

Sunday Worship

July 3

Rev. Trish Standifur

Galatians 5:1-6

"Free"

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Articles are due by Noon
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THE LIVING STORY SERMON SERIES

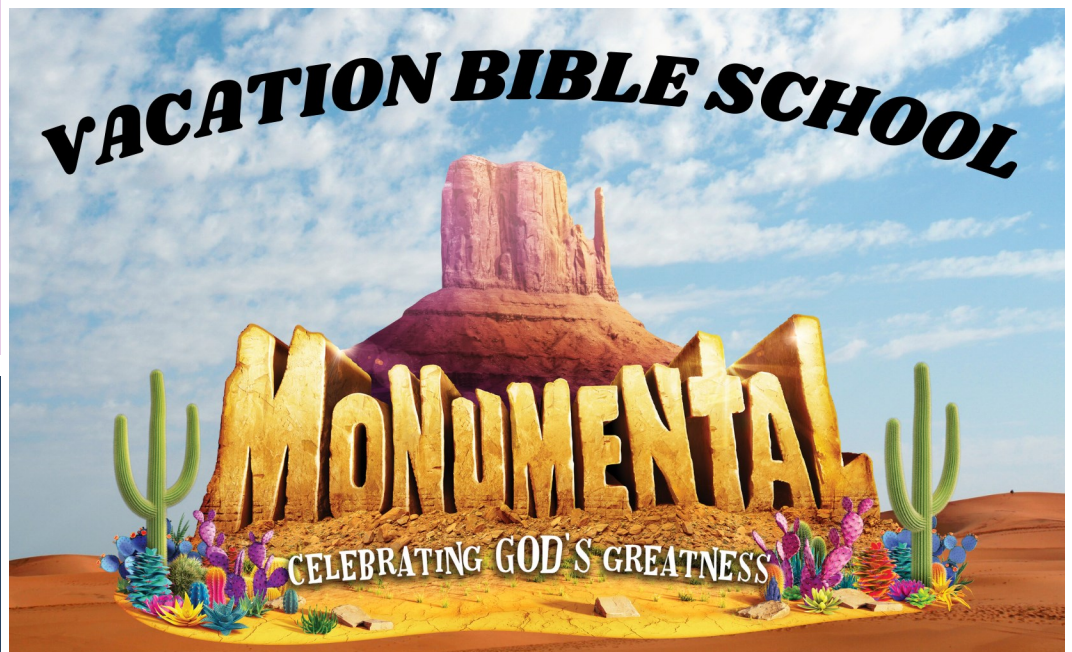
From the moment of creation when God's Spirit brought life out of piles of rocks, mounds of dirt, and uncontrolled waters, there is a story being formed: God's story of creating and re-creating. We are part of this story. God's work did not stop at the end of the recorded scripture. This is a living story and we are all called into the writing, claiming and proclaiming of it. This summer we will be focused on LIVING THE STORY.

July 3	Free (Trish Standifur)
July 10	Turned Upside Down (Kelly Hale)
July 17	New Beginnings (Trish Standifur)
July 24	Unfinished (Trish Standifur)
July 31	Finding Hope in the Story (Steph Wallace)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY JULY 11 - THURSDAY JULY 14 (6PM-8:15PM)

Please go to <https://www.crestwoodchristian.org/vbs/> to register a child for VBS, to sign up to volunteer, and to check out FAQs regarding Vacation Bible School. You can also click on the image below. Thanks!



Click for more information!

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Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: John Browning, LaVonne Caudill, Faye Isaacs, Alma Kidd, James Pelfrey, Phyllis Trowbridge

FAMILY: **Glenn Davis** (brother of Julie McDonald), **Jack & Wilma Larkins** (of Jeanne Jouett), **Bill Lindsay** (brother-in-law of David Miller), **the family of James T McCall** (father of Betsy Blondell), **Donna Smith** (sister-in-law of Mitchell Smith), **Jim Wallace** (of Steph & Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: **Blake Brewster & Presley Brewster** (of James Pelfrey), **Elias Collins & family** (of Kimberly Sparks), **Pierson Southern Daly** (of Libby Wachtel), **Larry Jones** (of Crestwood), **Jeanna Ott** (of Crestwood), **the family of Ernie Parker** (of Kay Thomas)

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 victims and loved ones impacted by gun violence, 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,

This month has caused us to see more evidence of the brokenness in our country. More shootings, more division, more disasters. It wears on our souls. I find comfort in scripture but I also find that there is nothing new under the sun. One would think by 2022 we would learn to treat each other a bit better. I subscribe to a daily reading that pops into my inbox in the wee hours of the morning. I want to invite you to read and try what Keith Giles, the author of this devotion, asks of us. Let's do it every day in July and see if that changes us in any way.

READ IT SLOWLY by Keith Giles
Sit down tonight with your Bible. Open it to the Gospel of Matthew. Find the Sermon on the Mount. Read it slowly. Listen to Jesus and what he commands with a new heart. Allow him to crucify your nationalism and, yes, even your political affiliation. Ask him to put to death anything and everything that confuses his authority with any other. I invite you to follow Jesus totally untangled from the powers of this world.

This is a challenge for certain. But isn't that what we have always been called to do as disciples of Christ? We follow Jesus. We are to live into the example he set. This is not an ancient word for ancient time. Read it slowly. Pray. Meditate on it. Let me know if Spirit speaks to you in anyway. What will be crucified in us? What new life will come?

Blessed to share the journey,

Trish



JULY CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, July 3

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Children's Ministry Team - Zoom

Monday, July 4 [INDEPENDENCE DAY]

- All Day Church Office Closed
- 7:00 PM Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, July 5

- Noon Hungry for God - Zoom
- 5:00 PM Decorating for VBS

Wednesday, July 6

- 9:30 AM Library Team
- 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford

Thursday, July 7

- 9:30 AM Stephen Ministers - Lollis Chapel
- 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford
- 5:00 PM Decorating for VBS

Sunday, July 10

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, July 11

- 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 PM Property Team - Chalice Hall

Tuesday, July 12

- Noon Hungry for God - Zoom
- 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 13

- 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - MC4
- 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 14

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

Sunday, July 17

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- Noon Elders Meeting - Chalice Hall

Tuesday, July 19

- Noon Hungry for God - Zoom

Wednesday, July 20

- 10:00 AM SRO Trip to Berea
- 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford
- 7:00 PM Administrative Board - Zoom

Thursday, July 21

- 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford

Friday, July 22

- 11:30 AM Fun + Lunch = FUNCH - Chalice Hall
- 6:00 PM Youth Summer Lock-In

Saturday, July 23

- 9:00 AM Pickup: Youth Summer Lock-In

Sunday, July 24

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 26

- Noon Hungry for God - Zoom

Wednesday, July 27

- 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford

Thursday, July 30

- 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford

Sunday, July 31

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary



SRO TRIP TO BERE!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

All adults are welcome to join us on a day trip to Berea and lunch at the historic Boone Tavern. We will leave church at 10AM. After a stop at the Kentuckian Artisan Center, we will go to lunch before shopping in this wonderful town.

CRESTWOOD JUNE GIVING

LOCAL OUTREACH

Arbor Youth Services: \$3000

Bridge Fund: \$239 rental assistance and
\$736 utilities assistance

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Your support during this time in the life of our church and beloved community is greatly appreciated. It's a true blessing from God that your congregation cares so much for its siblings in Christ. The donations that we receive will help our church, community, and the families who lost so much. The members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mayfield, KY, gratefully acknowledge your generous gift.

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

What a wonderful thing you have done! Your donation has been gratefully received at Christian Care Communities - and is being put straight to good use. It is your kindness that - for an older adult who needs safe and affordable housing - means there is a place to call home. Thank you very much!

*In His Service,
James W. Patton, VP Mission Advancement*

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Your thoughtful gift to God's Pantry Food Bank is on a special journey, helping children not worry about being hungry on the weekends when they receive bags filled with nourishing food...Filled with caring and compassion, your gift reaches kids, teens, and adults all across our corner of the Commonwealth. Thank you so much for sharing generously with us to make a life-changing difference for others.

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

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

You are a blessing to so many in Appalachia. Through your generosity, you're helping lift up the lives of generations of people battling poverty.

*God bless you,
Guy Adams
Christian Appalachian Project*

ADULT EDUCATION

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each week news is inevitable--whether it be good or bad, but what better way to extract hope than to juxtapose Bible verses as tools to our daily walk in Christian faith? All are invited to Sunday School to discuss timely topics and to discern how we can live faithfully in the midst of it all. Classes start at 9:40 in MC 3, the Bradford Room and 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.

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

All are welcome to join us each Thursday at 11 for fellowship and 11:30 for study. We meet in the Bradford Room. We will be studying 1 & 2 Peter and the other little books in the back of the New Testament.

Children's Ministry News

Missy Wallace

Dear Crestwood Family,



It's hard to believe, but we are just around the corner from one of the most awesome weeks of the year...VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! As we dive into preparations, volunteer recruitment and crafts galore, here are a few reflections on the importance of VBS in the life of the church:

VBS changes lives. This year's theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's GREATNESS". Our children have faced years of social distancing, masking, and remote education. We've struggled in our faith, praying for relief from the pain of isolation. Even today, as we discover a new normal, God's love still conquers ALL!

VBS shares God's truth. There's a special moment when children walk into a decorated sanctuary with a look of awe and wonder on their faces. They shine bright knowing this is a sacred space where they feel welcomed, seen and heard. Worship songs stay in our minds until Christmas, and Christmas music sees us through until next summer. Tissue paper, glitter, and music can all affirm to a child that they are uniquely made and unconditionally loved by God.

VBS leaves a legacy. Some of my earliest VBS memories are of painting wooden puzzles, making soap bibles and being soaked playing games in the summer heat. Our senior minister would lead a worship song that I still remember, "Read your bible, pray every day, and you'll grow, Grow, GROW!". Fast forward thirty years and the same redheaded girl who crawled underneath church pews is singing that same song with a new generation of kids. Children's ministry is a season of seed planting where a single moment can create a lasting impact.

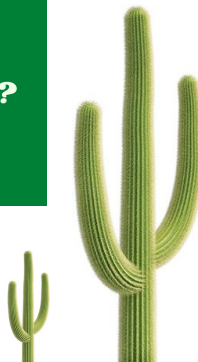
VBS needs you. Vacation Bible School knits the church family together unlike any other time of the year. It's not just a program for kids, it's for the young and young at heart. Whether you are leading an energetic crew of fourth graders, stay up to your elbows in crafts or faithfully pray for our kids, we all have an important part in being the body of Christ. If you would like to serve as a volunteer during this year's VBS, know there is a place for you.

Thank you so much for your unending support of children's ministry and VBS. It takes a village to raise a child and an army to host an unforgettable Vacation Bible School. So get ready, because it's going to be a MONUMENTAL experience.

Love & Prayers,
Pastor Missy

**INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING
FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

CLICK HERE!**



YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

Happy Summer! I sure do miss seeing the youth each Sunday afternoon, but time is flying by and before you know it, we will be resuming our regular schedule! COVID numbers have increased here of late, so I will go back to offering Zoom as an option for Sunday School every week.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ONCE AGAIN HYBRID! If you cannot join us in person at 9:40am, join us virtually so you don't miss out on all the awesome discussions!

Here is the link:

[https://zoom.us/j/91874519478?](https://zoom.us/j/91874519478?pwd=STVQVIY5Q1h6VENoaStkM2wzSDB1QT09)

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Meeting ID: 918 7451 9478

Passcode: 214937



The CYF went on a Mission Trip to Raleigh, NC in June! They worked at clothing banks, homeless shelters, and served God by serving others in many meaningful ways. Check out the pictures on this page and the next!

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JULY

**Friday, July 22nd 6:00 pm - Saturday, July 23rd, 9:00 am:
Summer Lock In (For current 6th-12th graders)**

- We will have pizza and dessert together after everyone arrives at 6:00 pm on Friday.
- Bring sleeping bags/air mattresses and pillows.
- The theme is "Navigating Stormy Seas" and we will have Scripture reading, discussions, and play several games (including some fun, silly games just to get us laughing)!
- All Youth must be picked up from church by 9:00 am Saturday morning.

Chaperones needed - please contact Steph Wallace if you can help!



May you find joy and
respite during these
hot summer weeks
and I cannot wait to
see you again
towards the end of
the month!

Love and Blessings!

Steph





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Crestwood Christian Church
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Return Service Requested

Blessing Box Shopping List

- canned goods
- non-perishables
- beans
- rice
- pasta
- canned meats
- oatmeal
- shelf-stable milk
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- or donate \$



CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship — 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Jennifer Smith, Office Administrator
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
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Tara Monzon, Parent's Day Out Director
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager

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