

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library
7:30 PM - Kentuckians Chorus Christmas Concert - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 6

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, December 7

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

Saturday, December 9

9:30 AM - Fall Cleaning Day - Bradford Room

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM - Choir Breakfast - Chalice Hall
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:30 PM - Combined Youth Group - Holiday Party

Monday, December 11

6:30 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room/Kitchen
6:30 PM - Book Club - CYF Youth Room

SUNDAY, December 10

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Both Services

THE KENTUCKIANS CHORUS CONCERT

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7:30 PM

The Kentuckians Chorus will provide us a free preview of their Christmas show! Join us for great music and some laughs. This is their "Thank You" for us letting them use our space for rehearsals

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, Dec. 17, 6:00 PM

All are invited as we join together for a church family dinner. Chef Shawn will be serving an Italian feast complete with dessert! Please plan to be a part of this meal as we connect and celebrate. Please click the link to RSVP no later than Dec. 10 by 2:00 PM.



[All-Church Christmas Dinner RSVP](#)

The Menu

Italian sausage with peppers and onions	Alfredo
Tortellini	Roasted Vegetables
Spaghetti	Garlic Bread
Gluten Free Spaghetti	Gluten Free Bread
Marinara	Salad
	Dessert provided by DWM

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Payments due Dec. 17

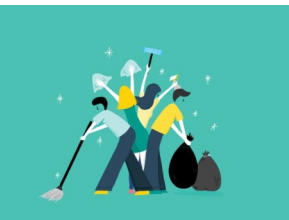
Each plant costs \$8. Call the office to place an order (859-266-0459) or [place your order online](#). The Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by Dec. 22. If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.



FALL CLEANING DAY!

December 9, 9:30 AM - Noon

The property team is planning a fall cleaning on December 9 at 10:00 AM. A basement room in the Childcare building is the equivalent of the Church's attic. Items were stored that had the potential for reuse, but were not reused and have accumulated. Help is needed to decide what to keep and what to remove. If you are willing and able, we need you. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided at 9:30 AM in the Bradford Room. Start time for cleaning is 10:00 AM. Goal is to finish by noon.



"PASSING THE TORCH" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, Dec. 17, 5:15 PM



Join us for our "Passing the Torch" Christmas pageant presented by Crestwood children and youth. Our church Christmas dinner will immediately follow the program.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Peggy Harris, The Family of Jeanna Ott

FAMILY: **Laurel Carinate** (great-niece of Joanne Brown), **Samuel Hammons** (great nephew of Kim and David Powell), **Virginia Sue Hemphill** (sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds), **Jim Wallace** (father of Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: **Melody Fiely** (of Karen Trommer), **Ricky Gray** (of Susan and Kendall Hart), **Noelle Parsons** (of Crestwood), **The Family of Ted Warriner** (of the McDonalds), **Valerie Sims** (of Crestwood)

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, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Jacqueline Lindsey, Buzz Mattingly, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Buddy & Lucy Wheeler

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 all wars, 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.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: A WEARY WORLD REJOICES

As we move into the Advent season, we recognize that the story of birth of Christ carries with it the full range of human emotions: isolation, fear, disbelief, as well as connection, trust, and joy. Christmas for us can be equally charged with emotions, as we seek to celebrate the joy of the season in the midst of stress, grief, and the burden of responsibilities. If we're honest, sometimes Christmas can simply make us...tired. So how do we still rejoice in the midst of our weariness? For Advent, we'll be exploring that question as we look at Luke's version of the birth of Jesus. Join us as we learn how to rejoice in the midst of our worldly weariness.

Dec. 10 - Lessons and Carols service

Dec. 17 - Luke 1:24-45 - Connecting to Christmas

Dec. 24 - Luke 1:57-66 - Is There Room to Be Amazed?

HOLIDAY BOOKMARKS

Hello, dear friends at Crestwood, my name is Joshua Boone and I am the Art Educator at Glendover Elementary School. I would like to start out by thanking you all for the wonderful things you do for our community. I personally believe that a local church can be a beacon of hope for a community. Over the last several weeks students have been creating Holiday themed bookmarks. We have donated these bookmarks to you as a small act of gratitude for all that you do. Students from Kindergarten through fifth grade designed each holiday bookmark. Students were also instructed to add a small positive message within their bookmark to spread some positivity during this holiday season. Please enjoy the wonderful artworks our students have created, and have a lovely holiday season.

Sincerely, Mr. Boone & the students at Glendover Elementary.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 24

(in addition to regular Sunday morning services)

5:00 PM Children's Service
7:00 PM Candlelight Service (live-streamed)
10:30 PM Organ Prelude
11:00 PM Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Service

EVERYONE IS INVITED



December Service Project: Chrysalis House

The mission of Chrysalis House is to provide family oriented support for women with substance use disorders. Established in 1978, Chrysalis House is Kentucky's oldest and largest licensed residential treatment program allowing women to keep their infants and toddlers with them during treatment. It is a comprehensive agency that provides mental health treatment, case management, domestic violence counseling, computer training, GED tutoring, vocational training, job placement assistance, and children's services. Their specialty is helping pregnant mothers become substance abuse free. Chrysalis House has a high success rate with graduates staying sober, working in jobs that support their families, earning their GEDs, living in their own housing, and giving back to the community that once supported them.

The following items may be left in the Giving Lane marked DWM, under the sign for Disciples Women's Ministries. This area is in the hallway leading to the Administrative wing of the church.

- Diapers
- Diaper wipes
- Bath towels
- Baby bath soap
- New socks
- New underwear
- Adult winter coats
- Sweatpants and sweatshirts
- Nonperishable food items
- Personal care items such as body wash, shampoo, deodorant

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the letters CH 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 As always, donations will be collected and driven to the agency's location.

Chrysalis House website: www.chrysalishouse.org

DECEMBER SERVICE PROJECT: CHRYSALIS HOUSE

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

Please join us for our special Christmas gatherings!

Julia Circle - earlier date/time

Monday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. @ Gretz House

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - please bring a side dish to share!

PLEASE RSVP to Sara Gretz sara3696@outlook.com or 859-227-3684

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, December 19, 9:45 a.m. in the Bradford classroom
Christmas Program.

Dorcus Circle

Wednesday, December 20, 10:00 a.m. in Chalice Hall

Katherine Steckler will provide Christmas Music.

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

YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY Sunday, Dec 10, 4:30-6:00 PM

All Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited - Let's have some fun together and celebrate Christmas! Please bring a wrapped gift (suitable for anyone, boy or girl) worth \$15-\$20, and join us in the CYF room from 4:30-6:00PM this Sunday. We will enjoy some yummy treats and then have our gift exchange. Hope to see you there!

NEST FOOD BOXES

We just want to give a shout out to all of those who helped us with packing the food boxes for the Nest. We exceeded the amount of helpers that we had last year and we were able to pack the boxes in an hour.

