



THE CREST



Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Celebrating a Spirit-Filled Journey of Faith

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DECEMBER 5, 2010
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SCRIPTURE
LUKE 2:8-20

SERMON SERIES
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!
"RISE UP, SHEPHERD, AND FOLLOW"
REV. KORY WILCOXSON

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



Joy to the World!

Celebrate Advent at Crestwood Christian Church

Sermon Series – Go Tell It on the Mountain!

Sundays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19

As we celebrate the season of expectation and the coming of the Prince of Peace, we will look at the Christmas story through the lyrics of three different African-American spirituals. The choir will sing the spiritual as their anthem each Sunday.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m.

Join us for an evening of music and fun! Crestwood's children's choirs will sing, perform a play, and portray the Living Nativity scene. A cookie reception follows the performance.



Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 12, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. worship services

Crestwood's choir will lead us in a celebration of Christmas as we sing and hear some of our favorite Christmas carols.



Christmas Eve Services

5:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Children's Service
6:30 p.m.	Living Nativity
7:30 p.m.	Candlelight Communion Service
10:30 p.m.	Organ Concert
11 p.m.	Candlelight Communion Service



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WORSHIP ON DEC. 26

On Dec. 26, the Sunday after Christmas, we'll be having one combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. There will be no adult or children's Sunday school. There will still be Worship and Wonder during the 9:30 a.m. service.

**"THE CREST" WILL BE TAKING A VACATION THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 26TH - JANUARY 1ST.**

**OUR FIRST ISSUE FOR 2011 WILL BE MAILED OUT ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5.**

Parish News

BIRTHDAYS

December 1 - David Griffin, Reynolds Hart, Danielle McLendon; **2** - Carol Royse, John Welsch, Tyler Street, Kayla Johnson, Gillean Dublow; **3** - Jack Isaacs, Mike Toll

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Members - Susan Hart and Family, Charlie Lane, Lucille Williams

Family of Members- Margaret Cain, Landra Cowgill, *Byron Graves

Friends of Members- Kate Ballard, Jonathan Beckman, *Tom Bloemer, Family of Greg Keegan, Karen Maeder, Moddie Miller, Chartorn Renfro, J.R. Stephenson, Family of Carmel Wahl, Tom Wills

Armed Forces- Jason Birdsall, Austin Cheek, Eddie Gillon, Patrick Ritter, Michael Robinson, David Schloesser, Rocky Shapla, Travis Taulbee

Our Global Mission Partners- Carla Giger, Johannesburg, South Africa

Our World Community- The conflict in Afghanistan, and all of our brothers and sisters affected by earthquakes around the world.

* Names added this week



A WORD FROM KORY

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

-- Matthew 25:34-36

While I believe our salvation comes through faith alone and not through what we do, having faith carries with it some Kingdom responsibilities. Near the end of his gospel, Matthew gives us this to-do list for inheriting the God's kingdom. So how are we doing?

Most of these imperatives are fairly easy to fulfill. If we've donated canned goods or dropped off some old clothes at Goodwill, we can put a check in the box next to those requirements. We attend a church that hosts all kinds of groups in the Mission Center, providing space for meetings, events and overnight stays for strangers. And this is one of the most compassionate churches I've ever seen, taking care of those in its midst who are sick.

So I'd say we're doing pretty well with Matthew's list. In fact, there's only one item on it that may give us pause. We can fulfill most of these without too much effort or straying too far from our comfort zone. But then there's that one..."I was in prison and you came to visit me." What are we supposed to do with that one?

For many of us, the thought of even trying to live out this command is frightening. Prison is not a place we ever want to be, outside or inside. It represents for us a side of society that we'd just as soon not see. It's easier and safer to stay insulated from any potential contaminants to our sense of security. We know what happens in prison; we've watched "The Shawshank Redemption!" We'll take care of the feeding and the clothing and let someone else do the prison visiting.

As nice as this sounds, I don't think that's what we're called to do. In fact, experience has taught me that God often calls us to the places we least want to go (my call here to Crestwood not included!). Sometimes it is only when we are outside of our comfort zone that we are able to see God most clearly, instead of God filtered through our own biases and screening devices.

Thankfully, Crestwood provides you an opportunity to answer this call of faith. Twice a month, a group of folks serve communion to inmates at the Fayette County Detention Center. The Crestwood people lead the "congregations" that gather in a short worship service, singing a few well-known hymns and serving communion. Everything is typed out and provided beforehand, so no preparation is needed.

I experienced this ministry for myself a few weeks ago and it was incredibly powerful. I admit to harboring some of the fears I mentioned above. But I learned that not one of those fears was based in reality. Instead, what I found was a group of people eager to accept what we brought them and incredibly grateful for our presence there. The people who came to the worship services were gracious, welcoming and incredibly appreciative. One person was eager to show off the pictures of his new son. Several of them helped with the setup of the chairs.

What I learned during my visit was that the people inside the center aren't as different as those of us outside the center would like to believe. A few bad choices are all that really separates us, and we are all susceptible to those. It is the consequences of those choices that make us most in need of God's grace and forgiveness. All of us need to be reminded that God loves us, especially those of us who are still paying the price for those choices.

The day after my visit, the church received this email: "Thank you for your ministry to the Fayette County Detention Center. My husband is there and was blessed by you ministry team's visit yesterday. Thank you for being Jesus to the least of these. I wish all churches would see the need to reach out the lost and hurting like you have. God bless you and your ministry."

I encourage you to consider serving with our Detention Center ministry. It only takes a few hours a month (at most), but can make all the difference for someone looking for guidance and a reminder that they are God's child. If you are interested in helping, talk to Ellen Frost or let me know. I'm truly looking forward to my next opportunity to serve God through this ministry.

MISSION CENTER LOAN

Original construction loan 2001: \$1,150,000.00

Loan balance as of 11/14/2010: \$597,900.41

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

November 28, 2010

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering \$10,245.14

Attendance:

Sunday School 112

Worship & Wonder

Detention Center 112

8:30 a.m. Worship 82

10:45 a.m. Worship 241

Total Worship 323

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Elders

8:30 Service: Pat Nielsen

10:45 Service: Warren Rogers and Mary Ann Miller

Ushers

8:30 Service: Tony Shartle and Brent Camden

10:45 Service: Bill Jenkins, Elliot Friesz, Harry Dodson, Faye Porter

Deacons

8:30 Service: Leslie Hammond-Ferguson and Natalee Feese

10:45 Service: Clay Wallace, Christy Harris, Emily McClendon, Fran Allen, Barry Blondell, Diana Forbess, Tara Wilkinson, Pam Sigler

Choir: Monte LaFrana and Mary Taylor

Set-Up: Elizabeth Richardson

Clean-Up: Fran Allen and Emily McClendon

Acolyte

10:45 Service: No Acolytes for December

Sound Technician

10:45 Service: Brandon Virgin



This is one of my favorite times of year! I love the excitement that the children generate and long for that to be the attitude of everyone I meet. I long for us to again prepare a place in our hearts to cradle the Christ Child. Preparations for the family and secular celebrations can distract us if we allow them. There are a number of worship experiences, opportunities for service, and fellowship events here at Crestwood that are designed to help us focus. Take time to come to worship. Make plans to participate in a service project. Schedule a fellowship event with your church family. Celebrate that Christ comes again to the hearts, minds and souls of those who are ready to receive.

Let's get excited! The news is good! God loves us still and gives us the opportunity to experience Christ in new ways every day. Watch for those opportunities and celebrate the season!

Glad to be one of your ministers,
Colette



GREEN LINES

Growing grains, vegetables and fruits uses less than 5% as much raw material as does meat production.



WELLNESS CORNER

Remember to try to walk 10,000 steps per day. For some that will maintain weight. For some, you will lose weight - depending on what you eat! ☺



HAVE SOMETHING FOR LAURA?

Our Church Administrator has an inbox to take all incoming news, notes and correspondence. If you'd like to leave something for her, just place it in the inbox on her counter. This will help her receive everything promptly and will keep her desk from becoming too cluttered. Thanks for your cooperation!

WORSHIP GUESTS - NOVEMBER 28, 2010

Elizabeth Brown, Betty Daniel, Jean Daniels, Lori Donaldson, Molly Donaldson, Kathryn Farley, Beta Franklin, Bobbie Jo Franklin, Jimmy Franklin, Bradley Harn, Grace Hughes, Jean Johnson, Tracy Knight, Jay Prather, Jackie Rice, Joan Schlesinger, Scott See, Mitchell Smith, Sandi Smith, Willis Spears, Eula Spears, Alex Thor, Donna Thor.

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

REMINDER: ARTICLES FOR SUBMISSION IN THE CREST ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 10 A.M. ON MONDAYS. PLEASE - NO LATE SUBMISSIONS.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM CAPTAIN MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Volleyball Team Captains on Thursday, December 2, at 7 p.m., in the Mission Center.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Your help is needed by our Worship Department.
Please purchase a poinsettia to decorate the
Sanctuary in December.



Cost: \$8.00 each or 2/\$15.00. Please pay at time of order.

(Please Circle One)

Quantity _____ Given in memory or honor of _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

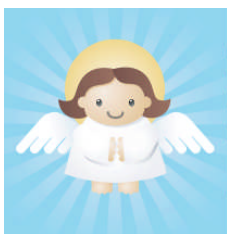
Return to church office by Sunday, December 12th.



YOU'RE INVITED!!!

The Children's Ministry Team invites you to the Children's Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for an incredible night of worship as we prepare for the Christ child to arrive.

The Youth would like to invite you to the Living Nativity Scene on Friday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex and Garden. Come and hear the Christmas Story as seen through the eyes of the youth.



ANGEL TREE 2010

Do not miss out on our Angel Tree this year. We will be supporting 150 children from Liberty and Russell Cave Elementary Schools. We ask that you please take a Red or Green Angel, write your name on the White Angel and leave that at the tree. Please wrap your gift and attach your Green or Red Angel to the outside of the package. Gifts need to be back to the church by Sunday, December 12, 2010. The Angels will be available this Sunday. If you have any questions, please let mike know at mike@crestwoodchristian.org.

HERE WE GO A'CAROLING!!! - DECEMBER 18 (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!!!)

Our annual Parents of Young Adults caroling party will be held on the evening of Dec. 18 at the home of Warren and Carol Rogers. We will be singing first and then eating. Further instructions will come in future Crests and e-mails, just mark your calendar and save the date. **This is a change from last week's Crest. Please note!**



COOKIES NEEDED!!!

The Children's Ministry Team is looking for people to donate a plate of cookies or brownies for our December 5 Children's Program. Please no nuts of any kind. If you are willing and able to donate, please email Mike at mike@crestwoodchristian.org.



STEPHEN MINISTERS - CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

There will be no regular meeting in December of either peer group. Instead on December 8 we will meet at Kilburn's at the Campbell House on Broadway. Our time to gather will be **noon** and we will order from the menu or have the buffet - individual choice. Each person is responsible for their own bill. Please join us for fellowship to celebrate the season!



CROSSROADS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Crossroads Young Adults will be celebrating Christmas with a party at the Bacons' house (796 Rambling Creek Rd.) on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m. Watch the Crest for more details about what to bring. Join us for this festive time together!

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, December 12, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service, there will be a called congregational meeting. All members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. The 2011 budget as well as the slate of officers, chairpersons, deacons, etc. for 2011 will be presented. Below is the proposed list of individuals that have been asked or nominated to serve for 2011. The proposed budget can be found on page 6 of this Crest. We will also email out to everyone for review. Hard copies of this list and the budget will be available in the Church Office. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

2011 SLATE OF OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSONS, DEACONS, ETC.

Officers

Moderator - Teresa McClendon
Vice Moderator - Andrew Sparks
Secretary - Beth Cooper

Chairpersons

Elders - Mary Ann Miller
Deacons - Jay Wray
Ushers - Chris Chaffin
Adult Education - Dan Pence
Young Adults - Judy Derrickson
Youth Ministry Team - T.B.A.
Childrens Ministry Team - Carolyn Miller
Nursery Ministry Team - Megan Bacon
Evangelism - Jeremy & Tracy Paden
Stewardship - Rick & Jeanne Jouett
Finance - David Miller
Historian - Fran McKinney
Library - Peggy Falace
Caregivers Ministry Team - Janet Clark
Small Groups Ministry Team - Donna Gibson & Elaine Lollis
Fellowship Ministry Team - Beth Sturgill
Sports Outreach Ministry Team - T.B.A.
Local Outreach - Pat Nielsen
World Outreach - Barbara Estes & Mike Lovell
Property Department - John Royse & John Gretz
Technology Team - Eddie Napier
Worship - Holly Gardner
Childcare Council - Kelly Hagan
Disciple Women's Ministry - Martha Duttlinger
Paul Hunt Bowman Scholarship Fund - David Estes
Personnel Committee - Carol Rogers
Shalom/Social Justice Task Force - Garth Lehman
Trustees - David Henry
Constitution & By-Laws Committee - Mike Harris
Financial Secretary - Wayne Shaver
Garden Club - Judy Cowgill

Personnel

John Carman
Maureen Carman
Bob Shanklin

Nominating Committee

Tim Fulkerson
Mike Harris
Debbie LaBoone

Assistant Treasurers

Elaine Carman
Carolyn Clark
Lucy Jenkins
Carol Rogers
Sally Turney

2011 Deacons

Liz Brasie
Judy Brumley
Cherie Duby
Martha Duttlinger
Harold Faulconer
Jeff Franklin
Callie Fulkerson
Tom Greinke
Emma Guilfoil
Don Guinnup
Lori Hancock
Katherine Henry
Lee Kessinger
Patrick Lakin
Brad Pickrell
Linda Ransdell
Ed Richardson
Brandon Virgin
Amy Wheeler
Bob Wheeler

Proposed 2011 Summary Budget

	2010 Budget	2011 Budget	Change	% Change
Total Receipts	795,300	780,300	-15,000	-1.9%
Expenses				
Debt Service	67,117	67,117	0	0.0%
Outreach Local	24,314	24,314	0	0.0%
Outreach World	97,254	97,254	0	0.0%
Personnel	417,412	333,430	-83,982	-20.1%
Unallocated Personnel	0	59,460	59,460	
Office Operation	18,600	22,000	3,400	18.3%
Music	4,000	3,800	-200	-5.0%
Adult Education	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%
Caregivers	1,500	925	-575	-38.3%
Children	4,900	5,800	900	18.4%
Evangelism	4,000	2,000	-2,000	-50.0%
Fellowship	300	600	300	100.0%
Finance	26,184	27,000	816	3.1%
Leader Development	200	200	0	0.0%
Library	700	650	-50	-7.1%
Nursery	300	300	0	0.0%
Property	112,367	112,300	-67	-0.1%
Shalom & Social Justice	200	200	0	0.0%
Small Groups	200	200	0	0.0%
Sports Outreach	300	300	0	0.0%
Stewardship	1,800	800	-1,000	-55.6%
Technology	3,200	7,500	4,300	134.4%
Worship	2,450	2,950	500	20.4%
Young Adult	900	900	0	0.0%
Youth	4,940	8,000	3,060	61.9%
Other	362	500	138	38.1%
Total Expenditures	795,300	780,300	-15,000	-1.9%

BUDGET EXPLANATION

The proposed 2011 Budget for Crestwood balances projected income and expected expenses. However, the income is down by \$15,000 compared to this year, even with 33 new pledges. There were also 33 pledges that were reduced by \$4464 more than the newly pledged amount. Increased pledges numbered 57.

For expenses, Outreach total dollars are held at the same amount as in 2010, so the percentage increases slightly. Personnel line reflects only the staff as of January 1, 2011. Kory plans a "town hall meeting" in January to present his vision for Crestwood's future and the Unallocated Personnel line reflects a portion of the staffing cost for his vision. Children and Youth lines have significant increases to reflect the added emphasis on these ministries. The Office Operations is based on actual experience and a strong plan to reduce costs. The increase in technology is moving phone and internet expense from Property to those responsible for it.

A more detailed explanation will be offered at the congregational meeting on Dec.12th.

Copies of the proposed budget, as well as the slate of officers is available in the church office.

OPEN VOLLEYBALL POSTPONED UNTIL DEC. 5



Open Volleyball postponed until December 5 from 1-3 p.m. because of events in the gym and work on the floor of the gym. See you on the 5th!

CRESTWOOD MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE



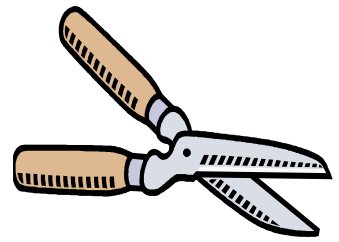
The Crestwood Men's Basketball League is getting ready to kick off for the year. If you are interested in playing this year and do not have a team to play on, please contact Mike McColl at mike@crestwoodchristian.org to join us.

MARY MARTHA DWM

The Mary Martha DWM Group will hold their Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 13, 7 p.m., at the Chop House on Richmond Road.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN



Saturday, December 4, is the day to remember for our annual bush/hedge trimming and leaf raking day. Beginning around 8:30 a.m. the church grounds will be swarmed over with dozens of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts raking and bagging up leaves as church members trim the many hedges and bushes on our grounds.

We need all the help we can get for this humongous task. Bring your trimmers, rakes, gloves, loppers and anything else you think you might need to help keep our church grounds looking its best.

Lunch will be provided for all.

With any luck maybe it'll snow again this year, making this fun-filled experience even more memorable. And don't worry; we should be finished in plenty of time to get home to watch the Cats take on the Tar Heels.

Questions? Contact:

John Gretz, 268-0728 - jsg708@windstream.net
or
John Royse, 278-8359 - j.royse@insightbb.com

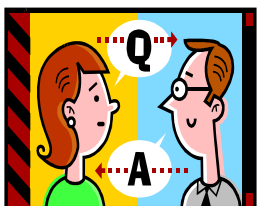
LET'S COMMUNICATE BY EMAIL!

Crestwood would like to start using email for most church-wide communications. Why would we do that? Well, first of all, it's much quicker. We can reach much of the Crestwood family almost immediately. Secondly, it's much cheaper than producing and mailing a letter. Recently, when we sent out a letter to the entire congregation about a ministerial change, it cost almost \$400 plus the time spent in the office copying, stuffing, addressing the mailing and then taking it to the post office! If we could have sent, for example, half of the letters via email, the church would have saved significant time and money.

On November 18th we sent a letter via email using the addresses we have on file in the office. If you use email, make sure you've checked it, and if you did not get this letter, we must not have your correct email address. Here's what we need from you:

- Send your email address to laura@crestwoodchristian.org
- If you'd like multiple members of your household to receive emails from Crestwood, make sure we know their email addresses, too.
- Remember to keep the church advised of any future changes in your email addresses.
- If you currently receive the Crest via US Mail, consider telling us to send it to you as an email. We currently send out, at significant expense in time and money, about 400 copies each and every week!

TAKE A CRASH COURSE!



Would you like to know more about Crestwood? On **Sunday, Dec. 5**, 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.

LOST AND FOUND

If you have an item to contribute to our Lost and Found, or are looking for something you may have left at church, please see our Lost and Found box at the Mission Center desk. Lost and Found items are not kept in the Church Office.

MARY AND JOSEPH CLASS

The Mary and Joseph Class are now studying *The Wired Word*, an on-line current issues curriculum.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CLASS

December study for the Bradford and Spiritual Life classes -

Assuring Hope

- Dec. 5: God Gives Us Strength - Isaiah 40
- Dec. 12: The Lord Is Our God - Isaiah 41
- Dec. 19: A Child Is Born - Isaiah 9:6, 7
- Dec. 26: God Is With Us - Isaiah 4:3

Melinda Thompson will lead the Bradford Class; members will lead the Spiritual Life Class.

ANCHOR CLASS

On October 10, 2010 Anchor Class will begin a new study, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. "*An Altar in the World* is about how faith can be both practical and sensuous. In Barbara Brown Taylor's hands, the old division between heaven and earth is healed and both come alive. Your mind, your body and your soul will be well fed by this wonderful book." (Nora Gallagher, author of *Things Seen and Unseen* and *Changing Light*). Join us for this 12-week study and find a refreshing reminder that the physical world is designed to help us experience the spiritual one. Everyone is welcome! Susan Brown and Topsy Staten will be facilitating the discussion.

BRADFORD CLASS

December study for the Bradford and Spiritual Life classes -

Assuring Hope

- Dec. 5: God Gives Us Strength - Isaiah 40
- Dec. 12: The Lord Is Our God - Isaiah 41
- Dec. 19: A Child Is Born - Isaiah 9:6, 7
- Dec. 26: God Is With Us - Isaiah 4:3

Melinda Thompson will lead the Bradford Class; members will lead the Spiritual Life Class.

FAITH CLASS

Kory is leading this class as they explore current issues making news and what our faith has to say about them using "The Wired Word" resource. If you would like to receive the mid-week email in preparation for this class, please email Kory at kory@crestwoodchristian.org. Contact person: Carol Rogers

LIBRARY CLASS

Continues as a friendly, in-and-out class which engages in a wide range of current issue discussions. Contact person: Loren Broadus

SEEKERS CLASS

The Seekers have begun studying a new curriculum entitled "The Wired Word," a resource that identifies a current issue per week, lifting up that issue in theological, biblical and spiritual contexts for study and reflection. Contact person: Libby Wachtel.



BELL RINGERS NEEDED

The Salvation Army traditionally uses a corps of volunteers who collect cash donations for the organization's neediest clients. Individuals, families, and groups are needed to ring the bell at one of the Salvation Army's Kettle locations for a day. Bell-ringing groups are encouraged. If you would like to volunteer to ring the bell, call 252-7706, ext. 125, for more information.

**THE CHERUB AND ANGEL CHOIRS
OF CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN
CHURCH PRESENTS:**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

6 P.M.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM!

YOUTH MINISTRY VALUES

One of the guiding documents created from your shared ideas, hopes, and dreams for Crestwood's youth ministry is a listing of clearly defined core values. These will play a role in everything the youth ministry does, from selecting curriculum and planning programming to interacting with the congregation and serving others. During the transition, the Renovation Team will continue their work to build a sustainable, thriving youth ministry program. We ask for your prayers as we continue the renovation process, invite any questions you have, and thank you for supporting the youth ministry.

VALUES OF THE YOUTH MINISTRY OF CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- God-Centered:** Our youth know and love God.
- Service:** We follow Christ's example in serving others.
- Relational:** We foster relationships among youth, parents, leaders, and the congregation.
- Inclusive:** Everyone is accepted with grace in a loving environment.
- Supportive:** Youth are valuable contributors to the congregation and resources are devoted accordingly.
- Safety:** Youth have a safe and nurturing environment that parents trust.
- Communication:** We share information openly, consistently, and in a timely manner.

DECEMBER DWM SERVICE PROJECT

Disciples Women's Ministries will be providing Christmas gifts for the Christian Care Communities Adult Day Center. Suggested gift items are socks, gloves, UK caps (adjustable sizes) for the gentleman and scarves, costume jewelry, lotions (Keri for dry skin, etc) for ladies or large print word search books, sugar-free candy, Wal-Mart or Kroger gift cards. Please bring wrapped gift with designation of male/female and description of contents to the December meeting or to church no later than December 19th.

ROOM IN THE INN RETURNS

For the fourth year, Crestwood will host Room In The Inn on the second and fourth Fridays from November until the middle of April. If you would like to cook dinner or breakfast, fix sack lunches, drive to pick up or take our guests back, set up or take down the beds, do laundry for the men or the bed linens, have dinner and visit with our guests, present a program, conduct a Bible Study, or spend the night with our guests, please email Tony Shartle at tony_s59@yahoo.com.

"DONUT" PASS UP THIS OPPORTUNITY!

As many of you know, each Sunday morning we are blessed to have fresh donuts to share before our Sunday School time. In order to keep that tradition going, we need someone who would be willing to oversee that ministry. We already have a volunteer to pick them up each week, but we need someone who will keep track of the funds and communicate with the donut shop about any order changes. It's a small job but a very important one! If you are interested in helping out, let Kory know.



CHILDREN & YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAMS DECEMBER 1, 2010

Dear Parents and
Youth;

Youth: We will not be playing again until January! Please be intentional about being back to practices and bringing your instruments when we come back after Christmas break.

Children: Our dress rehearsal went really well! I am so excited to see the kids do their parts next weekend. We will meet at 5:15 (in the sanctuary) on December 5 before the 6 p.m. concert. I need all Cherub and Angel choir members there at that time. Continue to have your child practice his/her so that they can read it well enough to not stumble through it during our concert. Most of the children did really well with their parts, but some were not loud enough. Please have them practice being **loud!**

Remember, Angel choir will be wearing choir robes, so there is no special way to dress. Cherubs will be wearing a costume, so have them wear something lightweight enough to go under a costume.

There will be a cookie reception afterwards, so please plan on coming for that.

We will be singing December 5th in the 10:45 service. Meet in the sanctuary at 10:15. We sing again December 19th. Thank you so much for allowing your child to participate and for allowing me to work with them.

May your Advent be joyful and your Christmas full of Christ's love!

Musically Yours, for His Glory!

Ms. Deb
deb_johneckelbarger@hotmail.com
619-1321

UPCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES



- 5: Children's Music Program, 6 p.m. ; Youth (6th - 12th Grades) out to dinner afterwards.
- 12: Children Game Day; Youth Bible Study and Living Nativity Practice.
- 19: **CCF/PJYF/JYF:** Caroling
Chi-RHO/CYF: Living Nativity Rehearsal
- 24: Living Nativity; 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 26: No Children of Youth Groups.



- 1: No Children or Youth Groups.



During the month of December the children will be studying the following during the Sunday school hour. Sunday school begins at 9:30 and ends at 10:30. Please plan on attending!

- **B.I.G Theme:** A Baby Is Coming
- **B.I.G Idea:** We believe that Jesus' birth shows that God is with us.

12/5: Isaiah's Prophecy

12/12: Joseph's Dream

12/19: The Journey to Bethlehem

12/26: Jesus' Birth

Merry Christmas

ANGEL CHOIR

The Angel Choir will be singing in the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service this Sunday, December 5. The song we will be singing is "The Christmas Present."

CHERUB CHOIR

The Cherub Choir is practicing each Sunday morning, 9:30 ~ 9:50 a.m.



CELL PHONE, DIGITAL CAMERAS, AND INK JET PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING FUND RAISER:

Are you looking for a way to recycle your old Digital Camera? Then bring them to church and donate them to the Youth Group. We are now recycling Digital Cameras for up to \$10 a camera. We are still doing Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones, now add Digital Camera's to your list. Just place them outside of Mike's Office and they will be taken care of.



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The choir wants to thank the anonymous benefactor for the new robes we now wear in worship. Not only does our choir benefit, another church in need of purple robes received out old ones. Whoever you are, please know that we love the new robes and stoles and, judging from comments heard in church, so does the congregation. We are most grateful!

Our family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards for Molly last week when she had her tonsils and adenoids removed. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family. Molly is doing well and enjoying her diet of ice cream and popsicles! Thank you all for your expressions of care. We are so grateful for you!

The Wilcoxsons

Hello Crestwood Friends!!!

I'm wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With fond remembrances I am reminded of how grateful I am for your kindness and care during my brief time there.

I am now doing another one-year interim ministry in Grand Rapids, Michigan. After that, who knows!!!

Best wishes for you all in 2011.

Sincerely,
Rev. Tim Murtaugh

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church School — 9:30 AM
Worship — 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Youth Programs — 12:15PM

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Rev. Mike McColl, Minister
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