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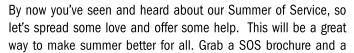
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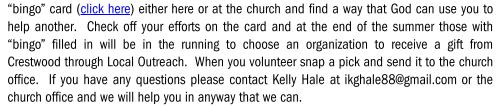
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SUMMER OF SERVICE

SOS! MAKING A DIFFERENCE!





ICE CREAM IN THE GARDEN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

We are so glad to be able to see each other face to face this summer! Let's get together and enjoy some ice cream while fellowshipping! Join us in the garden Wednesday, July 7th at 6:30 for an ice cream sundae bar!

CALLING ALL MASTER ICE CREAM MAKERS

For our all church ice cream event we would love to have some of our own members make some sweet treats! If one of your hidden talents is making delicious homemade ice cream then contact Trish



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A WORD FROM KORY

For those who were able to be in worship on Sunday, you experienced what felt to me like the first "normal" worship service since last March. We greeted each other, the choir sang, the kids came down front for Children's Time – it was worship the way God intended it! I know that not everyone is fully vaccinated and there are talks of different strains of the COVID virus still at play, but I wonder...is it safe to say we are now living in a post-pandemic world? And if it is, that begs for me a much larger question: Now what?

While the church is back to being the church again, it's not the same as it was 15 months ago. For example, we've stopped taking attendance on Sunday morning because those present in the sanctuary represent only a portion of those who are worshipping with us. The church can no longer be defined by those who worship and fellowship within its walls, but must now include those who log in, click in, or Zoom in to be a part of our programs and ministries.

All the churches I know are struggling to understand their identity as they figure out what it means to be the body of Christ in this new world. For the last year and a half we've been in survival mode, directing all of our energies toward making sure church happens on Sunday, operating with a skeleton crew of staff and volunteers to maintain the basic functions of existing. No one had time or energy to thing about what happens after the pandemic. So, now that we are hopefully there, churches are scrambling to plan for a future that is unknown. We don't know what to expect, we only know it won't be like it was before.

Crestwood is no different. Along with the challenges of re-opening in a safe and prudent way, we're also welcoming new staff members in key positions and retooling our Sunday morning online presence. Normally, by this point in the summer we'd have a good handle on our fall plans and how we intend to lead this congregation forward. This summer, we're still trying to wrap our minds around the fact that Sunday morning is happening again. Could we pause church for a month to give our minds, our bodies, and our souls a chance to take a breath and catch up?

No, we can't. So, we are moving ahead, and now more than ever we need your



help. We have big plans for the rest of the summer and fall, which hopefully will include an all-church retreat, several inperson fellowship events, and new educational opportunities to learn and grow. We also want to restart our strategic planning process, which was cut short last March by COVID. It's going to be fascinating to ask "Who are we?" now that we are on the other side of the pandemic. I expect the answers we get will look a lot different than they did last March.

How can you help? In short, show up, in whatever capacity you are able. Show up for worship, either in person or online, as we seek to connect you to God and each other. We are planning a big "Welcome Home" celebration this fall, when we can truly celebrate being the body of Christ again. We're not the same if you're not a part of it. Show up to worship, to Bible studies, to ministry team meetings. We need everyone to do their part.

You can also step up. This past Sunday, we voted on our slate of leaders for 2021-2022, and there were more than a few openings. It's hard to get back into the swing of things when life has been so disrupted, but this is a new opportunity for us to recommit our lives to Christ and our time and energy to serving. If you have an interest in serving or leading, say "Yes." We are trying to restart the Crestwood engine and we need all cylinders firing.

Finally, you can help if you look up, which means praying. There's no way we make it back to who God has called us to be without leaning into God's goodness and grace. We have come through the pandemic relatively healthy, but we still need God's guidance to take our next steps. Your prayers for this church and its leaders matter, so please ask God to shine God's light on Crestwood. Together, we can become who God has called us to be. Thank you for being partners in this amazing journey!

PRAYER LIST: JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Billie Johnson and family, Berkeley Hollingsworth, Joan Stafford and family, the family of Winn Turney

FAMILY: Marriage of Derrick Brown and Melanie
Paret (son of Joanne Brown), Derrie Edge (sisterin-law of Chrystal Schoeder), Mike Mancik (Brother
of Eva Dennis), Family of Richard Mullikin Jr.
(Cousin of Carolyn Clark), Kinley Nielsen
(Granddaughter of Pat Nielsen), Charlie Tran
(Grandson of Monte LaFrana)

FRIENDS: Joan Adams (of Georgia Meece), Rick
Bastin (of Mitchell Smith), Aileen Dalton (of
Christie Oliver), Carol Detjen (of Rick and
Cathy Tittmann), Zephaniah May (of
Crestwood), The Family of David Schelle (of
Tony Shartle), 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



TRISH TALK

Dear Friends,

This weekend we will celebrate the 4th of July. Independence Day-- where we celebrate the birth of this great country. The word for that we hear thrown about these days is

"freedom." What a great word. When we are growing up "freedom" brings to mind the idea that we get to do what we want, when we want. This idea often follows us to adulthood. Friends, freedom is so much greater than that. If we embrace the true gift of freedom, then we are to realize it is not so much what we are freed from as to what we are freed for. Being free comes with great responsibility and great opportunity. So this weekend, stop and thank God that we are free. Ask yourself what this means for you and how God can use you to bring the Light into this world. Pray for those who are not free to live, to love and be who God created them to be. Look for ways to help. If the isolation brought on by Covid taught me anything, it was to never take my life and the blessings in it for granted. Freedom is one of those gifts.

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.

July 4 Moses
July 11 Daniel
July 18 David
July 25 Ruth

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays @ 9:30 AM in Bradford Room

What a joy to return to in-person Sunday School. We are enjoying being together as we continue to discuss Mass Incarceration, the Justice System, and faithful responses to the challenges we face. This Sunday July 4 and next Sunday July 11, Dianna Queen will be with us to discuss Restorative Justice.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays @ 1:00 PM

All are welcome to join the Wednesday study! The group is now studying the book of James under the guidance of Dan Pence. The group meets in the Bradford room.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY Thursdays @ 11:00 AM

We will continue the study of the Minor Prophets. 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.

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

We are expanding church office hours to 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday-Thursday.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

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

SRO ON THE ROAD AGAIN! TUESDAY, JULY 6

Calling all seniors, retirees, and other adults! We will be boarding the van and hitting the road for some fellowship and fun! Our first outing will be Tuesday, July 6th when we head to Eckert's Boyd Orchard in Versailles. We will gather at Crestwood at 11 a.m. in Chalice Hall for brunch/lunch. Following lunch we will load up and head to the Orchard and the Aviation Museum. We will return by 3:30 p.m. RSVPs are needed by Monday, July 5th to Trish at trish@crestwoodchristian.org

Check out the bulletin board in the Admin/Sanctuary hallway for information about this and other upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, July 21 Midway, KY Lunch and browsing

GREETING CARDS NEEDED

We are running low on greeting cards, if you have any you are willing to part with please bring them to the church office. Thank you for your help!

SOUL CARE CAFE

Our Soul Care Cafe, which meets virtually on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., will be taking a break during the month of July. We look forward to gathering together again starting in August.

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.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE

Volunteers are needed to build our Habitat for Humanity House!

This year's Habitat for Humanity house will be located at 1152 Anderson Street. This will be the 38th house in Lexington that the Disciple Churches have helped sponsor. A family for the house will soon be chosen.

We will be allowed to have 10 daily volunteers during the first phase (6/15/21 - 7/17/21) and 6 daily volunteers during the final Phase (08/13/21 on).

Vaccinated individuals will be required to show vaccination card on the build site to be cleared to volunteer. Once cleared, no mask will be required.

Individuals who aren't vaccinated can still volunteer. Masks will be required on unvaccinated individuals.

Work days remaining during the first phase:

7/9, 7/10

7/16, 7/17

Work hours:

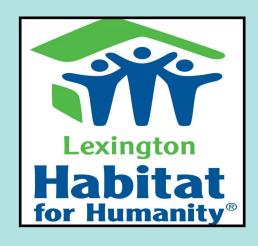
Weekdays 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Saturdays 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Due to Covid you will need to provide your own lunch.

Due to the limit on volunteers, you will need to email Glenn Means, Lexington Habitat Coordinator, at glennm@lexhabitat.org and tell him which days you can work. He will confirm if that is okay.

We will be the first house to be allowed volunteers this year. Adjustments will probably be made as we go along, so please be patient.

We are excited about this year's project and hope you will volunteer!



MEET THE FAMILY

For Gerald & Martha, having a quality, affordable home of their own is freedom. Becoming Lexington Habitat homeowners means they will be free from the financial instability of renting, freeto decorate and make decisions about their own space, and free to host loved ones.

Where they currently live with their four children, Danielle (7), Mercy (9), Patience (12), and Geraldine (15) is overcrowded. This family looks forward to having adequate space – and to having a backyard where they can play! All of the childrenenjoy outside games and Patience especially lovessoccer. When they aren't playing outside, they enjoy reading, music and attending church.

Originally from Burundi, a small country in East Africa, Gerald and Martha immigrated to the U.S. through Massachusetts and moved to Lexington in August of 2012. While in Africa, Gerald taught high school and Martha was a primary school teacher. Today, Gerald is pursuing a degree in Accounting and is in his third year at the University of Kentucky while Martha makes clothes as a production team member at Aramark.

This couple is hard-working and dedicated to a creating a better life for themselves and their children. They know affordable homeownership is an important piece of that puzzle. "Becoming homeowners will be a great accomplishment," saidGerald. "We will both be very proud to have a placeto call home." When asked what they would like to say to the volunteers and supporters who will help build their home they said, "We want to tell them howthankful we are. Without them this wouldn't be possible. May God bless everyone involved andmay He bless them with hope and love."



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FROM THE REGIONAL OFFICE

Dear Friends in Christ,

For the past 18 years, Rev. Linda Jones has blessed Kentucky's Disciples as part of the regional ministry staff. Her tireless work as a district minister, as treasurer, and especially with women's ministry has been a benefit to many of our congregations.

Linda has announced her retirement that will be effective August 31 of this year. Her last day in office will be July 31. Just as Linda has blessed us by her presence, we want to bless her as she makes the transition to the next chapters of life.

The Christian Church in Kentucky and Jeffersontown Christian Church invite you to join us for a celebration in honor of Linda and her ministry on Saturday, September 19, at Jeffersontown Christian Church from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. The church is located at 10631 Tayorsville Road in Jeffersontown. The church asks that attendees who have not received a COVID-19 vaccination wear face coverings.

Linda knows about the party, but this next part is a secret. We want to shower Linda with letters and cards, video greetings and a love offering. We will be compiling the letters and cards into a scrapbook, and you can send those to the regional office to the attention of Terry Royster at P.O. Box 910503, Lexington, KY 40591.

Video greetings will come together as a video to be played at the party for Linda. Email your video greetings to terry@ccinky.net. We need to have letters, cards, and video greetings no later than August 31.

We want to present Linda with a generous love offering. You can share in that by mailing a check designated for Linda Jones Love Offering to the address given above. You can also give to Linda's gift online at https://engage.suran.com/ccky/s/give/gift/linda-jones.

I hope you will join me in celebrating Linda's ministry and in sharing our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Rev. J. Dean Phelps Transitional Regional Minister



KENTUCKY REGION WELCOMES NEW REGIONAL MINISTER



Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II has been called as the new regional minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky. The regional board voted unanimously on Saturday, May 22, to approve the Regional Minister Search Team's recommendation that Rev. Dr. Gillett be called to this position. He will start in this position on Aug. 1.

Rev. Dr. Gillett has deep roots in the Kentucky region, having served the last 22 years as senior pastor of East Second Street Christian Church in Lexington. Since June 2017, he has been the Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches and has served as an adjunct lecturer at Lexington Theological Seminary.

"After an extensive search, the team felt that Rev. Dr. Gillett was the person God was calling to this position," said Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, chair of the Regional Minister Search Team. "His relational nature, his dynamic presence, and his commitment to the health of the region will be a blessing to Kentucky as we move forward."

"I live by the passage in Ephesians," said Rev. Dr. Gillett. "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

Reverend Dr. Gillett has four children, Jeremy, Liyah, Tasia, and Donald, III (Trey) and one grandchild, Jayda. He is married to Dr. Charisse L. Gillett, President of the Lexington Theological Seminary.



Thursday, July 1

9:30 AM Stephen Ministers - Mission Center 4 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Friday, July 2

10:00 AM Library Team - Church Library

Sunday, July 4

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Choir Practice 9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, July 5

7:00 PM Local Outreach - Zoom

Wednesday, July 7

11:30 AM Heart-to-Heart Team - Conference Room
 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room
 6:30 PM All Church Ice Cream Social - Courtyard

Thursday, July 8

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM Finance Team - Zoom

Sunday, July 11

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Choir Practice 9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, July 12

5:30 PM VBS

7:00 PM Property Team - Chalice Hall

Tuesday, July 13

5:30 PM VBS

6:30 PM Childcare Council - Childcare Center

Wednesday, July 14

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

5:30 PM VBS

Thursday, July 15

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford Room

5:30 PM VBS

Sunday, July 18

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Noon Elders Lunch

Wednesday, July 21

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM Administrative Board Meeting

Thursday, July 22

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, July 25

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 28

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, July 29

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford Room

Friday, July 30

Noon FUNCH - Chalice Hall

CRESTWOOD JUNE GIVING THROUGH LOCAL OUTREACH

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

Bridge Fund

\$850

Assisted with rent

\$150

Assisted with Kentucky Utilities payment

\$190.80

Purchased 60 pairs of flip flops for Natalie's Sisters

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

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

On behalf of the staff of **The Nest**, the board, and clients, I would like to thank you for your generous gift. Your extraordinary support means so much - especially as we navigate through a challenging year. We appreciate you!

Sincerely,
Jo Ellen Wilhoite
Director of Philanthropy

Dear Friends of Lexington Theological Seminary,

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.

When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS; words cannot describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$699.49.

Sincerely yours,

Mark V. Blankenship Vice President for Advancement

Dear friends,

Since our doors opened in 1884, friends like you have helped offer older adults an unprecedented level of care. We would like to share a few words of gratitude from our residents:

"I love my new home! Thank you for caring about me." -Ruth Anne

"Thank you for giving me a place to call home." - Tom

"I am so grateful for the friendships I have made. I am no longer alone." - Gene

" I am thankful for the chaplain." -Betty

"Thank you for providing a safe and caring environment for my mom" - Grace

More people than ever need the strength and comfort of Christian Care Communities' important services. With your gift of \$877.00, you join others who have made a commitment to help continue our mission of enhancing the journey of life for Older Adults.

To learn more about what your support helps make possible, we encourage you to visit us online at

<u>www.ChristianCareCommunties.org</u> and sign up for our enewsletter. Thank you for partnering with us to enhance the journey of life for Older Adults.

In His Service.

James W. Patton, LL.M, M.Div. Vice President - Mission Advancement and General Counsel

Dear Friends,

The Crestwood chapter of my life is one that I will remember with appreciation for you, the people who provided a community of kindness, love, and support. With this staff, work was fun! You gave me an opportunity to apply my skills and learn new ones. Not to mention that we went through a pandemic together. One day we'll all say, "Remember when..." and for me those memories will largely be of Crestwood, how we made our way through it, and came out on the other side. And for your gracious sendoff, cards, gifts, and words of blessing, I thank you.

With love,

Maureen Howell

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Dear Local Outreach team,

I'm not sure there are words to adequately express our thanks for your extremely generous \$40.000 gift to the **Lexington Rescue Mission.**

Crestwood Christian has long been the hands and feet of Jesus caring for hurting people in Lexington. This gift means that homelss families will receive a safe place to live, and school children and their families will be able to stay in their homes or have a home of their own for the first time. I can't wait to share with you the stories of people whose lives will be changed forever because of your generosity.

I also want you to know what a blessing this gift is to our staff. It's extremely hard when our Outreach team doesn't have the resources needed to meet a housing need. Your generosity brought them such joy knowing they will be able to house many more families.

Thank you again for the life-changing gift!

Laura Carr Executive Director

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Crestwood family,

As the son of late Jean Ham, I wished to reach out and thank the membership, laity, and ministry of Crestwood for their support, prayers and comfort in our time of great sorrow.

As a family we will also always be grateful for the tender ministries of Kory and Trish to our family and friends of our family during Mom's funeral and at her graveside.

As a member of the Crestwood family who grew up on Bellefonte Drive, was taught ballroom dancing in the Fellowship Hall, rose through the ranks in the Boy Scouts of America and then Troop 363 sponsored by Crestwood and faithfully led by members of its fellowship, and as one who was blessed many times by the wise spiritual counsel of Rev. Waldrop and then both Rev. Wilcoxson and Rev. Standifur, if I can ever be of service to Crestwood I respectfully as that you contact me at any time.

With kind regards as together we strive day by day to best place ourselves in His service.

Robert Ham



In Memory...

In Memory of...



Winn Turney
December 15, 1939 June 7, 2021

Please keep his wife, Sally, and their family in your prayers.

In Memory of...



Jerry Johnson

October 16, 1942 -June 12, 2021

Please keep his wife, Billie, and their family in your prayers.

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CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship -8:30 AM and 10:45 AM 10:45 AM service is available on facebook and youtube

CHURCH STAFF

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