

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 14

Noon Hungry for God - Zoom
 6:30 PM Childcare Council - Zoom
 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom

Wednesday, December 15

10:00 AM Dorcas DWM - Chalice Hall / Zoom
 1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Room
 7:00 PM Combined Youth Zoom
 8:00 PM Keeping Christmas - Zoom

Thursday, December 16

11:00 AM Bible Study - Chalice Hall
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday, December 17

6:30 PM Childcare Center Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 19

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Practice
 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 Noon Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall / Zoom
 3:00 PM Combined Youth Holiday Party
 4:00 PM Kids on a Mission - Children's Wing

Monday, December 20

7:00 PM World Outreach - Bradford Room

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

The Promises of Christmas

The power of the Christmas season is that it is pregnant with the promises of Emmanuel, the hope that God will become one of us and show us in new ways God's transformative power. How might Christmas be different for us this year if we look back at those promises and what they mean for us today? For our Advent sermon series, we'll be looking at the word of the prophets about the coming of Jesus, and how those promises can change our understanding of the challenges of this world. Join us for Advent as we lean into God's promises and await the birth of the Christ Child!

December 19
The Promise of Light
Isaiah 11

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 21, 6:00 PM

We are approaching the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. But this time of year, nights are long for other reasons. Memories of lost loved ones and the pain of present experiences and situations can become overwhelming. While the holidays are supposed to be full of joy, some of us experience sadness, grief, or anxiety. You are not alone. On Tuesday, December 21, we will join together for worship acknowledging and seeking the LIGHT that comes into the darkness. Please invite friends to join you.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 6 PM

Join us as we spread holiday cheer to some of our neighbors and church members! We'll depart from church at 6 PM and share in some hot chocolate and fellowship when we're done. The whole family is invited to be part of the singing!

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Rainey McDonald, the family of Georgia Meece, the family of Bob Noel, the family of Bill Rea, Kayden Sovkoplas

FAMILY: Gary Caudill (brother of LaVonne Caudill), Glenn Davis (brother of Julie McDonald), the family of Ronnie Hensley (cousin of Lindsey Whealton and Ashley Brown), Greg Powell (brother of David Powell), Shirley Powell (mother of David Powell), John Reed (son of Marilyn Miracle)

FRIENDS: Karen Dove (of Joanne Brown), Martha Duttlinger (of Crestwood), Carolyn Hopkins and family (of Betty Barton), Joan MacNair (of Joanne Brown), the family of Becky Witt (Kimberly Sparks), Joe and Anita Woods (of Betty Barton)

ARMED FORCES: Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Paul Baird (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), Blake and Jill Chambers and family (grandson of Karen Billings), 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 Karen Billings), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Daniel Sigler (son of David and Pam Sigler), Dalcus Sparks (nephew of Andrea Back)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Faye Cooper, Carolyn Floyd, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, 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.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING

Tis the season for giving! Alternative Giving celebrates the true gift of Christmas! This year we are highlighting the following ministries:

Arbor Youth Service, Bridge Fund at Crestwood, Central KY Music Academy, Green House 17, Heifer International, Lexington Rescue Mission, Military Missions, Nathaniel Mission, and New Life Day Center.

Your gifts to these programs will provide meals to music lessons and shelter to sheep! Learn more about these programs and what they do by clicking on the form below. Each week the Friday Five will have a video link highlighting one of these ministries. We have several ways for you to give through the Alternative Giving:

- 1) Visit the table at church, fill out a form, and write a check.
- 2) Visit the table at church, fill out the form, and make your payment online.
- 3) Click the form below, fill it out, and return it to church by email, post mail, or in person. Make your payment online (the link is on the top of the form) or send a check with the form.

See? It is easy to give gifts that will change lives this season!

[Click here to access form](#)

Christmas Eve Friday, December 24

5:00 PM	Children's Service
7:00 PM	Candlelight Service
10:30 PM	Organ Prelude
11:00 PM	Candlelight Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed December 27 - 31.

Crest articles for the January 10 edition are due by noon on Wednesday, January 5.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

DECEMBER SERVICE PROJECT CHRYSLIS HOUSE

Chrysalis House is a substance abuse treatment program for women. They provide domestic violence counseling, job readiness training, medical care and child services.

Items especially needed:

Feminine hygiene products (Tampax), twin sheets, deodorant, body wash, body lotion, bus passes (\$1 each), diapers.

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 "CH" on the memo line. Please send to the DWM Treasurer Carol Rogers. Anyone is welcome to donate. For further information on this service project, please contact Kathy Stone at 368-8327.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Please note that masks are strongly recommended for all while inside the church buildings.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, December 15, 10:00 a.m. in Chalice Hall and on Zoom

After a brief meeting, we will enjoy Christmas music by Katherine Steckler.

Our Christmas luncheon will be afterward at The Cellar.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, December 21, 9:45 a.m. in Chalice Hall and on Zoom

We will be sharing Christmas stories, then enjoying box lunches from The Mouse Trap.

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



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Cost: \$8 each

Order and payment deadline: December 17

Please pay at the church office or online
at www.crestwoodchristian.org under the "Give" tab.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Please circle Memory or Honor and fill in name.

In Memory or Honor of: _____

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Payment by: ☐ Cash ☐ Check

☐ Online (On the [online giving page](#), choose Payment.
Note Poinsettia and memorial or honorary designation in Special Instructions.)

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary at Christmas in honor or in memory of someone, please submit order form and payment by December 17. The cost for each plant is \$8. To order and pay online, click [here](#) and follow instructions in order form.