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Articles are due by Noon on Friday, June 25.

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SUMMER OF SERVICE

Get ready for Crestwood's Summer of Service! We are challenging everyone at Crestwood to participate in our SOS challenge to show the love of Jesus in our community. In Roman times, when soldiers finished fighting, they often settled in the far-flung outposts they conquered. As Roman citizens, their charge in their

new settlements far from the capital was to make sure the customs and culture of Rome were established. They were agents of Rome. The Philippians would have understood this when Paul wrote to them and said in Philippians 3:20 that they were citizens of heaven, implying, in part, not that they were to look for a future home in a far-off heaven, but that in the here and now they were to bring the customs and culture of heaven to their earthly outposts, to be heavenly agents. That is what our Summer of Service is all about at Crestwood. We want to bring to our community the culture of heaven, showing what it means to be kind and loving, to bring the justice, peace, and unity of God's kingdom to Lexington.

We would love for everyone to participate in SOS. We are providing resources for you to find ways to be agents of God's kingdom. We also want to make it fun! You can pick up an SOS bingo card and fill it out as you do acts of service throughout the summer. And we want to hear your stories, too. Document what you do with photos (as appropriate) and send us your stories about what you did, who you touched, and maybe even what your next steps will be! We will share these stories during the summer to encourage others to participate.

Pick up bingo cards and SOS brochures at the church or click **HERE** to access them electronically. As you complete your bingo cards, return them to the church and they will be entered in a drawing. Winners of the drawing will get to choose an agency or a group to which Crestwood will make donations.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

HIGH SCHOOL

Nate Feese

Model Laboratory High School University of Pikeville

Brayden Mefford

Lafayette High School University of Kentucky

Lily Schoeder

Lafayette High School Pre-Engineering Program University of Kentucky



Benjamin Webster

Henry Clay High School Centre College

Caroline Wheeler

Henry Clay High School Sewanee: The University of the South

COLLEGE

Jeb Brumley

Transylvania University Bachelors in Accounting

Will Feese

St. Louis College of Pharmacy BA in Pharmaceutical Sciences Emphasis in Health Humanities

Sydney Wilcoxson

University of Kentucky Bachelors Degrees in Psychology and WRD (Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Media)

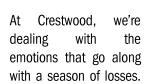
A WORD FROM KORY

I was in a clergy group gathering last week that was being led by a UK hospital chaplain. She was telling some stories of what she experienced during the past 15 months as the hospital dealt with the pandemic. The stories were heart-breaking, inspiring, and gave us an overall impression of the capacity of the human spirit to deal with and overcome adversity.

It feels safe to say we are coming out of the pandemic, although as we have learned, we don't have nearly as much control over life as we thought we did. I think a lot of people's frustrations with the government, school systems, and churches were caused by the lack of control they had over the rest of their lives. We don't like being told what we can and can't do, and even when we willingly oblige, we still have to sit with the restrictions and the mandates, as if COVID had dropped a new list of "Thou Shalt Not" commandments on us.

Thankfully, those are starting to go away, as evidenced by our return to in-person worship on May 2. Words cannot express how good it feels NOT to be preaching to a camera in an empty sanctuary. The only downside I can think of is that I now know whether or not my jokes are funny because I can see your reaction. I just assumed before that you laughed at ALL of them! But seriously, being back together in the flesh is a great sign that we are indeed returning to whatever "normal" means. In the coming weeks, singing hymns and passing communion will make it feel even more like the worship we remember.

So, we're seeing a return to normal in our society and in our churches. What about in our souls? For many, this pandemic has left scars that won't soon heal, so as we are finally able to take a collective breath (without a mask!), we may be just now realizing the toll that COVID has taken on us. The results of a year of isolation, anxiety, fear of the unknown, and delayed grief are only now becoming known to us, so it's important that we are easy on ourselves and each other. God's grace may be the best medicine at our disposal.





With the news of Maureen's departure, we've now lost three full-time employees in five months. Thankfully, unlike the circumstances around Brian and Lynn, Maureen's leaving is great news for her, as she and her husband will be working together on staff at a church in Raleigh. Maureen is simply one of the finest human beings I've ever had the pleasure of knowing, and she is as gifted in the office as she is at the piano. The impact of her loss will be tremendous, and I will miss her greatly.

So, my point in all of this is a lot of things are changing and will continue to change. But you know what doesn't change? God's love for us. God's promise to walk with us on this journey. The gift of Jesus Christ offered each week through bread and cup. The promise of the Holy Spirit's leading. One constant we can always rely on, no matter what season or stage of life, is the goodness and grace of God to guide us. God has gotten us this far, so we can trust God isn't going anywhere.

These next few post-pandemic months will be interesting because we will be learning a lot about ourselves, our neighbors, and our country. Did we learn anything from the pandemic? I hope so. I hope we learned how precious life can be and how little we should take for granted. I hope we learned that things could change in an instant and so much is out of our control. I hope we learned that there is something important, even essential, about gathering together for worship that we don't even know we miss until it's gone. I hope we learned to be grateful for the good people around us, because they may not always be there. And I hope we learned that God is the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and when nothing else in our world seems reliable, God is. Always.

PRAYER LIST: JOYS AND CONCERNS

<u>MEMBERS</u>: Melinda Carrillo, Wayne Dennis, the family of Mary Ann Miller, Bob Noel, Winn Turney

FAMILY: Derrie Edge (sister-in-law of Chrystal Schoeder), the family of Cheryl Lewis (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Aileen Mitchell (sister of Joanne Brown), *Tom Shupe (brother-in-law of Trish Standifur), Patrick Toll (son of Mike and Dianne Toll)

FRIENDS: Joan Adams (of Georgia Meece), Rick Bastin (of Mitchell Smith), Aileen Dalton (of Christie Oliver), Colleen Egan (of Tara Wilkinson and Andrea Nielsen), Kristen Hasse (of Jane Maskalick), Patti and Jerry Mains (of Kathy Stone), the family of Bill Sandborn (of Rick Fern), Joanne Shuman (of Monte LaFrana), Gary Taylor (of Kathy Stone), Lisa Tedder (of Georgia Meece)

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)

<u>HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS</u>: Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, 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,

Check out the article about SOS! Let's make a difference this summer. Each of us can do big and small things that can spread God's love, kindness, and goodness.

Volunteer for VBS! One of my favorite memories over these past 6 years is teaching VBS with Loren Broadus. Mr. Loren was in his early 80's crawling on the floor with 3-year-olds. No one is too old to be a helper at VBS. It is great for our kids and parents to build relationships with some of our members whose kids are grown. Church "grandparents" are a blessing! Think and pray about giving your time to our children's ministry. I promise you will be more blessed than you imagine.

Get connected to a small group. We are slowly getting back to inperson opportunities. Book Club, Bible Studies (Men's, Wednesday, and Thursday), Sunday School classes, FUNCH, and DWM groups offer us a chance to build and rebuild relationships with one another. It may take us awhile to get comfortable with being in groups but Crestwood is here and ready to welcome you.

Blessed to share the journey, Trish

FALLEN HEROES SERMON SERIES

We've been told since we were little tykes attending Sunday School that the Bible is full of heroes: Moses, Jacob, David, Noah. And yet, each of these characters has a dark side that we didn't learn about when we were young. For our Summer Sermon Series, we're going to look at biblical heroes who are actually flawed human beings who sinned, disobeyed God, and ran away from their call. And yet, God worked through them to share love, grace, and the good news. Join us as we learn more about these fallen heroes and how their story can inspire us on our journey.

June 6 Adam and Eve
June 13 Jonah
June 20 Joseph
June 27 Noah

IN-PERSON ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays @ 9:30 AM

What a joy to return to in-person Sunday School. Now we can meet masked face to masked face! We gather in Chalice Hall for a variety of different experiences — keynote, lecture, discussion. All are welcome!

RECEPTION FOR MAUREEN HOWELL Sunday, June 6 @ 9:30 AM in Chalice Hall

Please join us next Sunday for a reception for Maureen Howell. Maureen has been at Crestwood since 2015 as Pianist and as Office Administrator since 2017. She and her husband, Warren, will be moving to Raleigh, NC, to join the staff of First Baptist Church. We are so excited for them and this opportunity to work together as Minister of Music and Organist/Music Assistant. We encourage you to bring cards and gifts to express your appreciation for all she has done for Crestwood. If you cannot attend that morning but want to send a card, please send it to the church office in care of Kory. We thank Maureen for her faithful work at Crestwood and wish her and Warren all of God's blessings on this new adventure!

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

With Maureen's departure, we are looking for volunteers to help with duties around the church office on June 7-9 and June 14-15 in the afternoons. If you'd be willing to help, please contact Maureen and let her know. Thank you so much for helping us through this transition! (The church office is open on Monday-Thursday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 PM.)

WEDNESDAY 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 IN PERSON BEGINNING JUNE 17 Thursdays @ 11:00 AM

We will continue the study of the Minor Prophets in person. We gather at 11:00 AM for fellowship and study from 11:30-12:30. All are welcome. Masks will only be required for those not vaccinated.

PAUL HUNT BOWMAN FUND UPDATE

Crestwood's Paul Hunt Bowman Fund was created in 1996 from a bequest from Mary Withers Snyder, a founding member of Crestwood and former elder. The purpose of the gift was to benefit ministerial students. In the past, the income from this fund has been used for direct scholarships, internships, and contributions to Lexington Theological Seminary's (LTS) scholarship fund. A contribution has been made in May to LTS for MDiv scholarships in the amount of \$20,000. The generosity of Mary Withers Snyder continues to live on and provide opportunities for our clergy of the future.

Wayne Shaver

RECEIVING CRESTWOOD EMAILS

From time to time, you may experience an issue in receiving emails from Crestwood sent to the churchwide distribution list through Constant Contact. Whereas Constant Contact informs us that the email has been sent, it may not appear in your inbox where you would normally look for it. If this happens, please check your Junk or Spam folders to make sure Crestwood emails aren't going there.

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/) for more Information and to enroll your child.

OFFICE HOURS

the church office is open on Monday through 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.



IN THE SANCTUARY

It has been such a joy to be back in worship with you these last few weeks! We are looking forward to continuing to worship together as we seek to find our "new normal." The CDC's latest guidelines loosening the restrictions on mask wearing and social distancing has caused us to update our Sunday morning practices. We hope these new guidelines begin to move us back to worshipping together in meaningful and substantive ways.

ATTENDANCE

You no longer need to sign up ahead of time, but we ask that you sign in when you arrive on Sunday morning. There are no restrictions on how many services you can attend. Y'all come!

MASKS

While most of the congregation is vaccinated, we are aware of certain populations who either are not eligible for the vaccine or have chosen not to get it for various reasons. Therefore, we still encourage the wearing of masks, but for those who are vaccinated, mask-wearing is optional. We do request that those who are un-vaccinated and children ages 3 and older continue to wear masks.

CHILDREN'S TIME

We are reinstating Children's Time during the 10:45 AM worship service. Because our young population is not eligible to be vaccinated, we do ask that all children remain masked during their time at church, including Children's Time.

SEATING

For the time being, we will continue to encourage social distancing in seating. Please be mindful when sitting in the vicinity of someone else, recognizing that they may not be comfortable with having someone sit near them. Common sense and courtesy will be our friends as we move forward.

COMMUNION

This is the hardest one because we now realize our prepandemic practice of sharing communion was not very sanitary. One good sneeze could contaminate a whole tray of bread or juice! For now, we will continue to have worshippers pick up the pre-packaged communion cups on their way into the sanctuary. In the meantime, we'll be exploring ways of making communion a more communal experience while still keeping people safe.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Starting June 6, we will reinstate congregational singing in the worship service. We strongly encourage anyone who wants to sing to be masked while doing so, even if they are not masked during other parts of the service. This will ensure the safety of those around you while you're singing.

CHOIR

The choir will begin rehearsing in June, so we can look forward to seeing them again in worship very soon.

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.



MAY 9 BAPTISM SERVICE



Baptismal Candidates (Mentors):

Ava Greinke (Connie Guilfoil), Thomas Hoellein (Warren Rogers), Zac Hoellein (Andrew Sparks), Natalie Knott (Joan Stafford), Caroline Robinson (Karen Blakeman), Holly Schoeder (Dabney Parker), William Sparks. baptized by his grandfather Bob Franz (Sonny Wray)

BAPTISMS

We are blessed to have baptized 16 of our Crestwood youth in May, so many that we had to split it into two worship services! Only families of the youth and their mentors were able to be present in person, but both services were live-streamed. What a joy it is to welcome these youth into the family of God!



















MAY 16 BAPTISM SERVICE



Baptismal Candidates (Mentors):

Graham Bacon (Mitchell Smith), Sarah Craven (Connie Guilfoil), Parker Guckenberger (Gayle Hutcherson), Maggie Hill (Libby Wachtel), Lane Martin (Wayne Shaver), Katie Rush (Lucy Wells), Hadley White (Dabney Parker), Hayden White (John Gretz), Rachel Wilkinson (Karen Blakeman)















Wednesday, June 2

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom 11:30 AM Heart-to-Heart Team - Zoom

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, June 3

9:30 AM Stephen Ministers - Mission Center 4

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Zoom

Friday, June 4

10:00 AM Library Team - Church Library

Sunday, June 6

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Reception for Maureen Howell - Chalice Hall

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, June 7

7:00 PM Local Outreach - Zoom

Wednesday, June 9

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom Noon Personnel Team

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1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, June 10

No Thursday Bible Study

6:00 PM Finance Team - Zoom

Sunday, June 13

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, June 14

7:00 PM Property Team - Chalice Hall

Wednesday, June 16

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM Ministry Council

Thursday, June 17

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, June 20

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Noon Elders Lunch

Tuesday, June 22

6:30 PM Childcare Council - Childcare Center

Wednesday, June 23

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, June 24

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Friday, June 25

Noon FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Sunday, June 27

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Noon Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 30

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

CRESTWOOD MAY GIVING THROUGH LOCAL OUTREACH

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

Bridge Fund

\$250

Assisted with rent

\$125

Assisted with Kentucky Utilities payment

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

June DWM Service Projects

Our June Service Project was originally planned to be clothing donations to Dress for Success, but that organization no longer exists. This gives us an opportunity to make donations to the Crestwood Blessing Food Box, God's Pantry, or to an organization of your choice. Monetary donations should be checks made <u>payable to the organization</u> and <u>mailed directly to that group</u>. Please DO NOT send checks to Crestwood DWM (this applies ONLY to the JUNE service project). For further information on this service project, please contact Kathy Stone at 368-8327.

Enjoy the summer – we look forward to seeing you at our Circles in September!

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

THE GRACE IN WHICH WE STAND VIRTUAL MINI-CONFERENCE Saturday, June 19, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Good News! The Women's Ministry Cabinet and Linda Jones are planning a virtual mini-conference for Kentucky Disciples Women. The gathering will be held via Zoom from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Eastern Time on Saturday, June 19 to maintain the strong connections between Disciples women across the region.

"The Grace in Which We Stand" is the theme, with the informing scripture being Romans 5:1-5. The morning message will be delivered by Rev. Marilyn Williams, North Carolina pastor and former IDWM President. Music provided by Andra Moran from Nashville and Deb Garr from Paris. Dr. Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary's Professor of Theology, will lead a workshop on the theology of Grace.

There is no registration form or fee for this miniconference. The Zoom link will be emailed to you on the appropriate day and time to use on your internet-connected device of choice. Everyone at the gathering will be on mute except for the speakers and musicians but you will be able to look around, see who is there and type "Hellos" and messages in the chat room.

We will have a closing communion after the workshop so have your own communion elements available at that time. You will have an opportunity to make an online offering to support future women's ministries events. I sure hope to see you there!

Linda Jones Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries Christian Church in Kentucky

All Crestwood women are invited and welcome to attend this special virtual event.

Contact Trish Standifur (<u>trish@crestwoodchristian.org</u>) if you have any questions.

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

Dear Crestwood Friends,

We know your donations to **Lexington Habitat for Humanity** make a real difference because we see it every day. We see it as we revisit the nearly 600 homes that we have built or rehabilitated. We see it when homebuyers' eyes fill with tears of relief and joy as they are presented with the keys to their homes. We see it when children, after moving into their new homes, excitedly bring home better grades. We wish you could see firsthand the lives changed because of your support. Thank you for your recent gift of \$5,000. As the economic shocks from COVID-19 continue, families without access to stable, affordable housing will continue to be among those hit the hardest. When you donate, you are ensuring we can continue to serve families now and in the future.

Driven by the vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live, Lexington Habitat has been building and repairing homes in Lexington for over 30 years. Lexington Habitat homebuyers help build their own homes and pay an affordable mortgage, and low-income homeowners have the opportunity to repair their homes. Through financial support, volunteering, adding a voice to support affordable housing, and donating or shopping at the Lexington ReStore, everyone in our community can help families achieve strength, stability, and self-reliance. Through shelter, we empower, and every gift makes a difference. Thank you.

Jeremiah Myers Resource Development Director



Dear Friends.

We appreciate your support of **Lexington Habitat for Humanity** during this particularly challenging year! Despite COVID and because of folks like you, we continue to create strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. When you give, families get the opportunity to build a strong foundation for a healthy and hopeful future. Together, we can build a community where everyone has a decent place to live.

Rachel

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

Dear Crestwood Christian Church.

On behalf of **Christian Appalachian Project (CAP)**, thank you for the restricted gift of \$20,000 to help children, their families, and the seniors in need in Appalachia. In addition to meeting basic human needs - food, shelter, and clothing - your gift brings much hope and encouragement to our participants. With your financial and prayer support, Christian Appalachian Project staff and volunteers (more than 1,000 a year) will continue to make a lifechanging impact on people in desperate need. Because of you, our participants have a chance for better lives and a brighter future. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with people in need in Appalachia. On behalf of our participants, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your support.

With my deepest gratitude,
Guy Adams
President

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Year after year, the network of support around **The Nathaniel Mission** continues to invest in the lives of our neighbors on the margins. Generous donations are the lifeblood of our organization, and the lion's share of those donations goes directly to assisting our friends with critically necessary resources. At the start of 2021, the landscape of support and the dynamics of our relationships with our network of partners was in flux in ways we could not predict. As a result, there was tremendous uncertainty as the pandemic continued to upend the traditional avenues to restoring the lives of our neighbors.

Nevertheless, you gave. Generously. Consistently. Selflessly. Your choice was simple and yet simultaneously transformative. Your gifts at the start of 2021 allowed Nathaniel Mission to invest heavily in our neighborhoods. It was because of your kindness toward those at the margins that lives have been changed. Homes secured, jobs found, food in the pantry, education offered. You made a world of difference in the lives of our neighbors, and at a time when no one could predict if that kind of support would continue. You chose to be faithful to our friends, and it's for that choice that we say with great affection: Thank you.

Gratefully, Rev. Dan Baer Executive Director Dear Crestwood Friends,

I am reaching out to say a HUGE thank you to your congregation for your amazing donation to the **Christian Appalachian Project** to help the flooding victims in Eastern Kentucky. Opening your letter put a huge smile on my and all my coworkers' faces. You all are a gift from God and I know your donation will help so many people struggling in Appalachia. I would love to meet you all, whether that be in person or virtually, and get to know more about your church and the amazing people who attend there. Again, thank you so much for the very generous donation and may God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Lauren McCoart
Church Relations Coordinator

Dear Members of Crestwood Christian Church,

I would like to express our thanks to you for your gift of \$1,052 given to the **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky**. This over and above outreach gift will help strengthen and expand our service to congregations. We appreciate the many ways that the church is involved in witness and serves through the Christian Church In Kentucky. We claim your ministry as our ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Dean Phelps
Transitional Regional Minister

Dear Friends of LTS at Crestwood Christian Church,

The **Lexington Theological 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, many thanks to our brothers and sisters in Christ at Crestwood for your partnership and gift of \$1,253. Also thank you for your gift of \$20,000 of the Crestwood Christian Church Ministerial Financial Aid Fund. What a surprise!

Sincerely yours, Mark V. Blankenship Vice President for Advancement

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

Dear Friends.

For over 100 years, Baby Health Services, Inc. has been providing high quality, compassionate medical care free of charge to the uninsured children of Central Kentucky. We provide pediatric healthcare in a warm and friendly environment to children from birth to age 18. Office visits are offered for sick children as well as routine check-ups, physicals, lab tests, X-rays, and referrals for specialized treatments. Baby Health is comprised of a professional staff consisting of two registered nurses, two pediatric nurse practitioners, and several volunteer doctors. A Board of dedicated members donates over 1,000 hours annually to keep the clinic running smoothly. We are self-sustaining and non-profit, and provide approximately \$390,000 of services and medications annually to local children. All that comes from donations and grants. On behalf of the Baby Health Board, thank you for support in helping us service Central Kentucky's neediest children by allowing us to use your space for meetings (in normal times)!

Very best wishes,
Baby Health Board

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the board of trustees I want to thank you for your recent generous donation of \$1,052 to **Cane Ridge**. 2021 opened on April 1 as usual, but we weren't able to open with our opening day service for the second year in a row. We're still limiting our visitors to 10 inside the buildings at one time and visitors must still wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Our faithful contributors have continued to support us even in this period of limitations and we're thankful that our friends have remained vigilant in their financial support. We hope to be able to open to groups in the latter half of the year, but we ask for your patience as we navigate this year of changing conditions. We are pleased that our restroom project was finally completed and they are much more attractive and accessible. Everyone is invited to visit and enjoy the new facilities.

We are grateful for all the support we receive from visitors and friends like you from around the country and the world. We are honored to maintain and preserve the history of these grounds and we hope you will continue to support our efforts in the future.

Thank you again, James H. Trader, II Curator Dear Friends,

On behalf of **The Well of Lexington**, thank you for your generous donation of \$600. This is such a wonderful gift and it is so greatly appreciated. Please know that every donation is used for survivors of sex trafficking in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We are seeing a direct correlation between our state's opioid crisis and trafficking. For example, when one does not have money to buy drugs, they start selling their children or other family members. This is called familial trafficking, and it is the most prevalent form of trafficking in our state.



The ladies arrive with nothing. To receive your donation means the world to them. We provide survivors with much needed support through medical evaluations, mental and behavioral healthcare, addiction counseling, nutritional education, the GED process or trade school and, of course, a safe and loving place to call home while they heal. We also continue to raise awareness about sex trafficking in the Bluegrass and beyond.

We are building a safe and supportive network for the residents, but it will take the whole community to eradicate sex trafficking. We have many committee and volunteer opportunities available. Sometimes we forget that the wonderful residents of The Well have missed out on so much, and hearing the simple message "you are safe" provides them with a step toward healing. They would love to learn about things like cooking, sewing, decorating, painting, canoeing, horseback riding, personal finances, physical fitness, music, and so much more.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against sex trafficking. Our team could not be more grateful for your support.

Eileen M. Levy Executive Director

1882 Bellefonte Drive Lexington, Kentucky 40503-2046 (859) 266-0459 Fax: (859) 266-0450

THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

VBS 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.

Registration opens June 16



You are invited to share this exciting mission with our kids by becoming a volunteer!

We still have many available volunteer opportunities.

Please click the link below to choose your adventure!

Click Here to Volunteer

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
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