

Sunday, August 4

**The Gospel According to
Disney sermon series**

Peter Pan

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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Monday, August 26

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SAVE THE DATE!

CRESTWOOD IS TURNING 65



Crestwood's Homecoming Sunday will be Sunday, Sept. 8. We'll celebrate the 65th birthday of the church with two Spirit-filled worship services and an all-church potluck meal afterwards. Look for more information as the date approaches. Make sure you are there to be part of this historic celebration!

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Countdown Games

1872 Plaudit Place

Lexington, KY 40509

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

12:30 - 2:00 PM

**Join us for an hour of exciting and adventurous team building as
we try to escape**

from Murder Mansion or The Scary One!

ALL youth are invited - especially our incoming 6th graders!

Please drop your youth off by 12:30 PM and bring \$25 cash.

Youth should be picked up by 2:00 PM from Countdown Games.

Hope to see you there!



A WORD FROM KORY

It sure is exciting to see all that's going on at Crestwood these days! I hope you've been able to be part of it (Lemonade in Lafferty, Legends game, Disney sermon series) and that you're looking forward to a Spirit-filled fall, including a grand celebration on Sept. 8 for our 65th birthday. That's a lot of candles!

There's also a lot of action behind the scenes to be aware of. At its last meeting the Administrative Board approved the creation of a Strategic Planning Team to help our church discern God's call for Crestwood in the future. The Board also received the report from the Staff Structure Task Force, who've spent the last six months listening to our congregation's needs and how best to meet them from a staffing standpoint. That report has been passed onto the Personnel Team to be considered in budgeting for staff for 2025.

First, I want to thank the Task Force for their hard work! The members are Matt Bacon (chair), Don Blake-man, Deidra Hoellein, Dabney Parker, Joan Stafford, and Sonny Wray. They spent a lot of time talking through the issues, sifting through survey results, and being present in small-group settings. Their attention and hard work are much appreciated.

So, what did the task force find? The report says, "Between the anonymous survey responses, as well as the in-person sessions, our committee estimates we touched about 50 people. Only 33 people filled out the online survey and another 15-20 people attended one of the information sessions...Over 85% of the respondents were over the age of 50." I know that's a lower number of participants than we hoped. The Personnel Team will need to process this information and take the responses into consideration as it does its budgeting work.

The report named several themes that came from the respondents, including support for the work of the current staff and a desire for better communication about who is responsible for what duties. I apologize if that has not been clearly articulated, so let me do that now:

- In addition to her responsibilities with Sunday worship and youth ministry, Stephanie is working with Local and World Outreach and our Disciples Wom-

en's Ministry. She is also fielding all Bridge Fund calls and leading our FUNCH group.

- In addition to her responsibilities with our children's ministry, Missy is working with our Fellowship Team, as well as planning family and inter-generational ministry opportunities.
- Rev. Kelly Hale is responsible for coordinating all pastoral care. This includes organizing and tracking care visits made by all of the ministerial staff, our elders' visitation, and our newly revitalized Heart-to-Heart ministry.
- I am working with Libby Wachtel in leading our Stephen Ministry program, and Stephanie and I work together to resource the lay leaders of our SRO Ministry.

Because of the extra work they have taken on in the current staffing structure, Stephanie and Missy have both had an increase in their hours for 2024 to 35 hours/week (Kelly is 10 hours/week). Among the four of us, I can assure you we are covering all the duties listed in the Associate Minister job description.

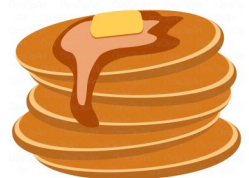
The staff is as cohesive and committed as it has ever been. If you ever have a need, you can contact any of the four of us and we'll take care of it. One of the blessings of our current staff is how well we work together and communicate with each other, so any of the four of us is willing to serve in whatever way is most helpful for Crestwood.

I hope this answers some of the questions that were brought up by the work of the Task Force. Whatever the Personnel Team decides to do moving forward, I want you to feel confident that your current ministerial staff is working diligently to serve Christ through this congregation. We do so because not only do we feel called, but we are honored to be part of such a loving church family. Thank you for all your support!

AUGUST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our August Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 10, 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.



BOARD NOTES

July 2024

The Administrative Board met on July 17. Here are some of the highlights from that gathering:

- Kory provided an orientation for all Board members. (This was the first meeting for several Board members who began serving July 1.)
- The Board approved David, Angie, and Hiatt Allen as voting delegates from Crestwood for the Kentucky Regional Assembly, to be held Aug. 1-3 in Mt. Sterling.
- The Board voted to approve the administrative separation between the church and the Crestwood Childcare Center. This separation would make the childcare center its own legal non-profit entity, while still maintaining a close relationship with the church. The separation will go into effect Jan. 1, 2025, pending the approval of the Secretary of State and the agreement on the terms of the lease.
- The Board voted to approve the appointment of a Faithful Planning Team (the tentative name), which is charged with:
 - Reviewing the information gathered during the previous planning processes and the two attempts to review the statements (both cut short by Covid)
 - Devising and conducting an inclusive process for reviewing the current statements for their clarity and applicability
 - Proposing a 3-5 year plan for continuing to live out these statements as reviewed and updated, providing specific goals and objectives for staff and ministry teams
 - The team is to complete their work and present a report the Board at the May 2025 meeting
- The Board accepted the report of the Staff Structure Task Force and voted to send that report to the Personnel Committee for further review and interpretation.

The members of the 2024-25 Administrative Board are:

Moderator – Matt Bacon

Vice-Moderator – Amy Wheeler

Treasurer – Annetta Carter

Secretary – Katherine Steckler

Elder Chair – Sonny Wray

Deacon Chair – Laura Prather

Trustee Chair – Elizabeth Richardson

DWM Chair – Janet Clark

Ministry Council Reps – Peggy Falace, David Allen, Elaine Lollis, Saralyn Kingsolver

At-Large Members – Ward Ransdell, Joanne Brown, Laura Bryan

SEPTEMBER 8-13, 2024 REBUILDING MISSION TRIP

We are planning a rebuilding mission trip to Western Kentucky after the devastating 12/10/21 and 5/27/24 tornadoes! The dates of the trip are September 8 through September 13, 2024. We will be staying at the former Earlington School in Earlington KY and working in Hanson and Mortons Gap 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.

“CRESHWOOD” ENJOYS THE LEGENDS

Despite our name change (!), a group of Crestwood folks enjoyed an evening watching our Lexington Legends play ball on Faith and Family Night. Thank you for welcoming us, CounterClocks...er...Legends!



THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

On behalf of Christian Care Communities and the older adults we serve, I want to thank you for your recent contribution to our Homes from Our Heart initiative. Unfortunately, many older adults are experiencing homelessness or living below the poverty level, needing secure housing and access to nutritious meals. This is where donors like you make a difference in their lives through your support of Christian Care Communities.

James W, Patton, Vice-President

Thank you for your recent donation to Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) Lexington! We love our Crestwood friends! Thank you! Mary Cobb, Director

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. Thanks for your partnership and gifts of \$533.26 on June 19 and \$542.99 on July 1.

Mark Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement

I am filled with gratitude for your steadfast support of our ministry, Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries. Your recent donation of \$1,222 on July 1 is a precious gift that enables us to fulfill our mission with renewed vigor.

F. Feliberto Pereira, Diretor

IT'S CAR PARK SEASON

Each year our Youth Groups sell parking spots for all UK home games during the football season. This is how we fund our summer mission trips. Please tell your friends to park with us - it is only

\$10 per spot! Season passes are also available at \$80 for all 8 home games. Also, if you are a youth, please sign up to work one game during the season - it is easy and fun! The link to sign up can be found by clicking [here](#).



GO WILDCATS!

INTERESTED IN AN SRO TRIP?

SRO stands for Seniors, Retirees, and Others (you can be ANY age!). You are invited to join us as we plan our fall trips. If you are interested in possibly joining us on our happy adventures, please email Jeanette Knowles (jeanettevalerie@gmail.com) or Patsy Anderson (patsyanderson1942@gmail.com) or call the church office to let Mary know to put your name on the list. You will then be contacted about upcoming trips and have the opportunity to join us as we explore and experience fascinating places around our home state and enjoy quality time in fellowship together!

JOIN US FOR FUNCH (FUN + LUNCH) ON AUGUST 23!



All are welcome! We will meet again on Friday, August 23 from 11:30 - 2:00 in Chalice Hall to enjoy a potluck luncheon and then play BINGO for prizes. Good food, good fellowship, and great conversation - please come be a part of it!

Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace

Dear Crestwood Families,

It's hard to believe summer has flown by and we are getting ready for back-to-school! We've had a wonderful time making memories during Vacation Bible School, serving dinner at Glendover's summer reading night, and attending events hosted by our fellowship team. Crestwood continues to make a difference in the lives of our community.



We are still collecting donations for our back-to-school supply drive. Please review the published list for needed items. There are collection points in the children's wing and at the end of the chapel hallway. All items will be delivered to the school on Monday, August 5.

On Sunday, August 11, we will be hosting a potluck back-to-school breakfast in the gym from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. Help us celebrate another fabulous school year and kick off our Sunday school classes with fellowship. All children are invited to bring their schoolbags for our blessing of the backpacks at the 10:45 AM service. Children and school personnel will receive a unique tag for encouragement throughout the year.

On Sunday, August 18, we will promote over 20 third grade students crossing over from Worship & Wonder to the Bridge class. Please join us for a special Bible presentation during the 10:45 AM service.

It is a joy to serve with you as we continue to make cherished memories together as a church family. Looking forward to another fabulous fall season!

With Hope,
Missy Wallace

SAVE THE DATES

August 4 – Final Lemonade in Lafferty

August 11 – Back-to-school breakfast/Blessing of the Backpacks/Bridge and music resumes

August 18 – Third grade Bible presentations at 10:45 AM worship

September 8 – Crestwood Homecoming Celebration

September 22 – Blessing of the pets with fellowship ice cream social

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Join us for fellowship during our potluck Back-to-School breakfast at 9:30 AM on August 11. Help our kids celebrate a new school year as we invite everyone to gather and learn more about our Sunday school classes. Adult Sunday school will resume on August 18. Please sign up by clicking [here](#).



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR GLENDOVER ELEMENTARY

Donations can be brought to the children's wing through August 5th. Thank you for helping to support the children of our community.

- Backpacks
- Crayola Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Crayola Crayons
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Pencil Boxes
- Fiskars Scissors
- Wide Rule Notebooks
- Composition Wide Rule Notebooks
- Primary Writing Journal
- Folders with 3 holes and pockets
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Clorox Wipes
- Kleenex
- Expo Markers
- Ziplock Bags gallon and quart
- NO notebook filler paper

AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, August 1

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Friday, August 2

12:30 PM - Youth Field Trip - Countdown Games

Sunday, August 4

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
Lemonade in Lafferty after BOTH services

Monday, August 5

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Wednesday, August 7

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, August 8

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

Saturday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 11 - Blessing of the Backpacks

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Back-to-School Breakfast - Gym
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service

Tuesday, August 13

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library
2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, August 14

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC3
2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee - MC5

Thursday, August 15

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, August 18

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:15 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall

Wednesday, August 21

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
7:00 PM - Ministry Council - Zoom

Thursday, August 22

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Friday, August 23

11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Sunday, August 25

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Youth Group Kickoff - Gym

Monday, August 26

6:00 PM - Crestwood Book Club - Chi Rho Room

Wednesday, August 28

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, August 29

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Saturday, August 31

4:00 PM - UK home football game - Car Park

Youth Corner

By Steph Wallace

August is here, and that means a new program year for Crestwood Youth!!! I am so excited that we will be welcoming ten new 6th graders into the Chi Rho Youth Group this year! We have so many plans for this fall, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to lead this awesome group of young people here at Crestwood. Our youth are such servants at heart and show amazing compassion for others, both in our group and when we go serve together as disciples in the community or on mission trips. I am incredibly inspired by our youth - they show us in every way that the future of Crestwood is a bright one!



ALL youth must have a Ministry Release form on file each year. It I like a combination permission slip and medical information form. If you have not submitted yours yet, click [HERE](#) to access the form. Thank you for taking care of this before our exciting new season begins!

This summer, youth Sunday School combined with Kory's adult class. We will transition back to Youth Sunday school beginning on Sunday, August 18. Youth Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:40 am in the CYF room, so please join us if you can! This fall, we will begin a study on the Gospel of Luke. Our conversations are always rich ones as we work together to grow in our faith and learn from Scripture.

Our tradition is to welcome in our new 6th graders with a field trip to Countdown Games, where our existing youth will team up with our new youth members and try to beat one of the challenging escape rooms together!

Our first regular youth group meeting will be our annual Youth Kick Off event in the gym from 4:00-6:00PM on Sunday, August 25! We will get to know each other, have snacks, play some fun and challenging games, and talk about upcoming events. Please plan to join us that afternoon! This will be a combined meeting of both Chi Rho (middle school) and CYF (high school).

August 2024 Youth Calendar

- Friday, August 2: Youth Field Trip to Countdown Games, 1872 Plaudit Place, Lexington, 40509. All Youth must be dropped off at Countdown Games by 12:30 and picked up at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per youth. Come join us - we are going to have the BEST time welcoming our new 6th graders into the group with some interactive and challenging team-building time!
- Sunday, August 11: Back-to-School Potluck Breakfast during Sunday School time
- Sunday, August 25: 4:00 - 6:00 PM - Combined Youth Kick Off Fellowship in the Gym! We will have a great time doing some team-building and playing games together!
- Saturday, August 31: UK Football Car Park - 4:00 PM
- There is NO Wake up with Wallace in August - we will begin again on the last Sunday in September!

As always, if you have any questions or want to chat, please do not hesitate to contact me! My cell phone number is (505) 250 - 0806. I am so excited for the new season and cannot wait to see all our amazing youth together again, growing in their faith, celebrating God's love, and building new relationships together.

Yours in Christ,
Steph Wallace

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Fran Allen, the family of Sue Lickert, Boyd and Barb Schriefer, Donnie Wakefield

FAMILY: Robin Allen (daughter of Fran Allen), Elizabeth Blevins (aunt of Stewart and Michelle Ison), the family of Patti Boehm (mother of Alexander Arnold), Jane Collins (sister of Susan Schell), the family of Dave Fishback (brother of Fran Allen), Loretta Smith (mother of Karen Trommer), the family of Chuck Warda (brother-in-law of Susie Psimer), the family of Michelle Yates (sister of Stephanie Moore)

FRIENDS: Raymond Anderson (of Gaye Holman), the family of Deborah Brooks (of Summer Perry), the family of Jocelyn Douglas (of Crestwood), the family of Tony Huston (of Libby Wachtel), Fadyia Lowe (of Joanne Brown), Don Ralph (of Libby Wachtel), Jaci Sloan (of Joanne Brown)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Joe Clark, Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), Frank Dickey, David Farmer (friend of Kimberly Sparks), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), Barry Newton (father of Laura Prather), 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), Daniel Day (grandson of John & Carol Royse & son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler and Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law and son of Pam and David Sigler)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, 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 wars across the globe, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected and natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

THANK YOU, SCOUTS!

A big thanks goes to our Boy Scout Troop members, who washed both vans and did some power-washing of the church building, as well. We are so blessed to have this troop as a part of our church. You all are a blessing to us!



ELDERS ORDINATION AUGUST 18

On Sunday, August 18, during the 10:45 AM worship service, we'll be ordaining the seven new Elders elected to serve at the June congregational meeting. Congratulations to our new Elders! We look forward to supporting you as you serve Christ through Crestwood. The new Elders are:

Megan Bacon

Annetta Carter

Mandy Deerhake

John Hill

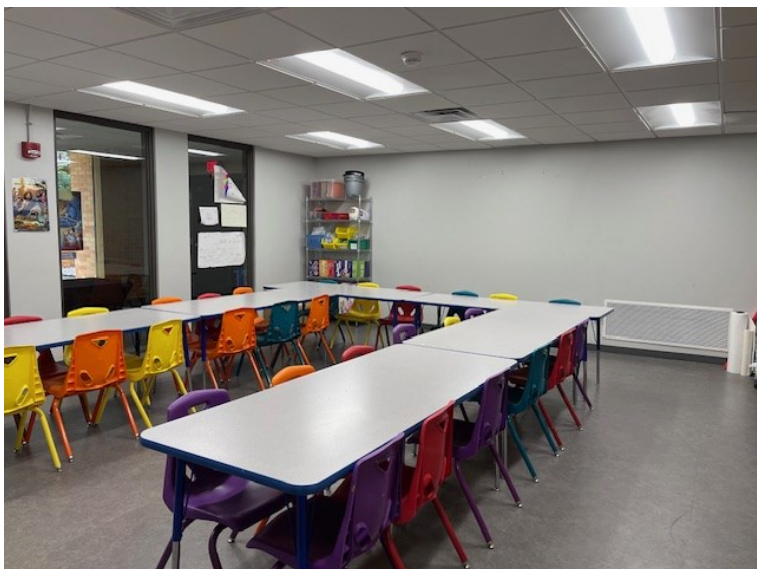
Saralyn Kingsolver

Sice Shanklin

Ben Thompson

CHILDREN'S WING CLEAN-UP

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who worked diligently to clean up our Children's Wing! We are ready to welcome in our kids for a fantastic fall of learning about God's love for them.



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Crestwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

CRESTWOOD CARES

In July, our **Local Outreach** provided New Life Day Center with a \$2,000 donation. Additionally, our Bridge Fund was able to assist our brothers and sisters in need by making the following payments:

Rent - \$250 & \$169
KU Electric - \$200

World Outreach provided Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries with a \$1,222 donation in July.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we can continue to serve our community faithfully by helping provide these much-needed funds. Thank you for caring for all our neighbors and sharing the love of God with others! We pray that our giving continues to spread ripples of hope and change in the world for 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.

CHURCH STAFF

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