

Sunday Worship

August 6

Why We Worship

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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STOCKHOLDER'S DINNER

If you invested in the Costa Rica mission trip (and even if you didn't!), you're invited to our Stockholders Dinner on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 6:00 PM in Chalice Hall. We'll be eating food we enjoyed in Costa Rica and sharing about what we learned and experienced while there. Please RSVP to Steph at steph@crestwoodchristian.org if you can attend. Everyone is welcome to join us and learn about this life-changing trip!



SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

Crestwood Back to School Bash!



August 20 5:00-7:00 PM

Come and help us celebrate back to school with our whole church family! We will have games, food trucks, and a time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

AUGUST SERMON SERIES - ACTING OUT

For centuries, followers of Christ have been gathering on Sunday morning for the act of worship. Whether it is a majestic cathedral, a thatched hut, or a clapboard country church, Christians have come together to give God praise. While worship services differ in style, tone, and length, they feature many common elements, like prayers, hymns, and sermons. For some, Sunday worship is so routine that it can easily lose its meaning. For others, the strange act of worship never held much meaning in the first place. So why do we worship?

In August, we'll be attempting to answer that question in our "Acting Out" sermon series. We'll look at the different aspects of worship and the meaning behind them, with that hope that we gain a renewed understanding and appreciation of this peculiar act in which we participate each Sunday.

Aug. 6
Aug. 13
Aug. 20
Aug 27

Why We Worship
The Word and the Words
Making a Joyful Noise
Setting the Table

A WORD FROM KORY...



A month ago, my cousins, my uncle, and I took on the challenge of climbing Medicine Bow Peak in southern Wyoming. It was an exhausting hike, eight hours in total with an elevation gain of 1800 feet to the summit, which was just over 12,000. The view from the top was spectacular! But as we began our descent, we realized we couldn't find the trail that would take us back down.

We thought we spotted a trail marker across a boulder field, so we made the treacherous journey through the rocks, only to find the markers were there to warn hikers about the edge of the mountain, which was just beyond them. It was getting later in the afternoon, the sky was threatening rain once again, and we were stuck on the top of the mountain with no idea how to find the trail back down. As our anxiety crept up, I realized we were in what Susan Beaumont would call a "liminal space."

In her book "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You Are Going," Beaumont describes liminal spaces as the place where something familiar has ended and the next chapter has yet to reveal itself. It's a kind of limbo that produces a lot of fear and anxiety. On our hike, we had made it to the summit but couldn't find our way down. We were stuck in liminal space.

Crestwood is in a liminal space of its own. This was brought on by the pandemic, which called into question a lot of assumptions about community and connection. "Normal" no longer existed, and yet we are still figuring out what church looks like in the post-pandemic world. And with Trish's departure, we have moved even deeper into a liminal space as we figure out who God is calling us to be moving forward.

Beaumont says liminal spaces stir up in us all kinds of responses. Anxiety rises as the future becomes cloudy. People check out and commitment wanes. Old conflicts and criticisms, which were healed or forgotten, can resurface with renewed vigor. People become polarized between those who want to go back to what was familiar and those who are eager to move forward. I see all of these characteristics in our church family right now.

As unsettling as liminal spaces can be, they also can give God's Spirit room to work. When we are forced to stop moving forward and assess our surroundings, we give God the space to show us new paths into the future. Beaumont says that in a liminal space, three spiritual shifts take place:

- From knowing to unknowing – forgetting what we think we know and allowing God's mysterious work to take place
- From advocating to attending – letting go of certainty and creating capacity for observing and listening
- From striving to surrender – rather than trying to force the way forward, yielding to what God's spirit has to show us

I know how hard it is to leave behind what is familiar and comfortable. On the mountain top, as we searched for the trail, we kept our heads down and only watched our feet so that we didn't slip. But when we paused to look around, we realized what a beautiful view God had afforded us. And, rather than panic, we trusted that God would lead us where we needed to go.

As we look to what's next for Crestwood, I am confident that God already has a plan for us. I know many of us are still grieving the loss of what used to be, which can cause us to put our heads down. But if we look up, we might catch a glimpse of the future God has in store for us. Join me in praying for our church and for God's spirit to guide us. I know God has amazing things in store for Crestwood! May that knowledge give us peace as we rest in the liminal space. As always, my door is open to you. God bless you, Crestwood!

AUGUST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for our monthly Men's Breakfast! We'll meet on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 8 AM in the Bradford Room. All men are welcome to share in this time of food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kory if you plan to attend. See you there!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Faye Cooper, Bonnie Flanery, Jo Fulkerson, Alma Kidd, Jeanna Ott, Family and friends of Dotty Williams

FAMILY: **Patricia Finger** (mother of Joanne Brown), **Mack Ramsey** (grandson of Mitzi Ramsey), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds), **Lauren Saunier** (Daughter of Annetta Carter), **John Schiano** (father of Steph Wallace), Family and friends of Donna Smith (sister-in-law of Mitchell Smith)

FRIENDS: **Frank Giardina** (of Ed Gardner), **Family and friends of Paul David Jett** (of Dabney Parker), **Erin Laswell and Casey Rusher** (of Crestwood), **Jeremy Vannoy** (of Andrea & Peter Menner)

ARMED FORCES: **Alex Back** (son of Andrea Back), **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)

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.



Children's Ministry
Missy Wallace

Dear Crestwood Families,

It's hard to believe that summer has flown by, and we are in full swing with back-to-school planning. We've been blessed with extraordinary church leadership who have gone above and beyond in preparing for our fall programs. Our staff and ministry teams are excited to share with you a combined Children & Youth Ministries calendar for Fall 2023 including upcoming fellowship events.

With the back-to-school season upon us, our partnership with Glendover Elementary remains strong. We are collecting school supplies for families in need. If you would like to assist with this very important work, please bring donations to the children's wing through Sunday, August 6. A list of items can be found below.

After a fantastic Vacation Bible School, our children's ministry is in a season of GROWTH which means we have a greater need for servant leaders willing to share the love of Jesus with our kids. Worship & Wonder is currently recruiting storytellers to serve during our 10:45 AM service.

We will be hosting a training session for new storytellers on Sunday August 27 at 9:30 AM in the children's wing. Volunteers will be observing during the 10:45 AM service. Adults will be required to submit a background check.

It is a joy and privilege to walk with our families as our children grow in their faith. I'm incredibly excited to see what God has in store for us. If you would like additional information about upcoming events, volunteering in children's ministry or general questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Love & Prayers,

Missy

AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 1

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, August 2

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Local Outreach

Sunday, August 6

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

6:00 PM - Stockholders Dinner - Chalice Hall

Monday, August 7

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, August 8

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, August 9

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC4

2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee - Admin
Wing/Finance Room

3:30 PM - Elder Taskforce - MC5

Thursday, August 10

11:30 AM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

Saturday, August 12

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 13

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Youth Parent Info Meeting

Tuesday, August 15

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

11:30 AM - DWM Naomi Potluck - Elaine Lollis's
Home

Wednesday, August 16

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC4

7:00 PM - Ministry Council - Zoom

Thursday, August 17

11:30 AM - Bible Study

Sunday, August 20

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Elder's Meeting

5:00 PM - Back to School Bash

Monday, August 21

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

Wednesday, August 23

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, August 24

11:30 PM - Bible Study

6:30 AM - PDO Open House - Sanctuary

Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

3:30 PM - All Youth Kick Off Meeting! - Gym

Wednesday, August 30

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, August 31

11:00 AM - Bible Study

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](#)

SAVE THE DATES

Children & Youth Ministries 2023 Calendar

August

- 1 Welcome incoming 6th graders field trip - Countdown Games
- 6 Youth Stockholder Dinner 6:00 PM
- 12 Worship & Wonder Storyteller Refresher 8:30 AM - Noon
- 13 Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:45 AM service
- 20 Youth Parent/Family Meeting at Noon
Children's Ministry Bible Presentations at the 10:45 AM service
Back to School Bash 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- 27 Worship & Wonder Storyteller Training
Wake Up with Wallace & Youth Group Kickoff

September

- 10 Blessing of the Pets & Ice Cream Social 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- 24 Wake Up with Wallace

October

- 15 Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- 18 Family Pumpkin Decorating Mission Project 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
- 29 Wake Up with Wallace
Halloween Bash & Chili/Soup Cookoff 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

November

- 4 Fall Fellowship Tailgate at Crestwood
- 5 All Saints Sunday/Daylight Savings
Angel Tree Project Begins
- 19 Universal Children's Day (Children lead worship)
- 26 Youth Box Building for the Nest
Wake Up with Wallace

December

- 2 Advent Workshop
- 3 Angel Tree Gift Returns & Mittens/ Scarves Tree Decorating
Youth filling NEST food boxes 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- 10 Youth Christmas Party
- 17 Lessons & Carols
Children's Christmas Pageant and Church Holiday Dinner
- 24 Christmas Eve Services 8:30 AM, 10:45 AM, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, & 11:00 PM

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING

The Stephen Ministry program is one of Crestwood's most valuable ministries. Carlene Adams, Peggy Falace, Donna Gibson, Dabney Parker and Wayne Shaver currently serve as Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are Christian companions who walk with someone going through a difficult time. Being a Stephen Minister involves training and a monthly meeting for support and encouragement. There will be a training of new Stephen Ministers at the end of August in conjunction with Central Christian Church. If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, contact Libby Wachtel, Stephen Ministry leader at erwachtel@twc.com or 859-536-1665 or Kory.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Our Thursday Bible Study will begin again on August 10 at 11:30 AM in the Bradford Room. Kory will lead this group as they talk about what they would like to study moving forward. This group is open to anyone and no prior knowledge is required! Join us as we enjoy a time of fellowship and learning.

CHI RHO ASHEVILLE MISSION TRIP



YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

August is bittersweet for some, because it means the traditional end of summer break and the beginning of a new school year. But for us at Crestwood, it means the start of a new year of Youth Group programming, and that is something to give thanks for! We will be welcoming in new youth group members (primarily new sixth graders) with our annual team-building field trip on August 1st to Countdown Games. All youth are invited - the more we have, the more fun it will be! Youth should be dropped off at Countdown Games in Hamburg at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, August 1st, and picked up by 2:00 PM. Bring \$25 cash with you, please. We will have a lot of fun together and get to know each other at the same time! Hope you can join us!



Last month in July, twelve faithful servants (9 middle school youth and three adults) spent a week in Asheville, NC, working at local shelters, serving the homeless, and spreading God's love to others. We are so thankful to have had this chance to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ this summer. And speaking of mission trips, UK football game car parks will be resuming next month! This is how we earn the bulk of our mission funds each year. All youth and families should attempt to work one game during the season. They are lots of fun - ask Steph for details! The schedule and sign ups will be shared very soon with all youth families via signupgenius.com.

August Youth Events:

- Tuesday, August 1: Welcome Incoming Youth Field Trip

Countdown Games, Hamburg - 12:30 PM-2:00 PM, bring \$25 cash

- Sunday, August 6: Stockholders' Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 PM
- Sunday, August 13: Blessing of the Backpacks (second service)

Youth Parent/Family information meeting - 12:00 PM Chalice Hall

- Sunday, August 20: - Back to School Bash - 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
- Sunday, August 27: Wake up with Wallace, 9:40 AM, Panera Bread (Nicholasville & Zandale)

Youth Group Kickoff Meeting! All youth welcome! 4:00-6:00 PM

This month I am especially thankful for having been the Youth Minister at Crestwood for two full years now. I am incredibly grateful to all of you for the support and trust you put in me as I lead these absolutely amazing youth in their service and learning each week. I am so blessed to know each and every one of you!

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.

Steph Wallace

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.



ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

MC4 - Led by Kory
Bradford Room - led by class members

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
1:00 PM - Bradford Room

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
11:30 AM - Bradford Room

GLENDOVER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

In continuation of our partnership with Glendover Elementary School, we will be collecting school supplies for teachers and children in need. Items can be brought to the children's wing through Sunday, August 6th. Please see the requested items below:

Individual Student Request List:

- Crayola Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Crayola Crayons
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Pencil Boxes
- Fiskars Scissors
- Wide Rule Notebooks
- Composition Wide Rule Notebooks
- Primary Writing Journal
- Folders w/ 3 holes/pockets
- Earbuds/Headphones
- (No notebook filler paper, please)

Teacher Request List:

- Clorox Wipes
- Kleenex
- Expo Markers
- Ziplock Bags (gallon & quart)



SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Has it been a while since you've gone to Sunday School? Why don't you give it a try this week and visit the Bradford Seekers class? We lean strongly on a class discussion format led by a variety of class members. Currently, we are looking at the subject of poverty and scarcity of resources, facilitated by Ric Hale. We find our friendly, interactive class adds much to our Sunday experiences. Most of us have gray in our hair, but not all - we have a nice range of ages so you will fit right in. Please drop in and join us. We are in the Bradford Room in the mission center, right next to the library.

STORYTELLER TRAINING



On Sunday August 27th we will be hosting a new storyteller training for new volunteers who wish to serve in the Worship and Wonder program. No prior experience required, and all are welcome. If interested, please contact Missy Wallace (missy@crestwoodchristian.org) or Emily Hobbs (emilykhobbs0@gmail.com) for more information.

REBUILDING MISSION TRIP

September 17 - September 22, 2023

Rebuilding Mission Trip

We are planning a rebuilding mission trip to Western Kentucky after the devastating 12/10/21 tornadoes! The dates of the trip are September 17th through September 22, 2023. We will be staying at the First Christian (Disciples) Church in Madisonville and working in Dawson Springs and Bremen rebuilding homes. No skills are necessary! 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.

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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$2000 on 7/3/23 in support of our ministries at Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries. Your devoted partnership is a truly divine blessing.

Your partner in God's service,
F. Feliberto Pereira
Executive Director

Dear Crestwood,

On behalf of the Fayette County Public Schools, I would like to thank you for the donation of \$5000 to Russell Cave Elementary for 100 Christmas gifts.

Sincerely,
Rodney Jackson
Executive Director of Financial Accounting & Benefits Services

Crestwood Family,
Thank you all SO much for the cards, notes, visits, prayers, calls at David's passing. It was overwhelming. David and I knew each other's church families. He felt 'at home' here when he sang in the choir at Crestwood, as did I when I sang with and visited First Presbyterian in Richmond. Various aspects of our church lives were constantly sprinkled through our conversations. Your support has been a gift to me. Thank you again.
Dabney Parker

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. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Rev. Kelly Hale, Interim Minister of Pastoral Care
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
Amber Combs, Childcare Director
Tara Monzon, Parent's Day Out & Nursery Director
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