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Sunday Worship

September 4

Summer Reflections Crestwood Staff

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Articles are due by Noon Thursday, September 22

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ARE YOU CERTAIN ABOUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE?

There is so little in our world today about which we can be certain. It seems as if we live on shifting sands, with the contours and landscape changing with each new news report, global conflict, or health scare. And yet in the midst of such tumultuous times, we may feel like we ought to be certain about what we believe. Otherwise, we may worry our faith isn't strong enough to carry us through the tough times.

For our fall sermon series, "Un-Certain," we'll be looking at passages in the Bible that talk to us about the role of certainty in our faith. What should we know for sure, and what is open to questioning? Was everyone in the Bible certain about their beliefs? Is it OK to NOT know when it comes to our beliefs? How much do we need to know about our faith in order for God to show up? Join us this fall as we wade into the gray area between what we know for sure and what we don't know at all, trusting that God has a word for us there.



A WORD FROM KORY...



Hello, Crestwood! In case you don't remember, my name is Kory and I used to work here. It's hard to believe my sabbatical has ended, but I'm so excited to get back! I've missed each of you and am so looking forward to

reconnecting. While I enjoyed my time away, the hardest part was not being a part of your lives for three months. We are better together, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us this fall and beyond.

Part of what made my time away so restful was knowing that you were in such loving, capable hands with our church staff. We are blessed beyond measure by the people who have been called to serve at Crestwood, and I give thanks for the extra time and effort they gave this summer to ensure that we didn't miss a bit in serving God and loving our neighbors. I hope you have expressed your gratitude to them for all they did.

I've had the honor of working with Trish seven years now, so I know the compassion and skill she brings to her role as associate minister. She is so capable in her leadership that I had no worries about her taking over the reins in my absence. While I honored my sabbatical by not worshipping with you on Sunday mornings (tempting as it was!), I just know her sermon series on the power of the story resonated with you. She has such an amazing gift for making the gospel real in ways that comfort and transform. She is an excellent teacher and provides Christ-like care. What a gift she is to us!

One of my biggest concerns this last few years has been our youth ministry. We just couldn't seem to get any traction and build momentum, and staffing challenges didn't help. Then Steph Wallace dropped from the sky like an angel and said, "I feel called to do this." Wow! She has been a bolt of lightning for our church,

planning creative activities and lessons and working tirelessly to make connections. Because of her effort, our youth programs are better than ever. And, oh yeah, she preached her first two sermons this summer. Way to go, Steph!

I was afraid I was going to go into sabbatical without having a Children's Minister in place. Good ones are not easy to find, and the search team was not having much luck. And then I got a message from someone named Missy Wallace (no relation to Steph!) asking about the position. I had no idea how that message would change my life and our wonderful church! Missy has been a true Godsend, thriving in less-than-ideal circumstances (like a senior pastor leaving for sabbatical right after she started work). Our kids are going to reap the rewards of her dedication and huge heart for many years to come. I'm excited to work with her and give such thanks for her willingness to jump in with both feet this summer.

What you may not know is that the person who really runs the church hasn't been mentioned yet. That's the Office Administrator, and we have simply the best in Jennifer Smith. A lot of her work happens behind the scenes, but Crestwood would not function if not for her attention to detail, wide-ranging skills, and love of her job. Although she was still fairly new to her position when I left, I had zero doubts that she would help carry us through this summer with her warm smile and "can-do" attitude. Thank you, Jennifer, for making all of us look good!

Speaking of looking good, having a church building that looks clean and hospitable is so important, and I'm so glad we have entrusted that responsibility to Jim Cristi, our Facilities Manager. Jim is also new to the job (do you get the sense we've had a little bit of staff turnover in the past year?), but he came in with his sleeves rolled up, ready to tackle whatever task we threw at him. I understand there were some

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challenges this summer (something about the AC going out in the Administration Wing?), but I have no doubt Jim worked hard to address them. And then there's the folks we count on week in and week out to help us worship God through the gift of music. I have no doubts that Frank, Jane, and Cindy continued to provide the high quality of music to which we have grown accustomed at Crestwood. I've missed their gifts as much as anything and can't wait to enjoy them again on Sunday morning. Thank you for so willingly and graciously sharing with us!

So, as I return to Crestwood, I do so with a thankful heart. I'm thankful for my time away and for a congregation that so enthusiastically supported it. I'm thankful for the amazing ministers and staff who gave so sacrificially to serve God through Crestwood this summer. And I'm thankful to Jesus, who reminds us each day we are called to something greater, a life of service lived out in community. I can't wait to see you again, Crestwood!

LET'S RECONNECT

My first few weeks back are going to be crazy as I reintegrate into the life of the church. What I'm MOST looking forward to is seeing you again and hearing how God is at work in your life. So, can we talk? Let's have breakfast or lunch, let's grab coffee or tea, swing by the office or shoot me a message. I want to hear from you! Please call or email me so we can set up a time to visit. I'm looking forward to it!





Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Fran McKinney, Virginia Long, Jeanna Ott, the birth of Eleanor Collins Prather (parents: Laura & Jay)

FAMILY: Mark Johnson (brother-in-law of Jane Johnson), Bill Lindsay (brother-in-law of David Miller), Adalicia Margoth (child of Larry Hinderberger), Jeff Porter (son of Faye Porter), the family of Judy Stokes (sister of Pat Nielsen), Richard Terbush & family (cousin of Dotty Williams & Earl Pfanstiel), Jim Wallace (of Scott & Steph Wallace), Kathy Wathen (mother of Kory Wilcoxson)

FRIENDS: Candace Bee (of Steph Wallace), Jim Cristi & family (of Crestwood), Olive Hill (of James Pelfrey), Cathy Hunt (of Jane Johnson), David Jett (of Dabney Parker), George Renfro & family (of Crestwood), Linda Robinson (of Pat & Don Waggener), Jim Stoner (of Doug & Gayle Hutcherson)

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.



SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, September 1

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - CYF Room

Sunday, September 4

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 9:30 AM Back to Sunday School Breakfast 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 3:00 PM Combined Youth Meeting

Monday, September 5 [LABOR DAY]

All Day Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

7:00 PM Local Outreach - MC3

Wednesday, September 7

9:30 AM Library Team

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford

Thursday, September 8

9:30 AM Stephen Ministers - Lollis Chapel 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - CYF Room 6:00 PM Finance Team - Zoom

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, September 11

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 9:30 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

11:45 AM DWM Board - Bradford

3:00 PM Blessing of the Pets - Garden

Monday, September 12

7:00 PM Property Team - Bradford

Wednesday, September 14

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - MC4

Thursday, September 15

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - CYF Room 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, September 18

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Noon Elders Meeting - Chalice Hall

3:00 PM Chi Rho Youth 4:00 PM CYF Youth

Monday, September 19

6:30 PM DWM Mary Martha Circle - Bradford

Tuesday, September 20

9:45 AM DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford

Wednesday, September 21

10:00 AM DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford 7:00 PM Administrative Board - Zoom

Thursday, September 22

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford

Noon Crest Articles Due

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, September 23

11:30 AM Fun + Lunch = FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Sunday, September 25

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

3:00 PM Chi Rho Youth

4:00 PM CYF Youth

Wednesday, September 28

1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford

Thursday, September 29

11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study - Bradford 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room





BLESSING OF THE PETS & SUPPLY DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 11 FROM 3PM TO 4PM

Crestwood will have a Blessing of the Pets service in the Lafferty Garden from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, September 11. Bring your pet(s) or a picture of them to be blessed at this special service. The Crestwood Youth Groups are also collecting much-needed food and supplies for Lexington Humane Society, which has been inundated with animals recently and has great needs we can help fill. There will be blue collection barrels in the Children's Wing and North entrance breezeway beginning on Friday, September 1, and all donated items will be delivered to Lexington Humane Society on Tuesday September 13. Please bring one of more items from the needs list below to donate on or before Sunday, September 11:

- ◆Purina Dog Chow (chicken)
- ◆Greenies Pill Pockets
- ◆Peanut butter
- ◆Soft canine training treats, such as Moist and Meaty
- ◆Purina Cat Chow (chicken)
- ◆Unscented cat litter (clumping and nonclumping)
- ◆Canned chicken (in water only, please)
- ♦ Flat sheets, pillowcases, small blankets and towels
- ◆Small animal pet food and bedding (no cedar bedding, please)
- ◆Timothy hay/Alfalfa for small animals
- ◆Paper towels

Please note: We are not able to accept rawhide donations

TRISH TALK

Dear Friends,

I love fall! It is my favorite season. The cooler air with crisp mornings and chilly nights energize me. It has been almost 35 years since I



was in school, but there is just that "fresh start" mentality that comes with this time of year. I hope you feel it too. With all that is going on in our lives, community, and world, it is good to have a feeling of renewal. The change of seasons reminds us that the Creator has ordered the world and there is beauty and purpose in each season. The writer of Ecclesiastes gives us a poetic passage about seasons. You know the passage or maybe you remember the song made famous by the Byrds...

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate. time for war and а time peace." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Life definitely has its seasons. There are times we go through that are challenging that produce growth or sadness that lead us to hope. In the midst of all of it, God is God and loving us through it. So, my friends, let us make the most of these days. Let us open to the Spirit that ordered the chaos in the beginning and who still looks to bring order and peace to the brokenness and chaos of our lives. Let us find energy and face fall and fresh starts with excitement and expectation. Let us find ways to grow in our faith and faithfulness. It is an exciting time at Crestwood! Kory returns! We are delighted to welcome Kory back. On a personal note, I want to thank you for your support and affirmation this summer. It is truly a blessing to serve God through Crestwood. God is at work through this family of faith.

Blessed to share the journey, Trish

YOUTH CORNER By Steph Wallace

Happy September!!! Fall is my favorite season for many reasons, not the least of which are football, cooler weather, football, holidays, football, and many exciting upcoming events for our Crestwood Youth Group!

UK Football Car Parks begin this month! If you have not already done so, please sign up to work a car park. All the money raised goes into the Youth Mission Fund! Here is the link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa9af28aaf85-ukfootball



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Sunday, September 4: Combined Youth Group - 3:00 to 4:30 PM in CYF room

Sunday, September 11: Blessing of the Pets - 3:00 to 4:00 PM

> Youth will help with Pet Supply Drive collection and general assistance for the event (no regular youth meetings today).

Sunday, September 18: Regular Youth Groups

> Chi Rho meeting - 3:00 to 4:00 PM CYF meeting - 4:00 to 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 25: Regular Youth Groups

> Chi Rho meeting - 3:00 to 4:00 PM CYF meeting - 4:00 to 5:00 PM

YOUTH SPONSORS NEEDED!

Here is the link to sign up to join us for Youth Group Meetings between August & December: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA9AF28AAF85-crestwood7

I need one adult to sign up for each Sunday, to cover both Chi Rho and CYF meetings (3:00 to 5:00 PM). I will do the planning and have any necessary materials for the group activity that day, all you have to do is show up and join the awesome conversations, games, and fellowship. Please sign up for just one Sunday if you are able to share your time with these amazing youth!

Our Service Project for the month of September is collecting much-needed pet supplies for the Lexington Humane Association. They have been inundated with animals both from the flooded region of the state and from the massive Beagle rescue operation recently, where 4,000 Beagles were rescued from a research facility in VA. We will have blue collection barrels at church from September 1 through September 11, the day of the Blessing of the Pets. All donated items will be delivered to Lexington Humane Society later that week.

I hope the new school year has been filled with joy and blessings so far! See you in church!

Yours in Christ, Steph Wallace

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ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All are invited to join this class in person or on Zoom. There are currently two adult classes but that would welcome you to join them! More classes will be offered in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more information on our Sunday morning classes. Zoom:

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 1:00 PM Dan Pence teaches a Bible Study in the Bradford Room. All are welcome! Currently this class is studying the Parables of Jesus.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 11:00 AM, a group gathers for fellowship. At 11:30 AM the class begins a time of study. The class is currently watching the mini series Peter and Paul in the CYF room. The class is taught by Trish Standifur.

DISCIPLES: WHO ARE WE & WHAT HOLDS US TOGETHER

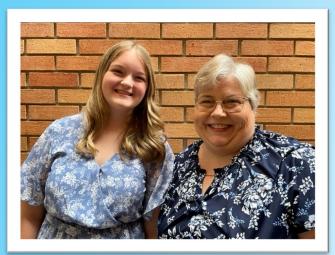
Beginning Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 PM a study of the book *Disciples: Who We Are And What Holds Us Together* by Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn. This class will be a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Please notify Trish by Tuesday, September 6 if you plan to attend. This study will be led by Trish Standifur.

LOOKING FOR LITURGISTS

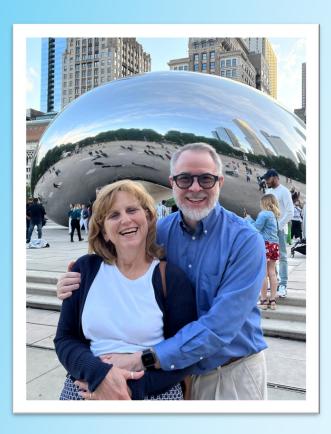
Volunteer to be a part of leading worship. Our worship experience is enriched by a variety of voices. The Liturgist leads the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture. Please sign up today!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa9af28aaf85-liturgist

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! IOINED AUGUST 2022



JULIE BLACKBURN & JOANN MUDD



RIC HALE
(WIFE, KELLY, IS ALREADY A MEMBER)









Children's Ministry News

Missy Wallace



Greetings Friends,

It is a joy to celebrate with you as we prepare to welcome in the fall season with back to school and (hopefully) cooler temperatures. Buckle up because we have all kinds of fun instore here at Crestwood.

On Sunday August 7, the Children's Ministry Team hosted a "Back-2-Sunday-School" breakfast complete with goody bags and a photo booth. This was an all church event with available information on our Sunday morning programs. Special thank you to our volunteers who made this event a wonderful success.

Sunday school, Worship & Wonder and our bi-monthly Bridge group are in full swing. As of right now, we need additional volunteers to serve with our Worship & Wonder program. If you are new to Crestwood or Children's Ministry, we would be delighted to set up a one-on-one for training. Please see the link for the volunteer schedule below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49a4aa2fa4fac52-worship1

Our fall acolyte sign up is now live! If you have a student 3rd grade – middle school, we would love to have you become a part of this special moment during Sunday worship.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49a4aa2fa4fac52-fall

We are blessed to be a blessing! Be sure to stay tuned. It's going to be a great season!

Cheers, Missy Wallace

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

DWM CIRCLE MEETINGS

September Bible Study: When Women Connect Missed Connections: The Story of Sarah & Hagar (Gen. 16:1-11; 21:1-3, 8-14)

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, Sept. 19, 6:30 PM in Bradford Room Pat Nielsen will present the Bible Study program. Salad Supper - bring a dish to share!

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 9:45 AM in Bradford Room Eleanor Congleton will present the Bible study, and Patsy Anderson will be our hostess.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 10:00 AM in Chalice Hall Janet Clark will present the Bible study program.

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



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 St Luke United Methodist Church 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, Kentucky

Bread For the World's Offering of Letters

9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:00 AM Program

Zoom may also be available

Join women from churches all around

Lexington who

Agree to differ, **Resolve** to love, are **United** to serve

In Christ's Name - ALL are invited!

Crestwood DWM is a participating organization with Church Women United. *Contact Pat Waggener at 859-266-6313 or patwaggener@twc.com

DWM SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT: LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION

Lexington Rescue Mission works to restore hope and rebuild lives through food ministry, resource referrals, financial help, spiritual care, job training and placement, the Potter's house for recovering alcoholics, and the Breaking Chains ministry for those incarcerated.

<u>Needs:</u> Full-sizes of body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and toothpaste. Deodorant, razors, shaving cream, sanitizing wipes, soap, laundry and dish detergents, backpacks, ponchos and umbrellas, LexTran bus passes, Walmart & fuel gift cards.

Please place all items in the Giving Lane (located in the hallway leading to the Administration Wing).

If you prefer, monetary donations are also accepted - please make checks payable to Crestwood Christian DWM and write "LRM" on the memo line. Please send to the DWM Treasurer Monte LaFrana.

Anyone is welcome to donate. For further information, please contact Tracy Lovan, 859-948-1955 or thelovans@gmail.com.

WHOLLY LIVING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 4:00 PM

Wholly Living is a new program hosted by our Stephen Ministers. Each second Sunday we will have various speakers on a wide variety of topics that will help us live our best lives. In September, we will have an expert on scams educate us in ways we can spot them and avoid them. There are people and companies who have become very creative at finding ways to get access to an individual's personal information and money. Come learn ways to spot a scam and things one can do to protect oneself.





LOCAL OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

Crestwood is blessed to partner with wonderful agencies in Lexington that are doing meaningful work helping people with diverse needs. This month we highlight two of our mission partners and lift up ways you can get involved. If you have any questions about these ministries or opportunities please contact Trish or Michelle DeLacey.



STEP BY STEP

Step by Step works to "To empower and embolden young single mothers to improve their lives, their families, and their communities through healing, encouragement, faith and education." They provide a variety of services to accomplish this mission.

NATHANIEL MISSION

The Nathaniel Mission "seeks to transform the city of Lexington and the lives of our neighbors through investing ourselves in acts of generosity, service, support, and love. "They serve a diverse community through ministry of food and hospitality, education and spiritual care opportunities, health clinic, clothing closet, social services and mentoring and programs for children and youth. Check out the picture for information on becoming a mentor!

CRESTWOOD AUGUST GIVING

LOCAL OUTREACH

Natalie's Sisters: \$2000 Step by Step: \$2000 Bridge Fund:

\$486 Rent (2 families), \$100 KU, \$97 Water, & \$100 Lex-Serv



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Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous gift to the Ministerial Education Fund on behalf of the students, faculty, staff and trustees at Lexington Theological Seminary.

Your offering provides quality, online, congregational centered, and competency based ministerial education to students from across the United States... You are part of providing access to theological education where there was none before! We are truly blessed by your offering and belief in this historic seminary. Thank you for your support as we continue to fulfill our mission of preparing pastoral leaders for 21st century ministry.

Thank you, Mark V. Blankenship VP of Advancement

Dear Crestwood Christian,

Thank you so much for allowing the Glendover staff to use your facility for our staff retreat. We loved being in your space and look forward to growing our partnership.

Ben VanderHorst Principal Glendover Elementary

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Return Service Requested

LITURGIST SIGN UP



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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

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