

## Sunday Worship

**January 15**

"Salty Christians"  
Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

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## **JANUARY SERMON SERIES**

### **JESUS IS PREACHING!**

Wouldn't you like to hear a sermon from Jesus? Well...you can! Starting Jan. 8 and continuing through February, our sermon series will focus on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel. This sermon covers everything from who God blesses to how to deal with your enemies to whether or not you should worry. Jesus has some amazing things to say, so make plans to worship with us in the new year!

Jan. 15	Salty Christians
Jan. 22	Logs and Splinters
Jan. 29	Love Your Enemies

## **CRESTWOOD CRASH COURSE**

Are you new to Crestwood and would like more information about the church? Or have you been here awhile and want a refresher on this wonderful congregation? Join us in January for our Crestwood Crash Course! During these three weeks you'll learn all you ever wanted to know about Crestwood...and maybe some things you didn't even know you wanted to know! Everyone is welcome to join us for these classes. We'll meet at 4 PM in the Bradford Room.

Jan. 22 - A church on the outskirts of Lexington:  
The history of Crestwood

Jan. 29 - Who runs the church?  
Governance and decision-making at Crestwood

Feb. 5 - How do I get involved?  
The programs and ministries of Crestwood

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, CRESTWOOD!**



## A WORD FROM KORY...

Last Monday night, Amy and I had just finished watching an episode of a show when I said, "Want to watch a little of the Bengals game?" I knew that wouldn't be Amy's first choice, but she knows my love for the Bengals and graciously agreed. We turned on the game and

watched about three plays before Damar Hamlin collapsed on the field. We watched with growing concern as we realized this was not your typical football injury. The sight of teammates in tears, the arrival of the ambulance, and the ultimate suspension of the game...in just a few moments a sporting event was put in perspective and we were confronted with the sanctity and fragility of life.

I was also reminded of these past few weeks as we lost important church members and people I considered friends. I know death is a natural part of life and it's my job to reassure people of the hope that comes from God's promises, but losing someone you love and respect still hurts, no matter how much you can celebrate their resurrection in God's kingdom. I believe with all my heart that these people are with God in Heaven, but that doesn't diminish the grief of losing them.

It is in these moments of trauma and tragedy where God's presence can become most palpable. I followed Damar Hamlin's story and saw the outpouring of love and concern, witnessed the coming together of opposing teams to support him and his family, read about the millions of dollars that flowed into his charitable organization. People put aside their team allegiances to wear the colors of the Buffalo Bills and express their support for Damar.

Similarly, at the recent funerals I saw people from different walks of life come together to support the grieving families. I heard memories shared that evoked laughter and tears and learned of the profound influence these people had on countless lives. I was reminded that we are not alone as we walk our journeys of life, and that compassion is still alive in our world today (even though at times it appears to be in hiding). All of this has been a stark reminder that life is fragile and not to be taken for granted.

I've also been reminded of the fact that we have no idea of the impact our lives can have on others, even the parts of our lives that don't get much attention. How many people knew about Damar Hamlin's non-profit before his collapse? The original goal for Chasing M's was \$2500, but it has recently surpassed \$8.5 million in donations.

Romans 8 reminds us that "God is at work in all things to bring about good." I can think of no better example of that statement than what's happened because of Hamlin's tragedy.

But you don't have to be a professional football player to make an impact. As I listened to friends and family tell stories about those who had died, I heard tangible evidence of how one word, one decision, one action can have a lasting, transformative effect on another person. The truth is that we have the opportunity every single day to live out our faith, and we have no idea how God might use that to pour out love and grace on others.

I'm so thankful that Damar Hamlin continues to make an amazing recovery. And I'm sad that my two friends are no longer with us in person, although their spirit lives on in and around me. In each of these cases, I'm glad for the reminder that, even in the worst situations, God is there, comforting, healing, reassuring us that death is not the end of our lives. I've renewed my commitment to take advantage of the opportunities God has given me to choose faith over fear and hope over despair. I give thanks to the people in my life who've shown me how to do that, whether they be friends or congregation members or football players. I pray I can be that person for someone else.

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**BAPTISM SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 23**  
**SAVE THE DATE**



## Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** David Estes, Jo Fulkerson, the family of Virginia Long, the family of Dan O'Hair, Jeanna Ott, Mary Janice Towles

**FAMILY:** the family of **Walter Finger** (father of Joanne Brown & grandfather of Caitlin Reams), **Mary Ann Hale** (mother of Ric Hale), **Taylor Christine Ray** (granddaughter of Jason & Mary Taylor), the family of **Kerry Standifur** (cousin of Trish Standifur), **Jim Wallace** (of Scott & Steph Wallace)

**FRIENDS:** **Keri Lee** (of Libby Wachtel), the family of **Matt Spencer** (of Tom & Billie Arnolds), the **Vicary family** (of Michelle DeLacey)

**ARMED FORCES:** **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **Paul Baird** (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), **Karlis Bowman** (nephew of Debbie Bowman Gardner), **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), **Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler** (daughter-in-law & 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, Dick Featherston, Jacqueline Lindsey, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John and Carolyn Thomas, Mary Janice Towles

**OUR WORLD COMMUNITY:** We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by all forms of 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,

I was raised in church. If the lights were on, we were there. If they weren't on, we turned them on. Some of my greatest memories are from being at Beckley First Christian and with the wonderful people there that helped to raise me. We would have church potlucks that had the best food! And while my parents were working in the kitchen and cleaning up, my friends and I explored the building. There were 5 or 6 couples in my mom and dad's Sunday School class who were like second parents to me. I had "grandmothers" and "littles sisters" from church. These experiences reinforced the messages I was learning in Sunday School and worship about a loving God, the church, and how we are to treat one another. Church family is not just something we say, it is something we create and build. It takes commitment.

Covid created a vacuum in our ability to gather as a church. It was one of the many challenges that Covid created for us. We are trying to change that! You will notice in the coming weeks and months various opportunities to gather as a church. We hope you will join the fellowship team, sign up to help and build relationships with the other helpers, and invite others to join you. Classes and small groups are vital to getting connected to a church the size of Crestwood. Join a DWM group or try out the new Men's Breakfast. Start coming to Sunday School. Attend Crestwood University. Take the opportunity to get involved. It is worth the effort.

Friends, 2023 is here and it will be filled with blessings and challenges for sure. We have just celebrated Emmanuel—God with us. We know that whatever comes, we will not be alone. God will be with us and so will our church friends and family. Thanks be to God!

Blessed to share the journey,

Trish



### YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM

We are looking for folks to help create opportunities for us to gather as a church family and to pull together volunteers to make the events happen. Sound like fun? That's because it will be! Fellowship is one of the ways we grow as a community of faith. Please consider being a part of this ministry. Questions? Interested? Contact Trish at [trish@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:trish@crestwoodchristian.org).

## JANUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 15

- 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
- 2:30 PM Youth Rally - Transylvania University
- 6:00 PM MLK Special Service - Central Christian

### Monday, January 16 [CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED]

- 6:45 PM DWM Julia (Mary Martha) Cir. - Bradford

### Tuesday, January 17

- 9:45 AM DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Rm
- 2:00 PM Property Team - Bradford Rm

### Wednesday, January 18

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

### Thursday, January 19

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

### Sunday, January 22

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Crestwood Crash Course - Bradford Rm
- 4:30 PM Combined Youth Group - CYF Room
- 4:30 PM Parents of Youth Meeting - Chalice Hall

### Monday, January 23

- Noon Crest Articles Due

### Wednesday, January 25

- 1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

### Thursday, January 26

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

### Friday, January 27

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

### Sunday, January 29

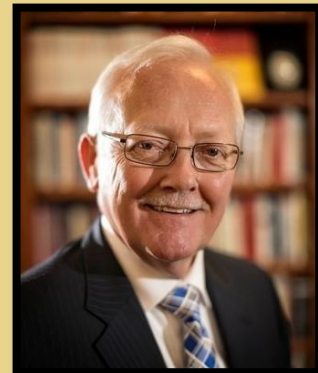
- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Wake Up with Wallace - Panera Bread  
2300 Nicholasville Rd
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 3:30 PM Combined Youth Group  
- Activate Games Trip
- 4:00 PM Crestwood Crash Course - Bradford Rm

Please remember and hold the loved ones of these Crestwood friends in your prayers.

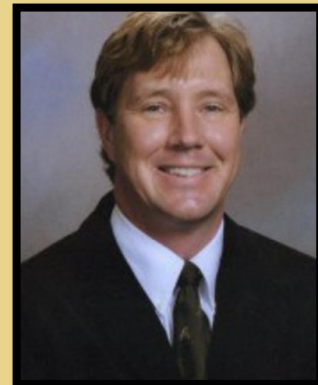
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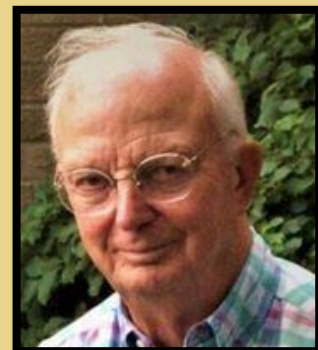
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VIRGINIA LONG



IN MEMORY OF  
DAN O'HAIR



IN MEMORY OF  
BRAD RISTER



IN MEMORY OF  
WALT FORSTER



## ADULT EDUCATION

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join the Sunday School Class led by Kory as we meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in MC4 in the Mission Center.

The Bradford Class will meet in the Bradford Room in the Mission Center each Sunday as well. See you at 9:30 AM each Sunday!

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Thursday at 11:00 AM in the Bradford Room. All are welcome!

## CRESTWOOD DECEMBER GIVING

### LOCAL OUTREACH

#### **Bridge Fund:**

\$510 Rental Assistance for 2 families  
\$366 in utilities for 2 families

#### **Lexington Rescue Mission:**

Prepared and served a meal for the weekly Bible study

#### **Salvation Army:**

Served as bell ringers for 2 days in December



***Dear Crestwood Christian Church,***

Thank you for thinking of Glendover this holiday season. Thank you for the gift card and Burt's Bees. Thank you for helping us with the children of this community.

Lauren Rister

***Dear Crestwood Christian Church,***

Thank you for use of your facilities in 2022! We are very grateful!

Bluegrass Parkinson's Alliance

***Dear Crestwood Christian Church,***

I am beginning each day with a moment of gratitude... and I need you to know that I am thankful for Crestwood—a church that has now caught me in my family's two darkest times. I feel so loved and lifted by you. I have felt the prayers.

In the worst of times, there has been so much good and Crestwood is part of that. Thank you for your love, kindness, prayers, meals, and donations. I am grateful to Crestwood!

All the Love,  
Lauren Rister

***Dear Crestwood Christian Church,***

Thank you for the Christmas gift.

Thanks,  
Mrs. McWhorter of Glendover Elementary

***Dear Crestwood Christian Church,***

Thank you for the use of your church so that we can hold our meetings in such a wonderful facility.

Sincerely,  
Jan McKinney, Secretary  
The Creative Camera Club

***Dear Crestwood Christian Church,***

Words cannot fully express the gratitude we feel for your church. Your donations of Christmas gifts to some of our less fortunate families is truly a blessing. We are blessed to have community partners like you!

Happy New Year!  
Liberty friends

## YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

Happy New Year! I pray that you and yours have experienced a blessing-filled and joyous holiday season, and that you are looking forward to 2023 as much as I am!



We are kicking off January by planning for future events - two mission trips for the summer, and our annual Family Ski Trip to Perfect North in February! If you still need to pay for the mission trips, remember that for Chi Rho (going to Asheville in July) the cost is \$200 per youth, and must be paid no later than Feb. 1. The cost for CYF (going to Costa Rica) is currently \$900 per person (we hope to reduce that amount with fundraising this spring). Your \$200 deposit must be paid by Feb. 1, with the remaining amount due by April 1. There is room for more people on both trips! Please contact Steph with any questions or concerns.

We are heading to the beautiful snowy slopes of Perfect North in Indiana on Monday, February 20th (President's Day). More details will be forthcoming shortly - but please save the date!

**Sunday, January 15:** 2:30 PM Youth meet at Crestwood to leave for rally  
3:00-5:00 PM Youth Rally at Transylvania University  
6:00-8:00 PM MLK Service at Central Christian Church

**Sunday, January 22:** 4:30-6:00 PM Combined Youth Group in CYF Room - Devotional/Discussion  
4:30-6:00 PM **All parents invited** to Chalice Hall from 4:30-6:00 for informational meeting

**Friday, January 27:** 5:00-10:00 PM Winter Jam Concert, Rupp Arena

**Sunday, January 29:** 9:30 AM Wake Up With Wallace Breakfast at Panera Bread (2300 Nicholasville Rd)  
3:30-6:00 PM Combined Youth Group - Field Trip to Activate Games  
Meet at Crestwood at 3:30 PM, we will be back by 6:00 PM.  
**BRING \$15 CASH PLEASE! Wear close-toed shoes...be prepared to run around!**

May the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!



## Children's Ministry News

Missy Wallace

It is a joy to serve with you as we welcome in another year of God's greatness. Reflecting on 2022, I am in awe of the ways the Spirit continues to knit together our story. From a fabulous vacation bible school to a full advent season, we have been incredibly blessed to share the love of Jesus with our community.

In December, we reached over 200 kids through our angel tree program. Our Glendover food drive exceeded expectations stocking empty cupboards during the holiday food drive. Christmas care packages were delivered to Glendover teachers affirming that their neighboring church is praying for them. Thank you for your generosity, which reflects God's greatness and love.

Planning for 2023 is underway and we pray for where God will lead us next. The first half of the year will include a family mission night, Easter Trail event, and a knock-your-socks-off VBS in June. Stay tuned!

Thank you for your continued support of children's ministry. Buckle up, it's going to be another great year!



# DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## **JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT GREENHOUSE17**

We are delighted to accept churchwide donations to our monthly DWM Service Projects. Please refer to the full article in this issue for more information & list of items requested.

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**January Bible Study:** Heart-Mind-Soul: *A Woman's Connection with Christ (Esther 2, 4, and 8)*

**Julia (Mary Martha) Circle**

**Monday, January 16, 6:45 p.m. in the Bradford classroom**

Mary Taylor will present our Bible study program.

**Naomi Circle**

**Tuesday, January 17, 9:45 a.m. in the Bradford classroom**

Jeanne Jouett will lead the Bible study, and Alice Hays will be our hostess.

**Dorcas Circle**

**Wednesday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. in Chalice Hall**

Andy Bales will present our Bible study program.

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



## **KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT**

**February 24-26, 2023  
Crestwood Christian Church**

Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington will be our host for the return of the Kentucky Disciples Women's Choral Retreat. The schedule will be like that in years past: beginning on Friday evening and concluding with a performance in worship Sunday morning.

**Register by January 15** via the mail-in registration form, or online at [www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net). Contact Shari Caldarelli at [shari.caldarelli@gmail.com](mailto:shari.caldarelli@gmail.com), or call the Madison Avenue Christian Church office (859.261.0226) with any questions.

**We are looking forward to seeing both new and familiar faces at the return of this fun event for all women who like to sing!**

*"O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee . . ."*

## **JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT: GREENHOUSE17**

GreenHouse17 is a non-profit organization committed to ending intimate partner abuse in families in the community. The shelter is located in rural Fayette County and serves individuals and families in 17 counties. They are located on a 40 acre farm. Residents farm the land to offer nature based healing, nutritious farm to table produce and job training for survivors. Specially trained crisis counselors are available to help survivors twenty-four hours each day and 365 days a year for crisis intervention and stabilization through individual and group counseling as well as assisting with children's services.

GreenHouse17 can only accept NEW supplies and not previously owned items as their policy dictates due to Covid protocols. NEW items needed are as follows:

Adult and children's toothbrushes  
Sanitary pads and tampons  
Shampoo and conditioner  
Body wash and soap  
Hair brushes and combs  
Textured hair care products such as hair oil, deep conditioners, wide tooth combs  
Lotion  
Adults and children's underwear  
Pull up diapers, all sizes  
Cleaning supplies  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
NEW Twin size bedding especially "beds in a bag" that includes comforter  
Gift cards to Walmart, Kroger, and Target

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the word Green17 in the memo line. Please mail your check to DWM treasurer Monte LaFrana 4000 Weber Way Lexington, Ky 40514.

For more information, you may contact DWM service coordinator Tracy Lovan at 859-948-1955 (call or text) or email at [thelovans@gmail.com](mailto:thelovans@gmail.com). As always, donations will be collected and driven to the agency's location. GreenHouse17 website: [www.greenhouse17.org](http://www.greenhouse17.org)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**MARCH 5 AT NOON**

**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

**ALL WOMEN INVITED**

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# THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

*Return Service Requested*

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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  
Jennifer Smith, Office Administrator  
Frank Spragens, Music Director  
Jane Johnson, Organist  
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist  
Amber Combs, Childcare Director  
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Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager

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