

CRESTWOOD THE CREST

Our Vision: Connecting People with God and Each Other

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CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE

Although the physical church office is closed, office operations have gone virtual.

For non-urgent matters, send email to office@crestwoodchristian.org.

> For urgent matters, call Kory or Trish.

Note about the **April CREST:**

If you usually receive the CREST by both postal mail and email, you may expect to receive it only by email this week.

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ARTICLES DUE BY NOON ON Monday, April 27

WORSHIP AT CRESTWOOD **SUNDAYS @ 10:00 AM**

We're sorry we can't gather with you in person on Sunday mornings, but we will still take the time to worship and praise God!

Each Sunday at 10:00 AM, you'll receive an email with a link to a pre-

recorded worship service that we have put together for you.

We'll also post the worship service on our Crestwood Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CrestwoodLexington).

We hope you can make use of these videos to help your family experience the joy of worshipping God together.





PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY



Due to COVID-19, this Palm Sunday will look very different than what we've become accustomed to seeing. We will surely miss the children lining up outside the sanctuary, palms in hand, and their sweet faces as they march down the center aisle, waving them proudly for all to see. This week may look very different, but it is still Palm Sunday and we want all who are able to participate.

THE PALMS HAVE ARRIVED!...

...and are placed outside the Children's Wing entrance for you to come by and pick up at your convenience. (One palm per person, please). When you get home, use your smartphone to capture a short video of yourself or your family waving the palm. Send to Kory at kory@crestwoodchristian.org and we will include your clip in our Sunday worship video.

Thank you for participating in this meaningful custom.

PRAYER LIST

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: *Elaine Carman and family, Sylvia Griffin, Stacy Hinchey and family, *Doug Hutcherson, the family of Joyce Leininger, Traci Letcher, *Jackie Lindsey and Sue Michael, *Kathy Lovell, Tara Monzon

FAMILY: The family of Bill Ercolini (of Gayle Hutcherson), Karen McGaughey (cousin of Betty Barton), Sharon McKenney (sister of Lynn West), Anna Psimer (niece of Jerry and Susie Psimer), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace), *Virginia Wiseman (mother of David Wiseman)

FRIENDS: *Susan Armstrong (of Fran Allen),
Winston Czirr (of Carolyn Rasnick), Aileen
Dalton (of Christie Oliver), the family of Jake
Gibbs (of Crestwood), Steve Marcum (of Sally
Fordham), Charles Myers (of Louise Sargent),
*Patty Navarro (of Betty Barton), Len Nichols
(of Sandra Thompson), Margaret Roberts (of
Darval Rash), Gerald Spencer (of Tom Arnold),
Jane Tucker (of Kathy Stone), Regan
Wrentmore (of Ruthie DeLacey)

ARMED FORCES: Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Paul **Baird** (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), Blake and Jill Chambers and family (grandson of Joe & Karen Billings), Travis Cramer (son of Rick and Cathy Tittmann), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), Scott Eldridge (of Pamela Wainscott), Andrew Lynn (grandson of Joe & Karen Billings), Patrick Ritter (great-nephew of Betty Tester), David Schloesser (of Matt Staggs), Rocky Shapla Jane Johnson), (friend of Zoe Sims (granddaughter of John Sims), Dalcus Sparks (nephew of Andrea Back), Justin Witt (nephew of Jack Witt).

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Jean Aspley, Margaret Buchanan, Billie Casey, Carolyn Floyd, Carl and Jean Ham, Nettie Sue Hughbanks, Georgia Meece, John Sims, Ruby Thornton, Jean Walters

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, our healthcare workers, and for God's presence and peace in areas of turmoil and suffering around the world.

*Names added this week. Names are included on the prayer list for one month. If a name has been removed that you would like added back on, please contact the church office.

A WORD FROM KORY

There's this great scene at the end of "Dirty Dancing" when the rebellious Patrick Swayze swaggers into the fancy ballroom, dead-set on dancing with Jennifer Grey ("Baby") against her father's wishes. He strides up to their table, looks the father in the eye, and says, "No one puts Baby in a corner." He then grabs Grey and they perform the climactic dance scene.



Today, with Easter less than two weeks away, I'd like to paraphrase Swayze and say, "No one keeps Jesus in the tomb!" Like you, I am devastated that we won't be together in our beautifully adorned sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Something feels fundamentally wrong about not being in church on Easter. But we can still BE the church on Easter, gathering around our computers and TVs to watch the service the staff will prepare for you.

There's a lot about our current situation that doesn't feel right. We can't visit friends in nursing homes or hospitals. We can't meet for coffee or lunch. I've done so many meetings on my computer that I'm afraid when this is all over I won't recognize people in person! But we do what we have to do in order to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

The good news is we worship a God not confined by "social distance" regulations or quarantines. The Spirit of God is within us and around us, and we trust that God continues to work through this situation to bring about good. We don't know what that is, and that can be scary. We don't like unknown. We don't like questions without answers.

And yet, I have seen some of the greatest expressions of faith happen during just this time. People are finding creative ways to see each other at a safe distance. I visited with Sue Ann Cowgill the other day while she stood on her third-floor balcony and I stood on the ground. It's the only time I would be allowed to yell at Sue Ann! Children are drawing inspiring messages on sidewalks. Neighbors are leaving meals on the doorsteps of their friends. And we are talking via phone, via Facetime, via computer. We are staying connected.

I don't know what's going to happen. I wish I did. But I trust God is in the midst of it. I know it can feel helpless sometimes, but there's always something you can do. Reach out. Connect. Make sure those you know – and maybe even those you don't know – aren't isolated and alone. We're in this together, Crestwood, and I believe we will come out of it a better, stronger, more connected church than when it started. Why? Because no one keeps Jesus in the tomb! Christ is not only risen, but he is alive and active in our lives. Look for him. Listen for him. Be him to others.

In Memory of...

JOYCE LEININGER (1941-2020)

Joyce Leininger passed away on Wednesday, March 11. Please keep Roger and all of their family in your prayers.



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TRISH TALK

Dear Friends,

One month and life as we know it has changed. In talking to people there are many different challenges in our social distancing and being "healthy at home." No

one has complained that we need to do this. Not one person has grumbled about not being able to do what they do or that things are closed. What I hear is concern for those who have the virus, those on the front lines, and the acknowledgement that to be safe, we need to follow these isolating protocols. Many express concern for what will be after this crisis is over. But overwhelmingly, one of the things folks are most sad about is Easter. It does seem crazy that Easter services will not happen in our traditional way. The holiest day in the Christian year will not have a gathering of Christians. There will not be full pews singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" This is another grief that we are forced to wrestle with. But there will still be Easter. I've been thinking about this a lot. The first Easter was not a big celebration. (Those actually didn't come for a few hundred years.) The first Easter was intimate. The first Easter was personal. Mary in the garden talking to the "gardener" and encountering the risen Lord. Two disciples on the road hashing over the events of the crucifixion and they engage a stranger and offer him hospitality and suddenly they are breaking bread with the living Lord.

We often equate Easter with the celebration. New outfits and family gatherings. Full churches that smell like spring flowers. But Easter is so much more personal than that. This year, let's acknowledge that it will be hard to not be together as a church family, and then, let us make the most of this Easter. Let us spend some time looking for resurrection. Let us ponder the love God must have for humanity that would not let death have the last word when the sinfulness of humanity killed Jesus. Let us learn form the stories and engage the gardeners and fellow strangers on our journey (at a 6-foot distance).

Let us look for Easter. It may take some stepping out of our comfort zone if there is anything left in that zone after these past few weeks. It may mean that we engage folks we would usually walk past. It will not come as we expect it. Remember when the disciples first encountered the risen Lord they were locked in a house by themselves. Let us trust God to bring an awareness of life in the midst of these difficult days. Let us trust that God will bring new life out of this pandemic and that if we hold tight to what is good, Easter will prevail and the body of Jesus Christ will be evident in new ways and will continue to show up wherever his disciples are.

We will worship in person together again and when we do, we will celebrate the presence of the risen Lord in our midst!

Blessed to share the journey, Trish

LOCAL OUTREACH

Several members of Crestwood's Local Outreach team recently toured the Salvation Army. In response to their need for new linens, Crestwood purchased 240 towels, 48 blankets, 48 pillows, and 48 sheet sets.

FoodChain - \$500

Crestwood will help provide food for students in our community across Fayette county. FoodChain's kitchen has been focused on preparing hundreds of daily hot meals for people in our northern Lexington neighborhood since Kentucky entered a state of emergency due to the coronavirus. (foodchainlex.org)

Room in the Inn - \$500

This program has been extended. The participants will have a place to stay but there is a need for funding to provide food and drinks.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Does COVID-19 quarantine Children's Sunday School? No way!

Thanks so much to Emily Hobbs and Karen Blakeman for helping to keep our kids connected through virtual lessons on Facebook and YouTube.





Emily has been our virtual Storyteller for Worship and Wonder.

Karen has engaged our 3rd - 5th graders with her weekly Sunday School lessons.

CRESTWOOD YOUTH

Dear Youth Families,

Due to the complete flip from being in person to the virtual world, youth ministry has been meeting via Zoom. Youth Group (all youth) meets every Sunday at 4:00 PM on Zoom. We are having a Zoom devotional time for Chi Rho (middle school) on Tuesdays at 4:00 PM and CYF (high school) on Thursdays at 4:00 PM. If you are not signed up to receive Remind notifications for Crestwood Youth through text messages, please do so to receive the Zoom links each week.

I am praying for each of you. Thank you for allowing me to connect with our youth during this difficult time with many unknowns. God Bless.

Blessings. **Brian Miller**

Weekly Youth Zoom Schedule

Youth Group - Sundays @ 4:00pm Chi Rho Zoom Devotional - Tuesdays @ 4:00pm CYF Zoom Devotional - Thursdays @ 4:00pm

Youth Camp Dates at Wakon'Da-Ho

*As of right now, camp dates haven't changed, but Brian will send a notice if anything changes.

<u>June</u>

8th - 13th CYF Camp 1 14th - 20th **Eighters Camp** June 29th - July 3rd CYF Camp 2

July

June 29th - July 3rd CYF Camp 2 6th - 11th Chi Rho Camp 1 13th - 18th Chi Rho Camp

WAYS TO CONNECT



6th-8th Grade: Text @chirho1920 to 81010 9th-12th Grade: Text @cyf1920 to 81010

Crestwood Online Calendar

https://www.crestwoodchristian.org/calendar/



Follow us on Instagram at crestwood.youthministry



Join the Crestwood Christian Church Youth page

CHRISTIAN CARE COMMUNITIES

RENOVATIONS FOR LOUISVILLE'S CHAPEL AND DEMENTIA CARE

With a gift from Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington, the Chapel at Louisville's Health Center was renovated by volunteers and includes a new high-tech sound system to improve the worship experience and community engagement for residents.

Crestwood's gift to install the new sound system provided this tremendous improvement. The residents and staff are very grateful and are continuing to enjoy an enhanced worship experience.



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EASTER PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

This Easter activity does not require social interaction, other than any family members in your home, and utilizes the outdoors, technology, and some creative storytelling to help Crestwood engage with the Easter story.

Photo Scavenger: Finding Easter is even more fun than finding eggs!

Most of us have our smartphones in

hand; why not put them to good use and use them to tell Crestwood the story of Easter? After you find each "clue," take a selfie with the object found so that by the end, not only do you have fun, faith-filled memories, you have seven new Easter pictures, and Crestwood Christian Church gets to share this experience together!

In bolded **RED** font, you will find the selfie/picture request for each clue. Once you have taken your photo, please share in the Google Doc folder (click <u>here</u>) under the file named for that photo clue number.

Deadline to share photos: FRIDAY, APRIL 10

If you have difficulty sharing your photos in the Google Doc folder, email them to Brian at brian@crestwoodchristian.org.

Clue #1 - Birth - Luke 2:6-12

This story begins in a different way
The Baby Jesus was sleeping on hay
He was the Messiah, God's only Son
But His journey began as a quiet, humble one...

Find a barn or manger and take a selfie beside it. Think about what it meant that Jesus wasn't born rich or mighty, but as a humble baby, just like us. Talk about why that is important to us as we follow Him.

Clue #2 - Baptism - Matthew 3:13-17

As He grew, he gained respect from God and man And His calling to save us, He began to understand He declared He came to set the captives free And was baptized by John to begin that journey

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. See if you can find a stream, a pool, a river, anything with water for your selfie. Take some time to think about what happened when Jesus was baptized, how God spoke from heaven and what John said about Him.

Clue #3 - Ministry - Matthew 4:18-20

Jesus began to teach all the people They'd come to hear him, no building or steeple He'd talk in the mountains and down by the sea And to those who would listen, He'd say "Come, follow me!"

Jesus went to places where people were to talk to them about God's love. If Jesus were here today, where do you think he would teach? **Take a picture in the place you thought of.** Verbally share or write down a little explanation of why you picked that place!

Clue #4 - Miracles

Many people came to Jesus in need Some sick and some lame, some broken indeed And often Jesus would heal, touch or feed News of Him spread around Israel with speed

There are many stories of Jesus' miracles in the Bible. Pick your favorite story and read it aloud. There are several ways to take your selfie – you can point to the Scripture reference and take a pic; you can re-enact the story and take a pic.

Clue #5 - Last Supper - Matthew 26:20-30

But some of the people did not like God's Son And started a plan to get rid of the One So Jesus gathered his friends for a Passover meal And shared what would happen; it seemed so unreal

During the Last Supper, Jesus explained that he would die and rise again, but the disciples didn't understand his words. It was here that Jesus first described communion – the bread representing his body and the juice representing his blood. After this, he left and went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before the soldiers came to arrest him.

Go find a garden or a patch of flowers and take your selfie.

Consider how just a few weeks ago this ground was cold and dead, but today there is hope and new life. Jesus came that we might have new life and have it for all eternity!

Clue #6 - Crucifixion - Matthew 27:32-56*

Betrayed by a friend, Jesus was arrested He was tried by a court and his death was requested On that saddest of days, our Savior did die But within that dark moment, our salvation did lie

When Jesus died on the cross, his disciples and his friends lost all hope. But God had a bigger plan. A beautiful plan that was way bigger than they could see in that moment. We remember the cross as a place of suffering but also as a place of hope for all eternity. **Find a cross and take your picture.** Talk about how we can have hope in lesus.

*Parents, this can be a difficult subject to approach with children. You know your kids best and what is the best way to share this part of the story. While I have included the Scripture reference, use your discernment and discretion when you share.

Clue #7 - Resurrection - Luke 24:1-12

Some may think that our story is done. But they would be wrong! It has only begun! For after three days, Jesus rose from the dead To give us new life forever...just as He said!

Our greatest hope comes in knowing that we will get to spend all of eternity with Jesus. Jesus can help us to live with joy and life now. That is what Easter is all about!

Take a picture celebrating the GREAT JOY that Jesus is ALIVE!

EASTER FLOWERS

EASTER TULIP AND LILY ORDER FORM



Cost: \$8 each

Order and payment deadline: Monday, April 6
Please mail a check to the church or pay online
at www.crestwoodchristian.org under the "Give" tab.

Your Name:		Phone:
Total Quantity:	Tulips Lilies	
	Please circle Memory or Ho	onor and fill in name.
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Payment by:	Cash Check	
	Online (On the online giving p	oage, choose Payment .

We are still ordering flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Whether we worship in person or online, we want the sanctuary to look its best for this special service.

If you would like to purchase a tulip or lily in memory or honor of someone to place in our sanctuary for Easter morning, please place your order by **Monday, April 6**.

The cost for each plant is \$8.

To order and pay online, click here and choose Payment.

Note **Tulip** or **Lily** and memorial or honorary designation in Special Instructions.

Or email Maureen at office@crestwoodchristian.org.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

DWM Delivery to GreenHouse17

Church members really came forth with bedding and other items needed by GreenHouse17. Kathy Stone's car overflowed with bags of bedding in every available space.

The GreenHouse17 employees were so enthusiastic when they saw all the bedding for children, teenagers, and moms, with a teddy bear or stuffed animal tucked in here and there.



CANCELLATIONS

All DWM Circles and the DWM Service Project are canceled for the month of April.

The CWU meeting for April has been canceled.



APRIL CALENDAR

Several of our Crestwood groups and teams are continuing to meet virtually through Zoom and other means of communication.

As each day brings new information and we don't when current restrictions will end, the calendar on our website may not always reflect up-to-date information on virtual meetings. Please keep in touch with your group leader to stay connected.

If you need help to set up a Zoom meeting, email Kory at

kory@crestwoodchristian.org.

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.....Notes of Thanks.....Notes of Thanks.....

Dear Crestwood family,

This is a very belated thank you for your care when I had my surgery in January and the 6-week recovery period with my right arm in a sling when I could not drive. Trish, Kory and Brian's visits while I was in the hospital were so welcome. Your presence and prayers meant a lot to me. Thank you for the many cards, calls, and texts that helped me feel connected when I was unable to get out on my own. Crestwood folks are the best! I feel very blessed to be a part of such a caring church.

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Dear Crestwood,

We have finished another fantastic winter season of **Glendover Basketball**. The league continues to grow and improve thanks to the support of Crestwood Christian. I want to express my gratitude on behalf of the community for all Crestwood continues to do for the people in our area. Thank you for allowing Glendover Basketball to contribute season after season.

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Dear Friends of Crestwood Christian,

Spring is starting to peek through the cold, and our farm is busy with preparations for the warmer months ahead. Survivors like "Rebecca" are helping plant seeds that will soon sprout into beautiful flowers and delicious vegetables. At the same time, they are sowing hope for the future. Thank you for your recent donation to **GreenHouse17**. Your support helps Rebecca and other survivors like her start a new season of growth. Together, we are creating safe opportunities for survivors of intimate partner abuse to re-imagine their lives without violence. And we could not accomplish this difficult mission without people like you by our side.

In gratitude, Darlene Thomas Executive Director Dear Friends,

Please accept our appreciation for your generosity in allowing us to use your church for our **Saturday morning Men's AA Group**. You have no idea how many men your generosity helps get sober and stay sober.

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Many thanks, Chris

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally express my gratitude to you for the support of the Ronald McDonald **House Charities of the Bluegrass** through your generous in-kind donation. For the past 36 years, the Ronald McDonald House has opened its doors to serve families of sick children being treated at medical facilities in Lexington. We have shared many laughs, many hugs, and many moments of celebrating the kindness of people like you. Your support makes it possible for the RMHC of the Bluegrass to extend comfort, care, and compassion for families in need through our unique programs and services. On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers, and especially the families we care for each day and night, I sincerely thank you for making a difference for people going through a hard time.

With gratitude, Nate Graham Executive Director

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

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Since our doors opened in 1884, friends like you have helped offer older adults an unprecedented level of care. More people than ever need the strength and comfort of **Christian Care Communities'** important services. With your gift of \$766, you join others who have made a commitment to help continue our mission of enhancing the journey of life for Older Adults.

In His Service, James W. Patton, Vice President Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

On behalf of **The Nest's** staff, board, and clients, I would like to thank you for your generosity. Your support makes our services to our community possible. We appreciate you!

Sincerely, J. Ellen Wilhoite Director of Philanthropy

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of hygiene items and diapers to **The Nest**. They arrived at the perfect time! We are so thankful for your consistent support and generosity.

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Rachel Madden Family Assistance Program

Dear Crestwood Christian Church.

From all of us at **CASA** (**Court Appointed Special Advocates**) of Lexington, we want to thank you for your support in 2019. We are extremely grateful for your generosity. Your contributions totaling \$1,000 assisted us in serving the abused and neglected children in the central Kentucky area. Your gift ensures that a child served by CASA of Lexington will have a volunteer advocate for an entire year!

Thank you again for your support, Melynda Jamison Executive Director

Dear Friends of LTS at Crestwood,

The **Lexington Seminary** community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church. On behalf of our students, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$443. Thanks to the Crestwood congregation for your faith-filled belief in LTS!

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Sincerely yours, Mark Blankenship Vice President for Advancement

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PHOTOS FROM OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP ADVENTURE

Red River Gorge Trout Backpacking March 10, 2020



CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Online Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM

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Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
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