

Sunday Worship

June 4

Let There Be Light!

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

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Dear Crestwood Families,

Vacation Bible School is only a few short days away. In this season, I wake up and greet the morning with an attitude of submission because no matter what plans I have for the day; the curve balls will fly. My office is overflowing with decorations (along with a few top-secret surprises) and my walk with Jesus is constantly infused with caffeine.

No matter what ups and downs each year brings, my heart overflows with gratitude to witness firsthand what God does through a community of believers who answer the call to actively invest in the lives of children. VBS isn't just an event, it's an immersive experience. It's a space where we pour out all that we have and watch as God transforms the hearts of all children, regardless of the number of years spent on this earth.

CELEBRATE - There's that special moment on VBS Sunday when children walk into the sanctuary and see the decorations for the first time with a huge grin on their faces. They enter an environment that visually communicates a sense of welcome and belonging. Never underestimate how the Holy Spirit can use crepe paper!

JOYFUL - I love watching when adults dress up for the theme. There's an infectious spirit when the joy of the children spreads like Pentecost fire. Sparkly shoes or bright colored clothing can bring out our inner child, a posture of worship we so desperately need to grow in our faith. There is power in telling a child to shine Jesus' light in a room filled with sequins and smiles.

CARING - VBS is a space to witness the heart of God. We have "an attitude of gratitude" and are "blessed to be a blessing" as we have fun through skits, stories, games, and crafts. Crestwood kids are on a mission and this year we are collecting non-perishable food items for the kids in our community.

As VBS counts down towards blast off, continue to pray for our children, volunteers, and church family. Thanks to your generosity, we get to share the love of Jesus with our kids in an unforgettable way!

With Hope,

Missy Wallace

NEXT CREST JULY 1

Articles are due by Noon
Friday, June 23

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VBS Drop in
Decorating
Night!

June 1
5:30-7:00 PM

VBS Sunday! June 4:

Don't forget to wear your
sparkles, sequins, and bright
colors to help our kids SHINE
JESUS' LIGHT!



Scan this code to register
for this year's VBS!

A WORD FROM KORY...



Youth Sunday on May 21 was quite a celebration, wasn't it? I hope we realize how blessed we are to have such faithful middle and high school youth in our church and to have them be so willing and eager to lead us in worship. That Sunday, 30 of our youth handed out bulletins, said prayers, read scripture, gave sermons, and served communion. It was an amazing, Spirit-filled worship service, and a reminder that our church is in good hands for generations to come.

Sometimes we need that reminder, because it's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day, week-to-week responsibilities and challenges of being a church family. This is especially true when a church is faced with a time of transition, as Crestwood now is with Trish leaving us on July 2. Youth Sunday was an important way for us to remember that the church is so much bigger than one person. The church is not me or Trish or anyone else; the church is all of us, with Jesus Christ as our head. The truth is that ministers will come and go, congregation members will come and go, but the church will always be the church.

That being said, transitions in a church are still difficult, especially when a minister leaves. As you can imagine, this is more than just a job for us. It is a calling, one to which we have devoted our lives, and we give our whole selves to serving the people of God in a particular community. That's why, when a minister leaves, it's so much more than losing an employee. It's losing a confidante, a comforter, and a friend.

I know Trish is a blessing to so many in this congregation. In her almost eight years here, she has given her life to serving Crestwood. She has preached wonderful, inspiring sermons. She has performed dozens of funerals. She has made hundreds of hospital visits and held thousands of hands as she has walked with you through difficult times. She has left her mark here at Crestwood and she will most definitely be missed.

I want to encourage you to take time before July to reach out to Trish and tell her how much she has meant to you. We ministers hope that the work

we do makes a difference in people's lives, but it always touches us beyond words when someone expresses to us how much our ministry has meant to them. I know the impact Trish has had on so many of you. Please take time – through an email, a card, or over a cup of coffee – to let Trish know how much you appreciate her.

I'm sure many of you are wondering what's next for Crestwood's ministerial staff. Trish had primary responsibility for pastoral care, women's ministry, and outreach. For the immediate future, the rest of the staff will share in covering those responsibilities. I plan on working with the Personnel Committee to determine both short-term and long-term solutions. As we do that, I'll be sure to communicate with you.

But that's for down the road. Right now, we simply take the time to give thanks to God for the gift of Rev. Trish Standifur to us. I trust that God has great plans in store for both her and for Crestwood. May we all feel God's presence as we move into each new day. Please know my door is always open to you, and I hope you'll feel free to reach out to me if I can serve you.

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

All are welcome to join this inquisitive, fun group as we read the texts together and discern what God was speaking to the original audience and seek what God is speaking to us today. We gather at 11:00 for fellowship and we begin study at 11:30. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Trish for questions or just come to the Bradford room on Thursday at 11:00! All are welcome!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Alma Kidd, Jeanna Ott, Pat Waggener, Dotty Williams

FAMILY: **Blake Brewster** (nephew of James Pelphrey), **John Gray** (brother of Alma Kidd), **Ken Slone** (father of Beth Hoffmann), **Jim Wallace** (father of Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: **The Cristi family** (of Crestwood), **Family and friends of Lourrae Ewbank** (of Andrea Nielsen), **Frank Giardina** (of Ed Gardner), **safe travels for the Makola family** (of Crestwood), **Tonya Merritt and family** (of Tara Wilkinson), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds)

ARMED FORCES: **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **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, Jacqueline Lindsey, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the victims & loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center & their families, for an end to the war in Ukraine, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local & national leaders, for those affected by COVID & natural disasters, & for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

TRISH TALK

Dear Friends,

Nearly eight years ago we started a journey together and I am grateful for each step of it. I used the word "grateful" when describing my call to serve Crestwood and I can honestly say that I can still use the word for my time as your minister.

I am grateful to God for the call and the grace to serve you. I am grateful to each of you for entrusting me with the sacred gift of allowing me to walk with you through joy and grief, through seeking and and growing, and even through the ordinary and unimaginable like Covid-19.

As I write this please know you will be in my prayers.

I have been blessed to share this journey.

Love,

Trish



CELEBRATING TRISH

July 2 will be Rev. Trish's last day with us at Crestwood. We hope you all can be in worship that day to give thanks to Trish for all the ways she has faithfully served this congregation. There will be a reception after both worship services, so please make plans to attend and to express your gratitude for Trish's ministry.

AGING WELL / WHOLLY LIVING PRESENTS

YOUR LEGACY: FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

AND OPTIONS

Join us Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 PM in the Bradford Room with Sherry Holly from Gratz Park Private Wealth. Sherry is a wonderful teacher and leader who can help us navigate the ways our assets can best serve what is important to us today and to continue to work after we are gone. She has a way of explaining financial matters that make them easy to understand. This workshop is open to all.

JUNE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Hey, men of Crestwood! We'll gather on Saturday, June 10 at 8:00 AM for our monthly Men's Breakfast. Please invite someone new to join us! RSVPs to Kory are always appreciated.

MAY CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1

All Day - VBS Decorating
9:30AM - Stephen Ministers - Lollis Chapel
11:00AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, June 2

All Day - VBS Decorating

Saturday, June 3

All Day - VBS Decorating

Sunday, June 4

All Day - VBS Decorating
8:30AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, June 5

5:00PM - VBS
7:00PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, June 6

9:00AM - Library Team - Library
5:00PM - VBS

Wednesday, June 7

1:00PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
5:00PM - VBS

Thursday, June 8

11:00AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
5:00PM - VBS
6:00PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room
7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, June 10

8:00AM - Men's Breakfast - Chalice Hall

Sunday, June 11

8:30AM - Worship Services - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
4:00PM - Wholly Living - Bradford Room

Tuesday, June 13

2:00PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, June 14

1:00PM Bible Study - MC4
2:00PM - Safety & Security Committee - Zoom/
Admin Wing

Thursday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 18

8:30AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00PM - Elders Meeting - Chalice Hall/Zoom

Monday, June 19

6:45PM - DWM Julia - Bradford Room/Kitchen

Tuesday, June 20

9:45AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, June 21

10:00AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall
1:00PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00PM - Ministry Council - Zoom

Thursday, June 22

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

Friday, June 23

11:30AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Sunday, June 25

8:30AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 28

1:00PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, June 29

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

ADD YOUR VOICE TO OUR WORSHIP

We are looking for people who would be willing to serve as a liturgist for either the 8:30 or 10:45 AM service each Sunday. The liturgist leads the congregation in the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture (both of which are provided for you ahead of time). This is open to all ages! Please consider adding your voice to our worship service on Sunday morning. You can sign up here:

[Liturgist Signup](#)



YOUTH SUNDAY 2023

YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace



June is here and summer is right around the corner, which is cause for both celebration and sadness, especially for me! I am so proud of the youth here at Crestwood. Every single one of these amazing young people has contributed so much to our lives together over the past year, sharing God's love through food boxes and other service projects, serving together on mission trips, learning about our faith and asking questions in Sunday School each week, and building a strong community through fun and fellowship. These youth encourage each other, laugh together, and lift each other up in the best possible ways. I am so honored to serve as their minister and thank God for each and every one of these young people.

On Youth Sunday, May 21, we celebrated the end of another season of Youth programming at Crestwood with 29 of our youth participating in leading worship! What a joyous occasion - I am so thankful to all the youth who gave their time and effort to make Youth Sunday such a wonderful worship service for our church family. There is much joy in seeing the leadership and dedication of our youth in action, but also a touch of sadness when we have to say goodbye to our graduating high school seniors... I will miss our three seniors greatly, as they have each brought unique and very special gifts to our Youth Group over the years. The absence of their voices, questions, contributions, and fellowship will leave a hole in our midst. Please join me in holding our graduating seniors, Lillie Nielsen, Christian Richardson, and Grant Wilkinson, in prayer as they each move into the next phase of their lives and begin their college experiences.

Our CYF mission trip to Costa Rica will take place from June 19 - June 25. Please pray for traveling mercies and a wonderful, meaningful experience for the travelers who will take their faithful servant hearts and God's love to share with those they meet in Costa Rica:

Julie Blackburn
Eliana Brancato
Lillie Nielsen
Grant Wilkinson
Mike Brancato
Andrea Nielsen
Tara Wilkinson
Kory Wilcoxson

Thank you to everyone at Crestwood for all their love, support, and generosity this past year in helping our youth to achieve their goals and grow in their faith together. Our church family truly embraces our young people in their growth and walks alongside them in the most loving and supportive ways, and for that I thank each and every one of you. I am very excited to begin our work again in August, when we start the new season!

Until I see you in church, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

VBS MISSION PROJECT FOR GLENDOVER

June 4 - June 8 we will be collecting nonperishable food items for the children at Glendover Elementary as part of our VBS mission project. Items may be brought to the children's wing:



Rice, Black Beans, Spaghetti, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Jelly in plastic bottles, Canned Chicken, Mac & Cheese

Save the Dates:

August 13 - Blessing of the Backpacks

August 20 - Back-2-School Bash

MAGAZINES NEEDED

Do you have extra magazines piling up around the house? Teachers would LOVE those for hands-on assignments in class! It doesn't matter how out-of-date they are or what topics they cover, teachers can use them all. Feel free to drop your magazines off on Giving Lane or give them to Tara Wilkinson, who will distribute them among Crestwood's educators.



CRESTWOOD APRIL GIVING

LOCAL OUTREACH

Prepared and served a meal for 55 at Nathaniel Mission's End of Year Family Night

Bridge Fund:

\$200 for rental assistance

DOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LOUISVILLE

Our denomination's national gathering, the General Assembly, will take place this summer in Louisville. It's a time of worship, learning, and sacred community. You're welcome to join us! You can register and find more information at www.ga.disiples.org.



We celebrate and pray for all of Crestwood's 2023 graduates:

High School:

Lillie Nielsen - will attend Transylvania University, Lexington, KY

Parents: Andrea Nielsen & Peter Menner
Grandmother: Pat Nielsen

Christian Richardson - will attend Sanford University, Birmingham, AL

Parents: Elizabeth and Ed Richardson
Grandmother: Roberta Buckley

Grant Wilkinson - will attend Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

Parents: Doug & Tara Wilkinson

College:

Elyse Blakeman - University of Kentucky

Parents: Don & Karen Blakeman

Owen Reece - Miami University

Parents: Tye Reece & Kelly Hagan

Alex Tran - University of Texas - Austin
College of Law

Parents: Paul & Lynn Tran
Grandmother: Monte LaFrana

Charlie Tran - University of Kentucky

Parents: Paul & Lynn Tran
Grandmother: Monte LaFrana

Seminary:

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson - LTS, Doctor of Ministry

THANK YOU NOTE

We are so grateful for your \$50.00 gift. Your generosity echoes in the community and allows The Nathaniel Mission to serve our neighbors by providing warm meals, free groceries, healthcare opportunities, educational resources, and so much more! Thank you for partnering with us in this Kingdom work and for being a blessing to the people we will serve this year.

Your compassionate gift will reach hundreds in our neighborhood and beyond! We pray that God will bless you abundantly for your compassionate love and generous giving.

Sincerely,

Rev Daniel Baer

Executive Director

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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friends,

On Behalf of the board of trustees I want to thank you for your recent generous donation of \$609 to the Cane Ridge Shrine, Inc.

We plan to celebrate on June 24, with our annual Cane Ridge Day. This year, we hope to celebrate a homecoming to the birthplace of the Christian Church. We also plan to remember the trustees who have helped to maintain this facility since the 1930's.

We hope you will encourage others to visit us in 2023 as we continue to tell the Cane Ridge story and preserve this holy and historic site.

We are grateful for all the support we receive from visitors and friends like you from around the country and the world. We are honored to maintain and preserve the history of these grounds and we hope you will continue to support our efforts in the future.

Thank you again,

James H Trader, II

Curator

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
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
Amber Combs, Childcare Director
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