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#### **Our Vision: Connecting People with God and Each Other**

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### SUNDAYS AT CRESTWOOD

**O ur new Sunday schedule including 10:45 AM drive-in worship services** began February 28, allowing us to return to church in a limited capacity as we reconnect with God and each other. This schedule allows for you to worship on church grounds and for children and youth to safely gather for indoor activities. (See calendar on pages 8-9.)

The pre-recorded full service will still be available every Sunday for you to watch at your leisure. The in-person worship will be a simplified version of that service with the same sermon, also featuring scripture readings, pre-recorded music, prayer, and communion (bring your own or pre-packaged communion will be provided).

### EASTER WORSHIP SURVEY

#### CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE EASTER WORSHIP SURVEY

As COVID numbers continue to drop and the vaccine

becomes more widely available, we are looking forward to the possibility of worshipping together in the sanctuary on Sunday morning - as God designed it to happen! Specifically, we're targeting Easter Sunday for a return to worship, either as a one-time special occasion or the start of inperson worship (depending on how the overall COVID situation improves).

In order to get a sense of how plausible this will be, we need your input! Please fill out this survey - <u>https://forms.gle/1vXU8W6cVUkeUR6z7</u> (only one person household would be most helpful) and let us know your comfort level in worshipping in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We'll use this information to formulate a proposal for our Healthy Church Task Force. Thanks so much for your input!

## A WORD FROM KORY

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." -- Isaiah 43:19

Why do you have faith? What difference does it make for you? As a pastor, I get asked that question on occasion, and for me, the answer is simple. Faith gives me hope. Faith inspires me to believe there's more to this world than what we can take in with our senses. Faith conditions me to trust in a God whose promises are good and who is constantly at work doing a new thing in this world.

The biggest challenge to my hope is the season of winter. I'm a warm-weather guy, so the dreary days of no sun and cold temps is like an assault on my soul. Throw in some ice and snow and I'm ready to bolt for the beach. This winter has been even tougher with the ongoing pandemic and the overall feeling of restlessness and disconnect. I know many, many people are struggling.

But I have some good news! Spring is coming, and with it come so many reasons for us to have hope. As we move into March, we are reminded that God is still doing new things in this world and in our lives. Warmer temperatures mean the return of animals, flowers, and the big glowing orange thing in the sky. And as the weather warms up, so do our souls.

I believe this March there is even more reason to have hope as we move closer to returning to in-person worship. While we don't know exactly when that will be, we're working hard to create a safe environment for us to gather in person, reconnecting to God and each other as we spend Sunday mornings together. During Lent, we'll be doing that in a drive-in format, but I'm hopeful that not too long after that, we'll be worshipping back in the sanctuary.

But that's only one of many reasons to have hope right now. The incident rate is continuing to drop, more people are getting vaccinated, and the kids are returning to school. While we may never go back to the normal we used to know, I believe a "new normal" is right around the corner, and we will be resilient and gracious in how we adapt to it. God is indeed doing a new thing!



We're already seeing signs of life inside the building at Crestwood. Starting in March, our kids will meet for Worship and Wonder and Little Shepherds on Sunday morning during the drive-in worship. Our youth groups have been gathering in person since January, and our Kids on a Mission group has been meeting every other week in the gym. Our pastor's classes are in full swing as we complete last year's class and start a new class this year. We have a total of 16 kids in the classes! Praise God for the new thing God is doing in the hearts of our youth.

I'll fully admit that it's been hard at times to have hope this past year. Every time I felt we were making progress against the COVID virus, some new challenge would pop up. I know so many of us had our most difficult moments, full of anger and frustration and a deep, deep desire for all of this to be over. It's hard not being in control, isn't? I know it is for me. But even as I struggled, I trusted that God was at work, doing a new thing in the midst of darkness that surrounded us.

I don't know all the ways church will be different moving forward, but I do know it will be different. We'll have to adjust our activities like singing, sharing communion, and greeting each other in order to keep everyone safe. But it's not those activities that make us the body of Christ. It's our shared faith, our shared hope in the God who rolls away stones and makes streams in the wasteland.

On behalf of the staff, thank you for your trust, your understanding, and your patience as we have tried to figure out how best to be the church this past year. I know we've not done everything perfectly or to everyone's liking, but we have tried our best to honor God and our call to serve Crestwood. We look forward to the day when we can look you in the eye, give you a big smile, and hug you like we haven't seen you in a year. I trust with all my heart that God is at work to make that happen.

### WELCOME CRESTWOOD'S NEWEST MEMBER!



Gaye Holman Date Joined: February 21, 2021

### LENT SERMON SERIES



Because the Bible was written in an agricultural society, it has a lot to say

about crops and wheat and farmers and fields. While these images aren't completely foreign to us Kentuckians, we may not fully grasp the meaning of these stories and parables because we are not as connected to the land as the people back then. For our Lenten sermon series **Cultivating Our Faith**, we're taking a closer look at these passages in scripture to see what we can learn about how we can grow our faith in God. Join us as we plant seeds and reach toward the Son!

> March 7 Tending the Garden Hebrews 6:1-8

March 14 Minding the Weeds Matthew 13:24-30

March 21 Sharing the Crops Leviticus 19:9-10 & Matthew 12:1-8

> March 28 Reaping the Harvest Luke 12:13-21



### **TRISH TALK**

Dear Friends,

What a difference a little sunshine makes! I am writing this after the ice, sleet, and snow mess is beginning to meet its

match with the sun and warmer temperatures. What a sight to see!

These days are challenging enough without adding a winter storm. However, amid that, there was much beauty. I guess that is what I want to touch on this month: finding the beauty in the midst of the storm, the light in the struggle, the perspective in the challenge. I read a quote that I don't remember reading before which is surprising, being that it is so simple. "It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full as long as it can be refilled." Brilliant.

This last year has been full of reasons for us to get discouraged, see the worst, and dwell on the losses. But if we are honest, there have been some blessings during the very real struggle. We are not out of the pandemic. We have much before us. Many are struggling with grief, loss, illness, work, school... things that don't have timelines and end dates. That is why we take time to assess our glassempty? What can you do to add a drop of good in it? Pray. Do something for someone else. Move around. When safe and appropriate, get out in nature and witness the restorative power of the natural world. The same God that did that, made you. If you assess your glass and see that you are doing pretty well, give thanks. Pour some out on someone else. Write a note. Make a call. Take someone an unexpected gift and leave it at the door. The strange thing about these actions is that your glass may even be overflowing after pouring some out.

Friends, no matter where you find yourself on any given day, please know that you are not alone. God is at work and if we your church family can help you in any way, please let us know. Apart does not lessen our connection or our care, but it does make it difficult for us to see each other's "glass" when we are not around the same table. Please let us know how we can help. Continue to reach out to one another. Know you are loved.

Blessed to share the journey, Trish

### PRAYER LIST: JOYS AND CONCERNS

<u>MEMBERS</u>: Patsy Anderson, Pam Bolton, Bill Bridges, Jean Ham, Minva Hodgins and family, Virginia Long

<u>FAMILY</u>: **The family of David Dawson** (cousin of Colette Lane), **Derrie Edge** (sister-in-law of Chrystal Schoeder), **Steve Falace** (son of Don and Peggy Falace), **Bob Rhoads** (husband of Barbara Rhoads), **Lois Rodgers** (mother of Josh Adams), **Jane Wilkinson** (mother of Doug Wilkinson)

<u>FRIENDS</u>: Don Black (of Liz Fulkerson), Aileen Dalton (of Christie Oliver), the family of Connie Enlow (of Tippy Wallace), \*Kathleen MacQueeney (of Betty Barton), the family of David Pitman Jr. (of Phoebe Wiley), the family of Fran Salyers (of Carolyn Clark), Vince Sayre (of Ashley Brown), Joanne Shuman (of Monte LaFrana), 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)

<u>HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS</u>: Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Margaret Buchanan, Carolyn Floyd, Jean Ham, Georgia Meece, John Sims, Mary Janice Towles

<u>OUR WORLD COMMUNITY</u>: We pray for the inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, for those affected by COVID and natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

\*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 MORSHIP

SUNDAYS

NORTH PARKING LOT 10:45-11:30 AM

### **PARKING LOT HELP**

We need a few extra hands to help us with parking and directing traffic for our Sunday morning drive-in worship services. If you're willing to come to church at 10:15 AM on Sundays to help out, please contact Kory. Thank you!

### LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES

### Wednesdays @ 6 PM

Our mid-week Vespers services are back for the Lenten season. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the North (Gym) Lot for a brief service featuring scripture, a devotional, music, prayer, and communion.



### DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### March Service Projects Natalie's Sisters & The Well

<u>Natalie's Sisters</u> extend hope, support, and God's love to sexually exploited women through a first-touch approach providing respite, relationship, and referrals to community resources.

<u>Natalie's Sisters needs</u>: Individual Boost/juice, snack bags, tuna or chicken salad packets or kits, chips, crackers, nuts, candy bars, pudding, snack cakes, fruit cups, apple sauce, raisins, peanut butter & crackers, Beanie Weenies (pop-top), Vienna sausages, protein bars. Toiletry Kits each with travel size deodorant, soap or shower gel, shampoo, conditioner. Baby wipes or wash cloth, toothpaste & toothbrush, lotion, razors, Kleenex, nail polish, Chapstick, etc. Leggings, long sleeve tees.

**<u>The Well</u>** aids survivors of sex trafficking by offering a 2-year house-based program. The Well deals with families not just women; Kentucky is #1 in child abuse.

<u>The Well greatest need</u>: Gift cards (any amount) – Kroger, Walmart, Amazon, bus rides. Also, staple food items such as pasta, rice, ground beef or chicken.

If you prefer, monetary donations are also accepted - <u>please</u> <u>make checks payable to Crestwood Christian DWM and write</u> <u>"Natalie's Sisters" or "The Well" on the memo line</u>. 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 ON ZOOM\*

Join us for faith and fellowship from women's perspectives!

#### Hope, Healing, & Wholeness Bible Study

#### **Mary Martha Circle**

#### Monday, March 15, 6:30 PM on ZOOM

Fran McKinney will lead the Bible study "Healed by Jesus: *Your faith has made you well*" (*Luke 8:42b-48*)

#### **Naomi Circle**

#### Tuesday, March 16, 10:00 AM on ZOOM

Minva Hodgins will present the Bible study "Blessed to be salt and light: *For theirs is the kingdom of heaven*" (*Matthew 5:1-16*)

#### **Dorcas Circle**

#### Wednesday, March 17, 10:00 AM on ZOOM

Pat Waggener will present the Bible study "Blessed to be salt and light: *For theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:1-16)* 

\*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.

#### IN-PERSON SENIOR BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING THIS MONTH

As many of us are needing human contact and many have or will have had vaccines, we are ready to start a small group midweek Bible study. We are targeting seniors but anyone who has had both vaccines is welcome! If you would be interested in attending such a class, please contact Trish. As we move into March and details are ironed out, more information will be shared. For now, think about joining a group of church friends to study God's word! IN-PERSON FUNCH --WITHOUT THE "UNCH" Friday, March 26 @ 1 PM

The last Friday of the month was FUNCH before the pandemic.

#### (Fun+Lunch=FUNCH)

To practice the safest visit possible, we will not be serving lunch, but we will maximize the FUN! Group size will be limited to 10 so we will need to know who is coming. Sign up by notifying the church office.

FUN will start on Friday, March 26 at 1:00 PM.

#### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

Our next meeting will be Friday, March 5, at 10:00 AM on ZOOM\* for our

#### World Day of Prayer

celebration. We hope you can all be
with us as we join women from around the world to pray for our world!
\*Contact Mary Taylor for the Zoom link at <u>mat3508@perspectives-usa.com</u>.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Hello, families -- Here's what's happening in March!

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR ZOOM

Sundays @ 8:30 AM Led by Rhiannon White Zoom Link in Sunday Email

### **KIDS ON A MISSION**

#### March 7 & 21 @ 4 PM

Kids on a Mission gives third, fourth, and fifth grade kids the opportunity to change the world doing God's work. We will meet on alternating Sundays from 4:00-6:00 PM to work on missions that touch lives locally as well as globally. If your child is a 3rd -5th grader they are invited to join. Please RSVP HERE to enroll.

#### **WORSHIP & WONDER**

During Sunday morning Drive-In Worship Services, we invite the children indoors for **Worship and Wonder** (ages 4 thru grade 2) and Little Shepherds (ages 2 and 3). To make this happen we need volunteers! Please click <u>HERE</u> to sign up as a Lion Greeter, a Lamb Greeter, or a Little Shepherds Greeter, or if you have been trained, as a Lion or Lamb Storyteller.

#### ARE YOU UP TO THE LEGO CHALLENGE? For Kids of ALL Ages!!



#### WHEN? Thursdays @ 4:00 PM

ZOOM LINK: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/</u> <u>j/86078267678</u> No need to register or RSVP. Just bring your basic set of Legos and your best game face!



### PARENT'S DAY OUT FALL REGISTRATION

Crestwood Christian Parent's Day Out is now accepting fall registrations for the 2021/2022 school year!

Please click <u>HERE</u> (<u>https://www.crestwoodchristian.org/</u> <u>children-youth/parents-day-out/</u>) for more Information and to enroll your child.

### LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION NEEDS

Lexington Rescue Mission is in need of backpacks and sleeping bags. Local Outreach has purchased 10 sleeping bags and 10 backpacks. If you have gently used backpacks or sleeping bags, or if you would like to purchase new ones, please bring them to the breezeway at the Mission Center entrance. Thank you!



### CRESTWOOD'S FEBRUARY GIVING THROUGH LOCAL OUTREACH

We are thankful for the opportunity to be a blessing to those in need.

New Life Day Center \$551 purchase of 156 pair of gloves

Arbor Youth Services \$500 donation for socks/underwear

**Lexington Rescue Mission** \$540 purchase of 10 sleeping bags and 10 backpacks

**The Nest - Center for Women, Children and Families** \$856 purchase of 15 cases of diapers and 6 cases of baby wipes

**Bridge Fund** Provided \$600 in rent and utility assistance for three families



#### **CHI RHO YOUTH NEWS**

Our Chi Rho (Middle School) youth group has been busy these last few months. In January, we assembled, painted, and delivered crosses and inspirational notes to over 100

congregation members.

In February, we wrote and sent Valentines to all of our shut-



ins and nursing home residents. We also heard from guest speaker Devine Carama, a local musician and activist, who talked to us about the importance of Black History Month. He told us about the four B's of leadership and encouraged us to take a stand against racism.

In March, we plan on doing some service projects around the church, painting rocks to place along local walking paths, and using sidewalk chalk to leave inspirational messages for those who walk and run past the church. And we hope to have some fun outings, too! Thanks for your love of and support for this amazing group of kids. And a special thanks to Stephanie Wallace for her leadership of the group. (Kory)

#### **CYF YOUTH NEWS**

Our high schoolers are enjoying being with each other in person. We've had some wonderful conversations on racism and antiracism with guest speaker, Jeremy Gillett. We spent one evening just sharing. The support the group showed to one another was wonderful.

In February, we tapped into our artistic side and painted yard signs to put some "good" into the world. We joined Chi Rho to meet with Devine Carama, a local musician and activist, who talked about the Bs of leadership and encouraging each to find their role in building better schools, communities, and world. We took the next Sunday to unpack this.

Coming up, CYF will be creating an experience for the church to have some fun spreading some good in the world. Keep watch for more information. I love working with this amazing group. (Trish)

Musician and activist Devine Carama speaking to the youth about Black History Month

#### **PASTOR'S CLASSES**

We have the blessing of two Pastor's Classes this year! We are restarting the 2020 class that was interrupted by COVID and we are starting a new 2021 class. Please be in prayer for these youth as they make their journey toward baptism.

**2020** – Ava Greinke, Thomas Hoellein, Zac Hoellein, Natalie Knott, Lane Martin, Katie Rush, Holly Schoeder, Riley Stephens, Rachel Wilkinson

**2021** – Graham Bacon, Sarah Craven, Parker Guckenberger, Maggie Hill, Caroline Robinson, Hadley White, Hayden White





**THE BLESSING BOX** outside of the Children's Wing entrance continues to be a blessing to our neighbors and community members as they have need. When you have extra resources, please consider contributing to the box, and share with others that this box is available if they need something or would like to contribute items.

**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 CHANGE**

The sanctuary is now open **once** weekly for quiet reflection. You are welcome to come on Wednesday afternoons (2:00-4:00 PM) and stay as long as you like. Please enter at the north side glass breezeway. Masks and social distancing are required, with limited access to facilities.



#### Monday, March 1

7:00 PM Local Outreach - Zoom

#### Tuesday, March 2

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

#### Wednesday, March 3

Soul Care Café - Zoom
Heart-to-Heart Team - Zoom
Open Sanctuary
Drive-in Vespers Service - North Lot

#### Thursday, March 4

10:00 AM	Stephen Ministers - Zoom
11:00 AM	Bible Study - Zoom
4:00 PM	Lego Challenge - Zoom
6:30 PM	God's Girls Reading Group - Zoom

#### Saturday, March 6

10:00 AM Zoom Faith Group - Zoom

#### Sunday, March 7

Online Worsh	ip
8:30 AM	Children's Choir - Zoom
9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM	1st-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM	Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom
10:45 AM	Drive-In Worship - North Lot
2:00 PM	Pastor's Class I - Bradford Room
3:00 PM	Pastor's Class II - Bradford Room
4:00 PM	Kids on a Mission
4:00 PM	Youth Groups

#### Monday, March 8

7:00 PM	Property Tea	m - Chalice Hall
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#### Tuesday, March 9

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

#### Wednesday, March 10

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

#### Thursday, March 11

11:00 AM	Bible Study - Zoom
4:00 PM	Lego Challenge - Zoom
6:00 PM	Finance Team - Zoom
6:30 PM	God's Girls Reading Group - Zoom

#### Saturday, March 13

10:00 AM Zoom Faith Group - Zoom

#### Sunday, March 14

Online Worshi	0
8:30 AM	Children's Choir - Zoom
9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM	1st-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM	Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom
10:45 AM	Drive-In Worship - North Lot
12:15 PM	DWM Board Meeting - Zoom
2:00 PM	Pastor's Class I - Bradford Room
3:00 PM	Pastor's Class II - Bradford Room
4:00 PM	Youth Groups

#### Monday, March 15

6:30 PM Mary Martha DWM - Zoom 7:00 PM World Outreach - Zoom

#### Tuesday, March 16

Naomi DWM - Zoom
God's Girls Reading Group - Sanctuary
Men's Bible Study - Zoom

#### Wednesday, March 17

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
- 7:00 PM Administrative Board Zoom

#### Thursday, March 18

11:00 AM	Bible Study - Zoom
4:00 PM	Lego Challenge - Zoom
6:30 PM	God's Girls Reading Group - Zoom

#### Saturday, March 20

10:00 AM Zoom Faith Group - Zoom

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#### Sunday, March 21

Online Worshi	ip
8:30 AM	Children's Choir - Zoom
9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM	1st-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM	Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom
10:45 AM	Drive-In Worship - North Lot
Noon	Elders Lunch - Zoom
2:00 PM	Pastor's Class I - Bradford Room
3:00 PM	Pastor's Class II - Bradford Room
4:00 PM	Kids on a Mission
4:00 PM	Youth Groups

#### Tuesday, March 23

6:30 PMGod's Girls Reading Group - Sanctuary8:00 PMMen's Bible Study - Zoom

#### Wednesday, March 24

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

#### Thursday, March 25

11:00 AM	Bible Study - Zoom
4:00 PM	Lego Challenge - Zoom
6:30 PM	God's Girls Reading Group - Zoom

#### Friday, March 26

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#### Saturday, March 27

10:00 AM Zoom Faith Group - Zoom

#### Sunday, March 28

#### **Online Worship**

8:30 AM	Children's Choir - Zoom
9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM	1st-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom
9:15 AM	Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom
10:45 AM	Drive-In Worship - North Lot
2:00 PM	Pastor's Class I - Bradford Room
3:00 PM	Pastor's Class II - Bradford Room
4:00 PM	Youth Groups

#### **Tuesday, March 30**

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

#### Wednesday, March 31

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

### 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 with others.. Zoom Link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/93130030767</u>

#### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 11:00 AM

All are welcome as we read the Bible and discuss. No preparation -- just participation! Questions? Ask Trish. Zoom Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366</u>

#### LEGO CHALLENGE Thursdays @ 4:00 PM

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86078267678

#### 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 ZOOMS (Zoom links in Sunday worship email)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Sundays @ 8:30 AM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays @ 9:00 AM

1st-5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays @ 9:15 AM

PARENTS OF YOUNGSTERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays @ 9:15 AM

### UPPER ROOM

#### DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

The March-April 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.

#### UPPER ROOM



#### Dear Friends,

Thanks to you and the **Hope Center** as you have given me a new outlook on life. I have learned to forgive others and love myself again. I don't view the world as a bad place any more. If I was at home during the COVID lockdown, I wouldn't have worked on myself. I would have just been stagnant and would not have come as far as I have. I owe the Hope Center my life. Without it I would still be the same person that I used to be. Thank you for making the new me possible!

Jacob (Recovery Client)

you give hope! Thanks for being apart of my recovery Jeffery P Thank you for sharing love with those who need it most! Hone Center Staff and Clients H

#### Dear Pastor Wilcoxson and Friends,

Since our doors at **Christian Care Communities** opened in 1884, friends like you have helped offer older adults an unprecedented level of care. Most recently, you helped fund the renovation of our Corbin Community's rehabilitation and therapy room with a \$2,500 gift from the Lollis Fund. Thank you for this generous gift! Here are some other words of gratitude:

"The marked mobility and improved attitude is a direct result of the therapy my father receives. Thank you!" - Tom, family member

*"With the renovation, I look forward to my daily therapy so I can gain more independence." - Louise, resident* 

*"I appreciate the generosity that makes possible the renovations of the therapy room. It will make a difference in the care of the residents." - Ruth Anne, staff* 

More people than ever need the strength and comfort of Christian Care Communities' important services. With the partnership of churches and other organizations, we are able to make renovations and improvements like this possible.

In His Service, Mary Lynn Spalding, President & CEO

#### Dear Friends,

Thank you for your thoughts, calls, prayers, and compassion cards expressing condolences in the loss of Joe Pfeffer from COVID complications. He was so very special to my family. It has been so humbling not to be able to go to my niece Gwen and the kids to hold them close and comfort. You have helped more than you can know.

Love, Patsy Anderson

Dear Friends at Crestwood and Pastor Kory,

Greetings from **Week of Compassion**! In an especially challenging year, Crestwood Christian Church has been more generous than ever. With the compound effects of the pandemic and multiple natural disasters this past year, your giving has a significant impact and you have been there for every step. Your total annual giving of \$11,080 has earned Crestwood Christian Church a spot in the top 20 giving congregations! Your generosity ensures that Week of Compassion can meet critical needs and continue ongoing responses -- even in the midst of challenging times. We are so grateful that you choose to share your compassion in this way. Continued prayer for the Crestwood family, Pastor Kory, and your ministries.

Gratefully, Cindy Kim-Hengst, Board Member

#### Dear Friends,

"Don't stop -- this is your healing. It doesn't have to be pretty or graceful. You just have to keep going." These words were written by "Rose," a survivor living at the emergency shelter, in a letter to support future residents of GreenHouse17. Thank you for your donation of \$555 from your 2020 Alternative Christ Giving Project. Your generous gift is helping survivors like Rose start a new chapter of healing. Rose found safety during the holidays and attended support groups every day at the shelter. Her letter to future residents goes on to say, "Even now, as broken as you feel, you are still so strong. There's something to be said for how you hold yourself together and keep moving, even though you feel like shattering." This past year has been filled with challenge after challenge. However, through it all, I am reminded that our community cares and continues to wrap its support around us and our families. Hundreds of survivors like Rose will begin journeys of healing in the new year. Together, we are creating safe opportunities for survivors of intimate partner abuse to re-imagine their lives without violence. Thank you for caring and believing in the possibilities!

In gratitude, Darlene B. Thomas, Executive Director

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

#### Dear Friends,

Thank you for your very generous donation of \$310 to **Military Missions, Inc.** for care package postage. We are honored that you chose our organization as your partner to show support for our troops. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Military Missions, Inc. exists to support and honor deployed military personnel by sending care packages year-round as an expression of appreciation and gratitude. Packages are sent out to individuals as well as deployed military units. Our goal is to provide a touch of home during long deployments. Your donations make it possible to send these care packages. Support also extends to our veteran community. On behalf of the heroes who will be touched by your gift, we are grateful. Thank you for partnering with us to support and encourage those that ensure freedoms known only to Americans.

Sincerely, Elaine Baker

#### Dear Crestwood,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$1,050 to **Natalie's Sisters.** As we begin the New Year, we're especially grateful -- realizing the pandemic is still affecting everyone's budgets! We continue to see a record number of women at the Drop-in Center with new women joining us for the first time nearly every day. Generous donations like yours allow us to continue providing meals, snacks, toiletries, and clothing. We now offer Telehealth appointments for our Sisters to receive medical care in our facility when needed. And as always, much of our time is still spent with referrals to critical community resources for our Sisters -- including detox and rehab. The Club Ministry has started back on a limited basis (due to COVID) and we're praying we will get word soon that we can re-start the Jail ministry. To keep in touch with any who don't visit the Drop-in, we remain active via social media and telephone, and are holding a Zoom worship service one Sunday a month.

Blessings, Jani Lewis, 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, we give thanks for your partnership and generous gift of \$3,489 that provides for the many ministerial students at LTS.

#### Sincerely yours, Mark V. Blankonshin, Vice, President for Adv

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Thanks to Ward Ransdell for these beautiful scenes around Crestwood during the recent wintry weather.





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**CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH** Online Sunday Worship — 10:00 AM

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