

Sunday, May 5

**We Are the Disciples
sermon series**

In Essentials, Unity...

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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Monday, May 27

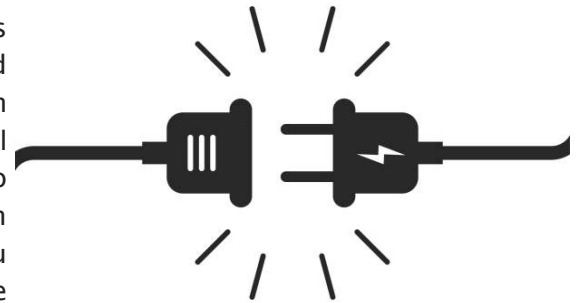
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PLUG IN!

SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS AT CRESTWOOD

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. -- Ephesians 2:10

In Ephesians 2 we learn that God calls us God's workmanship, God's artwork. We are created by God with skills and purpose, through which we glorify God. Our spiritual gifts and talents give us a way to serve God and God's kingdom on Earth. Please consider how can you share your talents and gifts to serve through Crestwood. It's time to "Plug In!"



Crestwood offers so many ways for each of us to connect to God and each other, whatever our talents and skills. What speaks to your heart -- teaching children? Helping to build a Habitat house? Serving on our Local Outreach Team? Each of us has unique God-given gifts. At Crestwood you can put those gifts to good use!

Watch the bulletin on May 5 and 12 for a survey that will help you find a way to shine your light. You may fill out the sign-up form and put it in the offering plate. You may also open the form with the QR code, or you can click on the link in our Time and Talents email in order to sign up online. You can indicate that you would like to continue serving where you are, you can specify your interests and talents that you want to contribute in a new way, or we can reach out to you to help find a way for you to connect. In addition, there will be a table in the Narthex during our Time and Talents campaign. Please stop by so we can help you find a way to get connected.

After we've collected all the sign-ups we will reach out to you to help you plug in where you fit best. It's that simple! If you have any questions, please reach out to Amy Wheeler, Stewardship Chair, or any of our ministerial staff.

Thank you!



A WORD FROM KORY

I recently had lunch with a group of ministry colleagues and, as often happens when clergy get together these days, we started talking about the various challenges of doing church in this post-Covid era. We know the church has changed and things will never go back to the way they used to be, yet we're still trying to figure out exactly how to lead the church into a future that is unprecedented.

The churches represented around the table varied greatly in size, worship style, regular attendance, etc. There were a lot of things we didn't have in common in how we lived out our call, but one thing we shared was our struggle to incorporate technology into the life of the church. We recognized that, just because you have a camera and a microphone and can live-stream a worship service, doesn't mean that those who are tuning in feel like a part of the church community. How do you help someone move from passive watcher to participating worshiper when they aren't physically present in the sanctuary?

One of the examples we talked about was offering time. If someone worships with us online, we want to give them an opportunity to participate in the church's work and witness through giving, but does showing a QR code on the screen during worship disrupt the sacred feel of the service? Does it feel like too much of a money grab? And, while the offering is being collected, what should people at home see? A screen with some pictures and a QR code? Or the offering being collected in the (sometimes too empty) sanctuary? The first offers them a way to give but takes them "out" of the worship space, while the second keeps them in worship but doesn't allow them to participate. What's the right answer? As you can guess, there isn't one. Each church must decide for themselves what best fits their understanding of worship and the ways people are encouraged to participate.

Here at Crestwood I'm working with the Technology Team to figure out how to enhance our online worship experience without disrupting the feel of the service. For example, we're working on a method to begin adding graphics to the screen. I believe it would increase the meaningfulness of the worship experience to be able to show the words of the hymns being sung, the scriptures being read, and the names of the people on the screen. This is certainly doable and adds to the

worship for those who are joining us remotely.

The lunch group also talked about the drawbacks of online worship. Each minister present said they knew of congregation members who would never be able to worship with their church were it not for the online capabilities. What a blessing! But we admitted that we also knew people who had the ability to be present physically each week but chose to stay home and worship online. That detracts significantly from the community aspect of our worship. The church family is meant to be together as much as we are able. When we choose not to attend, we are not only depriving ourselves of that embodied worship experience, we're depriving the rest of the church of our presence.

Online worship will no doubt continue to adapt and evolve as more technology becomes available, and churches like Crestwood will continue to enhance that experience the best that we are able, but nothing will ever replace the meaningfulness of sitting in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, hearing the music in person, seeing the smiling faces, and receiving the word and the communion elements "in the flesh." It's the difference between listening to a song on the radio and seeing it performed in concert. There's no comparison.

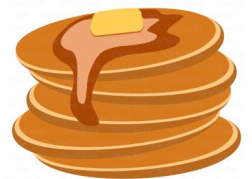
So, if you are not able to attend worship at Crestwood on Sundays, we're more than pleased to offer you an online option so that you can stay connected to your church family. We're averaging about 103 views for our online worship (some watch live when it happens, but most watch it at some point during the week). We will continue to make that time of worship as meaningful as possible for you.

But, if you are able to come to worship in person on Sunday mornings, please make every effort to do so. We were meant to be together as the body of Christ, and, when you're here, it makes a difference. I hope to see you on Sunday!

MEN'S BREAKFAST IN MAY

Our May Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 11, in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to join us! A tasty breakfast and good conversation will be provided.

RSVPs to Kory are never necessary but are always encouraged.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Frank Dickey, Terry Fisher, Pat Nielsen

FAMILY: James Brown (brother of Bill Brown), Jordan & Virginia Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), the family of Judy Schroedl (aunt of Jay Trommer), Jean Thornton (sister of Janet Clark)

FRIENDS: Rhonda Buttleman (of Tracy Lovan), Susan Denny (of Crestwood), Dan Freeman (of Susan & Kendall Hart), Gary Gillis (of Fran Allen), the family of Carol Rush King (of Joan Stafford), Kathi Riegle (of Frank Spragens), Matt Spoonamore (of Michelle DeLacey), R.J. Welch (of Crestwood)

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 Gardner), Tristan Bowman (nephew of Debbie 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, Janice Boyd, 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.



Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace



Dear Crestwood Families,

Children's ministry is in a season when we need YOU; the gifts and talents YOU bring that are uniquely yours. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we are blessed to have this opportunity to share the love of Christ with our community.

VBS is a four-day experience June 24 - 27 where we will laugh, play games, and celebrate God's love in BIG ways. Last year 102 kids participated, and we expect continued growth this year. Several of our families came to Crestwood for the first time through their child's VBS experience and decided to call our church home.

Please consider volunteering for Vacation Bible School by visiting www.crestwoodchristian.org/vbs. We can host only the number of kids we can support through our volunteers, and we never want to turn a child away. Even if you aren't "a little kid person," there is a place for you. You won't want to miss it!

Blessings,

Missy Wallace

CERTIFIED WORSHIP AND WONDER STORYTELLER TRAINING

June 14 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
and

June 15 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Crestwood covers all costs and materials for children's ministry volunteers. To sign up, please email missy@crestwoodchristian.org.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED!

- ✦ Your time (VOLUNTEER and join the fun)
- ✦ Plastic fruit (especially grapes and apples)
- ✦ Wooden crates (returned to you at the end)
- ✦ Faux potted trees for our orchard (returned to you at the end)

Note: We will be building an orchard, vineyard, and fruit market stand. If you are able to help, please email missy@crestwoodchristian.org.

MAY CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 1

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, May 2

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, May 5

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Personnel Team - Bradford Room

4:00 PM - Youth Sunday Rehearsal - ALL YOUTH

Monday, May 6

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, May 8

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC3

2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee -
Bradford Room

Thursday, May 9

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12 - MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Tuesday, May 14

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, May 15

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

7:00 PM - Administrative Board -
Bradford Room & Zoom

Thursday, May 16

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, May 17

11:00 AM - FUNCH Friday Potluck - Chalice Hall

Sunday, May 19 - YOUTH SUNDAY

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall

Monday, May 20

6:45 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room

Tuesday, May 21

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, May 22

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, May 23

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, May 24

10:00 AM - SRO Trip

Sunday, May 26

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Wednesday, May 29

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, May 30

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Youth Corner

By Steph Wallace

May is a bittersweet month for me, because it brings one of the most joyful days of the Youth Program Calendar, YOUTH SUNDAY! At the same time this wonderful day of celebrating the gifts of Crestwood's youth also brings the sadness of saying goodbye to our graduating seniors each year. I feel so unbelievably blessed and honored to have played a role in the lives of our youth, and there are no words adequate to express my gratitude to each and every one of these young people for their loving, compassionate hearts, their willing and hard-working hands, and their enthusiastic attitudes. I hope you will all plan to join us on Youth Sunday this year, which is Pentecost, May 19, and celebrate the amazing gifts that each of our youth brings to our church life here at Crestwood!



Youth Calendar of Events for May:

Sunday, May 5: Dress Rehearsal for Youth Sunday - ALL Youth

- 4:00 - 6:00 PM - Sanctuary
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Wednesday, May 8: Youth provide and serve dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission

- 4:30 - 6:30 PM
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Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day - no Youth Group Meetings today

Sunday, May 19: YOUTH SUNDAY!

- All youth please be at church by 8:00 AM
- Breakfast in between services in the CYF room
- Wear fire colors (red, orange, yellow)
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Sunday, May 19: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECOND SERVICE:

- **All youth (and parents of youth) going on the Mission Trip this summer will meet in the CYF room. We will share the packing list, behavior contract, and all details of the upcoming mission trip to Asheville, NC. It will take approx. 30 - 40 minutes. Thank you!**

Please never hesitate to let me know how I can serve you and your family... and thank you for the most amazing season with your youth this past year! 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!

STAR WORD STORIES

My word was **Persevere** and I truly needed that one.

My diagnosis with MS has surfaced challenges for me, both physically and mentally. **Persevere**. There are days when the fatigue and the aches and pains really limit my activity which depresses me, but if I stay focused on my goals and make the adjustments to work around them, I can still accomplish them. Can I do the high-impact boxing workout today? Maybe not, but I can do yoga. I can go for a walk. Maintaining an activity level improves my mood.

There are days at work where it seems like everything is going wrong and everyone is against me. The impression I get is that they don't think I can do the job. **Persevere**. Keep moving forward on our goals and efforts, recruit others to work with me to make the good things happen. Use the negatives to highlight the wins of the positives. Sometimes things take a little bit longer than I think they should, but I **persevere** with the course of action that I am confident is right.

Just the word **Persevere** has become a theme in my daily prayers. Keeping that word in mind helps me to ask for counsel, strength and empathy when working with myself and with others. It has a calming influence. Rather than going into anxiety, I head towards peace and comfort.

- from a Crestwood member

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MAY SERVICE PROJECT - NATHANIEL MISSION

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 & a list of items requested.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, May 15, 10:00 AM in the Bradford Room
Andy Bales will present our Bible study program.

Julia Circle

Monday, May 20, 6:30 PM in the Bradford Room
We will gather for a Salad Supper – bring a dish to share!

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, May 21, 9:45 AM in the Bradford Room
Steph Wallace will lead the Bible study and Jane Mas-kalick will be our host.

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

MAY SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: THE NATHANIEL MISSION

The Nathaniel Mission is one of Lexington's oldest agencies. It was formed in 1940 to serve community members living in the neighborhoods of Davis Bottom and Irishtown. These names have been changed, but the communities still lie on the Versailles Road corridor. The Mission provides both spiritual support and tangible services to families living in this area. The mission has grown to a variety of services and reaches more neighborhoods.

The Mission provides hot meals, wellness services, financial assistance, emergency food assistance, and connects families to supportive agencies. It continues its mission to provide spiritual support as well. Nathaniel Mission supports children through after school programs where the children receive assistance with homework, organized games, healthy snacks, and mentoring from an adult volunteer.

The Nathaniel Mission is in need of volunteers and monetary donations. If you are interested in volunteering, there are many opportunities. Please visit their website for details. For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the letters NM 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.

Website: www.Nathanielmission.com

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May Friendship Day Celebration

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Home of Nancy George, 2218 Alexandria Dr, Lexington

10:30 a.m. Annual Business Meeting

(including Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering)

Lunch will follow – cost TBD*

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.*

TREE DEDICATION



THE DORCAS DWM GROUP

INVITES YOU TO THE

TREE DEDICATION

IN MEMORY OF

VIRGINIA BARTLETT LONG

JUNE 2, 2024

FOLLOWING THE 10:45 SERVICE

BY THE NORTH ENTRANCE

SRO TRIP - - FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

SRO (Seniors, Retirees, and Others) will be hitting the road on Friday, May 24, for two, maybe three, fun and informative visits to local museums. We will depart from Crestwood at 10:00 AM to go to the Holly-Rood Clark Museum at 28 Beckner Street in Winchester, KY. Admission is \$2. If you want to read more about this museum, click [HERE](#).

At approximately 11:30 we will go to lunch at the Lucky Dog Cafe, 26 N. Main Street. After lunch we will visit the Bluegrass Heritage Museum at 217 S. Main Street in Winchester for about an hour. Admission is free. Read more about this museum [HERE](#). If we still have the time and energy, we will make an additional stop at the Creative Coffees Roastery at 2000 Fortune Drive, for a 30-minute tour. We will return to Crestwood by approximately 4:00 PM.

The cost for the entire trip is your lunch at the Lucky Dog Cafe and a donation to cover the cost of gas in the van (suggested \$5 each). Please RSVP by emailing steph@crestwoodchristian.org if you would like to be a part of this adventure!

THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

PEO Bluegrass Council would like to thank you for allowing us to use your church for our Founder's Day event, Carlene Hodges, Secretary

On behalf of The Nest, we would like to thank you for your generous donation. Your support allows us to provide service to families facing adversity. We appreciate you!

Dear Friends, Thank you for your recent gift to Natalie's Sisters! As you can imagine, every gift is so important as we serve our Sisters. Please continue praying for all our Sisters! Blessings, Jani

Dear Friends of LTS at Crestwood Christian Church, thank you for your generous offering of \$581.15 and your partnership with LTS. Mark Blankenship, Vice-President for Advancement, Lexington Theological Seminary

Thank you for your generosity and kindness in offering the hall space and kitchen for our potluck. Newcomers and Friends creates community in Lexington, and the group-centered meal helps us fulfill that goal. Sincerely, Anne Peschke

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **DISNEY**

Is the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob also the God of Pinocchio and Snow White and Simba? This summer, we'll be diving into the wonderful world of Disney, looking to find gospel message amidst the tiaras and fairy dust. Join us as we spend time looking for the good news in Disney movies. The exact list of movies...coming soon!

APRIL SRO TRIP

We visited Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate, and then went to WTVQ Channel 36 after lunch. We all learned a great deal about history and about television production.



FUN + LUNCH = FUNCH!

All are invited to join us for FUNCH on Friday, May 17, from 11:00 - 2:00 in Chalice Hall. We will enjoy a soup and salad potluck luncheon, then play some Bingo and card games together! Click [here](#) to sign up to bring food. Email Steph Wallace if you have questions! We hope to see you there!



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Crestwood Christian Church
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Return Service Requested

CRESTWOOD CARES

In April, **Local Outreach** was able to assist a family whose house burned by providing funds to secure new housing and a small refrigerator for their new home. Additionally, the Bridge Fund was able to assist our brothers and sisters in need by making the following utility payments:

KU - \$300
KU - \$92.13
Ky American Water - \$110.86

World Outreach provided the following funds to nonprofits in Kentucky in April:

KY Council of Churches - \$1,247
Cane Ridge - \$748

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we can continue to serve our community and show hope and love to those who need it most.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube

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