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Celebrating a Spirit-Filled Journey of Faith

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AUGUST 21, 2011
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE
 Mark 1:35-39

SERMON
Silence; Do You Hear Me Now?
 REV. KORY WILCOXSON

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

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Minister of Growth Candidate Visit This Weekend!!!

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) - Chalice Hall
- 6:00 PM** Potluck Dinner with Minister of Growth Candidate
 -Administrative Board Members- Chalice Hall

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

Wednesday, Aug.24th

- 6:00 PM** Called Board Meeting to vote on extending the Call To Ministry
 -Administrative Board- Chalice Hall

See page 4 for biographical information about Robin Fickes.

Parish News

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Members - Will Bennett and Family, Liz Brasie, Martha Duttlinger and Family, *Rev. Alan Garner, *Flora Griffin, Dot Hellard, Family of Helen Marcuccilli, Mike & Diane Toll and Family

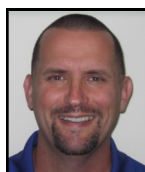
Family of Members- Steve Alford, Hank Lynn Billings, *Barby Hardy, *Susan May, Debbie Stapleton

Friends of Members- Lisa Daum, *Letitia Gilliland, Family and Friends of Dick Hurst, Johnny Johnson, *Tom Laborio, Clara and Wilson McGarvey, Family and Friends of Janet Tipton

Armed Forces- Andy Banks, Blake Chambers, Clayton Bailey, Austin Cheek, Dwayne Harlan, Dwight Harlan, 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

In case you haven't heard, this weekend is going to be an exciting one at Crestwood! At the top of the list is the visit by our candidate for the Minister of Growth position. Robyn Fickes (rhymes with "thick-ess") comes to us from Washington, D.C. and has also served in Nebraska, Tennessee and Texas. For her full profile, see pg. 4 of the Crest.

The search team has set up several opportunities for you to meet and interact with Robyn this coming weekend (see the schedule on the front page). I expect that you will enjoy getting to know her as well as have questions to ask. As a way to help you prepare for her visit, I want to remind you of the primary duties of the Minister of Growth:

- **Evangelism:** Work with the Evangelism Team to publicize church events and activities; raise public awareness of the church in the community; train and encourage people to share their faith; and actively follow up guests.
- **Leadership Development:** Assimilate active participants and new members into the life of the church, helping to connect them with ministry opportunities. Develop leadership in the congregation by identifying potential leaders; providing leadership training and support; and matching leaders with areas of service.
- **Adult Education:** Work with the Adult Education Ministry Team to coordinate Adult Sunday School and mid-week events; develop a discipleship process to help people grow in their faith, knowledge and service; and offer special seasonal education opportunities.
- **Small Groups:** Work with the Small Group Ministry Team in identifying small-group opportunities within the life of the church; offering a variety of small-group gatherings; and providing training and support for small-group leaders.
- **Outreach:** Work with the Local and World Outreach Ministry Teams in exploring opportunities for service within the community and beyond; investigating the recipients for outreach funding; encouraging congregational support of and participation in outreach programs; and communicating the work of the Local and World Outreach Ministry Teams to the congregation.
- **Other Ministerial Duties:** Including following up with guests and prospective members; hospital visitation; pastoral care and counseling; newsletter articles and other communications; weekly worship participation; preaching (as negotiated with the Senior Pastor); performing funerals and weddings; and doing other duties as assigned by the senior pastor as outlined in the minister's portfolio.

Lastly, I want to address the concern about Robyn's starting date. Before we ever contacted her, Robyn had committed to attend the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. She will be gone until February, which means a March 1 start date at Crestwood. While this is not ideal timing (believe me, I'd like her to start tomorrow!) the search team felt and I concur that her time in Switzerland will equip Robyn to serve Crestwood even more effectively. Also, Robyn is very technologically savvy, so she can begin making connections with the congregation during her time overseas. And lastly, we felt that Robyn is exactly the right person for this position and for Crestwood. We believe with all our hearts that Robyn will be worth the wait. Make sure you take time to meet her this weekend!

MISSION CENTER LOAN

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Original construction loan 2001: | \$1,150,000.00 |
| Loan balance as of 8/15/2011: | \$576,561.31 |

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

August 14, 2011

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering \$12,608.30

Attendance:

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Sunday School | 65 |
| Detention Center | 108 |
| Worship & Wonder | |
| 8:30 a.m. Worship | 73 |
| 10:45 a.m. Worship | 224 |
| Total Worship | 297 |

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Elders

8:30 Service: Tommy Todd

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:

Sound Technician

10:45 Service: Tye Reece



COLETTE'S CORNER

by Colette Lane

Since we are going to be welcoming a candidate for our ministerial staff this week, I've been thinking about how I might be most welcoming. What can I say that would be helpful for her? Since she's coming in from out of state, should I get some Lexington info? Would she like to know about cultural events? Is she interested in sports? Maybe Fan Outfitters would be a place to find a little something "Kentucky" to share with her. Another important question, does she like chocolate? Hmmmm..... On second thought, maybe I should let her ask the questions and set the tone. But I want to do everything I can to help her feel comfortable. Are you asking yourself some of these questions? I think the best thing to do is be myself and be available to answer questions she might have about being in ministry here at Crestwood. She's probably already heard what a wonderful congregation you are from people in the denomination. She's met our search team, so she knows that we have talented, committed people. I'm excited about meeting her and learning more about her. Aren't you? Please check the schedule for this weekend and attend so that you will have the opportunity to get acquainted with her. Let's give Rev. Robyn Fickes a warm Crestwood welcome!

Glad to be one of your ministers,

Colette



WORSHIP GUESTS

AUGUST 14, 2011

Lisa Barton, Bill & Patti Bridges, Jake Chandler, Stephanie Guy, C.W. Hatfield, Maddie Hatfield, Jean Johnson, Tom Jordan, Donna Knight, Charles Murphy, Mary Murphy, Kelly Neal, Donna Thor, Dorothy Williams.

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



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



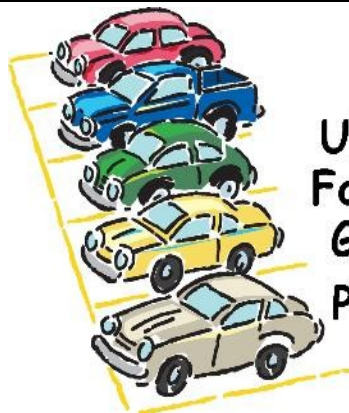
Green Lines

Switch to nontoxic, biodegradable cleaning products that are not made with petroleum. Green cleaning supplies can be purchased at office supply, grocery, and home improvement stores.



WELLNESS CORNER

Try a walk outside to get you started in the morning or to lose your evening. You'll be surprised what it does for you!



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.

**Elders,
If you have the "traveling communion box" used for hospital visits, shut-ins, etc., please return it to the choir room kitchen ASAP.
Thanks!**



Rev. Robyn Fickes



The Minister of Growth Search Committee is proud to present, by unanimous vote, its ministerial candidate Robyn Fickes. The Minister of Growth Search Team all enthusiastically embrace Robyn as our new Minister of Growth and feel her experience, ideas, energy and love of service to others will be a blessing to the Crestwood Christian Church family and our ministries. We all welcome Robyn Fickes and look forward to her joining our church family.

Education

Vanderbilt Divinity School, Master of Divinity, 2008
Texas Christian University, Bachelor of Arts, May 2003

Ordained CC(DOC), Nebraska Region, Aug, 2008

Ministerial Service

- Currently serving as the Minister of Domestic Policy for Disciples Center for Public Witness
- First Christian Church, Omaha, NE, Associate Minister, 2008-2011
- Vanderbilt University Hospital, Chaplain Intern, 2007-2008
- Wesley Canterbury Fellowship, Campus Ministry, Student Intern, 2006-2008
- First Christian Church, Youth Minister, 2003-2005
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, Youth Minister, 1999-2000

Additional Highlights about Robyn

- Passionate about active community service and global ministry
- Active in urban poverty and environmental ministries, Habit for Humanity
- Serves as a Board Member for Council of Christian Unity and as that body's representative on the General Board for the denomination
- Active in Council of Theological Students and Ministries in Missions Interpreter Training
- Served as a Young Adult Steward, World Council of Churches, Switzerland, 2008
- Attended and planned Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Washington, DC., 2006-2010



Robyn will be studying at the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey from September 2011-January 2012. The Institute is located outside Geneva, Switzerland, and is a school in conjunction with the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva. The focus of Bossey is to bring together Christian pastors from around the world to study together and learn from one another what it means to be the body of Christ. Robyn states, "As we know, the expressions and denominations of Christianity within our own country are very diverse, but God's church expands to include the whole world." Robyn looks forward to listening to and learning from her fellow students, as well as her teachers and courses as she prayerfully learns how to live within the global body of Christ.

Although this study will prevent Robyn from joining us sooner, Crestwood is fortunate to have such wonderful stories to hear and lessons to learn upon Robyn's return! We look forward to her starting her position here on March 1, 2012.

Robyn and her fiancé Jordan Blevins enjoy nature, gardening, hiking, biking and running. One of their favorite things to do as a family is to take their dog, Stella, for a run then play at the dog park. Robyn and Jordan met through ecumenical work and both have a great love for the church.

Jordan is the Ecumenical Peace Coordinator for the National Council of Churches, and Advocacy Officer for the Church of the Brethren. Jordan is currently working on a Doctorate of Ministry in Ecumenical studies at Wesley Seminary. He is also a news junkie and loves working on peace and



The South Wing

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH WING - BY CAROLYN MILLER

In the mind of many, the image of a Sunday school teacher is a retired grade school teacher with white hair and a calm voice. We think worship leaders are wise elders with the voice of James Earl Jones. Youth leaders must be seminary students, testing their skills on children who don't know any better.

At Crestwood and across the Commonwealth, nothing could be further from the truth. This weekend, I participated in training for children's worship, education and youth groups. And while we had retired teachers, elders and young seminarians, we also had mothers, fathers, young singles, newly married couples, and every demographic in our denomination. Our mothers are youth group leaders, our elders lead Sunday school and our seminarians know children may be the toughest crowd in the church.

The world has changed. Our children are busier than ever. Sunday school, Worship and Youth Group now compete for time with soccer practice and dance recitals. While we want our children to be active, in sports and in church, we also must support family time as well. As the world has changed, our formats and focus have changed as well. Our leaders have changed as well. The stereotypes are gone, replaced with gracious leaders who offer themselves to God's service.

Children's ministry doesn't require a calm voice, years of teaching experience or a seminary degree. As someone with none of the above skills, I invite you to join us in the South Wing. Volunteers are always welcome, even if you do fit the image.



Worship and Wonder

**Calling All Lambs and Lions!
We will be starting back with
Worship and Wonder
on August 21st.**

Worship & Wonder is our worship service for 3 year olds - 2nd graders during the 10:45 am Worship Service using wooden figures to help tell the stories of the Bible.

Children 3 years old - Kindergarten will be in the Lamb room in the center of the Education Wing. 1st - 2nd Grader's will be in the newly renovated Lion room. Pick up will be at the second door on the left as you enter the Education Wing.

The program begins with 4 weeks of progressive orientation for the children that sets the stage for how the program will flow. **We welcome parents to join us during orientation, especially for the first session on August 21st.**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

The Children's Ministry Team is meeting, August 28, after church for a garden potluck. Bring your best homegrown dish (or find the makings at the Farmer's Market like me). ~Carolyn Miller



GREETERS

Greeter Training August 28 during Sunday school in Lamb Room.

RSVP to Carolyn at:

Carolyn@crestwoodchristian.org

or

Elizabeth Buckley Richardson at:
ebuckley@buckleyinsurance.com.

Please call or email
Elizabeth Richardson
227-5208,

ebuckley@buckleyinsurance.com;

or

Carolyn Miller,
266-0459,

carolyn@crestwoodchristian.org



Mark your calendars!
The Youth Kickoff Event will be this 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!



Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday is this Sunday, August 21. The Children's Ministry Team invites the congregation to breakfast, encourages parents to stay to meet Robyn while I take the children to Rotation Model Orientation. There will be no more "Share Our Skills" this year.



SOUTH WING RENOVATION PROJECT

**Open House:
August 21 -
after Church**

**For Parents and
Congregation.**



Around the World

Around the World is over for the Worship Service with the return of Worship and Wonder. Don't worry, it will be back for Youth Group!

CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE

Presents

"Transforming Prejudices to Acceptance and Understanding"

August 27, 2011
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Set in 2008, the documentary film, *Welcome to Shelbyville*, shows a Tennessee town nestled in the heart of America's Bible Belt struggling with its demographic identity. Longtime white and African-American residents are challenged with how best to integrate a growing Latino population and a recent wave of Somali refugees of Muslim faith.

Following a viewing of the film, Jonathan Bialosky, an immigration attorney with the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic, will lead the audience in a discussion of the interplay of race, religion and identity portrayed in this thought provoking documentary.

Hunter Presbyterian Church
109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington, KY

ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN MUSLIM DIALOGUE

The Christian Muslim Dialogue, established over 12 years ago, promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. It explores moral, social, cultural and political factors that have shaped the current context and contribute to the views we hold today. Through education, discussion and reflection, the Dialogue believes that all can counter prejudices and inflammatory rhetoric and help raise the tenor of the dialogue. Peace becomes possible by first recognizing the position of others, not by only holding one's own views. Above all, the Dialogue promotes one's personal and collective responsibility to build a more open community at home, toward the creation of a more just and peaceful world.

Although the major emphasis of the Dialogue is on Christian Muslim relations, all people and all faiths are welcome. Please feel free to invite friends and family to join the conversation.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS - 10AM-NOON

Monthly programs feature speakers, panels or films and active discussion that may introduce new perspective on relevant issues. No matter one's background, all are welcome to participate in positive and constructive discussion.

Following each program, a POTLUCK luncheon offers an opportunity to share a meal and conversation with persons never before met. Countless friendships have been so made.

Locations vary. The place of each program will be announced each month. Time: 10-NOON

For more information visit www.peaceandjusticeky.org/CMD.html

NEW CONGREGATION AT CRESTWOOD

Starting Sunday, Aug. 28, Crestwood will be the home of the International Congregation of Lexington. This new congregation is made up of around 60 African college students, refugees and permanent residents. The group is led by Dr. Michael Kasongo, an ordained Methodist pastor and professor of history at Kentucky State Univ. They will meet at Sundays at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary and chapel for worship, education and fellowship. We look forward to exploring ways we can be partners in ministry together. Let's be sure to give this new congregation a warm Crestwood welcome!

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.



MEET CRESTWOOD'S
NEWEST MEMBER!!!

PATSY ANDERSON

PATSY JOINED CRESTWOOD ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011.

LET US WELCOME HER TO OUR
GROWING CRESTWOOD FAMILY!!!



A Spiritual Life Retreat is planned for Oct.7-9 at The Breaks (a park that is on the borders of Kentucky and

Virginia). It will be a beautiful time to be there this Fall. We will leave on Friday and return on Sunday afternoon. Transportation cost depends on the number signed up to attend. We need your reservations now to make sure you have a place on the vans.

Please contact Colette (colette@crestwoodchristian.org) or Susan Brown (susanbrown@gmail.com) for those reservations.

Please contact Austin Bradley at (abradley@breakspark.com) or by phone at 276-210-4655 to make your hotel reservations.

The group rate reservation should be under Crestwood Christian Church. We are at a critical time right now in reservations. We will have to cancel if we do not get our room reservations in soon. So, time is of the essence. That decision will have to be made by Aug. 22. So, please let us know ASAP.

ELDERS MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, MEET ROBYN FICKES, CANDIDATE FOR MINISTER OF GROWTH

On Sunday, August 21, the next elders meeting will occur in Chalice Hall following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. We were scheduled to start our book study at this meeting but due to the fact that the candidate for the Minister of Growth position, Robyn Fickes, will be attending our meeting, she will be providing our program. This will be a time for the elders to get to know Robyn and ask her questions about her background, beliefs and her vision for working at Crestwood.

Our meal will be prepared by Elaine Carman and Ruth Landrum.

I hope all elders will be able to attend and interact with Robyn.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Miller, Elders' Chair



MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast in Chalice Hall. Your assignment is to bring a guest! We'll be talking about how we can make our men's ministries even better. See you there!

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.

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?

GOT QUESTIONS? TAKE A CRASH COURSE!

Would you like to know more about Crestwood? Sunday, August 28, 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



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is beginning the annual preparation of a slate of officers and ministry team chairs. The Committee is planning to meet on August 28 for a kick-off meeting.

If there are persons that you would like to suggest to serve as deacons, elders, or officers please submit the names to Colette or any member of the nominating committee (Lucy Wells, David Henry, Natalee Feese, Donna Wray, Carolyn Floyd, Chris Chaffin, Mike Harris, Tim Fulkerson, Debbie LaBoone).

Thanks!

Lucy Wells
Nominating Committee Chair

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Thanks to all the great summer help in the South Wing. Our Chi Rho girls - Ashton, Elyse, Hannah, Kate, Madison, and Sydney Wilcoxson were AWESOME! The adult help was greatly appreciated as well!
~Carolyn Miller

Dear Carolyn Miller and Friends at Crestwood Christian Church,

Please accept our gratitude for the very generous donation of backpacks from the children in Vacation Bible School to Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Delivering them to the families was most helpful! Having a new set of school supplies always makes young people feel good and more excited about starting a new school year. For the refugee children this is especially true. It is encouraging for them and the families to know that folks in their new community of Lexington are thinking about them.

As Crestwood knows well, refugees have fled their homes in fear for their lives due to racial, ethnic, or political differences. Coming to the United States, and to Lexington, provides an opportunity for them to have a safe and secure place to begin new lives.

Most of our folks are coming from Iraq, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Bhutan. Many have been in refugee camps for over 20 years. They have a wide range of education and skills - *all* are starting over.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries is SO grateful for the generous and ongoing support of Crestwood as we continue to welcome the stranger.

~With gratitude, Dabney Parker - Resource Coordinator

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
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