

Our Vision: Connecting People with God and Each Other

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Sunday Worship

Feb. 4 Back to Sunday School Sermon Series Daniel in the Lions' Den Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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LENT 2024 SERMON SERIES

Peter is one of the most enigmatic characters in all the Bible. In some moments, he's an exemplar of faith, praised by Jesus for his courage. In others, he's wishy-washy, condemned by Jesus for his doubt. So, will the real Peter please stand up? For our Lenten sermon series, we're going to look more closely at Peter, the disciple who called Jesus "the Christ" but also denied even knowing him. Join us on this journey as we learn about Peter, the "Flawed Yet Faithful" disciple.

Feb. 18 - A Fish Story - Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 25 - Stepping Out on Faith - Matthew 14:22-33

March 3 - From Solid to Satan - Matthew 16:13-23

March 10 - Go Transfigure! - Matthew 17:1-13

March 17 - Saving Soles and Souls - John 13:1-20

March 24 - Jesus Who? - Matthew 26:69-75

March 31 - Easter Sunday

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This year's Ash Wednesday service will be hosted by East Second Street Christian Church on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 PM. Kory will be providing the sermon and the East Second Street choir will bring the music. Please join us for this meaningful service as we begin the season of Lent with our brothers and sisters.



NEXT CREST MARCH 1

Articles are due by Noon Monday, Feb. 26

Send articles to: office@crestwoodchristian.org

2024 PASTOR'S CLASS

Do you have a fifth grader who's interested in learning more about their faith and ready to consider baptism? This year's Pastor's Class will start on Sunday, Feb. 18. The class is designed to help children learn about the basics of their faith and the church as they prepare to make their decision about baptism. Baptism Sunday will be April 14 this year. If your child is in the 5th grade or above and would like to take the class or if you have additional questions, please let Kory know.

A WORD FROM KORY



Dear Church Family,

I can't thank you enough for all the ways you have cared for my family and me during my dad's passing. I've seen how you care for others with such compassion and love, but to be on the receiving end of that gives me a whole

new appreciation for the ways you live out God's call to be the body of Christ and "weep with those who weep" (Romans 12).

My dad was a great guy who had a positive impact on the lives of so many people. It was a true joy to receive people during his visitation and hear stories about aspects of Dad's life which I knew little about. In the midst of our grief, my family and learned even more reasons to be grateful for having this man in our lives.

Now a few days removed from the funeral, his death still feels surreal. Many of you have experienced this, I'm sure. It feels weird not to be able to pick up the phone and call him. I miss his voice (but can hear it, thanks to saved voicemails). I miss knowing he's there if I need him. I miss his silly sense of humor and hearing "I love you" every time we ended a conversation.

My dad rediscovered his Catholic faith in the last few years, which continues to be a gift to me. I'm at peace, knowing he is no longer suffering and is truly home. And I feel the love of every prayer, card, text, email, and expression of support you have offered me. The smile of joy shines through the tears. Thank you, Crestwood family. See you later, Dad.

Kory



THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

On behalf of Baby Health Services, thank you so much for generously allowing our board to meet and conduct our meetings in your church for so many years. You all have been gracious and welcoming and provided a space for us that allowed us to do the behind-the-scenes work that in turn helped keep our organization moving forward to fulfill its mission.

We have been and will continue to be so appreciative of the time we had there and the blessing it was for us. Thank you!

Ann-Phillips Mayfield, BHS President

Dear Friends of LTS at Crestwood,

The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$764.71 in January.

Mary Blankenship, VP for Advancement at LTS

Dear Friends at Crestwood Christian Church,

Thank you for your recent donation to Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Your commitment to making Kentucky a better place for our neighbors is noticed and appreciated. As we continue to see a greater number of forcibly displaced people pursuing safety worldwide, we are grateful for your partnership in extending the welcome to newcomers rebuilding their lives right here in Kentucky. We are so grateful for the generosity and involvement of KRM supporters like you. You continue to affirm the values of welcome and inclusion and to make KRM's work possible.

Mary Cobb, Director, KRM Lexington

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

We want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous support of Nathaniel Mission's work. Your commitment to community development has significantly impacted the life of our neighbors, and we are truly grateful for your kindness.

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Rev. Dan Baer

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Terry Fisher, Jo Fulkerson, John Royse, Adam Sovkoplas

<u>FAMILY</u>: Stewart Crutchfield (son-in-law of Betty Barton), Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), the family of Marianna Jones (grandmother of Hannah Jones), Scott Rush (brother of Anne Rush), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace), the family of Tom Wilcoxson (father of Kory Wilcoxson), Troy Williams (brother of Joey Williams)

FRIENDS: The family of Donna Barr (of Crestwood), Judy Craft (of Becky Ernst), Jake and Kathleen Cyr (of Crestwood), the family of Bill Fortune (of Libby Wachtel), the family of Tom Harlan (of Crestwood), Peggy King (of Crestwood), Robert Lindsey (of Eileen Lindsey), the family of Emily Barr Richards (of the McDonalds),

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)

<u>HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS</u>: Karen Billings, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Jacqueline Lindsey, Buzz Mattingly, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Buddy & Lucy Wheeler

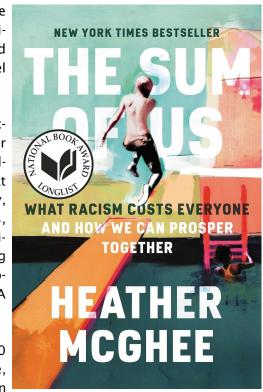
<u>OUR WORLD COMMUNITY</u>: We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center & their families, for an end to the war in Ukraine and Israel and Gaza, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, for those affected by COVID and natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

"THE SUM OF US" BOOK STUDY

The church should be the place where we talk about hard things, where we can model what it means to be in dialogue about issues that are divisive in the larger culture. Last fall, a group of Crestwood members studied the book "American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church." The discussion was lively and insightful.

For Lent this year, we'll be discussing the book "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together" by Heather McGhee. One reviewer wrote, "[McGhee] takes readers on an intimate odyssey across our country's racial divide to explore why some believe that progress for some comes at the expense of others. Along the way, McGhee speaks with white people who confide in her about losing jobs, homes, and hope, and considers white supremacy's collateral victims. Ultimately, McGhee—a Black woman viewing multiracial America with startling empathy—finds proof of what she terms the Solidarity Dividend: the momentous benefits that derive when people come together across race. A powerful, singular, and prescriptive blend of the macro and the intimate."

The book study, led by Kory, will take place on Monday evening at 7:00 PM for five weeks during Lent, starting Feb. 19. If you'd like to participate, please RSVP to Kory. You can find a link to the book on Amazon here. Join us for these important conversations!



FEBRUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 4

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

3:00 PM - Youth Group to Winter Jam

4:00 PM - Crestwood Crash Course -Bradford Room

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, February 7

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, February 8

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

Saturday, February 10

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room 2:30 PM - Youth Group to Greenhouse17

Sunday, February 11

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Monday, February 12

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, February 13

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, February 14

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee -

Bradford Room

6:30 PM - Ash Wednesday Service - East 2nd St. Christian Church

Thursday, February 15

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, February 18

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

Monday, February 19

9:00 AM - Youth Group Family Ski Trip

6:45 PM - DWM Julia (Mary Martha) Circle -

Bradford Room

7:00 PM - The Sum of Us Book Study - Chapel

Tuesday, February 20

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

7:00 PM - Ministry Council - Zoom

Thursday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 25

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 - Chi Rho Youth Group

5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Monday, February 26

6:30 PM Book Club - Chi Rho Youth Room 7:00 PM - The Sum of Us Book Study - Chapel

Tuesday, February 27

SRO Trip to Lexington History Museum

Wednesday, February 28

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

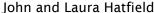
Thursday, February 29

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!







Kay McLean

LET'S MAKE A SOUPER DIFFERENCE

Whether you're rooting for the Chiefs, rooting for the 49ers, or rooting for the commercials, we can all be winners as we serve the least of these in the community. Join us on Sunday February 4 and 11 as we collect canned soups for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations can be brought to the children's wing or narthex on Sunday mornings or throughout the week. All donated food will either go to a local food pantry or be used in our own Blessing Box. Thanks for your support as we cheer on our community!

FEBRUARY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Calling all men of Crestwood! Our February breakfast will be on Saturday, Feb. 10, 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.

THANK YOU FROM CAP

The generous donation from Crestwood Christian Church allowed us to supplement gifts for some of the 784 non-sponsored participants we serve through the Christmas Basket program. Additionally, we were able to provide gifts for 103 adults living in a personal care facility. We have not been able to provide gifts for residents at this facility since before the pandemic and were able to do so this year, thanks to Crestwood Christian Church. Residents received blankets, winter jackets, socks, underwear, and pajamas.

While we were distributing these gifts, many residents were quite thankful for CAP and felt blessed by their new gifts. One resident gathered the CAP staff and volunteers prior to our departure to circle up and pray for us and thank the Lord for all He had provided. Without our generous donors, these gifts would not have been possible!

Caitlin Speigle, Youth Empowerment Services and Family Advocacy, Sandy Valley Region

YOUTH GROUP FAMILY SKI TRIP



On Monday, February 19, we will be heading to the snowy slopes of Perfect North in Indiana to enjoy our annual family skiing/snow tubing

trip! The church van will leave at 9:30am and return by about 6:30 - 7:00pm. You must RSVP for this trip, please. Email steph@crestwoodchristian.org and indicate how many people will be skiing, (and how many of those skiers need to rent equipment), how many people will be tubing, and whether you plan to drive yourselves or ride in the van with us. Youth are welcome to come without parents, too.

Cost is \$60 per person for either skiing or tubing, and ski equipment rentals are an additional \$25 per person. You can pay anytime - just indicate "Youth Ski Trip" on your payment, please. Hope you can come have some fun in the snow with us this year!

LEARN ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

On Monday, February 12, at 7:00 PM, the Local Outreach Committee is hosting a discussion on affordable housing led by Johan Graham. Everyone is invited to join us in Bradford Room.



EGG HUNT DATE CHANGE

Due to FCPS spring break, we are moving the annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt to Saturday, March 23, the day before Palm Sunday. The breakfast will begin at 9:00 AM, and the egg hunt will start at 10:00 AM. Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

CHURCH OFFICE MAILBOX



We have installed a mailbox, next to the church office door, for your convivence, to be used for drop off of any office correspondence during the closure of our normal business hours, Mon-Fri 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

February is here - which means that one of our busiest months is upon us! We will get to serve at Greenhouse17 again this month, helping them stock their donated supplies from the annual Shop & Share. We will serve dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission on February 14. I am so thankful for all the ways our youth are



showing God's love through service to others... We will also attend a wonderful concert/worship experience at Rupp Arena and go on our annual Family Ski Trip to Perfect North! Lots of opportunities to learn, serve, and have some fun and fellowship together - what a blessing! Please email me any questions you have about any of our upcoming service projects or fellowship events.

Youth Calendar of Events for rest of February:

Sunday, Feb. 4 - Winter Jam at Rupp Arena!

 Meet in lower entrance lobby (W Vine St.) at 3:00 PM. Concert ends approximately 9:00 PM. Bring \$ for food/drinks.

Saturday, Feb. 10 - Greenhouse 17 Service Project

• Meet at Crestwood at 2:15 PM. Wear warm clothes/gloves! Bring water bottles. We will return to church at 5:30 PM.

Sunday, Feb. 11 and 18

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Monday, Feb. 19 - Family Ski Trip to Perfect North

• Van will depart from Crestwood at 9:00am; will return approximately 6:30 PM.

Sunday, Feb. 25 - Wake up with Wallace during Sunday School

• Meet at Panera Bread (2300 Nicholasville Rd.) at 9:40 AM; van will bring everyone back to church by 10:30 AM.

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DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

MONTHLY MEETINGS

We are delighted to accept churchwide donations to our monthly DWM Service Projects. Please refer to the full article in the church newsletters for more information & list of items requested.

CIRCLE MEETINGS February Bible Study:

Selected lessons from Just Women Bible Study issue

Julia (Mary Martha) Circle

Monday, February 19, 6:45 PM in the Bradford Room

Join us for Bible study, prayer, service, and fellowship!

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, February 20, 9:45 AM in the Bradford Room

Alice Hays will lead the Bible study, *Push Past the Seems* (Exodus 18:14-23), and Alice will be our hostess.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 AM in Chalice Hall Carlene Adams will present the Bible study, *Push Past the Seems* (Exodus 18:14-23).

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

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Beaumont Presbyterian Church 1070 Lane Allen Rd, Lexington

Community Partnerships for Change

9:30 a.m. Fellowship, 10:00 a.m. Program

Join RESULTS, Best Friends, and Church Women United to learn about how you can have an impact in your community and take action during the meeting.

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

FEBRUARY DWM SERVICE PROJECT



The Nest is an agency that has been serving the Lexington area since 1977. It is a lifeline for all individuals and families in crisis, facing adversity or who have unexpected needs. Programs are free for early childhood education, family assistance for basic human needs, counseling, and advocacy for survivors of intimate partner violence and education and support for parents.

Everyone who needs the services of The Nest can rest assured that safety is number one, as this agency prioritizes the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of their clients, team, and partners.

The Nest provides caregivers equal access to high quality child care providers, personal hygiene necessities, car seats, and children's clothing.

Counseling is provided for intimate partner violence in both individual and group settings, as well as legal advocacy for survivors.

Parenting classes that focus on healthy parenting are provided for female and male caregivers in order to assist them in helping them to become skilled and knowledgeable for the children that they support.

This month's Crestwood service project is The Nest. They need only one item for February to support their Diaper Drive. Diapers may be placed in the Giving Lane (located in the hallway that leads to the Administrative Wing):

-DIAPERS in all sizes for babies and toddlers

For those making a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the letters NEST in the memo line. Please mail your check to DWM treasurer Monte LaFrana, 4000 Webber Way, Lexington, Ky 40514.

For more information, you may contact DWM service coordinator Tracy Lovan at 859-948-1955 (call or text) or by email at thelovans@gmail.com. The Nest website is www.thenestlexington.org.

WELCOME OUR NEW CHILDREN'S MUSIC DIRECTOR



Hello! My name is Katelyn Rose, and I serve as Crestwood's Children's Music Director. I'm currently in my senior year at UK, getting my bachelors in Choral Music Education. I'm originally from Lawrenceburg KY, but I moved to Arizona in 2009, to Honduras in 2014, and back home to Kentucky in 2016. As the

daughter of a minister, I've had it instilled in me from a very young age that, wherever the Lord calls, we follow! I'm thankful for all the unique experiences I've been given and am very excited for all that continues to wait for me in the future. I started attending Crestwood a little over a year ago now as a choral scholar and am ready for this new position alongside that! I can't wait to share my love of the Lord, music, and learning new things with all of the children.

DONNA BARR PASSES

As some of you will remember, Bill and Donna Barr were key members at Crestwood. Bill was a professor of theology at Lexington Theological Seminary, and their children, Greg and Jennifer, were raised in Crestwood. They were an important part of at Crestwood. Donna stayed in touch with Crestwood news although they moved



to FL many years ago to be with their children.

Donna passed away on Jan. 4 after entering hospice care a few days earlier. Donna's obituary is on-line at the hospice center where she passed away and can be found here. We give thanks to God for the gift of Donna Barr to so many, including Crestwood.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT Vacation Bible School June 24 - 27, 2024

Children's Ministry Missy Wallace

Dear Crestwood Families,

Every Sunday at Crestwood, our children celebrate the love of Jesus through our nursery, Sunday school, and Worship & Wonder programs. As we begin preparations for Lent, Easter, and even Vacation Bible School, we want to express our "attitude of gratitude" for the amazing servant leadership



that makes Sunday morning one of the most joy-filled days of the week!

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Katelyn Rose, who will be serving as our new Children's Music Director. Our families can meet Ms. Katelyn on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 AM in the children's wing music room. During the coming weeks, our kids will be learning a new piece of music to sing in the sanctuary during the 10:45 AM service on Palm Sunday, March 24. The children will open worship that day with our traditional palm processional.

The Children's Ministry Team is thrilled to share that our 2024 Vacation Bible School theme has been selected. Grab your plaid shirts and gingham, because we are celebrating the fruits of the spirit with a farmer's market twist! Last year, we had over 100 kids participate, and need all hands on deck! VBS will kick off during worship on Sunday June 23 and continue June 24 – 27. If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please reach out via email to missy@crestwoodchristian.org.

Friends, it's an exciting time in the life of our church family and it's a blessing to walk this journey together. Have a happy February!

Cheers, Missy Wallace

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SRO IS ON THE MOVE!

Our SRO group (Seniors, Retirees, and Others) will take a trip on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. We will meet at Crestwood at 9:30 AM, and head to the Lexington History Museum at 210 N Broadway. We will have a guided tour from 10:00-11:30 AM, and the cost will be \$8 per



person. After the tour, we will have lunch at a local restaurant, yet to be decided. After lunch, we will drive over to the Boone Creek Creations Cheese Factory at 2416 Palumbo Drive. We will take their 45-minute guided tour and return to Crestwood around 3:00 PM. Please RSVP to steph@crestwoodchristian.org if you would like to join us. We will have a great time that day!

THANK YOU FROM JOHN ROYSE

It has been said that a friend is the most valuable asset a person can possess.

How true that is. Mere words cannot express the gratitude I feel from the outpouring of phone-calls, cards, letters, e-mails, and texts I have received from so many folks with comforting thoughts and offers of any assistance I might need during my recent struggle with back problems followed by a successful surgery.

It makes me realize what a lucky man I am to belong to such a remarkable church as Crestwood with such a loving, caring membership.

Thanks ever so much.

John Royse

BRIDGE FUND SERVING LEXINGTON

In January, Local Outrreach was able to provide the following assistance to people here in Lexington:

KY Utilities charges for 3 families - \$535

Columbia Gas charges for 2 families - \$229

Rent for 3 families - \$750

Thank you, Crestwood, for your generous giving, which makes these gifts of hope possible for our brothers and sisters in need.



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Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

February 23-25, 2024 First Christian Church, Georgetown

First Christian Church in Georgetown will be our host for the Kentucky Disciples Women's Choral Retreat. We will begin on Friday evening and conclude with a performance in worship Sunday morning.

Register on the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky website at www.ccinky.net. Contact Shari Caldarelli at shari.caldarelli@gmail.com, or call the Madison Avenue Christian Church office (859.261.0226) with any questions.

We are looking forward to seeing both new and familiar faces at this fun event for all women who love to sing!

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship — 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM 10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Rev. Kelly Hale, Interim Pastoral Care Minister
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager
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