

COMING UP

Tuesday, December 15

10:00 AM Naomi DWM - Zoom
6:30 PM God's Girls Reading Group - Zoom

Wednesday, December 16

10:00 AM Dorcas DWM - Zoom
10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom
2:00 PM Open Sanctuary
6:00 PM Drive-In Vespers Service - North Lot

Thursday, December 17

11:30 AM Advent Study (Led by Trish)
6:00 PM Blue Christmas Conversation Group
6:30 PM God's Girls Reading Group - Zoom

Saturday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 20

Online Worship

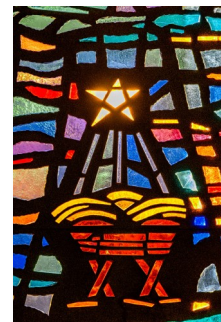
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom
11:00 AM Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom
1:00 PM Congregational Meeting - Zoom

Monday, December 21

7:00 PM Longest Night Service - Zoom
8:00 PM Advent Study (Led by Kory)

CRESTWOOD ONLINE WORSHIP

Available through
Sunday email link
[Facebook page](#)
[YouTube channel](#)



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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES DETOUR!

SERMON:

The Birth Story

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

Have you ever thought you were going a certain way, only to find that way was blocked? Detour! That's the theme of our 2020 Advent sermon series. Every character in the Christmas story - Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men -

all had to take detours from what they thought their lives were going to be.

Many of us are experiencing detours, as well, as COVID alters what we thought life was going to be like. In these sermons, we'll learn how God helped these people through their detours, walking with them into a new way of living and being.

Dec 20	The Birth Story	Luke 2:1-7
Dec 27	The Magi	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 3	All of Us	John 3:16-17



CHRISTMAS EVE KIDS SERVICE December 24 @ 5:00 PM

For our Children's Christmas Eve service, we're inviting everyone to Zoom with us as we sing Christmas songs and share in a

festive story about the birth of Jesus. Kory, Trish, and Peggy will all be there to help us celebrate this meaningful time of year. We hope all our kids will join us at 5:00 PM on Christmas Eve for this service.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244450553>

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE December 24 @ 6:30 PM

We know that Christmas Eve will be different this year than ever before, but we are committed to celebrate this most holy of nights as a church family. On December 24 at 6:30 PM, a pre-recorded worship service will become available to view on Facebook or YouTube. You will receive emails on December 23 and 24 with viewing information. The service will feature all the familiar elements of Christmas Eve - amazing music, powerful solos, the reading of the Christmas story, and of course, the lighting of candles and singing of "Silent Night." And if you can't join us at that time, the service will be available to watch at any point afterward, so you can celebrate this special night at your convenience. We look forward to being with you on Christmas Eve!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: The family of Billie Casey, *Jean Ham, *Traci Letcher, Carolyn Rasnick and family, Karen Schell, Wayne Shaver, *Mike Toll, Michael and Phyllis Trowbridge

FAMILY: The family of Meryl Clements (cousin of Joe Clark), Derrie Edge (sister-in-law of Chrystal Schoeder), the family of Carl Hensley (brother-in-law of Colette Lane), Wilma Horn (aunt of David Wiseman), *Barbara Lively (grandmother of Rhiannon White), *Chris Reams (son-in-law of Joanne Brown), *Ann Spragens (sister of Frank Spragens)

FRIENDS: Becky (of Crestwood), *the family of Andy Berger (of Linda Williams), Aileen Dalton (of Christie Oliver), Caden Freeman (of Crestwood), Cellina Gantley (of Kathy Stone), Anne Kopenhafer (of Gayle Hutcherson), *the family of Matthew Lin (of Libby Wachtel), Isaiah McDowell (of Georgia Meece), Janet and Gary Taylor (of Kathy Stone), the family of Betty Willis (of Callie Price)

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 and son of Tracy Day) Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), Scott Eldridge (of Pamela Wainscott), Andrew Lynn (grandson of Joe and Karen Billings), *Daniel Sigler (son of David and Pam Sigler), Zoe Sims (granddaughter of John Sims), Dalcus Sparks (nephew of Andrea Back)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Margaret Buchanan, 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.**

A WEARY WORLD: BLUE CHRISTMAS CONVERSATION GROUP Thursday, December 17 @ 6:00 PM

We recognize that this season is not jolly and joy for everyone. For many this is a difficult season. Those who have lost loved ones during this chaotic year have had extra challenges on the grieving journey. The focus on family and togetherness opens wounds of brokenness and loneliness. Let's face it - the year has been a mess that has compounded any difficulty we may have to bear. We are offering a small group opportunity to share with those who understand as we reflect on these days through Kathy Escobar's book *A Weary World: Reflections for a Blue Christmas*. Contact Trish if you're interested in this group.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE Monday, December 21 @ 7:00 PM



On Monday, December 21, we will gather for worship via Zoom. This is the longest night of the year. For those who bear the weight of grief, illness, and other challenges, this season is difficult. The Longest Night Service is designed to remind us of the true message of Christmas: that light comes into the darkness. By being together and turning to the source of our comfort, we will worship God in the promise that we are not alone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88399256803>

ADVENT STUDY: Peace, Justice, Joy, & Salvation

At Christmas, we celebrate the greatest of God's gifts: the birth of Immanuel, God with us. Throughout the season of Advent, we're able to anticipate God's gifts to us and consider what they really mean. We want to help you dive deeper into the meaning of Advent with a four-week study called **Peace, Justice, Joy, and Salvation**. This resource from the Thoughtful Christian will help us consider familiar texts from the book of Isaiah through the lens of gifts.

The study is offered at the following times:

Monday, December 21 @ 7:00 PM (led by Kory)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82378831147>

Thursday, December 17 & 24 @ 11:30 AM (led by Trish)

Sundays @ 9:00 AM, Adult Sunday School

(led by Trish)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366>

WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 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>

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

DECEMBER SERVICE PROJECT CHRYSLIS HOUSE

Chrysalis House is a substance abuse treatment program for women. They provide domestic violence counseling, job readiness training, medical care, and child services.

Items especially needed:

Feminine hygiene products (Tampax), twin sheets, deodorant, body wash, body lotion, bus passes (\$1 each), diapers.

Please place all items in the designated container marked "DWM" in the glassed-in breezeway between Chalice Hall and the Administration Wing.

If you prefer, monetary donations are also accepted - please make checks payable to Crestwood Christian DWM and write "CH" on the memo line. Please send to the DWM Treasurer Carol Rogers.

Anyone is welcome to donate. For more information, please contact Kathy Stone at 368-8327.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

*Due to current COVID-19 restrictions on small groups, our circles are meeting virtually this month. **

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, December 15, 10:00 AM on Zoom

Please join us for a time of sharing Christmas memories or stories that are special to you.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, December 16, 10:00 AM on Zoom

Join us for lovely Christmas music by Katherine Steckler.

**An email will be sent out before the Zoom meeting with a link to join in using your smartphone, tablet, or computer, or a telephone number to call.*

Please check *The Weekly* e-newsletter on Tuesdays for any updates to the meeting information listed above.

Crestwood Christian DWM invites all women to visit one or more of our Circles during September through May.



NATIVITY SCENES



We know that you all have some beautiful depictions of the nativity scene around your house and we want to see them! We're asking you to take a picture of your nativity scene (or scenes) and send it to office@crestwoodchristian.org. We'll be using these pictures as the background for music in upcoming services. Let's see the beauty and diversity of our Christmas decorations!

CRESTWOOD MASKS

These high quality masks will make great stocking stuffers! Masks will be available on a first come, first served basis. The \$10 cost of each mask may be paid by cash, check, or online. If you would like a mask, please contact the church office.



DRIVE-IN VESPERS Wednesday, December 16 @ 6:00 PM

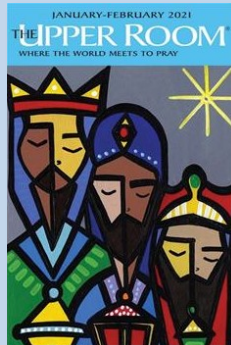
Join us this Wednesday for Drive-In Vespers in the North Parking Lot, broadcast through your FM radio. Bring your own communion elements. We hope to see you!

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.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

The January-February 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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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