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THE WEEKLY

NOVEMBER 24, 2020

ADVENT SERMON SERIES DETOUR!

NOV 29

SERMON:

Mary

Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Trish Standifur

Have you ever thought your life was going to go a certain way, and then, out of nowhere – detour! That happens to almost everyone involved in the Christmas story. A carpenter, a young fiancée, a group of shepherds, three wise men – all

thought life was going to be one way, but instead God had other plans.

During Advent, we'll look at how each of these characters handled their detour and how we can find hope and peace in the midst of our own changes in life.

Nov 29	Mary	Luke 1:26-38
Dec 6	Joseph	Matthew 1:18-24
Dec 13	Shepherds	Luke 2:8-20
Dec 20	Birth Story	Luke 2:1-7
Dec 27	Magi	Matthew 2:1-12

COMING UP

Tuesday, November 24

6:30 PM God's Girls Reading Group - Zoom 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom

Wednesday, November 25

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom 2:00 PM Open Sanctuary

6:00 PM Drive-In Vespers Service - North Lot

Thursday, November 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Saturday, November 28

9:00 AM Open Sanctuary 10:00 AM Zoom Faith Group

Sunday, November 29

Online Worship

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School - Zoom

9:15 AM 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom

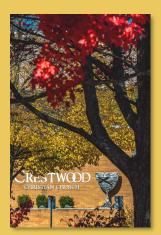
11:00 AM Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom

3:00 PM Advent Family Workshop - Zoom

WORSHIP

ONLINE WORSHIP

Available through Sunday email link Facebook page YouTube channel



DRIVE-IN VESPERS

Wednesday, November 25 @ 6:00 PM

Join us this Wednesday for Drive-In Vespers in the North Parking Lot, broadcast through your FM radio. Bring your own communion elements. We hope to see you!

THEY ARE HERE! GET YOUR TEAM CRESTWOOD MASK!



If you pre-ordered a Crestwood mask, we will contact you to arrange delivery. The \$10 cost of each mask may be paid by cash, check, or online.

If you would like a mask but did <u>not</u> pre-order, please contact the church office. Masks will be available on a first come, first served basis. These high quality masks will make great stocking stuffers!

Due to the unusual circumstances this year, we will not be ordering poinsettias.

Instead, please consider using your money toward Angel Tree gifts or Nest food boxes.

Thanks for all you do for Crestwood and our community.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Bettye Burns, Cindy Fulkerson and family, Bill McDonald, Rainey McDonald, *Carolyn Rasnick and family, Karen Schell, *Michael and Phyllis Trowbridge, Sonia Woodall

<u>FAMILY</u>: *The family of Meryl Clements (cousin of Joe Clark), Betty Donaldson (aunt of Susan Hart), Derrie Edge (sister-in-law of Chrystal Schoeder), Loretta Grannis (aunt of Susan Hart), *Carl Hensley (brother-in-law of Colette Lane), Joycie Holbrook (aunt of Susan Hart), Guy McKinney (son of Barbara Rhoads), Kathy Wathen (mother of Kory Wilcoxson)

FRIENDS: Ingrid Compton (of Betty Barton), Aileen Dalton (of Christie Oliver), Paul Devine and family (of the Harts), Verna Fairchild (of Libby Wachtel), Lucia Felix (of Libby Wachtel), *Caden Freeman (of Crestwood), Cellina Gantley (of Kathy Stone), Vicki Lucero (of Crestwood), the family of Suzanne Mitchum (of Callie Price), John Richardson (of Crestwood), Joanne Shuman (of Monte LaFrana), Janet and Gary Taylor (of Kathy Stone), *the family of Betty Willis (of Callie Price), Brad Woods (of Betty Barton)

ARMED FORCES: Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Paul Baird (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), Blake and Jill Chambers and family (grandson of Joe and Karen Billings), Travis Cramer (son of Rick and Cathy Tittmann), Daniel Day (grandson of John and Carol Royse) Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), Scott Eldridge (of Pamela Wainscott), Andrew Lynn (grandson of Joe and Karen Billings), Zoe Sims (granddaughter of John Sims), Dalcus Sparks (nephew of Andrea Back)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Margaret Buchanan, Billie Casey, Carolyn Floyd, Carl and Jean Ham, Georgia Meece, John Sims, Mary Janice Towles

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.





Greetings, Crestwood Family,

Thank you for choosing to adopt an Angel again this season! In doing so you are providing a child with a Christmas memory to cherish for many years, maybe even a lifetime.

This year, because of COVID-19, our process will be a little different; however, the need is greater than ever. Following is the step-by-step process for adopting your Angel(s):

Choose any Angel, or group of sibling Angels, through the sign-up link below. If you need help, please contact Peggy King at peggy@crestwoodchristian.org. When choosing your angel(s), please take note of the number associated with your choice(s) as these numbers will be used to match your gift to the correct child. If your number also has a letter beside it (101a, 101b, etc.) that means this child has siblings. Please plan to shop for all siblings in this group so that gifts are consistent within that family.

Shop for your Angel. Please remember, the gift suggestions are meant to be a guide, not a list to be fulfilled.

Package your gifts. <u>Please do not wrap your gifts</u>. If you wish, you may include a roll of wrapping paper and some ribbon with your gift. Place unwrapped gifts in a black trash bag (to keep little eyes from seeing gifts before Christmas). Trash bags will be available at Crestwood in case you don't have any. If you have chosen siblings or multiple Angels, please use a different bag for each child.

Contact-Free Drop off: You may drop off your gifts on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enter the North Parking lot, drive through the circle overhang, and pop your trunk. A volunteer will retrieve your gift(s) and get them tagged for you.

Or you may bring your gifts to Crestwood Monday - Friday, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and leave them in Lollis Chapel (enter from North parking lot). Tie or fasten the bag(s) securely. A table will be set up inside with your numbered sticker(s) along with your name. Place the corresponding sticker on each bag. If you have adopted sibling Angels, please be sure to tie these bags together.

Gifts need to be at Crestwood no later than Monday, December 7 at Noon.

Thank you so very much! You have now given a child more than a gift. You have given a child hope, joy, and a memory. And who knows where this will lead!

To Choose an Angel, <u>click here</u>.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING

Crestwood's Alternative Christmas Giving will be observed November 15 – December 6. Our worship services are featuring the various agencies Alternative Christmas Giving supports. The agencies are listed below.

Please <u>click here</u> for the form to print and include with your gift so that we know which agency/agencies you are supporting when Alternative Christmas gifts are distributed.

This form is also available on the Alternative Christmas Giving table located in the breezeway to Chalice Hall. Cards are available to send regarding your gift in honor/memory of someone.

ARBOR YOUTH SERVICES

cares for At-Risk and Runaway Youth

CRESTWOOD'S BRIDGE FUND

provides a "bridge" for families temporarily in need

CENTRAL KY MUSIC ACADEMY

gives musical training for low income children

GREENHOUSE17

assists women who are survivors of domestic violence

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

addresses international poverty and hunger

MILITARY MISSIONS

supports deployed military personnel

NATHANIEL MISSION

provides medical and dental care, and gives daily support to Lexington's neediest

Payment may be made by check, cash, or online.

If you choose to give online, go to www.crestwoodchristian.org/about/give and follow the link in the paragraph **Online Giving with Credit/Debit cards.** Once on the Online Donations page, select Payment. In the **Special Instructions** box, please indicate **Alternative Christmas Giving.**



THE NEST FOOD BOXES

For the month of November, our Youth Ministry is asking for your monetary donations to supply the goal of 300 food boxes for The Nest, which will cost an estimated

\$6,000 (\$20 a box). Your generosity last year allowed us to fill 325 food boxes and give a financial donation to help supply other needs at The Nest.

Due to the pandemic and in an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible, we are only asking for monetary donations to help cover the cost of the food. We will order the food and have it boxed at a later date by our Youth Ministry. Send your donation to Crestwood Christian Church.

Thank you for continuing to make an impact in our community, especially for the 300 families who will receive these food boxes. We can do this! We will do this! We are Crestwood!

For checks, write in the memo: **The Nest Food Boxes**For cash, write on the envelope or note: **The Nest Food Boxes**For online giving, note before submitting: **The Nest Food Boxes**

ALL CHURCH VIDEO "FELLOWSHIP"

What? This year since we cannot be together in person at the holidays, we would like to invite individuals and families to send us a video clip. It can be a talent, a favorite holiday tradition, a story, or just a "Merry Christmas" message. All you need to do is contact Trish at trish@crestwoodchristian.org and let her know you are interested. We will set up ways to get the videos-including coming to you with a camera! Imagine getting to see many faces, hear gifts of song, listen to stories, and learn more about each other. We will compile the clips and have a premier showing where we can all watch together in our separate spaces. Please plan to be a part of this as it will only be as meaningful as we make it. If you have any questions email Trish.

REMIND.COM

Join our Remind account to receive text messages or emails about Crestwood Christian Church weather delays, event cancellations, and other important information. Click or type in the URL www.remind.com. If you don't have an account, sign up as a parent.

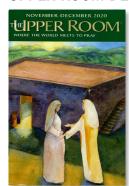
Receiving Text Messages:
Visit remind.com/join and enter the class code
@ccc1882 along with your mobile phone number or Text
@ccc1882 to 81010. You'll get text notifications at the number you entered.

Receiving Emails: Visit remind.com/join and enter the class code @ccc1882 along with your email address to receive emails at that address.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us this Sunday at 9:00 AM on Zoom as we begin an ADVENT study. Email Trish (<u>trish@crestwoodchristian.org</u>) for discussion points.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GUIDES



The November-December issue of the *Upper Room* is available in the breezeway between Chalice Hall and the sanctuary. That entrance is unlocked on weekdays from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If you would like to receive it as a PDF document, please contact the church office at office@crestwoodchristian.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE A PORCH VISIT?

We miss you, Crestwood! Your ministerial staff is longing to see your face and hear your voice. We're more than happy to visit with you at a safe social distance. If you'd like to schedule a "Porch Visit" with one of your ministers, just contact us and we'll find a time that works for all of us. We look forward to reconnecting with you and spending this time together. We hope to see you soon!

CHILDREN'S SCRIPTURE READING

Hey Parents! Once a month our kids participate in a scripture reading for our Sunday worship service. We would love to include your child of any age. If your child would like to participate please let Peggy know at peggy@crestwoodchristian.org.

OPEN SANCTUARY

The sanctuary is open twice weekly for quiet reflection. You are welcome to come on **Wednesday afternoons** (2:00-4:00 PM) or **Saturday mornings** (9:00-11:00 AM) and stay as little or as long as you like. Please enter at the north side glass breezeway. Masks and social distancing are required, with limited access to facilities. If you have questions, contact Trish.

GIVING

Your support of the church continues to be important as we seek to serve this congregation and the community. Since we are not gathering in person, we encourage you to take advantage of online giving options. Click here to learn more about how you can give online. Checks may be mailed to: Crestwood Christian Church, 1882 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.

CRESTWOOD YARD SIGNS

There are still plenty of Crestwood yard signs left! Show your church spirit and let people know that Crestwood is doing God's work by getting one of our signs for your yard. If you'd like one, email Kory at kory@crestwoodchristian.org.

BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box outside of the Children's Wing entrance is a supplement to help our neighbors when they need to stretch pantry items. When you have extra, please consider contributing to the box, and share with others that this box is available if they need something. Suggested items include: mac and cheese, canned/bag tuna, canned/bag chicken, peanut butter, rice, beans, canned pasta, pasta, canned spaghetti sauce, crackers, canned vegetables, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, muffin mix, cereal, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, lotion, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, and toilet paper.

CAN WE TALK? PODCAST

Kory Wilcoxson, David Shirey (Central Christian Church), Don Gillett (East Second Street Christian Church), and Michael Swartzentruber (South Elkhorn Christian Church) have launched a podcast called **Can We Talk? Four Disciples Pastors Talk Race**. Our hope is to generate conversations within and among our congregations about the racial issues that challenge our nation. We encourage you to watch or listen and offer your feedback. Let's keep these important conversations going!

To listen to and subscribe to the podcast, <u>CLICK HERE</u>
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WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: GENESIS, Tuesdays @ 8:00 PM Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83891775670

SOUL CARE CAFÉ, Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM

Kory leads this group, which includes scripture reading, prayer, and a chance to check in and see how everyone is doing. Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/93130030767

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 11:30 AM

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366

ZOOM FAITH GROUP, Saturdays @ 10:00 AM

Let's Zoom together on Saturday mornings! These are challenging days and having a group to connect and grow with is important. If you want to join the group, email Trish at trish@crestwoodchristian.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT: Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366

3rd - 5th GRADE: Sundays @ 9:15 AM

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82979668809

PARENTS OF YOUNGSTERS: Sundays @ 11:00 AM Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83548975590