

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 19

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, December 20

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - All-church Caroling

Thursday, December 21

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

5:30 PM - Longest Night Dinner - Chalice Hall

6:00 PM - Longest Night Service - Sanctuary

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

5:00 PM - Children's Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM - Candlelight Service

10:30 PM - Organ Prelude

11:00 PM - Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25 - Monday, Jan. 1

Office Closed

Sunday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

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.



SUNDAY, December 24

A Weary World Rejoices

Sermon Series

Is There Room to Be Amazed

Luke 1:57-66

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 6:00 PM and share in some hot chocolate and fellowship when we're done. The whole family is invited to be part of the singing!



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



FUN + LUNCH = FUNCH!

All adults who are interested in some fellowship while enjoying good food, please plan to join us for FUNCH! FUNCH will take place on Friday, December 29, at Cheddars Restaurant at 3604 Walden Drive (behind Bates Creek Bld.) at 11:00 AM. Come join us for a time of fellowship and good conversation! We will also be discussing plans for future FUNCH events in 2024.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Terry Fisher, Jo Fulkerson, The Family of Jeanna Ott, John Royse

FAMILY: **Laurel Cardinale** (great-niece of Joanne Brown), **Dan Carey** (cousin of Fran Allen), **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), **Henrietta Shores** (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), **Jim Wallace** (father of Scott Wallace), **The Family of Dorothy Wray** (mother of Sonny Wray)

FRIENDS: **The Family of JoAnn Ellington** (of Fran Allen), **Kent Grannis** (of Doug Wilkinson), **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 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.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Starting Jan. 2, we're looking for volunteers to help us in the church office. The main responsibilities will be answering phones and greeting walk-ins. The office will be open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, so volunteers can work any or all of those hours each day. If you're willing to give a few hours of your time to help out, please email Kory. Thank you for your help!



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 January 2, 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.

SRO TO DANVILLE January 9, 2024

Danville, here we come again! We will be visiting the GLASS National Art Museum and other exhibits in the Art Center of the Bluegrass. We will enjoy lunch at the "Murrini," which is located in the Art Center. Murrini seamlessly blends the flavors of art and cuisine. This artsy restaurant features small plates, sandwiches, salads, charcuterie, sweets, wine, and other specialty beverages.

Leave Crestwood Mission Center Parking lot at 10:00 AM; return about 3:00 PM. **COST:** Van gas donation. lunch on your own with prices between \$12-\$20 plus tip. Museum is **free** thanks to a generous donor.

Please email or call church office
by January 5, 2024

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

DWM

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Please join us for our special Christmas gatherings!

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

ALL CHURCH DINNER & CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

What a great time of fellowship and celebration of the birth of Christ put on by our children and youth.

