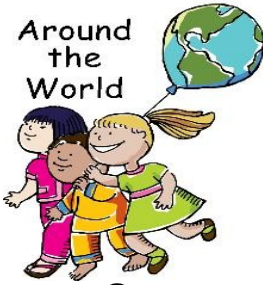
VIEW FROM THE SOUTH WING - BY CAROLYN MILLER

I can't believe it's August. Most of our children start back to school next week; our teachers are already back to work preparing their classrooms. The lazy days of summer are soon to be behind us, not that we had any lazy days in the South Wing.

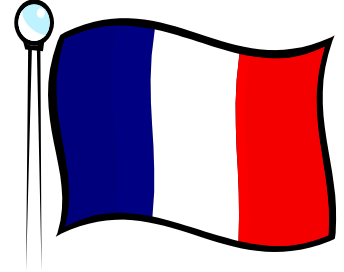
This summer has been full of Panda Mania, weeks at Wakon Da Ho, and renovations. We have had an average Sunday school attendance of 12 children and Chi Rho helpers. We have seen between 15-25 children each week join us for our journey Around the World during worship. Each week, we welcome new friends. During the week, I have cleaned out all our closets and found new curriculum for Sunday school. So much for low attendance and quiet. . .

Summer is a great time for learning in a different way. Our children have literally travelled across the country. They have spent time with family they rarely see at other times of the year. They have been to camps for everything from cooking to drama. They have been on swim teams, basketball teams and baseball teams. I don't want to ruin their fun by telling them how they have learned from these experiences.

I am sad to leave summer behind, but excited for what lies ahead. August 21 is Promotion Sunday; we will begin Rotation Model for Sunday School, we restart Childrens Worship and Wonder and Youth Group the same day. With all the fun I know we are going to have, I am sure I will soon be saying, "I can't believe it's January."



Next Stop:
France!!!



BEYOND THE SOUTH WING:

August 7 Crafts
August 14 Music

*Crafts with Ms. Carolyn!
We will be
WRITING ON THE WALLS!!!*



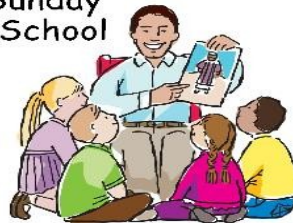
SOUTH WING RENOVATION PROJECT

Open House:

August 21 - after Church

For Parents and
Congregation.

Sunday School



Teacher Training

August 14

after Church for lunch.

Back to School



August 11!

Fayette County Public Schools start on Thursday, August 11. We want to wish "Good Luck" to all our students and teachers; and remind everyone to be careful driving!



Worship and Wonder

Greeter Training

Saturday, August 13,

9 a.m. - 12



Lilly Nielsen and Sam Harris will be selling Lemonade this Sunday, August 7, after Worship, to help raise money for the Salvation Army's LemonAid Days!



E-mail Addresses

We send out church-wide notices by email and we want to make sure you get church information in a timely manner. Also, let us know if you want to receive The Crest and Church Directory by email!

MINISTER OF GROWTH CANDIDATE

The Search Committee is very excited to announce that we have identified a candidate for Minister of Growth. We have entered into exclusive negotiations with Robyn Fickes. Robyn will be back in Lexington August 19-21 to meet members of the congregation in a variety of settings. (see schedule of events below) A complete profile to help you learn about Robyn will be available soon!



SAVE THE DATE!

Minister of Growth Search Events August 20th-21st

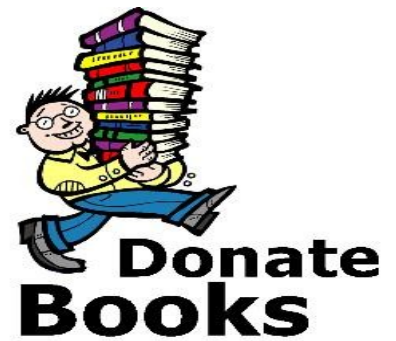
- Saturday, Aug. 20th**
5:00 PM Meet & Greet with Minister of Growth Candidate
-Specific Ministry Teams-
(The Minister of Growth resources the following teams: Local and World Outreach, Evangelism, Shalom/Social Justice, Adult Education, Small Groups)
- 6:00 PM** Potluck Dinner with Minister of Growth Candidate
-Administrative Board Members-
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- Sunday, Aug. 21st**
8:30 AM Minister of Growth Candidate to attend and participate in worship service
-Congregational Event-
- 9:30 AM** Get-to-Know-You Session with Minister of Growth Candidate in Chalice Hall
-Congregational Event-
- 10:45 AM** Minister of Growth Candidate to attend and participate in worship service
-Congregational Event-
- NOON** Minister of Growth Candidate to attend Elders Lunch
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- Wednesday, Aug. 24th**
7:00 PM Called Board Meeting to vote on extending the call to ministry

DONATE YOUR OLD



BASEBALL EQUIPMENT!

Seth Richardson is currently doing a service project for disadvantaged youth. If you have old baseball equipment, please bring it to the container located in the breezeway. Seth will refurbish the equipment and then donate it to disadvantaged youth.



FOR U.K. BOOKCART

My name is Mallory Shake, and I was baptized this year on Baptism Sunday. When you get baptized you are expected to complete a service project. So I decided to help out my grandmother who volunteers at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. She volunteers in the gift shop and they have a book cart. For my service project, I am volunteering for 2 days at the gift shop, and then I am going to collect books which I will then take to U.K. and give to them to put on their book cart. I will be collecting books from **Monday, August 1 until Wednesday, August 10.** Donations can be dropped off in the Administration Wing in the box marked "Book Donations". Any donations are greatly appreciated!



MEN'S GROUP

Wednesday, Aug. 17, noon - lunch at the Chop House.

Saturday, Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast in Chalice Hall. Bring your breakfast and your curiosity as we talk about the issues and ask the questions that are on our minds. See you there!



CABINET
MEETING

August 17th

The Cabinet meeting will be held on August 17, at 7 p.m., in Chalice Hall.

We hope to see everyone there!!!

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This is the second part of our two-part comic series that lets Rev. Kory know how much we are missing him while he is on vacation!!!!



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
Laura Kaczmarek, Church Administrator
Zach Keesy, Church Office Assistant
Carolyn Miller, Children's Coordinator
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Martha Duttlinger, Cherub Choir Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
Ann Smith, Accompanist
Michelle Mayes, Child Care Director
Dr. David Blondell, Minister Emeritus
Rick Zudonyi, Head Custodian
Ronnie DeAeth, Assistant Custodian

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