

THE CREST



Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Celebrating a Spirit-Filled Journey of Faith

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2011
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE
Luke 9:23-27

SERMON
Plastic Jesus sermon series

Grace: Hiring a Cross-Bearing Service

REV. KORY WILCOXSON

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



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11,
AFTER THE
10:45 A.M. SERVICE

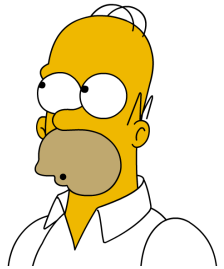
AGENDA ITEM:
TO VOTE ON THE
BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO
EXTEND A CALL TO
REV. ROBYN FICKES FOR OUR
MINISTER OF GROWTH POSITION

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AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE...D'OH!

Would you believe that one of the most spiritual shows on TV is "The Simpsons"? It's true! With regular Christian characters like Rev. Lovejoy and Ned Flanders, "The Simpsons" tackles relevant spiritual issues in irreverent but meaningful ways. Starting Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Room, the Faith Class will be discussing "The Gospel According to the Simpsons." Each week we'll watch an episode and talk about how it informs and impacts our faith. Everyone is invited to laugh and learn with us. Kory will be leading the series.



*Holding Cross
Ministry*

The Caregiver's Ministry Team has just started a new ministry. It is a Holding Cross Ministry. These crosses are given to people who are in need of spiritual support. Having something to hold in your hand can be a powerful reminder that you are not alone. The Cross symbolizes God's gift in Jesus. Just the touch and shape of these wooden crosses provides comfort. Colette has some in her office if you are interested in seeing or

holding one to see what it is. Several people have ordered some on their own to give to family and friends. If you are interested in obtaining some of these for your own use or for giving to others, please contact Colette. We can get a good rate on ordering quantities and suggested donations will be made to aid in sponsoring this project.

You might want to donate enough money to have one for yourself and one for the church to use in this special ministry. Colette is placing an order this week. Other orders will be made as necessary.

Parish News

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Members - Liz Brasie, Rev. Alan Garner, Flora Griffin, Dot Hellard, *Bill Lickert, *Tracy Lovan, Susan May, Jean Mitchell, Family of Anne Shurling, Mike & Diane Toll and Family, April Wiseman

Family of Members- *Family of Herbert Bruce, *Family of Barby Hardy, John Renfrow, Debbie Stapleton

Friends of Members- Lisa Daum, Family of Adam Fox, Letitia Gilliland, *Family of Steve Spires

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

Well, I've learned how to start a good discussion at Crestwood. First, have someone evaluate your church as a first-time visitor. Next, write up a summary of their report and publish it in the Crest. Third, sit back and wait for the comments! I had a number of folks respond passionately to my article last week that gave a synopsis of a visitor's report on Crestwood. The responses spanned the range from outrage to sympathy, from "That's not true!" to "Yeah, I've experienced that, as well." I really appreciate all the great conversation that has taken place since that article ran.

Several people have concluded their thoughts with, "What do YOU think, Kory?" I'm hesitant to answer that question because I have a different vantage point - literally and figuratively - on Sunday mornings. I don't have the benefit of being a congregant in the pews, so my experience of our congregational worship on Sunday morning won't be normative. That being said, I'm glad to offer some feedback on the comments about Sunday morning. Let me know if these resonate with you or if you think I'm way off base.

The point I agreed with the most was about the lack of good signage at Crestwood. Our physical facility is an absolute blessing. We have an enormous amount of space in which to do ministry and into which we can invite the community. But we also have the challenge of clearly communicating how to get around. We have two distinct parking lots, and inevitably people go to the Children's Wing lot while looking for the Mission Center and vice versa. I preached a few months ago on the number of front doors here at Crestwood, which makes it difficult to help people find their destination. At least once a week someone will wander into the church office, looking for some other part of the building. In short, I hope to work with the appropriate committees to improve our signage so that guests can know where they're going.

I found the comment about the cars in the parking lot signifying the affluence of the congregation to be very interesting, as did others. At first, I strongly disagreed. Obviously this person hasn't parked next to the pastor's Toyota Matrix! But then a church member said she'd heard her relatives say the same thing when they visited Crestwood. That begs this question: Can a church's personality be judged by the cars they drive, the clothes they wear or the size of their campus? What other characteristics go along with the designation of an "affluent congregation?" I would think it means the church is snobby, stuck-up, exclusive. That's not how I've experienced Crestwood at all. But if people are getting a certain image of our church from exterior clues, then we have to work even harder to overcome that stereotype when they get in the building.

The comment that drew the biggest reaction was this one: "The overall feeling of the service, however, was boring. Everyone was very bored-looking. No smiling, no interaction with sermon through note-taking or nodding, no one used their Bibles, etc." Some people responded as if I'd just kicked their puppy; others felt relieved that someone else felt they way they did in worship. From where I stand on Sunday, I don't see the ennui the visitors observed, but that doesn't mean it's not true.

So what do we do about it? Worship is and will always be a work in progress. I'm looking forward to the input of additional staff members to help Colette and me continue enhancing our worship experience. But I will also say that you get out of worship what you put into it. If you come with a worshipful attitude (even if you're tired), sing with gusto (even if you don't like the songs), listen with focus (even if you're distracted) and greet others with a smile (even if you don't like them), it will change how you experience worship. Worship is a work in progress - and so are we! Let's keep working on being the church God is calling us to be.

Kory's cell phone number is (859) 699-9129.
Please feel free to call him on his cell phone if needed.

MISSION CENTER LOAN

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

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

August 28, 2011	
Contributions:	
Pledges & Offering	\$13,928.41
Attendance:	
Sunday School	67
Detention Center	88
Worship & Wonder	
8:30 a.m. Worship	67
10:45 a.m. Worship	266
Total Worship	333

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Elders

8:30 Service: Elaine Carman

10:45 Service: John & Susan Brown

Ushers

8:30 Service: Tony Shartle and Brent Camden

10:45 Service: Sice Shanklin, Elliot Friesz, Bev Setzer, Dianne Toll

Deacons

8:30 a.m. Service:

10:45 a.m. Service:

Choir:

Acolyte

10:45 Service: Christopher Richard

Sound Technician

10:45 Service: Jason Taylor



COLETTE'S CORNER

by Colette Lane

I stood near the back of the crowd gathered in the front yard of the new Habitat home being dedicated. Bettye Burns supervised this house and participated in the service of dedication by receiving Crestwood's Sponsor plaque. Steve Seithers and LaVece Hughes made presentations to the family. Other Crestwood members were there and certainly represented the many who helped build, supply food, gave monetary gifts and prayed for the family and this project. Today, the plaque will be hung in Chalice Hall. It was an honor to be there and see the love and dedication expressed by the volunteers, Habitat staff and the family receiving the home. Theolita Murphy, new home owner, has participated throughout the process and tearfully thanked God and all who were a part of this process. As we sang "Blessed Assurance" near the end of the ceremony, it was indeed a time of feeling "whispers of love". The home, set in a new development near the Imani Church, is beautifully landscaped and put together with more than bricks and mortar. Thank you Crestwood for helping to sponsor this 28th Disciples for Habitat build. And as Rick Fern said as we were leaving the service, "Well, we're moving on to next year!" And we are!

Glad to be one of your ministers,

Colette

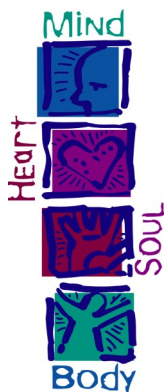


WORSHIP GUESTS

AUGUST 28, 2011

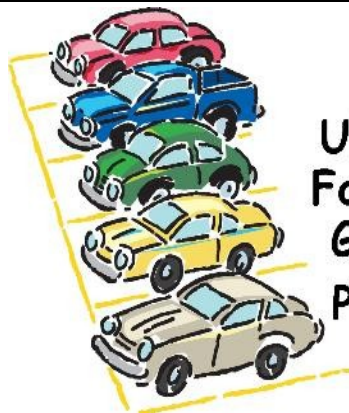
Allen family, Clyde Arnold, Clay & Andrea Back (and Alex), Virginia Bohanan, Patti Bridges, Jake Chandler, Matt & Michelle DeLacey (and Ruthie), Steve & Freida Evans, Beth Franklin, Bobbie Jo Franklin, Jimmy Franklin, Evan & Shelia Hall (and Kirstan), Sumyr Knight, Dick & Beverley Longo, Julie & Max Meagher, Erin Morris, Charlie Murphy, Mary Murphy, Mike & Jamie Pelfrey, Kenna Phelps, Dorothy Williams.

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



WELLNESS CORNER

Eating yogurt for breakfast causes your body to distribute hormones which support psychological well-being, according to a recent study. Who knew? ☺



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

Every year, 3/5 billion wire hangers end up in the landfill. Return them to the dry cleaners to be reused or recycled.



VIEW FROM THE SOUTH WING - BY CAROLYN MILLER

It is easy to think that because our children are small in size, they are small in emotions. Because our children are generally happy, it is easy to forget they are not always so. It is easy to dismiss their unhappiness because we think they only get upset about a toy or leaving a restaurant too soon. Nothing about children's emotions is easy, which reminds us that nothing about adult emotions is easy either.

Our children feel everything- happiness, sadness, anger, jealousy and love. Their emotions run deep. As much as they feel joy, they feel pain. Their feelings are truly hurt by unkind words and mockery. Even at a young age, they face the loss of a grandparent or pet. They love with their whole hearts, mostly friends and family, but it is still love. There is so much about their lives they can't control, which is frustrating and confusing.

Because we don't want our children to feel sorrow and hurt, it is tempting to deny it. Not only must we accept it, we must respect it. Our children can't learn to handle their emotions without our guidance. We can't guide unless we face our own. If you never show a child your tears, how do they know it's okay to cry? If you never tell a child a productive way to release anger, how do they know what to do? If you never share about your broken heart, how do they know it will really heal?

Maybe if we accept their emotions, it will be easier to accept our own.



**Second Sunday
On Us**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
12 - 2 P.M.
ALL CHILDREN
(BIRTH - 5TH GRADE)
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR A PICNIC AND PLAY IN
THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN AT
THE ARBORETUM.
NO COST
RSVP TO MS. CAROLYN**

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

~PRESCHOOL: IN THEIR ROOM WITH MEG SHAKE.

~EXPLORERS (K-2): IN LAMB ROOM WITH MS. CAROLYN . DISCIPLES BAPTISM STORY.

~DISCOVERERS (3-5) : IN LAMB ROOM WITH MS. CAROLYN . DISCIPLES BAPTISM STORY.

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

~ACOLYTE: CHRISTOPHER RICHARD

~LAMBS: STORYTELLER, MS. CAROLYN;

ORIENTATION 4 - THE LIGHT GREETERS: LAUREN RISTER AND FANNY HUGHES.

~LIONS: STORYTELLER, MS. ELIZABETH;

ORIENTATION 4 - THE LIGHT GREETER: KAREN BLAKEMAN

YOUTH GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON SEPTEMBER 4



*Just a
Reminder...*

**Please fill out
Medical
Release Form
Go to**

**crestwoodchristian.org,
under "Youth"
to print or
pick up a copy from the
church office.**

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sept. 4: Labor Day Weekend—NO YOUTH GROUPS

Sept. 11: Forgive...and Forget? - Isn't it easier to hold a grudge? Why do we have to forgive people who hurt us?

Sept. 18: Radical Home Remodeling—How far would you go to help a friend?

Sept. 25: Mission Project

WELCOME OUR NEW CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC DIRECTOR

We are excited to introduce Dr. Noemi Lugo as our new Children's and Youth Music Director! Dr. Lugo is a Professor of Voice at UK with an extensive background in teaching and performance. We know she will be a blessing to our music program. Let's welcome her!



UK CAR PARK



Our Car Park for UK games is one of our biggest—and most fun! - fundraisers. This year, we're asking for youth and parents to sign up to work at the Car Parks. You'll be getting an email soon with the dates available. Make sure to sign up, we need your help to make this a success! Upcoming Car Parks:

Saturday, Sept. 10—noon kickoff—arrive at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17—4 p.m. kickoff—arrive at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24—Kickoff time TBA

If you can work any of these Car Parks, please email Kory to sign up. We need adults and youth for all of them. Thanks for your help!

EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

If you haven't fill out an Emergency and Medical Release Form for 2011, please click [this link](#) or visit the church website to print one out. These forms give the youth leaders all the information they need to ensure your child's safety and well-being. Thank you in advance for sharing this information with us.

CYF CAFÉ

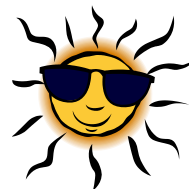
On Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., all high schoolers are invited to hang out in the CYF Room for the Sunday School hour.



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!

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!



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!

DWM ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Join women from churches around Lexington for
fellowship-prayer-work-love- in Christ's name.

At: God's Pantry Warehouse
1685 Jaggie Fox Way
Wednesday, September 14, 9:30 a.m.

Program: "What is happening through God's Pantry"

Outreach: "Our 13th Bread for the World Offering of Letters"



DWM September Service Project

Disciple Women's Ministries will be collecting the following items for the Lexington Rescue Mission during the month of September.

Items most needed at this time are coffee, lemonade mix, instant tea mix, pasta sauce, spaghetti, diced canned tomatoes, canned corn, green beans, peas and carrots, sugar, creamer, peanut butter and individual packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers.

Please place donated items in the collection bin in Chalice Hall. Contact Sheri Shaver (224-1040) if you have any questions.



CHRISTMAS AT THE BILTMORE

You are invited!

WHEN? - Dec. 1-2, 2011

WHAT? - Bluegrass Grass Tours trip to the Biltmore

WHO? - This trip is open to all members of the church.

COST? - Single occupancy - \$255.00

Double occupancy - \$205 per person

Other costs available for 3 or more in a room

This includes: bus, 1 night at hotel, House Tour of Biltmore Estate and other stops there, a sit-down lunch, a few hours of free time in Pigeon Forge as well.

We must have a minimum of 30 to get the tour.

Please sign up with Colette (Colette@crestwoodchristian.org)

or

Donna Wray (dcjmw1@insightbb.com)



Due to lack of reservations, we are CANCELLING the retreat scheduled for Oct. 7-9 at the Breaks. Susan Brown and Colette are looking at offering a one-day Spiritual Retreat on Oct 8 in a Lexington or very nearby location. Please indicate your interest in that kind of retreat to Colette at Colette@crestwoodchristian.org or Susan Brown at susanbrown@gmail.com Watch the Crest for that opportunity. If you have already

made your room reservations at The Breaks, please remember to cancel them.

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?



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jean Aspley, Mike Bales, Bob Kennedy
- 2 - Tracy Paden
- 3 - John McIntyre
- 4 - David Blondell, Michael Joseph Leone
- 5 - Beth Cooper
- 8 - Patty Rai Butterfield, Escum Moore, Thomas Ashford
- 9 - Peggy Burkhart, Bethany Hoffman, Sydney Wilcoxson
- 10 - Angus Burns
- 11 - Charlie Blondell
- 12 - Jeanie Moore, Beverly Tucker, Joe Brumley
- 13 - Lee Richardson
- 14 - Stan Selva, Susan Lane, Stephanie Seithers
- 15 - Edie Baysore
- 16 - Peggy Falace, Stephen Hightower, Harley Dublow, Andrew Sparks

- 17 - Robert Clay, Candice Chaffin
- 18 - Dianne Toll, Brett Setzer
- 19 - Samuel Shores, Ian O’Canna
- 21 - Gov. Steve Beshear, Chris Walton, Trey Moore, Chris Walton
- 22 - Tom Arnold, Benjamin Buckley
- 23 - Mira Simic, Libby Reece, Laura Childers, Whitney Sparks, Katherine Wheeler, Nebojsa Simic
- 24 - Bess Gott, Betsy May
- 25 - Cal Grayson, Scott Jenkins
- 26 - Morgan Elizabeth McCahren, Matthew Ryan Wakefield, Meg Shake
- 28 - Ann Hager, Tanya Tyler, Benjamin David Browning, John Barton Pierce Nunnelley
- 29 - Roert Ely
- 30 - Stewart Crutchfield, Tommy Todd, Lindsay Nunnelley, William Christopher Lovan



CRESTWOOD To HOST STEPHEN MINISTER WORKSHOP

On Sunday, September 11, at 2:00 p.m., Crestwood will host a workshop for the Lexington Network of Stephen Ministers. The Crestwood Stephen Ministers will participate and prepare for the workshop. Our own Topsy Staten will be the keynoter for the event. Her topic is Post Traumatic Stress. Topsy is currently working with the military at Fort Knox. Please pray that this event will be enriching for all the participants.

Crestwood currently has a very active Stephen Ministry program. Our thanks is given to all the ministers who are serving and to our Stephen leaders.



GOT QUESTIONS? TAKE A CRASH COURSE!

Would you like to know more about Crestwood? Sunday, September 25, 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.

Calendars Needed



Have you started receiving calendars in the mail yet? If you receive any that you don't need, please bring them to the church. Local Outreach and DAR will take them to the VA Hospital for distribution.

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Thank You to Kory, Colette, and everyone at Crestwood for their visits, cards, calls, and prayers. I appreciated them so much!

~Dorothy Hellard

Kory's Comic Corner



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
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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