

Sunday, April 7

Remembering Your
Baptism

Rev. Kelly Hale

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Thursday, April 25

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BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sunday April 14, 9:30 AM



We are so excited to come together as a church family to celebrate the baptisms of our Pastor's Class youth! On Sunday, April 14, there will be NO 8:30 AM SERVICE. Instead, we'll have an all-church potluck breakfast at 9:30 AM in the gym, followed by the 10:45 AM worship service featuring the baptisms. We hope you'll join us for this very special day in the life of our church family!

Please join us to celebrate with these newly (to be) baptized members of our family and their mentors:

- Annalise Bacon - Lucy Wells
- Briggs Carr - Wayne Shaver
- Katie Clay Jefferson - Gayle Hutcherson
- Maddux Knight - Tara Wilkinson
- Katelin Moore - Amy Wheeler
- Callie Nall - Dabney Parker
- Ian Nunnally - John Gretz
- Ann Ashby Rasnick - Andrea Nielsen
- Sam Wakefield - Pat Nielsen
- Clara Wallace - Roberta Buckley

To sign up for the Baptism Sunday Breakfast, please click this link:

[Baptism Sunday Breakfast Signup](#)

We need everyone contributing to make the breakfast a success. Join us for this very special occasion in the life of the church!



A WORD FROM KORY

If you were in church on Easter Sunday, you know we did something new. We encouraged everyone to wear a nametag so that we could more easily identify each other and get to know other members of our church family. We'll be wearing nametags for the next five Sundays, then we'll reprise that practice in the fall.

Being able to call someone by name is an important way to get to know them. The comment about being able to "put a name with the face" carries weight as we seek to build relationships and strengthen our church community. Nametags are one of the ways we do this. Another is a pictorial directory, which we are in the process of putting together. Hopefully soon, you'll have more than one way to put names with the faces you see on Sunday morning.

But there's an even more effective way to do this that is a lot older than nametags and directories. Introduce yourself! If you see someone you don't know, or don't know well, walk over to them, extend a hand, and say, "I don't know if we've met before." They may be brand-new guests or long-time members you just haven't gotten to know. Doesn't matter! A kind introduction and warm smile can go a long way toward extending Christ's hospitality.

The most common concern I hear about this practice is, "What if I've already met them and I forgot!" That's where grace abounds. In my 23 years of ministry, I've never heard a person complain, "I had WAY too many people introducing themselves to me on Sunday!" But I've heard a number of visitors to churches lament that no one took the time to say "Hi" or welcome them. Personally, I'd rather err on the side of introducing myself twice than not at all.

When you first came to Crestwood, someone made you feel welcome, so you came back. Now, it's time for you to be that embodiment of hospitality for someone else. Let's commit to living out our mission to "welcome and accept all people" as we greet them on Sunday morning. You never know how much your greeting could change the lives of the people you are welcoming!

LITURGISTS NEEDED

Lend your voice to our worship services! We're looking for liturgists for both services on Sunday morning. The liturgist leads the congregation in the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture (both of which are provided during the week before). We'd love to have you be part of leading worship on Sunday, so please sign up. No previous experience necessary! Here's the link:

[Liturgist Signup](#)

THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

On behalf of The Nest's staff, board, and clients, I would like to thank you for your generous donation. Your support allows us to provide service to families facing adversity. We appreciate you so much!

Sincerely, Phoebe Phan, KD Philanthropy

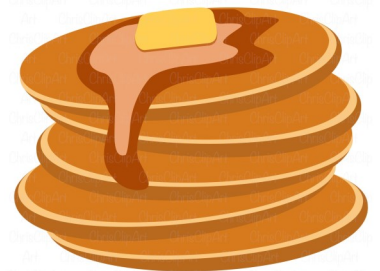
Dear friends of LTS at Crestwood Christian Church, The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$459.73 on 3/1/2024.

Mark V. Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement

Thank you for your recent donation to Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) Lexington. We are grateful to have such a passionate organization as a community partner as we continue to see a greater number of forcibly displaced people pursuing safety worldwide.

MEN'S BREAKFAST IN APRIL

Our April Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 13, in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to join us! A tasty breakfast and good conversation will be provided. RSVPs are never necessary but are always encouraged. Let Kory know if you can attend.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: the family of Margaret Buchanan, the family of Kelly Hainesworth-Cardwell, Frank Dickey

FAMILY: Janice Byers (mother of Beth Cooper), Cindy Ebersold (sister of Susie Psimer), Kim Gilbert (mother of Heather Pergram), Samuel Hammons (great-nephew of David & Kim Powell), Ginny Sue Hemphill (sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Barry Newton (father of Laura Prather), Linda Yates (mother of Stephanie Moore), Michelle Yates (sister of Stephanie Moore)

FRIENDS: Tyler Coultas, (of Carol Royse), Judy Craft (of Becky Ernst & Joan Stafford), Kevin Faris (of Tara Wilkinson), the family of DeWitt Hisle (of Betty Barton), the family of Pat Johnson (of Ward Ransdell), Robert Johnson (of Ward Ransdell), Fred & Dan Kidd-Wiglesworth (of Crestwood), the family of Flora Lee Phillips (of Martha Seithers)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

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 & Carol Royse & son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, John Browning, Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Buzz Mattingly, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Lucy Wheeler

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

OUR CHILDREN CELEBRATE PALM SUNDAY



APRIL CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, April 1

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, April 2

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, April 3

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

11:00 AM - FUNCH (FUN + LUNCH) - Puccini's

Saturday, April 6

9:30 AM - Property Workday - Bradford Room

Sunday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 9

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, April 10

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC3
2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee -
Bradford Room

Thursday, April 11

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

Saturday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 14

BAPTISM SUNDAY

9:30 AM - All Church Breakfast
10:45 AM - Worship Service

Monday, April 15

6:45 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room

Tuesday, April 16

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
7:00 PM - Ministry Council - Zoom

Thursday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 21

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
4:00 PM - Combined Youth Group

Monday, April 22

6:30 PM - Book Club - Chi Rho Youth Room

Wednesday, April 24

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

9:30 AM - SRO trip to Ashland and WTVQ

Sunday, April 28

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 - Living Well Presentation - Bradford
Room
4:00 PM - Combined Youth Group

YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

He is risen! Hallelujah! Happy April to everyone... Thank you for being such a vital part of our Easter celebrations here at Crestwood last month. Our Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast was a wonderful event, and that is all thanks to the hard work of our youth and other volunteers. As we look ahead, we have one more very significant event on our horizon that we will start preparing for this month - Youth Sunday! This year we will celebrate Youth Sunday on Pentecost - what a blessing! I am excited to see how we can incorporate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our theme and messages for this year's Youth Sunday liturgy. Youth Sunday will be May 19, 2024. Mark your calendars!



I am so thankful to be your Youth Minister and to serve alongside you in so many wonderful ways. I hope you will take time this month to glorify our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, and marvel at the wondrous gift of His love and mercy, which is for all of us.

Youth Calendar of Events for April:

Sunday, April 7: 4:00-5:00 PM Chi Rho Regular Youth Group - Easter Devotional and discussion
5:00-6:00 PM CYF Regular Youth Group - Easter Devotional and discussion

Sunday, April 14: No Youth Groups - Baptism Sunday

Sunday, April 21: 4:00-6:00 PM Combined Youth Group in CYF Room - begin planning for Youth Sunday!

Sunday, April 28: 9:40 AM Wake Up With Wallace at Panera Bread (2300 Nicholasville Rd)
4:00-6:00 PM Combined Youth Group in CYF Room - planning for Youth Sunday!

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!

Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace

What an extraordinary journey we've been on during the Lenten season. The children and youth participated in a mission project making sandwiches for the Hope Mobile. Our traditional egg hunt and Palm Sunday procession were full of joyful children. We have 10 kids participating in the Pastor's class with an all-church breakfast and baptism Sunday, April 14. It is a time of renewal and hope as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Believe it or not, Vacation Bible School kicks off in twelve short weeks. We are in the process of recruiting volunteers to serve the children of our community. VBS is a highlight for Crestwood kids and visiting guests. For some it may be their first time entering a church environment. Our goal is to help families feel welcomed as we extend Christ's hospitality and connect kids with the message of God's unconditional love. It takes a village to bring VBS to life and we hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. Please reach out with any questions you may have.

With Hope,
Missy

OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A BLAST!

Thank you to all the youth and adult volunteers who helped set up, cook pancakes, supervise the egg hunting, and clean up after the event. What a joy and a blessing to have this special fellowship time together every Easter season!



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

April Bible Study:

Enduring Suffering (1 Peter 5:10-11)

Julia Circle

Monday, April 15, 6:45 PM in the Bradford Room
Fran McKinney will present our Bible study program.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, April 16, 9:45 AM in the Bradford Room
Elaine Lollis will lead the Bible study and will also be our host.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 AM in Chalice Hall
Joan Stafford will present our Bible study program.

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

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

2024 SPRING CONFERENCE

Through the Looking Glass:

Seeing the World through the Eyes of Faith

(Matthew 13:6-7)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DANVILLE, KY

Come out and CELEBRATE 150 years of Disciples Women's Ministry!!! Please join with other Disciples Women from the Central Kentucky area for our 2024 Spring Conference. Rev. Sheila L. Edwards will deliver the message. The registration fee is \$30.00 per person. **Get registered today at www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/.**

We are offering four (4) workshops. Lunch will be provided. Please let us know of special dietary needs on the registration form.

Crestwood DWM is offering scholarships - please contact Monte LaFrana regarding scholarship requests. For other questions - contact Janet Clark, janetlexky@aol.com or 859-221-5051.

APRIL SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE:

STEP BY STEP

Step By Step is an agency in Lexington that was created to empower and embolden young, single mothers to improve their lives, their families and their communities through healing, encouragement, faith and education. The agency was founded in 1995 with a focus on young mothers aged 12 to 24. Step by Step offers support, mentoring, goal setting and crisis intervention as they walk alongside these young mothers and their children.

The agency is requesting **gasoline gift cards in the amount of \$25** (from local businesses with SEVERAL locations around town such as Kroger, Walmart, Speedway, Shell). These cards will be used for the young mothers to transport children to doctor appointments. The gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked Step by Step and placed in the Giving Lane (located in the hallway that leads to the Administrative Wing).

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the letters SBS 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 by email at thelovans@gmail.com. Link to Step by Step website: www.sbslex.org.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

St. Martha's / Word of Hope Church
1870 Armstrong Mill Rd, Lexington

Roxanne Cheney, A Caring Place

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

BRIDGE FUND SERVING LEXINGTON

Thanks to your generosity, in March our Bridge fund was able to help with the following bills for people in need: KU - \$229 and \$324, LexServ - \$50, Water - \$45, and Columbia Gas - \$190.

JOIN PROPERTY OUTSIDE

Property is planning to do outside work on April 6 at 10 AM. Come at 9:30 AM for conversation, coffee, and Spalding doughnuts. We plan to trim bushes and ornamental grass and protect ash trees from green-emerald borers. We'll meet in the Bradford Room.

NEED CLOTHES WASHER

The clothes washer in the children's wing has seen better days and needs replacing. Let John Gretz, John Royse, or Jim Cristi know if you have one to donate. We will arrange to move it.

WAKON' DA-HO REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Early registration (before May 1) is discounted! This year, the process is a bit different. Families will NOT pay online this year. All payments (half the cost of the camp) are made directly to Crestwood with "CAMP" indicated on the check, please. Crestwood pays for the other half of each camper's registration.



CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2024 DATES
YOSEMITE, KY | REGISTER AT CCINKY.NET

SPRING WORK WEEKEND	APRIL 12-14
MINI CAMP (2-3)	MAY 31-JUNE 2
CYF 1 (9-12)	JUNE 3-8
EIGHTER'S CAMP (8)	JUNE 9-15
JUNIOR CAMP (4-5)	JUNE 17-21
CAMP 101A (K-2*)	JUNE 21-23
CYF 2 (9-12)	JUNE 24-29
CHI RHO 1 (6-8)	JULY 1-6
CHI RHO 2 (6-8)	JULY 8-13
CAMP 101B (K-2*)	JULY 20
Y'ALL CAMP (ALL AGES*)	AUGUST 30-SEPT 1
FALL FEST (ALL AGES*)	OCTOBER (DATES TBD)

*FIND DETAILS REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS, CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS, AND PRICING AT CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO

LET'S BUILD ANOTHER HABITAT HOUSE!

Spring is upon us and it is time to build another Habitat for Humanity house. Each year Crestwood joins with the other Disciples churches to build a home for a deserving family. What a great tradition! This will be Crestwood's 39th house (Lexington's Disciples for Habitat's 41st house). This year's homeowner will be



Kerrington and her daughter Da'Shiya. Their three-bedroom, two-bath, 1200 square-foot ranch-style home will be located at 721 Florence Avenue. Phase 1 of the construction will begin on Tuesday, April 16, and will continue through May 10. We will be co-sponsors with Valvoline. So, round up your hammer and come out and join us. There are always jobs for the skilled and the unskilled at a Habitat build.

As a sponsor of the house, Disciples for Habitat contributes funds for the purchase of the building materials. This past year Crestwood raised \$18,809.00 as our share of the costs. Not everyone is able physically to work on building a house, but everyone can be a part of this vital program by contributing financially. Our goal for this year is to raise \$20,667.00. With the increase in the cost of home building, this financial support is essential. We will be seeking donations during the month of April. To make a contribution, make out a check to Crestwood with the word 'Habitat' on the memo line, or place cash in a pew envelope and write your name and the word 'Habitat' on the outside.

The dates for Phase 1 of the construction are tentatively April 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, and 26. If you wish to volunteer, please register with Jordan Amis via email at jordana@lexhabitat.org. Please let him know you are a Disciple! No matter the skill level, there is a job for everyone. Together we can build a safe, affordable home for a deserving family.

If you have questions, please ask Steve Seithers via email at sseithers@gmail.com or by phone at 859-519-9096. Thank you and let's continue this great outreach program.

THANK YOU, NURSERY STAFF!

A special thank you to our wonderful nursery staff who faithfully serve on Sunday mornings.



(L to R): Kristin, Bella, Mariah, Sarah B, and Sarah Q

WE ARE HIRING!

We are currently hiring for Sunday morning nursery staff. If you know someone looking for a small weekend position, please email missy@crestwoodchristian.org. A love of infants and a background check are required.

NURSERY ITEMS NEEDED

The church nursery is looking for some gently used infant toys and floor seats (bumbo style). Please check with the church nursery before dropping items off.

GREETING CARDS NEEDED

Both get well cards and sympathy cards are needed for the table by the Giving Lane. Please bring your contributions to the church office, or give them to Monte LaFrana. Thank you very much for your generosity.

LIVING WELL CLASS - AVOIDING SCAMS

The Stephen Ministers will be presenting a Living Well class on how to identify and avoid scams, which have become so pervasive. The class will meet on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 PM in the Bradford Room. All are welcome!

MISSION TRIP TO WESTERN KENTUCKY

We are planning a rebuilding mission trip to Western Kentucky after the devastating 12/10/21 tornadoes! The dates of the trip are April 28 through May 3, 2024. We will be staying at the First Christian (Disciples) Church in Madisonville and working in Dawson Springs and Bremen rebuilding homes. No skills are necessary! The cost of the trip will be \$125. If you are interested in going on this much needed construction rebuilding mission trip, please contact Steve Seithers at sseithers@gmail.com.

VEGETABLES FOR CHARITY

For about 20 years Crestwood's members have been growing tomatoes and squash for God's Pantry and the Community Kitchen. There are five raised planting beds around the mission building used for growing the vegetables. If you would like to participate in this service,



please contact John Gretz at gretzjohn9@gmail.com. We need: tomato and squash plants (do you grow from seed?), planters, pruners, weed pullers, and drivers. Everyone has the skills needed.



Vacation Bible School • Monday June 24 - Thursday June 27
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM, free dinner at 5:00 PM

Sign up to volunteer at
www.crestwoodchristian.org/VBS
Or [Click here](#)

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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

JOIN US FOR FUNCH FRIDAY

FUNCH (FUN + LUNCH) will meet at Puccini's Pizzeria (833 Chevy Chase Place) at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 5. We'll eat and play some card games together! All adults are welcome. Come join us and be part of the fun! Email Steph Wallace if you have questions.

SRO TRIP - FRIDAY, APRIL 26!

SRO (seniors, retirees, and others) will be taking two tours on this trip - the first one at Ashland, the Henry Clay estate, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. After that we will go to lunch at Hamburg (either Johnny Carino's or Rafferty's) and then take a tour of WTVQ Channel 36 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM. The church van will leave from Crestwood at approximately 9:40 AM that day, and we should return around 2:30 PM. The total cost will be \$20 per person plus lunch. Email Steph@crestwoodchristian.org if you have any questions or would like to join us for this informative and enjoyable outing!

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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