

Sunday Worship

March 5

**"Don't You Care
If We Drown?"**

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

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Articles are due by Noon
Thursday, March 23

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LENTEN SERMON SERIES:

SEEKING: QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASKED JESUS

During the course of Jesus' ministry, he said and did a lot of things that had people scratching their heads. So if you have questions you'd like to ask Jesus, you're not alone! The gospels are full of people seeking to better understand Jesus' ministry and mission. For our Lenten sermon series, we'll be looking at some of the questions and the way Jesus answers them (or doesn't!). As we join our voices with the question-askers, we pray that God enlightens us and brings us into a deeper connection with Christ and with each other.

March 5	"Don't You Care If We Drown?"
March 12	"Who Is My Neighbor?"
March 19	"What Is the Greatest Commandment?"
March 26	"How Often Should I Forgive?"
April 2	Palm Sunday - "Are You The One to Come?"
April 9	Easter Sunday - "Who Are You Looking For?"

CRESTWOOD UNIVERSITY

PASTOR'S CLASS FOR ADULTS

Faith is a journey, and all of us need a refresher on the basics of our beliefs. During Lent, Kory will be hosting a "Pastor's Class for Adults," an opportunity to ask our questions of faith in a safe space and to explore the answers together. No previous knowledge or theological expertise is needed, and ALL questions are welcome! The class will meet in room MC4 at 4 p.m.

March 5	Who is Jesus?
March 12	Who Hois the ly Spirit?
March 19	What is the Bible?
March 26	What is the church?
April 2	What is baptism and communion?



A WORD FROM KORY...

"It's the most wonderful time of the year..." That's right, it's Lent! You may be thinking I've lost a few of my marbles (and you may be right!), but Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the year. It's such a meaningful time in the life of the church, filled with

opportunities to learn about our relationship with God and grow in our faith.

We're already off to a powerful start with a moving Ash Wednesday service last week and the start to our "Seeking" sermon series. I'm excited to explore with you some of the questions that people asked Jesus, expecting that we might have the same questions. Asking questions is an important way for us to go deeper in our faith and I'm so thankful to serve a church that welcomes such curiosity and wonder.

There's another reason Lent is my favorite time of year, and it also involves growth, curiosity, and LOTS of questions. It's our Pastor's Class! After a class of 14 youth last year, I was assured that this year's crop of fifth graders was much smaller and I could expect to be able to catch my breath a bit. Good! I was ready to help an intimate gathering of just a few youth explore their faith and consider the important decision of baptism.

Well...this year's class has 12 youth in it, and believe me, I'm not complaining! We are so blessed at Crestwood with families who encourage their youth to participate in church and take the next steps in their journey of faith. The class started last Sunday and will run for five weeks, with Baptism Sunday on April 23. Will you join me in praying for these youth?

Patton Barlow-Fiero
Julie Blackburn
Brie Bookman
Peyton Caudill-Gurwell
Clara Deerhake
Lauren Deerhake
Tempe Guckenberger
Gabriel Owens
Maelee Thompson
Mia Thor
Landon York
Thomas Zakowski

I know we'll have a great time together as we move toward the decision to be baptized.

But youth aren't the only ones who have questions about faith! I've had enough adults say to me,

"Wow, I wish I could take Pastor's Class again!" that I decided to give them that opportunity. Each Sunday, I'm hosting a "Pastor's Class for Adults," a chance for grown-ups to ask their questions and wrestle with the challenges of being a follower of Jesus Christ. There's no agenda for these classes. Rather, it will be a time of inviting students to think about questions ("Who is Jesus? What is the church?") in ways that will generate discussion and dialogue.

My hope with all we have going on during Lent is that we are encouraged to step back from our daily routines and contemplate the role of faith in our lives. Sometimes, in our relationship with God, we forget which one of us is divine. We get so wrapped up in our own lives that we can't see the places where we are cracked. Because we're not as bad as others, we think that we don't need saving. And yet, Jesus didn't come to earth as a savior for the really bad folks; he came as a savior for us all, because ALL of us need saving. But we can't claim that truth if we don't walk the journey of Lent.

So, I hope you will join us on this journey by committing to attending worship and participating in some of the learning opportunities we offer. Besides the Crestwood University, we have a number of different ways for you to connect: Sunday School, Bible study, family workshops, women's circles, men's breakfast. Lent is a wonderful time to make an intentional decision to commit to your relationship with God. Your church family stands beside you and your ministerial staff is here to support you. Let's make this Lent the most meaningful yet!

I'm pleased to share that on Monday, March 6, I will defend my Doctor of Ministry project at Lexington Theological Seminary. I'll meet with a team of three scholar-practitioners and other LTS faculty and staff to defend my project, which is called, "Good Sermon, Pastor!: Evaluating Ministers in the Context of a Congregation's Mission." It's hard to believe that this journey that started in September of 2018 is now coming to a close. I ask for your prayers as I prepare to defend my work. If all goes well, I will graduate on June 16 right here at Crestwood!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: the family of Brian Buchanan, Jo Fulkerson, Jeanna Ott, Sice Shanklin, Kathy Stone, the family of Mary Janice Towles

FAMILY: the family of **Tommy Combs** (cousin of Libby Wachtel), the family of **Carol Jean Gardner** (sister of Ed Gardner), **Rusty Haydon** (mother of Donna Gibson), the family of **Frances Marcum** (mother of Betty Barton), **Kathy Stehle** (sister-in-law of Bettye Burns), **Jim Wallace** (father of Scott Wallace), **Jane Whitney** (sister-in-law of Janet Clark), **Tom Wilcoxson** (father of Kory Wilcoxson)

FRIENDS: **Bettie Lou Evans** (of Crestwood), **Kim Gayheart** (of the Nielsen family), **Keri Lee** (of Libby Wachtel), **Connie McVicker** (of the Nielsen family)

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

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,

What a difference a week makes. On MLK Day, Brodie and I took advantage of a taste of spring and walked the entire loop at the Arboretum. It was wonderful. That night I came down with a virus and felt like a truck had run over me. By Friday, I could tell that my MS was waking up and by Monday I was in a full blown exacerbation. One week prior I had walked over 2 miles and felt great— now I could barely walk across the room.

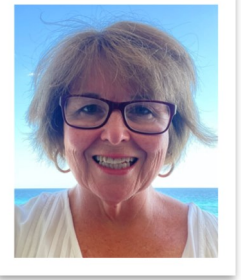
I am grateful to Kory, Steph, Missy and the staff for carrying my responsibilities. I thank you for the wonderful support, the many cards, emails, and texts, and of course the countless prayers. You have blessed me in ways that I could not imagine and I thank God for you.

I am easing back into work while my body continues to heal and adjust to a more constant presence of MS. I am beyond thankful to get to return to doing what I love.

I continue to covet your prayers.

I have never been more blessed to share this journey with you.

Trish



MAY 7 - MAY 12 REBUILDING MISSION TRIP



We are planning a rebuilding mission trip to Western Kentucky after the devastating 12/10/21 tornado! The dates of the trip are May 7 through May 12. We will be staying at the First Christian (Disciples) Church in Madisonville and working in Dawson Springs and Bremen. The cost of the trip will be \$125. If you are interested in going on this much needed construction rebuilding mission please contact Steve Seithers at sseithers@gmail.com

MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 1

1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

Thursday, March 2

9:30 AM Stephen Ministers - Lollis Chapel

11:00 AM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, March 5

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Covenant Theology - MC3

10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Noon Women's Luncheon - Chalice Hall

12:15 PM Pastor's Class - MC4

4:00 PM Crestwood University - MC4

4:00 PM Chi Rho Youth Group

5:00 PM CYF Youth Group

Monday, March 6

7:00 PM Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 AM Library Team

Wednesday, March 8

1:00 PM Bible Study - MC4

2:00 PM Safety & Security Committee - Zoom

Thursday, March 9

11:00 AM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

6:00 PM Finance Team - Bradford Rm

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, March 11

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Bradford Rm

Sunday, March 12

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Covenant Theology - MC3

10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Noon DWM Board Mtg - MC3

12:15 PM Pastor's Class - MC4

4:00 PM Crestwood University - MC4

4:00 PM Chi Rho Youth Group

5:00 PM CYF Youth Group

Tuesday, March 14

10:30 AM Service for Mary Janice Towles

2:00 PM Property Team - Bradford Rm

Wednesday, March 15

10:00 AM DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall

1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

7:00 PM Administrative Board Mtg - Zoom

Thursday, March 16

11:00 AM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, March 19

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Covenant Theology - MC3

10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Noon Elders Meeting - Chalice Hall

12:15 PM Pastor's Class - MC4

4:00 PM Crestwood University - MC4

4:00 PM Chi Rho Youth Group

5:00 PM CYF Youth Group

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

9:45 AM DWM Naomi Cir. - Bradford Rm

Wednesday, March 22

1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

6:00 PM Lenten Workshop - Chalice Hall

Thursday, March 23

11:00 AM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

Noon Crest Articles Due

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, March 24

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

Sunday, March 26

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Covenant Theology Class - MC3

10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room

10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

12:15 PM Pastor's Class - MC4

4:00 PM Crestwood University - MC4

4:00 PM Chi Rho Youth Group Mtg

5:00 PM CYF Youth Group Mtg

Wednesday, March 29

1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

Thursday, March 30

11:00 AM Bible Study - Bradford Rm

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in helping to serve in the Crestwood Church Office? On occasion we need assistance with answering the office phone and greeting visitors who come to the office for assistance. If you have a heart for hospitality and would



MARCH MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfasts are going strong and we want you to be part of them! Our next Breakfast will be Sat., March 11, at 8 AM in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Kory if you plan on being there or be willing to help prepare. Join us for good food and fellowship as we spend this time together.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS SUMMER!

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is excited to announce the **2023 General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, July 29-August 1!** It will be the first time in four years the church as a whole has gathered. [CLICK HERE to register](#) and join us in welcoming our denomination to our state as we do the important work of being a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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!

COVENANT THEOLOGY CLASS

Coinciding with the beginning of Lent on Sunday, February 26, a new study of Covenant Theology will begin at 9:30 AM in room MC3 on Sunday mornings and continuing through Palm Sunday. We will examine what a covenant is, different Covenants God made with different Patriarchs and how the Abrahamic Covenant pertains to Christians. The class will be lead by Dan Pence.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

MORNING LINEUP

8:30 AM

Nursery offered all morning
beginning with first service

9:30 AM - 10 AM

Children's Music with Ms. Emily

10:00 AM - 10:35 AM

Children's Sunday School
with Ms. Karen and Mr. John

SAVE THE DATE!

LENTEN FAMILY WORKSHOP

Wed., March 22, 6:00 PM



YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

March is upon us! What a wonderful whirlwind February was, between the service project at Greenhouse17 and the Ski Trip to Perfect North! I am so thankful to everyone who worked hard at Greenhouse17 and

to those who spent the day with us having fun in the snow in Indiana! What a blessing it is to be able to work and serve together AND play and enjoy fellowship together!



Our big focus this month will be getting ready for the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8. The youth will be collecting candy donations all month to fill over 500 plastic Easter Eggs!

Parents, if you would like to volunteer to help us out the morning of the Easter Egg Hunt, we need adult supervision in various areas. If you can help, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA9AF28AAF85-pancake>

Sunday, Mar. 5: 4:00-5:00 PM Chi Rho Youth Group - Lent Discussion/Games

5:00-6:00 PM CYF Youth Group - Lent Discussion/Games

Sunday, Mar. 12: 4:00-5:00 PM Chi Rho Youth Group - Easter Service Project

5:00-6:00 PM CYF Youth Group - Easter Service Project



Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace

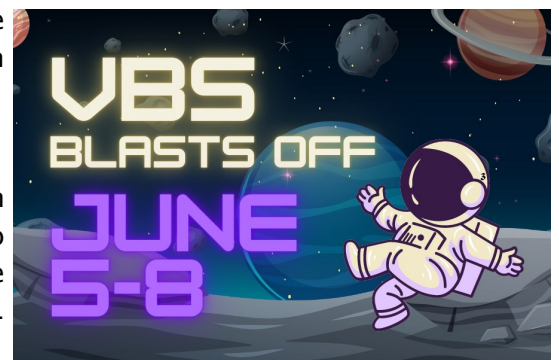
Greetings Crestwood Families,

It's that special time of year where the sunshine and warmth begin to make an appearance reminding us how blessed we are to welcome in a new season of Lent. Parents start shopping for Easter outfits, children start imagining what will be inside their Easter baskets and families return to church preparing to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

I'm personally excited as I approach my one-year anniversary of serving at Crestwood. I was in awe watching how many children were excited to celebrate Palm Sunday last year. The effects of the pandemic were melting away and all of us were excited for the next chapter in children's ministry.

Even now, we are continuously welcoming visiting families looking for a church to call home. Bridge and Worship & Wonder are overflowing with kids who are joyful about the good news of Jesus. It's a season of getting ready, and it's a season where we need you.

As we prepare for increased attendance, please consider serving with us in children's ministry. From rocking babies in the nursery, to organizing supplies, or being the kind smile with helping hands, we need an army of volunteers to share God's love with our little ones.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

CIRCLE MEETINGS

March Bible Study:

God Can Use What You Have: *The Gift of Sharing*

(Acts 16:11-15)

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. in Chalice Hall

Tracy Lovan will present our Bible study program.

Julia (Mary Martha) Circle

Monday, March 20, 6:45 p.m. in the Bradford classroom

Melinda Thompson will present our Bible study program.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, March 21, 9:45 a.m. in the Bradford classroom

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

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

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The Greater Lexington Area Church Women United



Invites you to

World Day of Prayer Celebration

This is a world-wide opportunity to pray together as sisters in Christ! Because it is a world-wide event, we will be meeting ON THE FIRST

FRIDAY of March (the 3rd) rather than our usual time of the second Tuesday.

Friday, March 3, 2023

**Beaumont Presbyterian Church
1070 Lane Allen Rd, Lexington**

9:30 a.m. for fellowship

10:00 a.m. for *World Day of Prayer Celebration*

We are a diverse group of Christian women from several denominations throughout our area who agree to differ, resolve to love, and unite to serve!

Crestwood DWM is a participating organization with Church Women United. For additional information, contact Pat Waggener at 859-266-6313.

MARCH SERVICE PROJECT:

NATALIE'S SISTERS AND THE WELL

"The most pervasive myth about human trafficking is that it often involves kidnapping or physically forcing someone into a situation. The truth is that most traffickers use psychological means such as tricking, defrauding, manipulating or threatening victims into providing commercial sex or forced labor." ..National Human Trafficking Hotline

In Lexington we have two agencies who assist victims of human trafficking by providing respite and referrals to community resources. These two agencies are Natalie's Sisters and The Well.

The Drop in service center at Natalie's Sisters offers a warm breakfast, healthy snack, nutritious lunch and referrals to community services to those in need.

The Well provides a holistic program of safe housing, recovery support, education and healing for individuals exploited by sex and labor trafficking/exploitation. They keep children and youth from falling prey to traffickers by providing outreach programs to at risk youth.

Items requested below may be placed in the Giving Lane under the signs "Disciples Women's Ministries":

Personal Care items:

- toiletry kits (travel size items-deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste)
- Travel size wipes
- Travel size hand sanitizer

NEW clothing items:

- Leggings
- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Rain ponchos

Pantry items:

- small Sandwich bags (filled with peanut butter crackers, protein bars, chips, crackers, nuts, raisins, fruit cups, cookies)
- 16 oz coffee cups with lids (for soup)
- Breakfast bars, pop tarts, pastries

For monetary contributions, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the letters NS/WELL in the memo line. Please mail your check to DWM treasurer Monte LaFrana 4000 Weber Way Lexington, Ky 40514.

For more information, contact DWM service coordinator Tracy Lovan at 859-948-1955 (call or text) or email at thelovans@gmail.com.



THE YOUTH GROUPS NEED EASTER CANDY!!

Please help us get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt this year by donating individually wrapped candy that will fit inside plastic eggs. There are two bins for dropping off candy donations - one in the children's wing, and one in the breezeway by the main entrance. Thank you so much for your help! The youth will be stuffing Easter eggs in preparation for the annual Easter Egg hunt on April 8, and we need candy! Please bring individually wrapped candy donations and drop them in the blue barrel in the breezeway or the container in the Children's wing. Thank you!

Easter Flowers: Order & Payments due Mar. 20

Click to Order

Tulips
&
Lilies
\$10



WOMEN'S LUNCHEON SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 AFTER 2ND WORSHIP IN CHALICE HALL

ALL women of Crestwood are invited!



Join us for a **Baked Potato Bar Lunch**
~ provided by DWM

Speaker: Rev. Christy Jo Harber, pastor,
Woodland Christian Church

"Big Changes are coming to Woodland Christian!"

We hope you will join us for fellowship, a delightful meal,
and to learn more about Woodland Christian's
new initiative.

Please RSVP to Linda Ransdell via email to: lrobbriansdell@yahoo.com



Dear Crestwood Friends and Family,

On behalf of our mother, Margaret Buchanan, we would like to express our gratitude for the incredible support of the church family in the sudden passing of our brother, Brian Buchanan. The delicious food during the visitation, the beautiful service, the cards, love, support and caring. It means more than you know. We both became charter members of Crestwood as children and it is wonderful to see how the church has grown and thrived over these many years.

With love and thanks,

Eleanora Mauritsen (Brian's sister)

Greg Buchanan (brother)

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Dear Friends of LTS at Crestwood Christian Church,

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.

When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS, words can't describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$780.95.

Continued thanks and blessings to our brothers and sisters in Christ,

Mark V. Blankenship

Vice President for Advancement

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Crestwood Christian Church,

Happy Valentine's Day from the Chrysalis House.
Thank you for being so kind!

The staff of the Chrysalis House

CRESTWOOD FEBRUARY GIVING

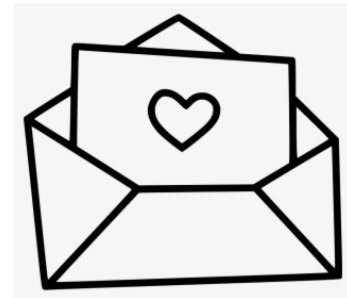
LOCAL OUTREACH

Arbor Youth Services - \$3000

Bridge Fund - \$133 to Kentucky Utilities, \$305 rent

1 meal prepared and served at Lexington Rescue
Mission's Steady Hands Bible Study

CARD DONATIONS WELCOME



The Card Ministry Team is in need of the following: Get Well, Sympathy, and Thinking of You cards. Bring any donations of cards to the church office. And please help yourself to any of the free cards located on the stand just inside the glass breezeway. We're pleased to offer this ministry to you!

IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORY OF
MARY JANICE
TOWLES

IN MEMORY OF
BRIAN BUCHANAN



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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Crestwood staff and helpers delivered Valentine's Day gifts to the teachers at Glendover Elementary School. Thanks to Krista Mason, Family Resource Coordinator at Glendover, for helping us. We love our neighbors at Glendover Elementary and want them to know how much they are appreciated!



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
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Jane Johnson, Organist
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
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Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager

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