

MAY 2, 2021

SERMON:
WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

REV. KORY WILCOXSON

1 JOHN 4:7-21

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NEXT CREST JUNE 1

Articles are due by Noon on
Wednesday, May 26.

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RETURN TO WEEKLY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We're excited to see you in May as we join together for in-person worship!
Please use the links below to sign up for the services you would like to attend.



**CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP
FOR
SANCTUARY
SERVICES**

**CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP
FOR
CHILDREN'S
SERVICES**

In order to allow room for everyone who wants to worship with us, we ask that you sign up for only two 10:45 AM services. There's no limit to the number of 8:30 AM services you can attend. We also have a waitlist where you can sign up in case the 10:45 AM service does not reach capacity. The deadline to sign up for each service will be at noon the Friday before the service. The same safety protocols will be observed that were used on Easter Sunday. There is a separate sign-up for children's services. One of the two services will be livestreamed each Sunday, so you can still worship with us in the safety of your own home. We'll know more about seat assignments once we see how many people sign up. We're hopeful we can worship together in person in ways that keep us both safe and connected.

SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS

- Please sign up for only two 10:45 AM services. You can sign up for as many 8:45 AM services as you like.
- If you have a particular seating location preference or need handicap accessibility, please note it in the comments and we'll do our best to accommodate you.
- If you would like to sit with someone not in your family but with whom you feel safe, please clear that with them and then note that in the comments.
- Please only sign up for the number of people who will be in the sanctuary for worship.

We look forward to seeing you in worship!

A WORD FROM KORY



I'm excited to share with you that I have a new address! I'm renting the home at 912 Carneal Road (40505) on the north side of Lexington, near the new Greystone Station. My fiancée Amy will begin to slowly move her things in over the summer as she makes trips to visit and will officially move in after the wedding on August 14. I'd love to have you stop by and visit!

This marks my fourth zip code in 17 months and the first time I've truly felt at home since I left my previous house in September 2019. I've lived in another person's house and an apartment, but while I appreciated having a roof over my head and a bed to sleep in, neither place truly felt like home. Couple that with the upheaval of the pandemic, and I have experienced in powerful ways what it means to feel displaced.

I've not only been displaced from home but also from the church. Once we decided to work from home, my office became where I lived. The place I looked to for comfort and connection – the sanctuary – suddenly became a constant reminder of the casualty of the pandemic. The one place we should feel safe to gather no longer was safe. Instead of preaching to my church family on Sunday morning, I preached to a video camera on Thursday afternoon. Church no longer felt like home to me.

All that changes May 2 as we return to in-person worship. We were able to do this safely and successfully on Easter, and words cannot describe how good it felt that morning to look out and see your shining, happy faces again. After a year of exile, we were home again! And now, God willing, we will be back in church each Sunday, rekindling our connections and reviving our weary souls. Just as I have now moved into a place that I can call home (at least for a few years), as a congregation, we will be coming home.

As nice as it will be to worship in person on Sunday morning, I don't want to put too much weight on what is

taking place. I've talked to a few people who've wondered when church was going to "open" again, and I've tried to gently remind them that church never closed. Yes, we weren't able to worship together on Sunday morning, but we never stopped being the church. We still worshipped, enjoyed fellowship, learned, and served, we just did it in new ways. As our church signs reminded us, Crestwood worships "here" (wherever that is for you) and serves everywhere. So, on May 2, the church isn't re-opening; we are simply adapting once again to the circumstances in which we live.

As we negotiated the pandemic, we followed in the footsteps of a long line of God's people who had to adapt their faith to fit changing circumstances. When the Israelites were cast into exile by the Babylonians, they didn't just stop worshipping God. They adapted, finding new ways to praise God in a foreign land. When the wise men learned that King Herod was upset with them, they saw the baby Jesus then went home by another way. When the temple of Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 CE, God's people found other ways and places to worship. As followers of Christ, we are in good company with other believers down through the centuries who have adapted their faith in light of their circumstances.

Now, as we prepare to come back together, we do so as fellow travelers on this strange and unpredictable journey. We are not the same people we were last March, and I believe we're still figuring out how we've changed and what's next. Who knows? We might be exiled again in a few weeks or months. Regardless of what happens, we can find solace in the fact that home is not necessarily a place, but it is what we feel when we are safe in God's arms. That can be in an apartment or a rented home or a sanctuary. They say, "Home is where the heart is." I think home is wherever God is. And it is so good to be home!

PRAYER LIST: JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Betty Barton, the family of Jean Ham, Misti McMullen and family, Barb Schriefer, Michael Trowbridge, Pat Waggener

FAMILY: **Derrie Edge** (sister-in-law of Chrystal Schoeder), ***Geri Faris** (sister of Sandi Smith), **Cheryl Lewis** (cousin of Libby Wachtel), ***Malinda Mabry and family** (cousin of Dabney Parker), **the family of John McVey** (brother of Martha Seithers), **Gary Renner** (brother of Louise Sargent)

FRIENDS: **Jerry** (of Crestwood), **Rick and Stephanie Bastin** (of Mitchell Smith), **Aileen Dalton** (of Christie Oliver), **the family of Ray Edwards** (of Phoebe Wiley), **Kenneth Gross** (of Alma Kidd), **Kathy Hager** (of Phoebe Wiley), ***Tommy Hague** (of Liz Fulkerson), **the family of Barbara Hinkle** (of Phoebe Wiley), **Linda McKinney** (of Crestwood), **Janet and Gary Taylor** (of Kathy Stone)

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, Georgia Meece, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, Mary Janice Towles

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: 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.*



TRISH TALK

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and enjoying the warmer weather. Being outside more has me more aware of many things:

*The renewal of creation. No matter how tough the winter weather, spring comes. (When winter interrupts, spring returns with a bit of summer to balance things out. 😊) I'm reminded that the One who ordered the chaos and brought this world into being, also breathed life into us. We too can persevere through the dormant season of life trusting "spring" to come.

*Out of the biggest messes and the hardest work comes the most beauty. When I bought my house I inherited a beautiful brick patio. The person who made it had access to the bricks from old buildings being torn down. He brought these old bricks, many stamped with the names of their maker, and created a patio. New life for old bricks. (Seeing the stamped bricks I often ask what I do to show the name of my maker.)

But here is the thing, all of his work gets overtaken by weeds if I'm not vigilant. Which honestly I'm not. Then the real effort had to kick in. Getting the weeds out of the cracks and crevasses is difficult. I don't like to use chemicals and they are tenacious. So once a spring, out comes the pressure washer. I blast the weeds from the cracks along with all of the dirt and sand. What a mess! Sweeping, weed preventer application, more sweeping, and finally, new sand is put down. All is hosed off. I sit and nurse my aching body; I have a beautiful patio once again. And I make a promise to myself to keep up with the weeds. While working on this my mind wandered to all the areas of our world that are a mess and need the hard work to bring out the beauty.

*We need neighbors—both the folks that live around us literally and the "neighbors" with whom we share this time on earth. We need people. And as I Christian I am commanded to love them. I was struggling to load mulch bags from a flat bed trolley into my SUV. The parking lot was on a slant. I'd picked up a bag and the trolley would roll. A dozen people walked by before a very nice person stopped. I just needed someone to hold the trolley. I was doing the heavy lifting. We need each other. Sometimes someone just needs a hand to hold while they do the heavy lifting in their own life. (My parking lot neighbor came equipped with giant muscles and insisted I hold the trolley. I said, "You are so kind. Thank you." His response was, "That's what we are all supposed to be—kind—right?") There over mulch two "neighbors" who were opposite from one another in everything that appeared on the outside shared a glimpse of the beauty of what it means to love your neighbor.

May the warmer weather and the renewal of spring feed your soul.

Blessed to share the journey,
Trish

WHY CAN'T WE SING?

By Jane Johnson

Like the Psalmists in Babylonian exile, our tongues have been silenced. How can we sing the Lord's song in this strange land that we call Covid-19? We are devoted to leading the people of God as they lift their voices in song, and we are saddened that we cannot sing in worship right now. But we respect the wisdom of experts who have warned of the high risks associated with public singing during the Covid-19 pandemic. We believe that current measures to restrict singing—as much as we might lament them—are in the best interest of the church and world at this time.

Why is singing so dangerous, you may ask? In a study conducted by an expert panel assembled by the National Association of Teachers of Singing, the American Choral Directors Association, Chorus America, the Barbershop Harmony Society, and the Performing Arts Medical Association, it was found that even with multiple changes of air per hour the virus is not fully eliminated and can infect people from as far as 16 feet. There are also no barriers currently safe for singing. An N95 mask may provide

some measure of safety if fit-tested, but studies showed that influenza patients who sat in masks for half an hour without coughing and simply spoke only a few sentences shed influenza virus from their breath in fine particles that escaped their masks. Singing is riskier than speaking because when you sing, you expel air forcefully which generates more respiratory aerosols that could contain the Covid-19 virus.

We will continue to monitor local Covid-19 positivity rates, anecdotal information from churches in Lexington and around the country, and recommendations from the CDC as we make plans for in-person worship in a manner that will keep everyone as safe as possible. As more people become fully vaccinated, it should be possible to ease some of the restrictions that are currently in place. We can't wait to get back to singing the hymns of our faith as we worship together!



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 2

1 John 4:7-21

May 9

Psalm 98

May 16

John 17:6-19

May 23

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost

May 30

Romans 8:12-17

Trinity Sunday

TECH HELP NEEDED

Now that we are back in person for Sunday morning worship, we're looking for people to help us run our sound board and live-stream the services. It may sound complex, but it's a really simple process that's easy to learn and fun to do! And it's not every day you have the power to mute the ministers. 😊

If you'd like to join the team, let Kory know.

IN-PERSON ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 2 @ 9:30 AM

Chalice Hall

It is a joy to announce the return to in-person Sunday School. Zoom has served us well; this past year has been filled with great discussions and hopefully growth in our discipleship. Now we can meet masked face to masked face!

We will gather as a large group in Chalice Hall for a variety of different experiences — keynote, lecture, discussion. Watch the *Weekly* for the list of topics that will be presented this summer. We have some great programs lined up and are working on more.

This Sunday we will begin where we are. We will look at this past year and to the future and reflect on gleaned faith in the midst of the pandemic. All are welcome!

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

MAY SERVICE PROJECT THE NATHANIEL MISSION

The Nathaniel Mission provides a cup of hot coffee, breakfast, and a warm welcome to any in need. A food market is offered for those who need to shop for free. "Lunch and Learn" includes a free meal and various lifestyle classes. Many other services are available for all ages.

Items most needed:

Non-perishable food for their pantry
Breakfast bars, canned food, etc.

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 "Nathaniel Mission" 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.

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

CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

Hope, Healing, & Wholeness Bible Study

Seeing God's healing work: ...He opened my eyes...

(John 9:1-38)

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, May 17, 6:45 PM in Chalice Hall

- Please bring a mask for this IN-PERSON meeting.
- We will be planning for next year - bring your calendar!

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, May 18, 10:00 AM on ZOOM

- 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.

Sue Ann Cowgill will present the Bible study on Zoom.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, May 19, 10:00 AM in Chalice Hall

- Please bring a mask for this IN-PERSON meeting.
- An email will be sent for Box Lunch orders a few days prior to the meeting.

Judy Rhodus will present the Bible study.

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

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT IN THE COURTYARD SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

DWM members are invited to enjoy a 60th Anniversary Celebration Concert in the Courtyard on May 16 at 2:00 PM. There will be piano, harp, and vocal selections, as well as sharing in memories from the DWM Scrapbook. Guests should wear masks, and chairs will be socially distanced.

Please park in the south parking lot (by Glendover school) and enter the courtyard from the Childcare Center doors.

Come and help us celebrate the 60th anniversary of Crestwood Christian Disciples Women's Ministries!

Rain date: May 23, 2:00 PM





Save the Date!

VBS 2021: *To Mars and Beyond*

July 12-15

Blast off to Mars and beyond and help kids discover the wonders of God's universe! Kids will become voyagers on a journey through space exploring where God's power can take them.

You are invited to share this exciting mission with our kids by becoming a volunteer! Please click the link below to choose your adventure!

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Beginning May 2 @ 10:15 AM, Choir Room

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Beginning May 2

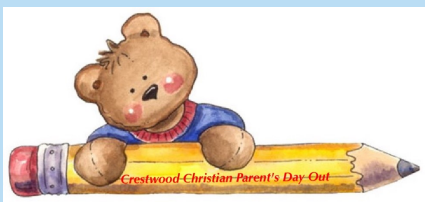
Click [HERE](#) to sign up

GOD'S GIRLS READING GROUP

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM, Flex Space

KIDS ON A MISSION

May 23 @ 4:00 PM



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 [HERE](https://www.crestwoodchristian.org/children-youth/parents-day-out/) (<https://www.crestwoodchristian.org/children-youth/parents-day-out/>) for more information and to enroll your child.

CHILDCARE CENTER FUNDRAISER

It's pizza time! The Crestwood Childcare Center is selling Little Caesars pizza kits for our Spring Fundraiser **until May 5** to raise money so we can update classrooms and turn empty space into an indoor playground. To be successful and reach our goal, we need everyone's help.

Not a big pizza fan? There is also bread, cookie dough, and an apple crumble kit. Follow the link to purchase, and items will ship directly to your home by FedEx.

Thank you for your support!

<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/fundraisers/support/f80ea9ed-fede-4f8f-ab3a-ff2d745e1c2e>



BAPTISMS IN MAY

We are blessed to have so many youth to baptize this year that we've had to split it into two worship services! We'll be doing our baptisms on May 9 at 3:00 PM and May 16 at 4:00 PM. Only the families of the youth and their mentors will be present in person, but both services will be live-streamed so you can join us virtually in celebrating this wonderful youth. What a joy it will be to welcome them into the family of God!

May 9 (3:00 PM)

Ava Greinke
Thomas Hoellein
Zac Hoellein
Natalie Knott
Caroline Robinson
Holly Schoeder
Will Sparks

May 16 (4:00 PM)

Graham Bacon
Sarah Cravens
Parker Guckenberger
Maggie Hill
Lane Martin
Katie Rush
Hadley White
Hayden White
Rachel Wilkinson

CHI RHO & CYF SERVICE PROJECT Saturday, May 8, 2:30 - 6:30 PM

Youth will join in the efforts to support GreenHouse17 for their big Shop and Share event. On this day, volunteers will collect food at 24 area Kroger stores and deliver the donations back to GreenHouse17. Our crew will be at the site receiving and packing the donations into PODS. All of our work will be outside. Our shift will be from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. We will travel together on the vans (masked and separated.) GreenHouse17 serves survivors of intimate partner abuse in 17 counties. Crestwood is honored to support this vital work.

Calling
All Graduates

High School &
College



Do you have a young person graduating from high school or college this year? Please let us know so that we can include them in our graduation celebrations.

We're proud of you, graduates!

TIME & TALENTS

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Spring is here! Never before have we felt a sense of new beginnings than this year, thanks be to God. Spring is the season the Stewardship Team conducts our Time and Talents campaign. It is the time we commit our offerings of service to our church, our community and our world.

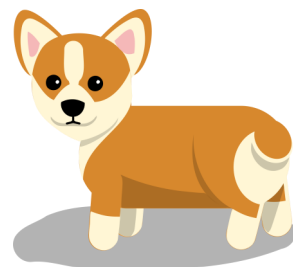
We are seeing the "light" at the end of this dark tunnel and I cannot wait to see your faces (well, your eyes) in worship. The way we serve looks different this year, so for now our focus has shifted to ensure the members of Crestwood are finding ways to connect to God and to each other.

In May we will have the opportunity to attend in-person worship. Sunday School and some small group activities will also be in-person. While Crestwood continues to focus on the health and safety of our congregation, we are thankful for the opportunity to begin reconnecting. If you are seeking new (or old) ways to participate in the ministries offered at Crestwood, please reach out to Kory or Trish.

Thank you,
The Stewardship Team

PASTOR'S CLASS PROJECT: PET SUPPLIES

Will Sparks, a baptismal candidate in the Pastor's Class, is doing a service project to collect items for the Lexington Humane Society. If you have towels, bedding material, pet bowls, leashes, kennels, toys and/or pet food you would like to contribute, please bring your items to the breezeway by Chalice Hall and place them in the crate labeled *Pet Supplies*. Thank you.





Sunday, May 2

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Children's Choir
 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:45 AM Children's Church - South Wing
 12:15 PM DWM Board Meeting - Zoom
 4:00 PM Youth Groups

Monday, May 3

7:00 PM Local Outreach - Zoom

Tuesday, May 4

Noon Personnel Team
 6:30 PM God's Girls Reading Group - Flex Space
 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom

Wednesday, May 5

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom
 11:30 AM Heart-to-Heart Team - Zoom
 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, May 6

10:00 AM Stephen Ministers - Zoom
 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Zoom

Saturday, May 8

2:30 PM Chi Rho & CYF Service Project

Sunday, May 9

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Children's Choir
 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:45 AM Children's Church - South Wing
 3:00 PM Baptisms

Monday, May 10

6:00 PM Healthy Church Task Force - Zoom
 7:00 PM Property Team - Chalice Hall

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom
 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, May 13

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Zoom
 6:00 PM Finance Team - Zoom

Sunday, May 16

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Children's Choir
 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:45 AM Children's Church - South Wing
 Noon Elders Lunch - Zoom
 2:00 PM DWM 60th Anniversary - Courtyard
 4:00 PM Baptisms

Monday, May 17

6:45 PM Mary Martha DWM - Chalice Hall

Tuesday, May 18

10:00 AM Naomi DWM - Zoom
 6:30 PM God's Girls Reading Group - Flex Space
 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom

Wednesday, May 19

10:00 AM Dorcas DWM - Chalice Hall
 10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom
 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room
 7:00 PM Administrative Board - Zoom

Thursday, May 20

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Zoom

Sunday, May 23

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Children's Choir
 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:45 AM Children's Church - South Wing
 4:00 PM Kids on a Mission
 4:00 PM Youth Groups

Tuesday, May 25

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

Wednesday, May 26

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom
 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, May 27

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Zoom

Friday, May 28

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Sunday, May 30

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:45 AM Children's Church - South Wing

In Memory of...



Jean Ham

October 12, 1925 -
April 22, 2021

Please keep Jean's son,
Bob, and all of their
family in your prayers.

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

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93130030767>

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 11:00 AM

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

CRESTWOOD'S APRIL GIVING THROUGH LOCAL OUTREACH

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

Natalie's Sisters

\$100

Purchased 48 pairs of flip flops

Salvation Army

\$2,500

Donation to provide furniture for the early learning center
and bedding for incoming guests

The Nest (Center for Women, Children and Families)

\$500

Purchased paper towels, toilet paper, and feminine
products

The Well

\$300

Donation for bus passes

Bridge Fund

\$80

Assisted one family with Kentucky Utilities payment

\$500

Assisted two families with rent

BLESSING BOX

Every day people come to Crestwood's Blessing Box. Every day our efforts keep someone from going hungry. Every day we bear witness that the church cares for people. Now that we are coming back to the sanctuary for worship, plan to bring something for the blessing box as you come.

There will be tubs at both entrances labeled for your donation. When you're shopping, pick up extra canned fruit, vegetables, and pasta sauce. Grab extra bagged and boxed food and paper products. Bring them to church and know that we are being Jesus to those in need.



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

Dear Friends,

My family and I would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, texts, emails, and prayers. They mean so much when you lose a loved one. Also Kory and Trish were right there for us. We appreciate it so much. Bless you all.

Minva Hodgins and family

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Dear Crestwood Friends,

Thank you for your generous support for **Week of Compassion**. Your faithfulness in the Special Offering is always appreciated--and this year, your over-and-above giving for COVID-19 response will impact many lives around the world. From food security to health and sanitation supplies, the needs are great--but so is your compassion! Blessings, and I hope to visit soon.

Erin Wathen
Communications and Development Manager

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of **The Salvation Army** and those we serve, I would like you to know of my deep gratitude for your contribution of \$2,500. As requested, we have set aside these funds to be used in our Early Learning Center and to buy essential items for our Emergency Shelter. As we continue to emerge from the challenges of the current pandemic and our recent winter weather, your generosity has been essential. Due to your concern for our neighbors here in Central Kentucky, more families are seeking help with utility bills and other assistance. Our numbers of women looking for a warm place to stay during frigid temperatures also has increased. However, because you continue to include us in your prayers and gifts, The Salvation Army has been able to meet these needs. While so many other doors have closed, our doors have remained open, providing hope for a future! As always, your compassion for others is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Major William Garrett
Central Kentucky Area Coordinator

Dear Friends,

You are a hero in the hearts of many! Through your Power of One gift to **God's Pantry**, you have delivered hope to our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity, including many individuals and families who have reached out to us for the very first time in recent weeks. Communities throughout our region are experiencing an unprecedented increase in food assistance requests due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, you made it easier for our neighbors who are feeling the personal stress of this crisis to have nutritious food on their dinner tables.

Your generous gift of \$1,500 is at work now providing nourishing food to help children, seniors, and families stay well. Your kindness has made an immediate, positive difference in their lives.



Thank you so much for supporting our community in such a thoughtful, caring way. Together, we are fighting hunger and delivering hope.

With gratitude and warm wishes,
Michael J. Halligan
Chief Executive Officer

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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 \$831 that provides for the many ministerial students at LTS. Many thanks for the blessing of your offering and belief in this historic seminary.

Sincerely yours,
Mark V. Blankenship
Vice President for Advancement

BIBLE STUDY: GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Wednesdays @ 1:00 PM

Dan Pence, an experienced teacher and elder of Crestwood, leads this study focusing on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is an in-person experience. Vaccines are required to participate. The class meets in the Bradford room in the Mission Center. If you are interested, please contact the church office to sign up.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF REVELATION Thursdays @ 11:00 AM

The Thursday Bible Study meets by Zoom to read and discuss the challenging and often controversial book of Revelation. All are welcome to join. If you are interested or have questions, contact Trish at trish@crestwoodchristian.org.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Friday, May 7
9:30 AM on ZOOM*
May Friendship Day Celebration

*Contact Mary Taylor for the Zoom link:
mat3508@perspectives-usa.com

*Join women from churches all around Lexington who Agree to differ, Resolve to love, Are united to serve **In Christ's Name***

ALL are invited!

Crestwood DWM is a participating organization with Church Women United. Mary Taylor of Crestwood is the board secretary and may be contacted at 223-8206.

STEPHEN MINISTERS: HERE TO HELP

This past year has been challenging at best and at times unbearable for some. We care. Sometimes we just need a compassionate ear and a loving heart to listen as we process feelings. We are here.

Crestwood has a team of trained leaders called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministry is found in many denominations. It is a specialized team of people who have been called and trained to come alongside us and walk with us when we need it. If you feel you would benefit from a Stephen Minister or if you have questions about it, please contact Trish.

THANK YOU, GRIFFIN



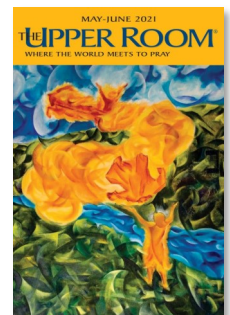
Griffin Allen, our technology intern, has started a theater internship in Utah. Griffin has been a Godsend to us, using his amazing gifts to help us provide weekly online worship and so much more. There is simply no way we could have stayed connected during the pandemic without Griffin's help. If you'd like to send a note of thanks (and a gift, if you choose) to the church office, we'll collect them and send to him. Please send your note by **May 5**. Let's let Griffin know how much he has meant to us!

OFFICE HOURS

Beginning May 3, the church office will be open Monday-Thursday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 PM.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

The May-June issue of the Upper Room is available in the breezeway between Chalice Hall and the sanctuary.



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CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Online Sunday Worship – 10:00 AM

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
Peggy King, Children's Coordinator
Maureen Howell, Office Administrator & Pianist
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Rhannon White, Children's Music Director
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