

Sunday Worship

October 1

Plastic Jesus Sermon Series
Self: Check Me Out!
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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HALLOWEEN BASH!



Crestwood Youth Groups invite you to join us on Sunday, October 29, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM for our Halloween Bash and Chili/Soup Cook-off!

Adults, bring a pot of your best chili or soup to share! Or bring a side dish, such as cornbread, salad, or dessert!

Youth and families, please sign up to decorate a door for trick-or-treating, as well as to help with games/crafts at the bash:

[Halloween Bash signup](#)

Kids, wear a costume and bring a bag to collect candy and prizes! There will be arts and crafts, trick-or-treating, and bouncy houses! Invite your friends and come join the fun!

WE NEED DONATIONS!

If you can provide a bag of individually wrapped candy to be given out at the Halloween Bash during the trick-or-treating, please bring it to church and leave it in the plastic bins just inside the glass breezeway or in the Children's Wing. Thank you.



A WORD FROM KORY...



Crestwood has been honored to be part of a five-year project conducted by Lexington Theological Seminary on Thriving Congregations. Funded by the Lily Foundation, the project has sought to help congregations discover their unique gifts and use them to serve God in their communities. These congregations have been diverse

in location, size, and ethnicity. It's been so inspiring to work with LTS and these other churches to see what God is up to in our lives!

The final gathering for this project will be in November in Phoenix, and in preparation, I attended a webinar recently about how to evaluate the effectiveness of your church. As part of that gathering, we were asked to answer this question: "Think ahead to the year 2026. Looking out across the landscape of your project and your specific programmatic aims, what would be happening that would convince you that all of your collective efforts have succeeded?"

What a great question! What do you think Crestwood will look like in 2026? What ministries will be continuing to do great work, what new ones will have started? What will have changed, what will have stayed the same? It's a hard question to answer because we don't know who will be here. Each time a new person joins Crestwood, our congregation changes, based on the gifts that person or family is bringing.

Here's how I answered that question:

- A thriving lay leadership
- Exemplary children's and youth ministries
- Outreach ministries that are more hands-on than writing a check
- All age groups feel they have a place in the life of the church
- Crestwood known as a place to have conversations about difficult topics

Some of these things are already happening at Crestwood, and I expect they will continue to thrive (e.g., our children's and youth ministries). Some of the points are goals for existing ministries (e.g., striving to be more intergenerational so each person finds their place). And some of them are goals I have for us (like

hosting conversations about challenging topics). I'd be curious to know: What are your dreams for Crestwood's future?

A church that wants to be around in 30 years is constantly asking itself these kinds of questions. Rather than focusing on surviving in the present, the thriving congregation is always keeping their eyes open and looking ahead to where God is calling it to be in the future. The guiding question is never "What now?" but "What's next?"

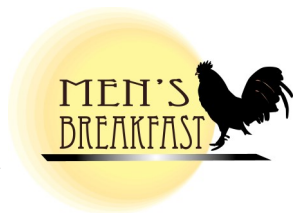
I'm excited about what's next for Crestwood, and we'll be spending some time in the next year or so seeking to answer that question related to our staffing needs and our programs and ministries. I don't know how those questions will be answered, but I do know this: We need each and every one of you to be part of helping to shape Crestwood's future.

That starts now with our "Committed" stewardship campaign. So many churches are struggling financially as they deal with the after-effects of the pandemic and an aging (and sometimes declining) membership. Crestwood has always bucked that trend, continuing to thrive in the face of the challenges. Our giving actually went UP during the pandemic! As we prepare for 2024, I'm hopeful that our generosity will continue to be on full display as we sow the seeds for God's working through us.

Please consider how your 2024 pledge will help us become who God is calling us to be. As each of us plays our part, we take our place in the body of Christ, answering the call to be co-laborers for God's kin-dom here on earth. So, Crestwood, as you contemplate your giving for next year, I have one question for you...what's next?

OCTOBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men of Crestwood are invited to join us for breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 14, for a time of food and fellowship. We gather at 8:00 AM in the Bradford Room, which is in the Gym/Mission Center building. RSVPs to Kory are always appreciated. See you there!



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Pam Bolton, Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Alma Kidd, Jeanna Ott, Cathy Tittman

FAMILY: The Family of Brad Guilfoil (brother of Duane Guilfoil), David Hilen (nephew of Minva Hodgins), David Kirtley (brother of Marian Keesy), Emily Barr Richards (of the McDonalds), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: Carol Belles (of Michelle DeLacey), The Combs Family (of Ellen Williams), The Cristi Family (of Crestwood), The Family of Paul Dunton (of Joan Stafford), Johnny Durham (of Summer Perry), Chuck Jollay (of David Wiseman), Erin Laswell and Casey Rusher (of Crestwood), Clay Leggett (of Michelle DeLacey), The Lowe Family (of Crestwood), The Family of Helen Milano (of Phoebe Wiley), Donna Price (of Gayle and Doug Hutcherson)

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, Jacqueline Lindsey, Buzz Mattingly, 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.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MISSION BUILDING TRIP TO WESTERN KENTUCKY!

Eleven Lexington Disciple church members volunteered in a successful mission building trip to Western Kentucky 9/17/23 - 9/22/23. The trip's purpose was to help rebuild after the tornadoes of 12/10/21. Crestwood and its World Outreach Committee helped sponsor the trip. Crestwood's volunteers were John Brown and Steve Seithers. Becky Ewalt Tossey, a former Crestwood member who lives in Cincinnati, also volunteered. We stayed at a very nice church, the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Madisonville, KY.

Under the leadership of the Fuller Disaster Rebuilders we were able to work on three houses in and near Barnsley and Dawson Springs, KY. We installed laminate flooring and baseboards in an entire basement of a house that was being rebuilt. We also installed cabinet grade panels on the walls of the main floor and a tin ceiling on over half of that floor. We secured, insulated, and installed a vapor barrier for the front door. The couple who lived there rode out the storm in a 1950's nuclear bomb shelter! They are currently living in an RV parked on the property but plan on moving into the basement which we finished for them.

On another house we installed the seal plate and the rigid foam insulation for the crawl space. We dug a trench so that workers could crawl under the floor beam. After some contractors installed the floor and outer walls, we returned to install hurricane straps. We used over 1000 nails!

On the final house, we finished the porch decking, installed kitchen cabinet knobs and counter top, blew in attic insulation, and designed and built a crawl space door.

What joy and fun we had in fellowship and in helping others! It will take several years to rebuild Western Kentucky. But thanks to Crestwood and volunteers we are making a start!



OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - DWM Fall Gathering - Chalice Hall
4:00 PM - BIBLE CU Class - Bradford Room
NO Youth Groups - Fall Break

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, October 4

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, October 5

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, October 7

10:00 AM - Property Work Day

Sunday, October 8

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - BIBLE CU Class - Bradford Room
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Monday, October 9

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3
7:00 PM - Endowment Committee - Bradford Room

Tuesday, October 10

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, October 11

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC4
2:00 PM - Safety & Security Comm. - Bradford Room

Thursday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 14

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 15

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Elders Meeting - Chalice Hall
3:00 PM - Combined Youth Group

4:00 PM - BIBLE CU Class - Bradford Room

Monday, October 16

6:30 PM - American Idolatry Book Discussion - Chapel
6:45 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room/Kitchen

Tuesday, October 17

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
5:30 PM Family Pumpkin Decorating - Chalice Hall
7:00 PM - Ministry Council

Thursday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 21

10:00 AM - Property Work Day

Sunday, October 22

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - BIBLE CU Class - Bradford Room
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Monday, October 23

6:30 PM - American Idolatry Book Discussion - Chapel
6:30 PM - Book Club - Chi Rho Youth Room

Wednesday, October 25

1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, October 26

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, October 29

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:40 AM - Wake Up With Wallace - Panera Bread
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Halloween Bash

Monday, October 30

6:30 PM - American Idolatry Book Discussion - Chapel

SAVE THE DATES

Children & Youth Ministries 2023 Calendar

October

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

December

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

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

OCTOBER SERVICE PROJECT ARBOR YOUTH SERVICES

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

CIRCLE MEETINGS October Bible Study:

Can You Hear Me, Oh God? Are You Still With Me?
(Philippians 4:6-7)

Julia Circle—Monday, October 16, 6:45 PM
Bradford classroom
Pat Nielsen will lead our Bible study.

Naomi Circle—Tuesday, October 17, 9:45 AM
Bradford classroom
Patsy Anderson will lead the Bible study, and Jane Maskalick will be our host.

Dorcas Circle—Wednesday, October 18, 10:00 AM
Chalice Hall
Gayle Hutcherson will present our Bible study program.

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

SENIOR ADULT TRIPS

We're excited to restart our monthly Senior Adult trips! These trips are wonderful opportunities to learn more about our surrounding communities, to soak in the culture and history of our state, and to enjoy fellowship with each other. These trips are open to ANYONE who wants to attend (from the young to the young at heart!). As we rekindle this group, we'd love your feedback on the name and future trips. Please click this link to share your input:

[Senior Adult Ministry survey](#)

Our next trip is to Nicholas County (Oct. 18). Click the link below for more information and to sign up or call the church office. We hope you can join us!

[Click here to register for the trip](#)



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 11:00 AM - Bradford Room

CRESTWOOD UNIVERSITY – THE B-I-B-L-E

"I know the Bible is something we should understand a lot better but...it's so big! And there are all those 'begats' and weird stories about people being swallowed by whales. I don't know where to start!" If you've ever felt this way, our fall Crestwood University is for you. Kory will be leading us through a class about what's in the Bible, how to read it for understanding, and whether or not the Bible is "true" and relevant for today. The class meets at 4 p.m. in the Bradford Room. RSVPs are not necessary but are helpful! You can let Kory know if you plan to attend.

Oct. 1 – The Gods of the Bible

Oct. 8 – Is the Bible True?

Oct. 15 – Is the Bible Still Relevant?

Oct. 22 – Reading the Bible for Understanding

YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

October is here - and that means fall weather, beautiful leaves, football, and HALLOWEEN! Fall also reminds us of the natural cycles of life in God's creation - and that there is beauty to be found in everything, if we look with our hearts and not just our eyes. I thank God for each and every one of you and the wonderful

serving we get to do together as a Youth Group! This past month, many of you contributed food and/or time to help provide a dinner at the Lexington Rescue Mission. This was a wonderful service project experience, and so meaningful to the folks we served, that we hope to continue this project in the future. I am trying to schedule us to serve again in the winter/spring!



UK Football Car Parks continue this month and last through November. We still need help - there are several slots open and plenty of youth who have not yet signed up to work a game this season. These car parks are so vital to our program, as they pay for our summer mission trips each year. Here is the sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa9af28aaf85-ukfootball1#/>

The Halloween Bash is Sunday, October 29 from 4-6:00 PM! There will be games, arts and crafts, and inflatables in the gym, as well as trick-or-treating in the mission center hallway (at 5:30 PM). ALL youth are needed to make this event a success - we need both youth and adults to help with crafts and games, and families to please adopt a doorway in the mission wing to decorate and hand out candy at 5:30 PM. The link to sign up for all events and helper spots that are needed for the event can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA9AF28AAF85-halloween2>

We will also be collecting candy donations between now and October 29th, in the bins located in the breezeway and the children's wing.

Here is the calendar of Youth events for October, 2023:

Sunday, October 1: NO YOUTH GROUPS (Fall Break)

Sunday, October 8: Regular Youth Groups (CROP Hunger walk planning/devotional)

- Chi Rho 4:00-5:00 PM in Chi Rho room
- CYF 5:00-6:00 PM in CYF room

Sunday, October 15: CROP Hunger Walk

- Meet at Crestwood at 3:00 PM; pick up back at church at 4:45 PM
- Wear sunscreen and bring water!

Sunday, October 22:

Regular Youth Groups (Halloween Bash planning, followed by Jackbox Games)

- Chi Rho 4:00-5:00 PM in Chi Rho room
- CYF 5:00-6:00 PM in CYF room

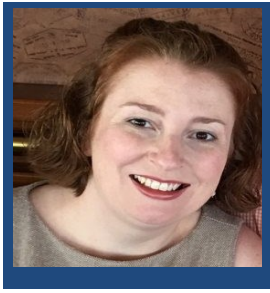
Sunday, October 29:

Wake up with Wallace - 9:40 AM at Panera Bread (2300 Nicholasville Rd.)

HALLOWEEN BASH!

- All youth please be at church no later than 3:15 PM to help set up!
- Chili/Soup cook-off will take place in Chalice Hall

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!



Children's Corner

Missy Wallace

Dear Crestwood Families,

The kids are rejoicing fall break is here along with the rest and renewal it brings. Whether your family is on a vacation or staycation, I hope you are enjoying making those cherished family memories.

In September, we celebrated all God's creatures with blessing of the pets. Whether you are a dog, cat, or chicken, all are truly welcomed at Crestwood. Our fellowship team served ice cream sundaes along with pup cups for furry friends. The youth group did a terrific job collecting pet supplies and the humane society was overjoyed by your generosity.

The fun continues in October with our annual family pumpkin decorating night and pizza dinner. On Wednesday, October 18 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in Chalice Hall, we will decorate and deliver 50 pumpkins to families healing from loss or in need of encouragement. Mini pumpkins will be available for children to decorate and take home. Later in the month, mark your calendars for our youth-sponsored Halloween Bash and soup/chili cookoff on October 29.

Our Bridge group is already hard at work planning Universal Children's Sunday on November 19. Come join us as together we get to experience the power of our children leading us in worship. The season of advent quickly follows a full line up of opportunities to share the joy of Jesus. Details coming soon.

The love of God continues to shine through the vibrant faith of our community, and I can't wait to see what's in store next!

Blessings,
Missy Wallace
Children's Minister

Save the Dates:

October 18 - Family Pumpkin Decorating Mission
Project 5:30 - 6:30 PM

October 29 - Youth Sponsored Halloween Bash & Chili/
Soup Cookoff 4:00 - 6:00 PM

LOCAL OUTREACH

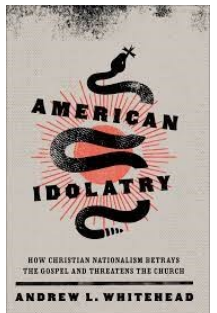
Local Outreach plans to ask the leaders of the nonprofit organizations supported by Crestwood to speak to our congregation so everyone can be in the know about what we are doing in the community. In September, Tanya Torp from Step by Step spoke to us about the work they do with single moms aged 12-24. On October 22, Jennie Zamora from the New Life Day Center will be here to tell us how that organization provides services to unhomed in Lexington. Please make plans to join us.

In August and September the Bridge Fund provided three people with rent at \$200 each; \$136.80 for assistance with an electric bill; and \$41.62 for assistance with a water bill. Thank you for your faithful giving that allows us to keep families in their homes.

On November 5 we will have our Angel Trees up. This year we will be shopping for children at Liberty, Russell Cave, Glendover, and Julius Marks elementary schools. We would love for every family to participate this year!

"AMERICAN IDOLATRY" BOOK DISCUSSION

Kory will be leading a study of the new book "American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church" by Andrew Whitehead. We'll meet on three consecutive Mondays (Oct. 16, 23, and 30) at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. We'd love to have you join the conversation!



BLESSING OF THE PETS!



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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Christian Care Communities and those we serve; I want to thank you for your recent gift. Since 1883 Christian Care communities has continued to meet the needs of seniors in with the help of individuals, church congregations and foundations. We recognize the future for our older adults includes a great need for affordable, quality housing and healthcare and are committed to finding solutions. We are grateful that you chose to be part of the solution by recognizing that older adults deserve these basic needs also. Christian Care Communities is committed to continuing its service to older adults.

Sincerely,

Jim Patton

VP of Mission Advancement & General Counsel

Dear Crestwood,

I have a new appreciation for the story found in Mark of the friends who carried a paralyzed man to Jesus. There was a big crowd, but the friends were persistent and removed part of the roof to lower the man to Jesus.

Translate this to 2023. I find this similar to my recent experience with hip replacement surgery. Those who visited me in the hospital; asked if I needed food; provided transportation; sent cards; and offered prayers are like those friends. You participated in my healing and recovery.

Thank you,
Peggy Harris

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship — 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube

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