

Sunday Worship
November 5
Lux Aeterna
Choir Presentation

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THE NEST FOOD BOXES

Every autumn, our Youth Ministry collects money to supply food boxes for The Nest - and this year we have a goal of filling 400 boxes! The cost is about \$8000 - \$20 per box.



How can you help? By donating money to purchase food for the boxes. You can give \$20 to cover the cost of one box, or donate however much you can to help us meet this goal and show our compassion this holiday season for our brothers and sisters in need. Please label your donation “Food Boxes” so we know your gift is meant to be used towards our food box goal. Thank you so much for helping make this wish a reality - 400 families right here in Lexington will be blessed through this project with a box full of food to feed their families at Christmas!

If you have questions or want to get involved and help the youth with this awesome service project, please contact Steph Wallace.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING

Alternative Christmas Giving for the Christian Appalachian Project kicked off recently. Once again, we will be supporting families in the Sandy Valley still recuperating from the devastating flood last year. Our generosity will assist in providing Christmas Boxes to over 400 families including over 800 children. We will complete our fund-raising for this project on November 5.

Cash-Please put cash in one of the envelopes in the pew racks and note CAP on the envelope. Place in offering plate.

Check-Make payable to Crestwood and note CAP on memo line. Place check in offering plate.

Online-Go to Crestwood website and select “Give.” Indicate amount and in Special Instructions type in CAP.

Thanks for your generosity in supporting a Merry Christmas for our Friends in the Sandy Valley.

ANGEL TREE

This year, Crestwood will be partnering with four elementary schools for our angel tree program (Liberty, Russell Cave, Glendover, and Julius Marks). On Sunday, November 5, trees will be available in the children’s wing and chapel hallways. Color coded tags with a child’s age, clothing size, and gift request can be signed out on the clipboard next to the trees. Families with multiple children will be tied together with ribbon and must be signed out as a single unit. Bags will be available for gift return and all angel tree items need to be delivered to church no later than Sunday December 3. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus and providing a Merry Christmas for the children in our community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.



NEXT CREST
DECEMBER 1

Articles are due by Noon
Wednesday, November 22
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A WORD FROM KORY...



I'll never forget Joe. Joe was a member of First Christian Church in Jeffersonville, Ind., where I first started attending church. Joe was the unofficial greeter every week, taking time to talk with each person as they came in for worship. Not long after I started attending there, he took a special interest in me, stopping me to ask about my college classes or get an update

on a project I was working on. Joe never missed a Sunday and he never missed talking with me. The last time I visited my home church a few years ago, Joe wasn't there. But I knew he was cheering me on.

Mary Lou was a wisp of a woman, barely five feet tall. She was always dressed to the nines, giving her best to God. She wasn't active in the church in Columbus, Ind., anymore because of health issues, but she was still a formidable presence. She was the kind of person to whom a room would turn if a tough question was asked or a wise opinion was needed. On my last Sunday at that church, as I was opening up the "best wishes" cards, the one from Mary Lou contained a check for \$1000 and a note encouraging me to keep serving God as faithfully as possible. Mary Lou is no longer with us, but I know she is cheering me on.

Ken was larger than life. He could fill a room with his laugh and always had something positive to say about everyone. He also was an idea man. Once he said to me, "I'd like to put together a youth jazz band for worship." How do you say "no" to that? About a month later, our youth jazz band debuted. Ken lived close to the church and had a sweet pool table in his basement, so about once a week I would go over to his house and de-stress with a few games of 9-ball. Ken even got me my own cue stick. The last time I saw him was my last few days in Chicago, as I was about to move to Lexington and he was dying of lung cancer. His final words to me? "I'll be cheering you on."

As we prepare for All Saints Day on Nov. 5, I've been reading over the list of Crestwood members who've died since November 2023. The list includes several people who died way too young, several Sunday morning staples, and a few obscure names that most people won't know. Some of them were active in the church and generous givers, others barely darkened the door. Yet, they are all now a part of the cloud of witnesses cheering us on.

As I approach my anniversary here at Crestwood, I'm reflecting back on all the wonderful people I've

had the opportunity to know who are no longer with us, starting with Bob Bryan, who died my second day on the job. I've had the privilege of serving some wonderful people (and a few characters!) during my 14 years, people whose names have been read on All Saints Sunday and who are no longer with us.

But they are, aren't they? That's why we call them "saints." They are no longer with us in body, but their spirits live on through the legacy they have left us and this church. Their generosity has built buildings, their "can do" spirit has helped us launch new ministries, their hospitality has helped us welcome new members. We miss them because they are no longer present with us, but we honor them by keeping alive the lessons we learned from them. Faithfulness. Generosity. Commitment. And as we live out these lessons, they cheer us on.

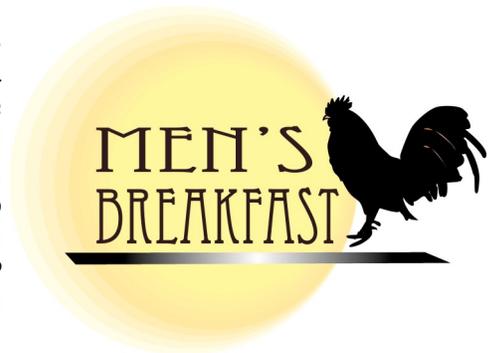
Who's cheering you on in your life right now? Who is no longer here in body but shaking a pom-pom in spirit as you run your race? When I'm struggling on a run, I picture my grandparents just up ahead, saying, "C'mon, Kory, you can make it. Don't give up." That image has become more poignant for me as I've run different kinds of races in my life, ones that have required endurance and patience and resilience. "You can make it. Don't give up."

I'm thankful for all those who have gone before us here at Crestwood, names we speak in hallowed tones, people on whose shoulders we stand. They aren't gone. They are cheering us on as we continue to live out their legacy here at Crestwood. We are not doing this church thing alone. We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses! Thanks be to God.

NOVEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

Calling all men of Crestwood! Our November breakfast will be on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 8:00 AM in the Bradford Room.

Our gatherings are always a wonderful time of good food and fellowship, and we'd love to have you join us! Please RSVP to Kory if you can attend.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: The Family of Jean Aspley, Joe Clark, Bonnie Flanery, Jo Fulkerson, The Family of Alma Kidd, Tracy Lovan, Jeanna Ott, April Wiseman

FAMILY: **Daniel Kirtley** (brother of Marian Keesy), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds), **Henrietta Shores** (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), **Jim Wallace** (father of Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: **Cheryl** (of Jeanne Jouett), **Family of Janie Cottrell** (of Carolyn Clark), **Scott Parker** (of Crestwood), **The Query Family** (of Ellen Williams), **David Staten** (of Crestwood), **Roger Whitehouse** (of Donna and Sonny Wray)

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: Karen Billings, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, 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.



GIVING STOCK TO CRESTWOOD?

For many people, that's a good decision and often helps at tax time, especially if the stock you're donating has appreciated in value. Check with your tax advisor for details. When you're ready to make that gift, be advised that our church stock account has changed. TD Ameritrade, where we had our account, has been purchased by Schwab so we have new account information. To get the account number and DTC that you'll need, contact the church office or David Miller, one of our Assistant Treasurers, at dave.miller@gx.net.

NATHANIEL MISSION THANKSGIVING DINNER



Local Outreach needs your help! We will be helping provide a special meal on Thursday, November 16, at Nathaniel Mission. We need people to provide mashed potatoes or green beans, and a few people to set up and serve that night at the mission center. If you can help, please sign up here by scanning the QR code. Contact Steph Wallace if you have any questions.

UPCOMING SRO TRIPS

NOVEMBER 10, 2023; Headley Whitney Museum
Leave Crestwood at 10:00 AM; return by 3:00 PM

We will be viewing the exhibit on the works of Henry Faulkner, a famous Lexington artist.

December 1, 2023; Derby Dinner Playhouse, Clarksville, Indiana.
Leave Crestwood at 8:15 AM, return 6:00 PM

We'll enjoy a buffet dinner and a production of "A Christmas Carol."

December 9, 2023; Woodford Theatre, Versailles.
Leave Crestwood at 12:45 PM; returning at 6:30 PM.

We'll be watching the theater's production of "A Miracle on 34th Street" with dinner to follow.

For more information, or to register, contact the church office.

NOVEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 1

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, November 2

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

Saturday, November 4

9:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
4:00 PM - Crestwood Tailgate

Sunday, November 5 - All Saints Day

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Monday, November 6

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 11 - Veterans Day

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room

Sunday, November 12

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Elders Meeting - Chalice Hall
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

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

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 19 - Universal Children's Sunday

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM Combined Youth Group - Box Building

Wednesday, November 22

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving

Closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 26

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:40 AM - Wake Up with Wallace - Panera Bread
10:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal
10:45 AM - Worship Service

Wednesday, November 29

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, November 30

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

DON'T BE PUZZLED!

Do you know we have an extensive collection of puzzles available free of charge? In our Admin Wing, there are several bookshelves full of puzzles to help you pass the time and challenge your brain. Stop by and pick one up or drop off a puzzle you no longer need. We're glad to provide this to our Crestwood community!



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

St Luke Methodist Church

Hosted by St Luke United Women in Faith

2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, KY

-park in front parking lot, enter through front door, watch for signs

World Community Day Celebration

9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:00 AM Program

Join women from churches all around Lexington who

Agree to differ, Resolve to love, are United to serve In Christ's Name - ALL are invited!



Crestwood DWM is a participating organization with Church Women United.

**Contact Pat Waggener at 859-266-6313 or patwaggener@twc.com.*

NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT:

SILVER BELLS

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

November Bible Study:

Selected lessons from Just Women 2023 Bible Study

Julia Circle

Monday, November 13, 6:45 PM in the Bradford Room

Melinda Thompson will lead our Bible study "Push Past the Seams" (Exodus 18:14-23).

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, November 15, 10:00 AM in Chalice Hall

Janet Clark will present our Bible study "Grief, Joy, and the Importance of Ritual" (John 16:16-22).

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, November 21, 9:45 AM in the Bradford classroom

Jeanne Jouett will lead the Bible study "Grief, Joy and the Importance of Ritual" (John 16:16-22), and Patsy Anderson will be our host.

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

HONORING SUE ANN

Sue Ann Cowgill was a founding member of Crestwood Christian Church and one of the pillars of faith as the congregation grew in numbers and service. She died in March 2022, leaving behind a legacy of generosity and unwavering support for the ministries of this church. On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Disciples Women's Ministry will present a tapestry in Sue Ann's memory to the children of Crestwood. This will be at the 10:45 AM service in conjunction with Universal Children's Sunday. We hope you can join us for this special occasion!



NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT: SILVER BELLS



Silver Bells is a program created by the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency in Lexington. Their mission is to provide gift items for the holiday season to residents in local nursing homes who might not otherwise receive gifts for the season. According to the agency, as many as 60% of the residents in nursing homes do not have regular visitors involved in their lives.

Items requested by the agency include the following:

- Blankets
- Snacks
- Candy
- Pens
- Stationary
- Stamps
- Body wash, lotion, shampoo
- Socks

GIFTS SHOULD BE UNWRAPPED AND IN GIFT BAGS

Donations may be brought to the Giving Lane (located in the hallway that leads to the Administrative Wing) or brought to the respective NOVEMBER DWM meeting.

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with Silver Bells 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

Link to the Nursing Home Ombudsman www.ombuddy.org

YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

November is one of my very favorite months... I get excited about the upcoming holiday season and all it brings for our church family, and I just love cooler weather! The glorious riot of colors in the trees brings a smile to my face and makes me thankful for God's creation every day as I drive around our beautiful city.



This month the youth will be serving dinner once again at Lexington Rescue Mission - this time on Wednesday, November 8. We need help - we need food, and we need people to join us that evening to serve at the shelter. If you can help in any capacity, please use the link below to sign up:

[Lexington Rescue Mission Sign Up](#)

We will meet at church at 4:15 PM and take the church van to the shelter. If you are dropping off food for us to take with us, please meet us at the church no later than 4:15 PM. We will return to church around 6:45 PM, if not a bit earlier.

It's that wonderful time when the youth turn to our biggest service project of the year - The Nest food boxes! This year, we have again been asked to provide 400 boxes, because the number of families facing food insecurity is greater than ever. We will kick off our project with Box Building Sunday, November 19, from 4:00-6:00 PM. This will be a combined meeting, and \$20 Amazon gift cards will be provided to the winning team members who build the most boxes! It is lots of fun and also a vital part of kicking off the whole project, so please plan to join us that afternoon!

Here is the calendar of events for November, 2023:

Sunday, November 5:

Regular Youth Groups

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

Wednesday, November 8: Serving dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission

- Meet at church by 4:15 PM; pick up back at church no later than 6:45 PM

Sunday, November 12:

Regular Youth Groups

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

Sunday, November 19:

COMBINED Youth Group - Box Building competition!

- 4:00-6:00pm

Sunday, November 26:

- Wake up with Wallace - Panera Bread, 9:40 AM
- NO YOUTH GROUP IN AFTERNOON

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!

UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Join us for worship on Sunday November 19 as we celebrate Universal Children's Sunday. Crestwood kids will be organizing and leading the 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM services in the sanctuary. Please come to support our children and the bright future we have through their leadership.

CROP HUNGER WALK 2023 IS IN THE BOOKS!

Our youth group, with the generous help of our Crestwood family, was able to collect almost \$700 in donations this year - more than three times what we collected last year! Thank you for helping us fight hunger here in Lexington and around the world!





Children's Corner Missy Wallace

Dear Crestwood Families,

Happy November everyone! Preparations are underway for the arrival of our angel trees, children's ministry is preparing to lead worship later this month, and Advent Workshop will be here before we know it. Little Debbie Christmas trees have arrived at the grocery and my pantry is stocked with Sprite Winterberry as my household welcomes the upcoming season. This month is filled with moments to get READY.

My heart sings this time of year as we anticipate the gratitude of Thanksgiving, and the hope of Advent. The love of Jesus shines so brightly in serving our community and counting the blessings given to us. As we celebrate family traditions and gear up with a full calendar, be on the lookout for the quiet ways God whispers to us. Getting ready time looks different for everyone, but we can share the unconditional love of Christ each step of the way.

Are you READY? I can't wait to see what God has in store next!

Blessings,
Missy

Children & Youth Ministries 2023 Calendar

November

- 4 Fall Fellowship Tailgate at Crestwood
- 5 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 Children's Christmas Pageant and Church Holiday Dinner
- 24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, & 11:00 PM

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

REMEMBERING CRESTWOOD FRIENDS



IN MEMORY OF
ALMA KIDD

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Crestwood members who have passed away in the last twelve months (November 2022 - November 2023):

- Diane Witherspoon ~ November 20, 2022
- Byron Romanowitz ~ November 28, 2022
- Walt Forster ~ December 1, 2022
- Brad Rister ~ December 7, 2022
- Isabel Goff ~ December 30, 2022
- Dan O'Hair ~ December 31, 2022
- Virginia Long ~ January 1, 2023
- Ella Jean Johnson ~ January 10, 2023
- Mary Janice Towles ~ January 30, 2023
- Brian Buchanan ~ February 5, 2023
- Traci Letcher ~ June 12, 2023
- Skip Redmond ~ June 20, 2023
- Dorothy Williams ~ June 29, 2023
- Faye Cooper ~ August 6, 2023
- Jean Aspley ~ September 28, 2023
- Alma Kidd ~ October 21, 2023

BRIDGE FUND PAYMENTS SINCE LAST CREST:

\$350 rent

\$239 to Kentucky Utilities

\$271 Kentucky Utilities

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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friends,

On behalf of The Salvation Army and those we serve, I would like you to know of my deep gratitude for your contribution of \$1800 received on 10/18/2023. Your compassion for others is greatly appreciated, especially as we look toward the coming months.

Sincerely,

Asit George, Major

Central Kentucky Area Coordinator

WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD

We are thrilled to welcome Terry Fisher into the Crestwood family. Terry has been worshipping with us online but hopes to join us soon in person. We're so glad you are a part of our family, Terry!



CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube

CHURCH STAFF

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Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Rev. Kelly Hale, Interim Minister of Pastoral Care
Frank Spragens, Music Director
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