

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Tuesday, December 12

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

#### Wednesday, December 13

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

2:00 PM - Safety & Security Comm. - Zoom

#### Thursday, December 14

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting

5:15 PM - Children's Pageant

6:00 PM - All-church Fellowship Dinner

### 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.



### LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:00 PM

We are approaching the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Memories of lost loved ones and the pain of present experiences and situations can become overwhelming. While the holidays are supposed to be full of joy, some of us experience sadness, grief, or anxiety. You are not alone. The Stephen Ministers invite you to a service acknowledging and seeking the LIGHT that comes into the darkness. Please invite friends to join you. A soup supper will be served at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to the church office for supper if you plan to come.



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting this Sunday after the 10:45 AM service to approve the 2024 budget.

**SUNDAY, December 10**  
**Connecting to Christmas**  
**Luke 1:24-45**  
**Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:00 PM**

Join us as we spread holiday cheer to some of our neighbors and church members! We'll depart from church at 6 PM and share in some hot chocolate and fellowship when we're done. The whole family is invited to be part of the singing!



**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 and DWM is providing dessert! A special thank you to all of our volunteers. Please plan to be a part of this meal as we connect and celebrate.



### The Menu

|   |                         |
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| 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 |

**"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, Terry Fisher, Jo Fulkerson, Peggy Harris, The Family of Jeanna Ott, John Royce

**FAMILY:** **Laurel Cardinale** (great-niece of Joanne Brown), **Bob Chapman** (brother of Pat Nielsen), **Cindy Ebersold** (sister of Pat Nielsen), **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), **The Family of Dorothy Wray** (mother of Sonny Wray)

**FRIENDS:** **Kent Grannis** (of Doug Wilkinson), **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 Royce 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 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.

### **ADVENT SERMON SERIES: A WEARY WORLD REJOICES**

How do we rejoice in a world full of weariness? For Advent, we're exploring that question as we look at Luke's version of the birth of Jesus. Join us as we learn how live with joy in the face of the challenges of life.

Dec. 17 - Luke 1:24-45 - Connecting to Christmas  
Dec. 24 - Luke 1:57-66 - Is There Room to Be Amazed?

### **THANK YOU, ERIN!**

Erin Rusher, our office administrator, is leaving Crestwood to take a job at UK. Her last day is Friday, Dec. 22. We give thanks to Erin for her hard work and commitment, and we'll miss her being part of the team. Good luck, Erin!

In 2024, the Office Administrator position will be scaled back to part-time (30 hours/week). Starting in January, the office will be open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday-Friday.

### **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. 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](mailto:thelovans@gmail.com) As always, donations will be collected and driven to the agency's location.

Chrysalis House website: [www.chrysalishouse.org](http://www.chrysalishouse.org)

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### 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](mailto:sara3696@outlook.com) or 859-227-3684*

**Naomi Circle**

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

Christmas Program.

**Dorcas 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*

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### BASEMENT CLEANOUT!

We want to give a shout out to the amazing team of people who took their time out of their weekend to come and clean and organize the basement. They did an amazing job.

