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# THE WEEKLY

**DECEMBER 22, 2020** 

### **COMING UP**

### Tuesday, December 22

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

#### Wednesday, December 23

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

2:00 PM Open Sanctuary

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

### Thursday, December 24

11:30 AM Advent Study (Led by Trish)

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Children's Service - Zoom 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Prelude - Online Premiere 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service - Online Premiere

### Saturday, December 26

9:00 AM Open Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 27

Online Worship

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School - Zoom 9:15 AM 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom

The Church Office will be closed December 25 - January 1.

Kory is on vacation December 29 - January 4.

The next Weekly will be published on January 5.

# ONLINE WORSHIP

Available through Sunday email link Facebook page YouTube channel



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# ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES

### **DETOUR!**

SERMON: The Magi Matthew 2:1-12

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.

January 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, Mike and Dianne Toll, Michael and Phyllis Trowbridge

<u>FAMILY</u>: 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)

<u>ARMED FORCES</u>: 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.

### DRIVE-IN VESPERS Wednesday, December 23 @ 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!

# 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.

Thursday, December 24 @ 11:30 AM (led by Trish) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366

# CRESTWOOD MASKS



We still have available some of these high quality Crestwood masks. They 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 Trish at <a href="mailto:trish@crestwoodchristian.org">trish@crestwoodchristian.org</a>.



## WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays @ 8:00 PM

No meeting December 29

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83891775670

### SOUL CARE CAFÉ, Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM

No meeting December 30

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

#### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 11:30 AM

No meeting December 31

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

### ZOOM FAITH GROUP, Saturdays @ 10:00 AM

No meeting December 26

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 <a href="mailto:trish@crestwoodchristian.org">trish@crestwoodchristian.org</a>.

#### **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

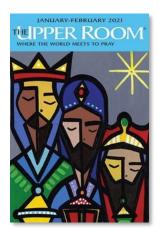
PARENTS OF YOUNGSTERS: Sundays @ 11:00 AM

No meeting December 27

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83548975590

# 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.



### **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.

### **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 <a href="here">here</a> 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 <a href="www.remind.com">www.remind.com</a>. If you don't have an account, sign up as a parent. <a href="Receiving Text Messages">Receiving Text Messages</a>: Visit <a href="remind.com/join">remind.com/join</a> and enter the class code <a href="@ccc1882">@ccc1882</a> along with your mobile phone number or Text <a href="@ccc1882">@ccc1882</a> to <a href="81010">81010</a>. You'll get text notifications at the number you entered. <a href="Receiving Emails">Receiving Emails</a>: Visit <a href="remind.com/join">remind.com/join</a> and enter the class code <a href="@ccc1882">@ccc1882</a> 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.