

# THE CREST



Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*Celebrating a Spirit-Filled Journey of Faith*

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## FEBRUARY 26, 2012 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:14-29

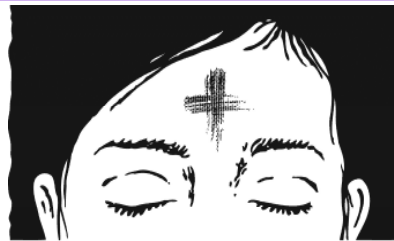
### SERMON

NO MORE MR. NICE GUY  
REV. KORY WILCOXSON

### Worship

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

## Lenten Activities at Crestwood



## Ash Wednesday

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

(CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED)

## 2012 CRESTWOOD PASTOR'S CLASS

Our 2012 Pastor's Class is off to a great start! We have 10 energetic, inquisitive youth who will be learning about their faith and the church. Please pray for these youth as they go through this important faith formation process:

Clay Brumley  
Patrick Geoghegan  
Lauren Hatfield  
Russell Letcher  
Maxwell Napier  
Nicole Napier  
Anabeth Psimer  
Josie Psimer  
Jay Reese  
Christopher Richard

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

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

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

## LENTEN SERMON SERIES JESUS WAS NOT A NICE GUY

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



# Parish News

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Members - \*Cynthia Alcorn & Family, Bill & Maureen Carman, \*D'Ann Clay, Vaiden Cox, Roberta Dellinger, Jane Farmer, Family of Zonia Hanson, Becky Hightower, Mildred Janis, \*Jack Reeve

Family of Members- Michael Arnold, Tommy Clark, Don Colliver, Mary Katherine Folkner, \*Donald Hamm, \*Linda Herrington, \*Herb Hilen, \*Family of Elise Lackey, \*Larry Newsom, \*Bob Stokes, \*Jackie Watts, \*Doris Woodward

Friends of Members- Rosie Coleman, Diane Fehr, Family of John Fink, Tonya Huggins, Nelson Irving, Debbie Kelly, Mary Dunlap Kernan, Gary North, Saul Sebulsky, Lee & Tanua Smith, \*John Walsh, Family of Bill Williams

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

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 college, when it came time to register for classes for the next semester, we students would huddle together with the class list in front of us and compare notes on the different professors. What did we know about Prof. Smith or Prof. Jones? Was he nice? Was she a tough grader? Did he diligently take attendance? Does she accept incomplete assignments? We talked extensively about each professor even though we had never actually met them or taken her class. At the core of all of our questions was this: Will I like him? Will she like me?

That's a little like how we come to know Jesus, isn't it? None of us have ever actually met the man face-to-face. All we have to go on is personal testimony and circumstantial evidence. And yet, our questions are similar to what we wanted to know about our professors: Is Jesus nice? Is he a tough grader? Does he diligently take attendance on Sunday morning? Does he accept incomplete assignments? And, deep down, we have the same core questions: Do I like him? Does he like me?

Those are hard questions to answer when the most recent first-person account we have is a few thousand years old. The question, "Who is Jesus, really?" is one I've been wrestling with ever since I was introduced to him. Actually, I wasn't literally introduced to him, or else this question wouldn't be nearly as hard to answer. Instead, I was introduced to him through the pages of scripture, through sermons from a pastor and through the experiences of other people. That's a quite nebulous way to start a relationship.

The journalist in me has never been quite satisfied with my level of knowledge about Jesus, so for Lent this year we're going to spend some time getting to know Jesus on a more personal level. We'll do this in two different forums. In our Sunday School series at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Chalice Hall, we'll get to know Jesus through the "I AM" statements he makes about himself in the gospel of John. Jesus isn't much of a self-promoter; in fact, in most instances he tells people NOT to publicize anything about him. So when he does talk about himself, it's worth listening. Your ministers will take turns exploring with you the different ways Jesus identifies himself.

In the sermons, we'll take a completely different angle on getting to know our Savior. In our efforts to build a relationship with Jesus or to introduce others to him, we tend to emphasize the less controversial parts of his personality. It's a lot easier to get to know "Jesus, meek and mild" than "Jesus, mean and wild." So we don't often hear about the stories where Jesus appears irascible, off-putting or even - gasp! - like a jerk.

But in Lent, we will. We'll look at those stories and see what we can learn about Jesus. We'll hear his harsh words and read about his divisive actions. We'll wrestle with the fact that our Savior wasn't always a nice guy and how that could impact what we believe about him. We'll spend six weeks getting to know him all over again.

My hope is that by the time we get to Easter, we'll have a fuller understanding of Jesus' time on earth. The disclaimer I offer is that we can never fully know him, more than we can ever fully know any human being. In the end, there will still be much we don't know about Jesus. But hopefully we will have a more complete picture of who this man was back then and who he continues to be for us now. At the end of these six weeks, will we like him more or less? Who knows? To be honest, I'm not even sure what to expect. But I hope the conclusions I draw about him are similar to the ones drawn about the lion Aslan in C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe": "Safe? Of course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

### MISSION CENTER LOAN

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

Loan balance as of 02/08/2012: \$553,418.14

### STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

February 19, 2012

**Contributions:**

Pledges & Offering \$18,134.68

**Attendance:**

Sunday School 88

Detention Center

Worship & Wonder

8:30 a.m. Worship 68

10:45 a.m. Worship 239

Total Worship 307

# SERVING THIS SUNDAY

## Elders

8:30 Service: Pat Nielsen

10:45 Service: Sonny Wray and Dabney Parker

## Ushers

8:30 Service: Fanny Hughes, Doug Damm

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

## Deacons

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

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

Choir: Mary Taylor and Monte LaFrana

## Acolyte

10:45 Service: Olivia Greinke

## Sound Technician

10:45 Service: Jason Taylor



## COLETTE'S CORNER

by Colette Lane

"A little goes a long way" was her answer when I asked what the ounce difference was in the large or small package of ashes. So, I took the small package because the lady was right in more ways than one. The mixture of ashes and oil that is used for the dispensation of ashes for Ash Wednesday is one that does indeed go a long way. A small amount makes enough to use for several hundred people. The mark placed on our foreheads is intended to remind us of the penitent nature of the season of Lent. And as that reminder, it does go a long way. It takes us from the beginning, Ash Wednesday, to the end - Easter. The six-week journey is intended to be contemplative. It is a time to examine our relationship with Jesus and to affirm what it means in our lives. This year, Kory's sermon series explores different facets of the life of Jesus. Why not make worship and listening to the Word a priority on this Lenten journey. A little time spent in worship, study and fellowship can go a long way in undergirding your faith. That faith can be what gets you through the hard times and helps you to celebrate in the good times. Blessings as we begin this journey together.

Glad to be one of your ministers,

Colette



## Welcome Guests

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

Stephanie and Madison Guy, David and Angie Allen (Griffin and Hiatt), Donna Kunder, Linda Lawson, Jane Maskalick, Bhim Monger (and Rodan and Sandesh), Christie Oliver, Brent Sizemore, Don and June Troha

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



## Green Lines

Trade in your plastic water bottle for a stainless steel version. They not only look trendy, but are free of bisphenol (BPA) which is a toxic substance used in clear plastic that has been linked to cancer.



Share a Laugh- It's Contagious

## WELLNESS CORNER

Have you ever tried aroma therapy to relieve stress? Smelling lavender can be a very relaxing experience. Try it, you might like it.



## The Gift of Years

"I'm not old, I've just lived a long time!"

If this is part of your thinking, you may be a person who could benefit from the upcoming conversations on "Senior Empowerment". This Sunday, FEB. 26, please join Colette in the chapel immediately following both services if you are interested in joining the first group. We will set times for March to have our discussions. Loren Broadus is the leader for our first group and is enjoying the planning process. So, I know the group will be great! If you have questions, please contact Colette.



## New Yoga Class

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



# The South Wing

# Children's Ministry News

## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH WING - BY CAROLYN MILLER

When we pray with our children, we always begin with, "Let's talk to God." Our children have learned these words signal a time of reverence. Little heads bow and eyes close. They dutifully repeat the words of their leader. An "amen" lets them know it is time to look up.

There are so many more ways to talk to God. I think our children know this better than most. In the words of Worship and Wonder, "God listens even if we don't speak out loud." If you have not watched our children pray quietly, you would be amazed at the length of their silence. I don't know what they say, but I know they say it sincerely, reverently and honestly. They don't worry about saying the wrong thing. They tell God what's on their hearts.

They also know how to talk to God without saying a word. This morning, I watched blocks, markers and pens utilized. Whether they are drawing a picture, writing a poem, or building a temple, our children are talking to God. In Sunday school, we talk to God through cooking, music, play and drama. God understands all languages and all forms of expression.

What our children don't know is they often talk to God the loudest when they are not trying to talk to God. When they work together on a project, when they welcome a new friend, and when they hug their parents, they are talking to God and to the world.

Let us follow the lead of our children. After the "amen," let us talk to God through our actions. Let us not just say the words, but live their meaning.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### CHERUBS

IN CLASSROOM WITH MS. FANNY.

### EXPLORERS (K-2)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE  
NEW UNIT—TEACH US TO PRAY

### DISCOVERERS (3-5)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE  
NEW UNIT—TEACH US TO PRAY



Worship and Wonder

### LAMBS (3-K):

LENTEN PUZZLE

STORYTELLER:

MS. CAROLYN

GREETERS: ANDREW SPARKS AND  
KAREN BLAKEMAN

### LIONS (1-2):

WHO IS THE GREATEST

STORYTELLER: DOUG WILKINSON

GREETER: AMY COMPTON

### ACOLYTE

OLIVIA GREINKE



Worship and Wonder

Worship an Wonder Storyteller  
Training, March 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,  
March 11 after church for lunch.

Contact Ms. Carolyn  
atCarolyn@crestwoodchristian.org if  
you are interested.



## SECOND SUNDAY ON US

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



## SAVE THE DATE!

VBS—JUNE 11-14, 2012

CONTACT JEN BROWN OR MS. CAROLYN  
TO VOLUNTEER



The Children's Choir will meet this Sunday, February 26, at 9:30 a.m., as we will be singing at the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. **We will not be meeting in the afternoon.**



## THE ARK— MORE THAN A

Children's Groups  
This Week:

## PROP IN INDIANA JONES



## HANGING WITH EMILY

On Sunday our youth focused discussed the different relationships in their lives, family, friends and the church. The Chi Rho discussion was focused on family, understanding that family does not simply include our immediate family. Family is a community that is built on love, trust, and support. Relationships built within these church walls and though participation in mission trip, camps and regional activities strengthen the connection with our church family and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I invite everyone the next time they see one of our youth or children to ask them about their time at Crestwood and make a connection!

Peace,  
Emily



## CYF CAFÉ

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

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

## UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Feb. 26: Service Project Sunday—American Cancer Society Hope Lodge
- March 4: Accountable Friendships
- March 11: Connecting with Others
- March 18: No Youth Group, Lumber Jack and Jane Weekend

## OUR SPONSORS

- Chi Rho
- Amie Lane Tyson
- Liz Perry
- Ben Thompson
- CYF
- Dan Tyler
- Patrick McDaniel
- Lyndi Van Deursen

## Summer Activities Parents Meeting

March 25th at 6pm

Come for an informational meeting about our upcoming summer trips.

## Mission Trip Dates



- Chi Rho: Heifer Project in Lansing, Michigan: June 18-22
- CYF: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: July 9-13

## 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!



## March 16-18 Lumber Jack and Jane Weekend @ WaKonDaHo

Join Disciples youth across the region for a camp WaKonDaHo cleanup weekend. This weekend retreat is a great opportunity to reconnect with camp friends, meet new people and give back to the camp that is so special to many youth and adults. The cost is \$20; registration forms available on the church website. Registration is due March 5th..

## SUNDAY'S COOL!



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



- Eighters Camp:  
June 3-9
- CYF 2: June 25-30
- Chi Rho 1: July 2-7

# DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



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

We welcome women of all ages to join us!

## CWU News

Kentucky State Assembly for Church Women United

March 10, 9am to 3pm  
Embassy Suites, 1801 Newtown Pike  
Registration \$15

Join us for the opportunity to meet others from around the state striving to grow as Christian women serving in our communities.

Contact Martha Duttlinger for reservations, 296-6363 or [msmartha@aol.com](mailto:msmartha@aol.com)

The Christian women of Malaysia invite us to join them for the:

**2012 World Day of Prayer**

March 2, 7pm  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
2185 Garden Springs Dr.  
"Let Justice Prevail"



**Church-Wide  
Chili  
Dinner**

SPONSORED BY DWM  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26,  
12 P.M.

CHILI, HOT DOGS, SALAD,  
& HOMEMADE DESSERTS.

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

## Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries

2012 Spring Conference

April 21, 9:30am  
Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike

Featuring Jan Ehrmantraut, former General Minister of the Christian Church in Kentucky

Registration \$25, due by April 7  
See Martha Duttlinger for registration forms

## DWM Collecting

DWM will be collecting the following items this month: Diapers, wipes, pens, pencils and multi-pocket organizers. Items can be placed in the collection bin in Chalice Hall. Call Sheri at 224-1040 if you have any questions.



**DWM MONTHLY  
SERVICE PROJECT**

## CHRYSALIS HOUSE

A comprehensive long-term residential program that has supported women and their families in recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction since 1978. Each facility is licensed by the state of Kentucky for residential and outpatient treatment. Annually, Chrysalis House serves over 200 women and their children.

## WOMEN'S HOPE CENTER GETS A VALENTINE TREAT



Residents of the Women's Hope Center got a special treat from Crestwood on Feb. 14. Local Outreach Team members organized, delivered, and assisted with a pizza and salad supper at the center. DWM members rounded out the menu with homemade desserts and drinks. As a special touch, all of the dining room tables were decorated with hearts and flowers for the occasion. Crestwood teams working together and reaching out -now, that's sweet!

## WALKERS KEEP TRACK OF YOUR MILES

We're making some adjustments to the website and adding names of new walkers to the list. Soon, we'll be recording our miles again and headed for a place in the sunny south - (Virtually, of course) ! Again if you want to join the walkers, contact Colette.

## ATTENTION DAY-TRIPPERS!

We've re-activated this Small Group by scheduling a visit to the Little Town with a Big Heart! This trip will appeal to men and women both, and we are hoping for a large turn-out!! Both vans have been reserved and we will head to Carlisle on March 8, leaving from the church at 10:45 a.m.

We will have lunch at the Old Jailer's Home, followed by a tour of the jail and the J.T.Sims/Neal Building. Not only is this building a restored 1883 treasure, but also houses a Doll and Toy Museum, and the 1890 Mosart Hall Theatre. Mosart Hall has original décor including historic wall paper. In the toy museum, you will see an original early teddy bear owned by a Crestwood member (can you guess who?? If so, ask him about it!! ) The toy museum houses over 300 pieces. If we still have the energy, we will visit the Courthouse Square Arts Guild and the restored train depot.

Cost: \$15 plus gratuity for lunch (cash or check), plus contribution for gas and optional tour guide gratuity. We should be back at the church by 4 p.m. Please reserve your spot by calling Patsy Anderson at (859) 229-1420 or email at [ppanderson@insightbb.com](mailto:ppanderson@insightbb.com).

**PLEASE RESERVE BY MAR. 1.**



Center

### Fundraising Event

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

## It's Potluck Dinner Time!



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

are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to [laura@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:laura@crestwoodchristian.org) or 266-0459.



## JOIN US FOR: SERMON TALKBACK

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



There comes a special satisfaction when we do acts of kindness or contribute our time for good and special purposes. The Mission Desk is a good place to contribute your free time. Those that donate their time there get to welcome people into our facility. Some spend that time reading, sewing or visiting with the many fine people that come for meetings, play bridge, walk, and exercise in yoga classes. Be someone that finds pleasure in doing for others.

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

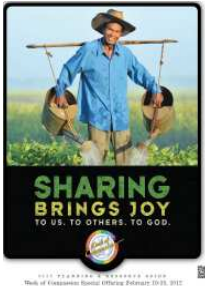
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WEEK OF COMPASSION  
FEBRUARY 19—26  
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



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

### CHURCH STAFF

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

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### WEBSITE

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

## Comic Corner



"Rev. Peterson is in the Holy Land, the youth pastor's under the church bus, and the minister of music is in jail for photocopying music. Want to talk to the janitor?"



Questions?

## TAKE A CRASH COURSE!

*Would you like to know more  
about Crestwood?*

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