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May 8

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson John 15:1-8 The Fruit-ure of Crestwood

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ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 22 FOLLOWING 10:45 WORSHIP

All are invited to lunch as we kick off summer and send Kory off on sabbatical with our blessings! This is one of our first all-church celebrations since before the pandemic began, so this will be a special time to come together. May 22 is also Youth Sunday, so you won't want to miss out! No youth groups or meetings after service so that we can all join together as a church family. The event will have a catered Italian bar, taco bar, and salad bar. Plus we will have an ice-cream bar for dessert!

Thank you, Pastor Kory, for all of the ways you serve our Crestwood Christian Church family. We all love you and will be praying for you throughout your sabbatical. May the Lord bless you as you journey toward a restful and fun season, filled with Doctor of Ministry research, time to connect with loved ones, and time to connect with God.

A WORD FROM KORY...



It's hard for me to fathom that it is already time for my second sabbatical at Crestwood. My last sabbatical six years ago was magical, as a grant from the Eli Lily Foundation allowed my family and I to

travel a number of different places. It was a wonderful time of rest, rejuvenation, and connecting.

This sabbatical will be quite different from the last one. First of all, no one is giving me money to spend on travel! Second, the focus of this sabbatical is not only to take restful time away but to work on my Doctor of Ministry project, the last step to completing my degree. I hope to use the three months this summer to finish the project, or to at least get it well on its way to being done.

That doesn't mean I'll be tied to the computer the whole three months! Amy, the girls, and I still have some plans to travel and enjoy ourselves. Here's a snapshot of what we'll be doing:

May 23 - First day of sabbatical

May 28 - Molly graduates from high school

June 12-17 - High School mission trip to Raleigh, NC. This will be Molly's last youth mission trip and I'll be attending as a chaperone.

June 20-23 – I'll be attending a Pastor's Retreat at Church Creek near Charleston, SC. This center offers free-of-charge retreats to pastors and is sponsored by the church Amy attended when she lived in Charleston.

June 24-26 - Amy and I will be attending a friend's birthday weekend in Lake Lure, NC, the place where she and I first met.

July 9-17 -My friend Michael received the same Lily Grant this year for his sabbatical that I received in 2016, and he has planned a trip for us to go to Washington, D.C., and New York City.

July 25-30 - Amy and I will take a vacation to Siesta Key, FL.

August 18-19 – I'll be moving Molly into her new home at Grinnell College in Iowa.

August 22 - First day back in the office.

So, as you can see, we've got a big summer planned! I'm excited for Amy and me both to be off work so we can enjoy the summer together. Even with all the trips, I believe there will be enough downtime for me to make significant progress on my project. During my time away, you will be in good hands with Trish, Steph, Missy, and the rest of the staff. I know they have a wonderful summer planned for you and I'm sad to be missing it (but not so sad as to cancel my sabbatical!).

To make my time away a true sabbatical from all things church, I will be "going dark" on communications. I won't be answering emails, texts, or phone calls, and I'll be taking a break from social media. I learned last time that, in order for me to rest and restore, I have to completely disconnect. That's going to be so difficult for me because I love you all and will miss you so much, but after some of the toughest years in my ministry, I need the time away.

I can't thank Crestwood enough for providing this sabbatical for its ministers. I promise to use this time for its stated intentions: to work on my project; to allow my mind, soul, and body to rest; to reconnect with my family; and to spend time deepening my relationship with God. And I am already anticipating seeing you again when I return in August. God bless you, Crestwood!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Charlotte Shaver

FAMILY: Glenn Davis (brother of Julie McDonald), the family of Helen Kemp (late grandmother of Katie Neal), Jack & Wilma Larkins (parents of Jeanne Jouett), Amy Tate (daughter of Don Waggener), Jim Wallace (of Steph and Scott Wallace), Anisa Willis (daughter-in-law of Rose Willis)

FRIENDS: Shaikayla Carroll and her family
(of Tara Wilkinson), the family of Art
Curtis (of Bettye Burns), John & Liz
Hamblin (of Crestwood), the family of
James Kolasa (of Michelle DeLacey), Mike
McCarty (of Steph Wallace), Valerie
Saavedra (of Steph and Scott Wallace),
Marian (of Jill & Rick Sawyer)

ARMED FORCES: Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood),
Paul Baird (grandson-in-law of Minva
Hodgins), Matt Holman (son of Gaye
Holman), Daniel Day (grandson of John
and Carol Royse and son of Tracy Day), Bud
DeLacey (nephew of Matt and Michelle
DeLacey), 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, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Faye Cooper, Carolyn Floyd, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John and Carolyn Thomas, Mary Janice Towles

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, for an end to the war in Ukraine, 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.

TRISH TALK



Dear Friends,

A couple weeks ago while in WV visiting my family, I spent hours playing with my nephew, 7, and my niece, 3. It was quite a break from the weight of the state of the world. In our pretend worlds, all was well. No wars. No

heartache. We traveled from kingdoms to campgrounds on our make-believe treks. The consistent thing was that our 3 year old nurturer made sure to keep us on a routine of meals and sleeping. We bedded down for "sleep" and awakened to "breakfast". Other than the staples that a body needs: sleep and food, the other constant was a bedtime story. Each of us had to tell a story before we could fake snore our way to a pretend breakfast. Stories are as important to children as food and rest! At what age do we let stories lose their place of importance in our lives?

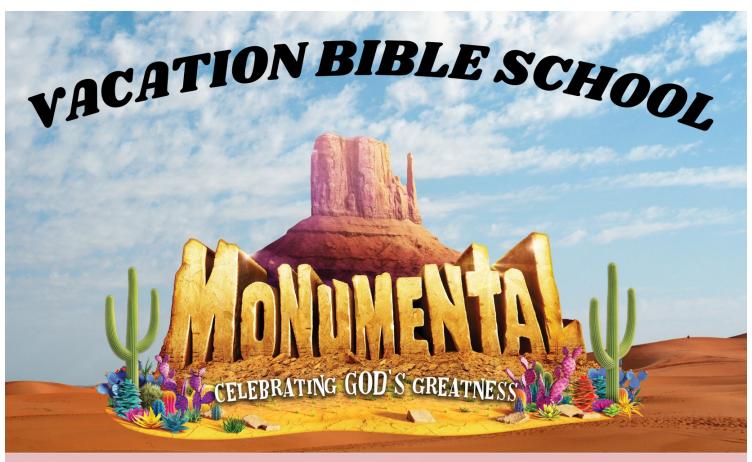
This summer we will be celebrating stories: our individual stories, our shared stories, stories Jesus told, sacred stories...

Each week in worship we want to have someone sharing part of their faith story. If you would be willing, please talk to me. It is important that we claim and share God's work in our lives. We will have fellowship events with opportunities to share.

Stories connect us. When we spend time sharing our stories we find points of connection that go far beyond our politics, our ideology, our preferences. Stories help us to understand where we have been and it gives insight into who we are today. We may be Cats or Cards but we may find that both of our first jobs were the same. Connection.

Be thinking about your stories and stories you hold dear. They are important.

Blessed to share the journey, Trish



Monday July 11 - Thursday July 14

CRESTWOOD CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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MAY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary	3:00 PM Combined Youth Groups 4:00 PM Kids on a Mission & KOM Jr
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Chancel Choir 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 11:45 AM Nominating Committee - Bradford 12:15 PM DWM Board Meeting - Zoom 3:00 PM Combined Youth Groups 4:00 PM Kids on a Mission & KOM Jr.	Monday, May 16 6:45 PM Mary Martha Cir - Chalice Hall/Zoom
	Tuesday, May 17 9:45 AM Naomi Circle - In Person/Zoom Noon Hungry for God - Zoom 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom
Monday, May 2	Wednesday, May 18
7:00 PM Local Outreach - MC3 Tuesday, May 3	10:00 AM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall/Zoom 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford 7:00 PM Administrative Board - Zoom
9:00 AM SRO Trip to Findlay Market Noon Hungry for God - Zoom 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team - Zoom 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom	Thursday, May 19 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Chalice Hall 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 4 9:30 AM Library Team 11:30 AM Heart-to-Heart Team - Zoom 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford 1:00 PM Church Office Closed for Afternoon	youth sunday
Thursday, May 5 9:30 AM Stephen Ministers - MC4 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Chalice Hall 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	Sunday, May 22 [YOUTH SUNDAY] 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
Sunday, May 8 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary	11:45 AM All Church Fellowship
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary	Tuesday, May 24 Noon Hungry for God - Zoom 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom
Monday, May 9 7:00 PM Property Team - Chalice Hall	Wednesday, May 25 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford
Tuesday, May 10 Noon Hungry for God - Zoom 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom	Thursday, May 26 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Chalice Hall 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 11 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford	Friday, May 27 11:30 AM Fun + Lunch = FUNCH - Chalice Hall
Thursday, May 12 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Chalice Hall 6:00 PM Finance Team - Zoom 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	Sunday, May 29 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
Sunday, May 15 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 9:30 AM Sunday School	Monday, May 30 [MEMORIAL DAY] ALL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary Noon Elders Lunch	Tuesday, May 31 Noon Hungry for God - Zoom 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom

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3:00 PM DWM Fellowship

YOUTH CORNER

May is upon us! I am so thankful for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt we were able to have this year at Crestwood - what a joy to be able to bring back this beloved tradition! Thank you to all youth and adults who helped make it happen!

May brings us to a very exciting yearly event - Youth Sunday! This year it will be on May 22nd, at both services. The youth groups have been working hard to put



together a liturgy and plan this special service, and I am very proud of what they have accomplished so far. We will be honoring several graduates this year, and holding them in prayer as they move into the next phase of their lives.



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR MAY



(Please note that Youth Sunday School continues to meet weekly at 9:30 am in the CYF room. Please join us - we have awesome conversations about faith and scripture!)

Sunday, May 1: 3:00 - 4:30 pm in CYF Room

Combined Youth meeting (ALL youth needed to finalize the liturgy for Youth Sunday! If time allows, we will also play

some games together!)

Sunday, May 8: NO YOUTH MEETINGS

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 15: 3:00 - 5:00 pm FINAL REHEARSAL for Youth Sunday in Sanctuary

Sunday, May 22: YOUTH SUNDAY during both services

(no afternoon youth group meetings)

Sunday, May 29: 9:30 - 10:30 am Wake Up with Wallace

Panera Bread at 2230 Nicholasville Rd (no afternoon youth group meetings)

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THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD, FOR A WONDERFUL EASTER CELEBRATION!







ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN-PERSON & ZOOM

All are invited to join this class in person or on Zoom. We will study and discuss various topics that help us grow in our Christian faith. Trish will be leading this class. Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83125044207

PARENTS OF YOUNGSTERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

This group is for anyone journeying through the joyful challenge of raising kids! We meet at 9:40 a.m. in Mission Center 4 (near the gym). We are studying the book of James and everyone is welcome!

TUESDAY HUNGRY FOR GOD LUNCH GROUP

This group is designed for people who want a midday time to take a breath, share a conversation, and grow closer to God. If you're at work, you can take your lunch break and log on. If you're at home, fix yourself something to eat and join us! Wherever you are, we hope you'll take a few moments during your day to connect with us. A link will be sent out every Tuesday morning as a reminder.

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m., our Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom. All men of Crestwood are welcome to join us, no prior knowledge, experience, or participation needed! Join us as we dive more deeply into God's word and connect with each other. A link will be sent out each Tuesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Dan Pence teaches a Bible Study in the Bradford Room. All are welcome!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will continue studying the book of Judges. Want to know more about the history of the Israelites and have a deeper understanding of the Hebrew Bible? Join us on Thursdays! We have fellowship and study from 11:00 to 12:30pm. All are welcome!



SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENTS AT CRESTWOOD

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:14-16

Crestwood offers so many ways for each of us to connect to God and each other, whatever our talents and skills. What speaks to <u>your</u> heart -- teaching children? Helping to build a Habitat house? Serving on our local outreach team? Each of us has unique God-given gifts; at Crestwood, you can put those gifts to good use!

Watch the bulletin May 8 and 15 for a survey that will help find a way for you to shine your light. Simply fill out the sign-up form and put it in the offering plate, open the form with the QR code, or you can click on the link in our Time and Talents email to sign up online. You can either indicate that you'd like to continue serving where you are, would like to specify your interests and talents that you can contribute in a new way, or we can reach out to you to help find a way for you to connect. After we've collected all the sign-ups we will reach out to you to help you plug in where you fit best. It's that simple!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kory, Trish, or Amy Wheeler. Thank you!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE FUNDRAISING

We need your help in fundraising for our Disciples for Habitat house. This year's build, starting in May, will be the 39th sponsored Habitat for Humanity house by the Disciple Churches in the Lexington area. This year's house is being built on Perry St. off of Manchester St. It will be one of five condos. Crestwood's fundraising goal is \$20,667. Please make your check out to Crestwood Christian Church with "Habitat" on the memo line or place cash in the pew envelope annotated "Habitat" on the outside. Help us continue this wonderful effort!

HELP UKRAINIANS THROUGH WEEK OF COMPASSION

<u>Click here</u> or visit Week of Compassion's website to help provide support, resources, provisions, and shelter for those fleeing their homes in Ukraine.

https://www.weekofcompassion.org/stories/a-letter-on-ukraine





PENTECOST OFFERING 2022

MAY 29 & JUNE 5

By making a gift to the 2022 Pentecost Offering, you can ensure that the new church movement continues to prosper in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Each year, half of these gifts go to your own region to support local new church development. The other half goes to New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders across the United States and Canada.

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DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

DWM 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 further information on this service project, please contact Kathy Stone at 368-8327.

DWM CIRCLE MEETINGS

May Bible Study:

Love. Serve. Dream (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Mary Martha Circle Monday, May 16, 6:45 p.m. in Chalice Hall We will be planning for next year – bring your calendar!

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, May 17, 9:45 a.m. in Chalice Hall Elaine Lollis will present the Bible study.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. in Chalice Hall Carlene Adams will present the Bible study program. Afterward, we will eat lunch together at The Cellar.

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

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 Gethsemane Lutheran Church Lexington, Kentucky

May Friendship Day Celebration*

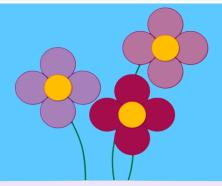
9:30 a.m. Fellowship, 10:00 a.m. Program

*Zoom may also be available - contact Mary Taylor 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 - <u>ALL are invited!</u>

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.



Disciples Women's Ministries invites

The women of Crestwood

to attend our annual

May Celebration
Sunday, May 15
Chalice Hall, 3:00 PM

Please join us for a special presentation by:

Karli LeMaster from Lexington Rescue Mission

After the program we will have some flower fun*

~Light refreshments will be available~

ALL WOMEN are welcome!

* B.Y.O.B.(V.) - Bring Your Own Bud Vase!



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. The office is open 8AM to 12PM and 1PM to 4PM, Monday through Friday. We are in particular need of the following card types: Thinking of You, Get Well Soon, Sympathy, and Happy Birthday.

Thank you!

CRESTWOOD SEEKING PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Crestwood Christian Church is seeking a part-time custodian who can work 3 hours, 5 days a week, either early morning (before 9AM) or late evenings (after 9PM). Saturday evening availability is also a plus! We would love a candidate to join our team and come alongside us to make Crestwood the best place it can be. Responsibilities will include sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, emptying trash & recycling bins, cleaning restrooms, and general care of our facilities. Please submit a resume to our Facilities Manager, Jim Cristi, with the email below:

facilitiesmgr@crestwoodchristian.org

CRESTWOOD APRIL GIVING

LOCAL OUTREACH

The Nest: \$3000

Natalie's Sisters: \$200 for utilities

New Life Day Center: \$318.84 worth of toiletries

Lexington Rescue Mission: \$500 transportation costs

Bridge Fund: \$350.76 to KU for 3 families \$150 to LexServ for 1 family

WORLD OUTREACH

KY Council of Churches: \$1619

Cane Ridge Shrine: \$972





May 1 & 15

Bridge Class 3rd - 5th graders May 8 and 22

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Notes of Thanks

Dear Crestwood Family,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome as I begin my new role as Children's Minister. The reception and banner were a beautiful surprise. I am delighted by all the cards and words of encouragement I've received. My office door greets me each morning with the bright, colorful art from the children.

If there is a way that I may serve your family, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our family is looking forward to this wonderful new chapter.

Blessings, Missy Wallace Children's Minister

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

My name is Devine Carama, hip hop artist, director of ONE Lexington out of Mayor Linda Gorton's office, and founder of Lexington KY youth nonprofit, Believing in Forever Inc. I am writing to formally thank you for your donation to our 8th Annual "A Coat to Keep the Cold Away" youth coat drive last year! We were able to secure over 2,800 BRAND NEW coats for youth in need in eastern and central KY this year. We could not have done this without you and we thank you for your belief in our mission to inspire the youth of KY through giving.

Sincerely,
Devine Carama
Believing in Forever, Inc.

Dear Crestwood Friends,

Thank you <u>so</u> much for helping Natalie's Sisters with utilities for the Drop In Center. We're grateful for your help, and very grateful, also, for your ongoing prayers!

Jani Lewis Executive Director Natalie's Sisters Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

We wanted to thank you for your gift, which provided access to rescued food to fill the pantry, podiatry care for neighbors, and job readiness classes. Every act of generosity helps to further the work of God at Nathaniel Mission. Again, we thank you for your support in helping to make Lexington a better place.

Thank you, Rev. Daniel Baer Executive Director Nathaniel Mission

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Your generous, compassionate support makes an incredible difference in your community and throughout the rural, small town and metro areas we serve. We cannot thank you enough for working with us to help our hungry neighbors weather the hard times with nourishing food and extra helpings of hope. Because of you, countless individuals and families across Central and Eastern Kentucky won't go to bed hungry tonight. They will enjoy a hot meal at their dinner tables and have food for tomorrow. You have taken one worry off their plates, and we are truly grateful.

With Much Gratitude for your Partnership, Michael J. Halligan Chief Executive Officer God's Pantry Food Bank

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, thanks for your partnership and gift.

Sincerely Yours, Mark V. Blankenship VP of Advancement Lexington Theological Seminary

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Return Service Requested



CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship — 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM 10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube

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Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
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