

Sunday, December 1
In the Beginning
Sermon Series
Hitting the Ground
Running
Mark 1:1-8

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NEXT CREST DECEMBER 15

Articles are due by Noon
Monday, December 9

Send articles to:
office@crestwoodchristian.org

ADVENT 2024

THE KENTUCKIANS CHORUS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 10, 7:30 PM

The Kentuckians Chorus will provide us a free preview of their Christmas show! Join us for great music and some laughs. This is their "Thank You" for our letting them use our space for rehearsals.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY

Sunday, December 15, 4:30 PM

Join us for our children and youth Christmas play, "Parking Lot Pageant," in the sanctuary. Our church Christmas dinner will immediately follow the program.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 PM

Join us as we spread holiday cheer to some of our neighbors and church members! We'll depart from church at 6:30 PM. The whole family is invited to be part of the singing!

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Payments due December 15

Each plant costs \$10. Call the office to place an order (859-266-0459) or [place your order online](#). The Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by December 22. If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, December 15, 5:00 PM

All are invited as we join together for a church family dinner and Christmas carol singing. Please plan to be a part of this Italian buffet meal as we connect and celebrate. For more information and a menu, see page 4. Please scan the QR code or [click here](#) to RSVP no later than December 3 by 2:00 PM.



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 21, 6:00 PM

We are approaching the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Memories of lost loved ones and the pain of present experiences and situations can become overwhelming. While the holidays are supposed to be full of joy, some of us experience sadness, grief, or anxiety. You are not alone. The Stephen Ministers invite you to a service acknowledging and seeking the LIGHT that comes into the darkness. Please invite friends to join you.



A WORD FROM KORY



Sunday, Nov. 24, was just about perfect. It was a day filled with joy, from the music in both services to the choir anthem to the overflowing children's time to (another!) family joining the church. And how about the representatives from the three organizations receiving grants from our Mildred F. Cox Endowment fund?

I loved hearing their sincere words of gratitude and the ways in which these funds will make real differences in their ministry.

Oh yeah, it was also my 15th anniversary celebration, but I'm so thankful the day wasn't all about me. Ministry is truly a gift that is meant to be shared, and what an honor to share that day with all that other joyous things taking place. I'm glad my celebration was only a small part of a much bigger day for Crestwood.

Still, I don't want to downplay my gratitude for those who helped make the day special for me personally. Thanks to my amazing team who helped plan and execute the reception after worship. Thanks to my dear friend, Michael Swartzentruber, who rushed over from his own church to be part of the festivities. Thanks to Doug Wilkinson for his kind words of appreciation (and not telling too many stories on me!).

For those of you who took time to write a card, send an email or text, or post on social media, I appreciate you more than words can say. I came home after worship and read each card, reflected on each memory, smiled at each picture drawn by our children. It's so humbling to think that I have played a small part in your journey of faith. I can promise you that you have played a huge part of my journey, both as a minister and as a person.

Fifteen years! How do you even capture what that time has meant, what all we've been through together, the changes we've seen, the tears we've cried (mostly mine!), the smiles we've shared. During our 15 years together, I've preached around 550 sermons, give or take a few (insert "sitting through sermon" joke here!). I have also performed or shared in performing:

- 27 weddings
- 134 Baptisms
- 70 Baby dedications
- 132 funerals

Think about that for a second. Each one of those numbers above represents a rite of passage, a significant moment in the life of a person or family. Think of

the immense joy, the deep grief, the sense of pride, the hope for the future, the pain of loss. Those numbers are multitudes of life-changing moments, and you have granted me the privilege of standing with you as you've said, "I promise," as you've said, "I do," as you've said, "Goodbye."

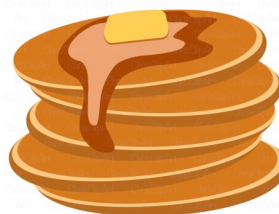
Ministry is such a strange beast. It's incredibly hard work, unpredictable hours, sometimes thankless. It's also indescribably rewarding, satisfying at the soul level, and in its best moments, a glimpse of God's kingdom here on earth. There have been some days when I was frustrated or angry. Even more days when I didn't think I was good enough. And a few days when I wanted to quit. Just like any job, I guess.

But there have been exponentially more days when I have simply marveled that I get to do this for a living and y'all even pay me! Days when I've held a newborn, or cried with a new widow, or watched a lightbulb go on in someone's eyes when they learn something new. Days when I've been inspired by your perseverance, in awe of your stubborn faithfulness, exceedingly proud of the ways you put your faith in action.

So, despite all the kind words of gratitude I've received recently, it is I that should be thanking you, Crestwood. Thank you for taking a chance on this 38-year-old minister with exactly one church under his belt. Thank you for welcoming my family and me, and for loving us through the years, even as my family fell apart, healed, changed. Thank you for letting me lead you, even when you weren't quite sure that I knew what I was doing. Thank you for showing me grace.

And thank you, God, for calling me to Crestwood. Thank you for letting me represent you, no matter how imperfectly I do it. Thank you for standing beside me and standing in the gap when I fall short. Thank you, God, for entrusting this extraordinary group of people to my care and leadership. It's been the greatest gift to serve them.

DECEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST



Our December Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, December 14, in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to join us! A tasty breakfast and good conversation will

be provided. Please RSVP to Kory if you can attend.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: the family of Joe Clark, Joan Stafford, the family of Kathy Stone

FAMILY: Benita Baughn (family of Michelle DeLacey), Zack Ison (brother of Stewart Ison), Paul Morrison (father of Andrea Back), Judy Walden (mother of Connie Guilfoil), Linda Yates (mother of Stephanie Moore)

FRIENDS: the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Mary Duff (of Dana Adamson), the Furlong family (of Patsy Anderson), Audie Palm (of Kay Thomas), Chyleigh Rose (of Crestwood), Mary Van Kesteren (of Crestwood)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), Frank Dickey, David Farmer (friend of Kimberly Sparks), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan & Kendall Hart), Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Lisa Jern (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Nathaniel Sligh (nephew of Kimberly Sparks), Donnie Wakefield, 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 & Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law & son of Pam & David Sigler)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, 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 by natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

NEW MEMBERS



THE STOUT FAMILY

Hunter, Amy, Chloe, and Jack

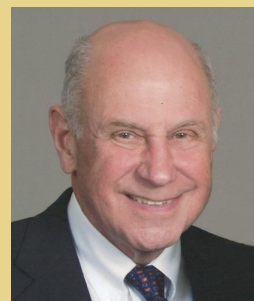
BECKY DEATON

with her fiancé, church member Rick Fern

Please hold the loved ones of our Crestwood friends in your prayers.



IN MEMORY OF KATHY STONE



IN MEMORY OF JOE CLARK

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

Want to know what's for dinner this year? Once again, Chef Shawn has prepared a delicious Italian buffet menu. You can RSVP using the QR code or link on Page 1.

Hand-Breaded Chicken Parmesan

Cheese-Stuffed Lasagna Roll-Ups

Marinara

Spaghetti

Meatballs

Fresh Vegetables

Garlic Breadsticks

Caesar Salad

Gluten-free pasta option

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE NEST FOOD BOXES!

Every autumn our Youth Ministry collects money to supply food boxes for The Nest - and this year we have a goal of filling 400 boxes! The cost is about \$8000 - roughly \$20 per box. We are still short of our goal, so please consider helping by donating money to purchase food for the boxes. You can give \$20 to cover the cost of one box or donate however much you can to help us meet this goal and show our compassion this holiday season for our brothers and sisters in need. Please label your donation "Food Boxes" so we know your gift is meant to be used towards our food box goal. Thank you so much for helping make this wish a reality - 400 families right here in Lexington will be blessed through this project with a box full of food to feed their families at Christmas!

SRO LUNCH - ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME!

On Tuesday, December 10, we will be meeting at Parlour Restaurant (2099 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, 40504) to enjoy a delicious lunch and a time of wonderful fellowship together! Parlour is a new restaurant that serves pizza, calzones, salads, grinders, and various other items and comes highly recommended by a very discerning connoisseur we all know - Kory! We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 AM that day, and, while we enjoy lunch together, we will discuss future SRO lunches and trips. Please plan to join us!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 PM Children's Service

7:00 PM Candlelight Service (live-streamed)

10:30 PM Organ Prelude

11:00 PM Candlelight Service



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD NOTES

At its November meeting, the Administrative Board took several actions, including:

- Receiving a report from the Faithful Planning Team, which has begun its work. Congregational involvement in the process will begin in January.
- Amending the Endowment Fund Policy to (1) allow for 5% of the earned income over the course of 12 months to be contributed back to the principal to help grow the fund, and to (2) allow for 10% of the earned income over the course of 12 months to be given to the Finance Committee for use in the preparation of the general operating budget.
- Recommending to the congregation for approval a balanced budget for 2025, which includes, among other things, an Outreach percentage of 10% and moving Missy and Steph to full-time employment status.

2025 BUDGET FOR CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Year to Year Change	Percent Change
Total Giving	870,860	862,375	-8,485	-1.0%
Parents Day Out Revenue*	43,800	0	-43,800	-100%
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	0	0	0	
Endowment Funds Income	15,800	91,749	75,949	481%
Other Receipts	47,141	50,700	3,559	7.5%
Total Receipts	977,601	1,004,824	27,223	2.8%
Debt Service	13,100	13,100	0	0.0%
Outreach Local	24,937	19,835	-5,102	
Outreach World	24,937	19,835	-5,102	
Disciples Mission Fund	49,874	39,669	-10,205	
Ministerial Education Fund	8,674	6,899	-1,775	
Total Outreach	108,422	86,238	-22,184	-20.5%
Personnel	474,710	552,529	77,819	16.4%
Administration	20,500	20,853	353	1.7%
Music	5,500	5,225	-275	-5.0%
Adult Education	300	285	-15	-5.0%
Caregivers	500	380	-120	-24.0%
Children	16,000	14,250	-1,750	-10.9%
Connections	0	0	0	
Fellowship	1,500	2,660	1,160	77.3%
Finance	47,719	79,440	31,721	66.5%
Library	250	250	0	0.0%
Parents Day Out*	43,800	0	-43,800	-100%
Property	212,000	192,280	-19,720	-9.3%
Safety & Security	9,500	14,250	4,750	
Shalom & Social Justice	0	0	0	
Stewardship	200	190	-10	
Technology	8,200	7,790	-410	-5.0%
Worship	4,400	4,655	255	5.8%
Young Adult	0	0	0	
Youth	11,000	10,450	-550	-5.0%
Other	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures	977,601	1,004,824	27,223	2.8%

* The Parents Day Out program has been discontinued

Dear Crestwood family. The Finance Committee and Administrative Board present to you the Budget for 2025. To honor the hard work and energy that Missy and Steph lavish upon our congregation, especially our children and youth, the Personnel Team recommends moving them both to full-time positions. Of course, this impacts the budget we have developed, so this year's budget is larger than 2024's. While the number of pledging families has increased, the dollar amount those pledges represent are just a bit less than the funds requested. However, a balanced budget has been achieved, which still provides nearly all of what was requested and keeps the outreach percentage at 10%. Please read through this budget carefully, and bring your questions with you to the upcoming church-wide session on December 15th.

UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

A special thank you to our kids, parents, and volunteers for leading worship on Universal Children's Sunday. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the spiritual leadership of our Bridge students, who did an outstanding job. Thank you, Crestwood, for your continued support of our children's ministry program.



ENDOWMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS EXPRESS THANKSGIVING TO CRESTWOOD

On November 24, representatives from the Lexington Rescue Mission, New Life Day Center, and Christian Care Communities came to Crestwood to share their gratitude for the Mildred F. Cox Endowment Grants they received. These grants will be used to fund capital projects that will enable them to better serve our brothers and sisters in need through the wonderful programs and services they offer.



Harvey Thompson and Laura Carr
of Lexington Rescue Mission



Rev. Kelly Hale and Phil Miller of
New Life Day Center



Sonny Wray and Mary Lynn Spalding
of Christian Care Communities

REV. DR. KORY WILCOXSON'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE SENIOR MINISTER OF CRESTWOOD

This past Sunday, November 24, was Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson's 15th Anniversary as the Senior Minister of Crestwood! Our congregation is immeasurably blessed to have Kory, and we enjoyed celebrating his ministry with a cake reception in Chalice Hall after the second service. Thanks to Kory's friend, Rev. Michael Swartzentruber, for joining us to make a presentation to Kory.



FAITHFUL PLANNING TEAM UPDATE

The Faithful Planning Team has been working together to launch a collaborative strategic planning process for Crestwood. The purpose of this team is to lead the planning processes and decisions regarding strategic goals and strategies to achieve the church's vision and fulfill its mission. Team members appointed by the Administrative Board are Rebecca Anderson, Karen Blakeman, Laura Bryan (chair), Connie Guilfoil, John Hatfield, David Richard, Bob Shanklin, Libby Wachtel, Amy Wheeler (ex-officio as Administrative Board representative), and Kory Wilcoxson (ex-officio). To date, the members have participated in an organizational meeting and engaged in a workshop to prepare their work plan.

Their work plan includes collecting relevant information and data, as well as gathering input from several groups, including the congregation, local outreach organizations, and groups that use the Mission Center. The team will focus on these activities during the months of December and January. After all the information and input are collected, the team will spend a significant amount of time making sense of the data, which will inform a possible revision of the church's vision and mission and development of strategic/key areas to be addressed in a strategic plan. The next step will be the identification of strategic goals.

The team hopes that church members will participate in the opportunities to provide input. More information will be available soon.

Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace



Greetings, Crestwood Families,

Welcome to the season of Advent at Crestwood! This is a special time, filled with traditions, events, and ways to prepare our hearts to receive the love of a tiny baby named Jesus. The hope of children was shining bright as our Bridge students led worship on Universal Children's Sunday a few weeks ago. I cherish that we are a community that follows God's calling for the leadership of children.

Crestwood is partnering with local elementary schools to provide a Merry Christmas for families in need. Our church family adopted 150 students through our angel tree program. I remain in awe of everyone's generosity and welcome everyone's punctuality in returning all gifts no later than December 6. Art students at Glendover Elementary created custom ornaments in appreciation for our support of the school. Please take one from the Christmas trees in the hallway and pray for the child who lovingly made it.

We have many ways to grow in our faith and share the love of Christ in the coming weeks. Let's walk together, following the footsteps of courageous children. Let's watch as our children hand out coffee and encouragement cups to those in need. Let's treasure the story of the Christ child, as our kids tell it through our pageant. Let's wait with anticipation when we light our candles on Christmas Eve and sing Silent Night. There is so much that God offers to us this season. May we rejoice and be glad in it.

With Hope,
Missy

SAVE THE DATES

December 1 – Ornament Procession, Advent Workshop, and First Sunday Fellowship
December 6 – Kids on a Mission: Glendover Appreciation and Angel Tree Deadline
December 8 – Lessons & Carols
December 15 – Christmas Pageant 4:30 PM; Fellowship Dinner 5:00 PM
December 18 – Church Christmas Caroling 6:30 PM
December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 PM (family service), 7:00 PM, 11:00 PM (organ prelude at 10:30 PM)

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. It is a ministry effort that provides safe low-income housing and health support services to thousands of seniors annually in Kentucky. Thank you again for opening your heart to God's most senior children. You are part of the family in our Faith-Care-Family approach, and we are grateful.

James W. Patton, Vice-President - Mission Advancement & General Counsel

We sincerely appreciate your donation. Chrysalis House takes a holistic approach to treatment, addressing not only the substance use disorder but also mental and physical health issues, past trauma, parenting, family dynamics, employment and education, safe and affordable housing, and other challenges and barriers to recovery. We simply could not provide the services that assist women and children without your support!

Kama Orr, Executive 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 gift of \$1051.40 on 11/1/2024.

Mark V. Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement

DECEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday Fellowship

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Advent Workshop

Monday, December 2

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, December 4

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Saturday, December 7

8:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 8

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Nest Box Food Day - Youth & Families
5:00 PM - Youth Group Dinner - Chalice Hall

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

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

Saturday, December 14

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

Sunday, December 15

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:30 PM - Children and Youth Pageant - Sanctuary
5:00 PM - All-Church Christmas Dinner - Gym

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
6:30 PM - All-Church Caroling

Thursday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:40 AM - Wake Up with Wallace - Panera
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - All-Youth Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM - Children's Service
7:00 PM - Candlelight Service
10:30 PM - Organ Prelude
11:00 PM - Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 26

7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

Sunday, December 29

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service

The church office will be closed
from Dec. 25-Jan. 1. We'll see
you again in the new year!

Youth Corner

By Steph Wallace



Happy Advent season!

This is such a special time of joyous anticipation... the “thrill of hope” that we get to experience anew during this time of waiting. I encourage you to spend a few moments each day in quiet contemplation and prayer, as you reflect on the unparalleled gift of Immanuel, God with us, that we will celebrate later this month. (If you have ever wondered why we sometimes see Immanuel spelled with an “I” and other times spelled Emmanuel with an “E,” it is simply because the “I” spelling is Hebrew and the “E” spelling comes from Greek). No matter which you prefer, the name still translates literally to “God with us,” the incarnate Word made flesh, living with us and showing us God’s love and mercy in a way we can relate to and understand, as fellow humans. What a gift - how many Kings have given up their thrones, become an ordinary person... and how many fathers have given their sons for each and every one of us? Only one, and it starts with His glorious birth. Thanks be to God.

Our youth will serve dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission for the last time this year on Wednesday, December 11. Please sign up to help us by providing part of the meal or join us in serving that evening. Here is the link: [Click here](#). This is such a simple yet vital way we serve our community, and the Rescue Mission is so thankful for our help. Please sign up if you can help us this month!

Our biggest event every December is **BOX FILLING DAY!!!** This is a huge event, and not only are all youth and their families invited, but anyone in our church family who wants to help is welcome, too. Last year we had 45 volunteers, and it surely makes a difference! We will be filling the food boxes on Sunday, December 8, starting at 4:00 PM. A pizza dinner will be served in Chalice Hall afterwards to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to feeding hungry families in Lexington again this year.

The Youth Christmas Party and Gift Exchange will take place on Sunday, December 22, from 4:00-6:00 PM in the CYF room. Please bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$25, suitable for anyone. Yummy treats will be provided. All youth are welcome to come and celebrate with us!

Calendar of events for December, 2024:

Sunday, December 8: FOOD BOX FILLING

- 4:00-6:00 PM (Pizza dinner afterwards in Chalice Hall)

Wednesday, December 11: Serve Dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission

- All food should be dropped off at church by 4:15 PM that day.
- Serving is from 5:00-6:00 PM at the Rescue Mission, 444 Glen Arvin Rd.

Sunday, December 15: Christmas Pageant and Fellowship Dinner

- 4:30 PM - Pageant in Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM - All-church fellowship dinner in the Gym

Sunday, December 22: All Youth Christmas Party!

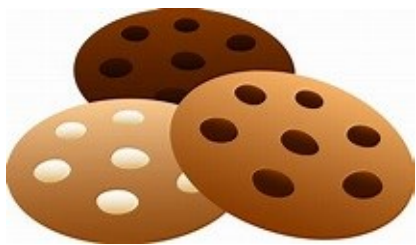
- All youth are invited! 4:00-6:00 PM in the CYF room; bring a wrapped gift (suitable for anyone) worth approximately \$25.

Sunday, December 29: NO YOUTH GROUPS

Please never hesitate to reach out to me if I can do anything for you or yours. 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!

Yours in Christ,
Steph Wallace

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Please join us for First Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, December 1. Cookies and milk will be served in the narthex following each service.

FUN + LUNCH=FUNCH!



YOU are all invited to join us for our potluck fun + lunch! We enjoy great fellowship and delicious food together, then play BINGO for prizes. FUNCH will take place on Friday, December 6, in Chalice Hall at 11:30 AM. Bring a dish to share, and come join us! No RSVP needed - just come!

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

DECEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: GREENHOUSE17

GreenHouse17 is a non-profit organization committed to ending intimate partner abuse within families in the community. The shelter is located in rural Fayette County and serves individuals and families in 17 counties. It is located on a 40-acre farm. Residents farm the land to offer nature-based healing, nutritious farm-to-table produce and job training for survivors. Specially trained crisis counselors are available to help survivors 24 hours each day and 365 days a year for crisis intervention and stabilization through individual and group counseling, as well as assisting with children's services.

GreenHouse17 can accept only NEW supplies and not previously owned items, as their policy dictates due to Covid protocols. NEW items needed are as follows:

- Adult and children's toothbrushes
- Sanitary pads and tampons
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash and soap
- Hair brushes and combs
- Textured hair care products such as hair oil, deep conditioners, wide tooth combs
- Lotion
- Adult and children's underwear
- Pull-up diapers, all sizes
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- NEW Twin size bedding, especially "beds in a bag" that include comforters
- Gift cards to Walmart, Kroger, and Target

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Julia Circle - earlier date & time

Monday, December 9, 6:30 PM @ Gretz house

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - please bring a side dish to share!

PLEASE RSVP to Sara Gretz, sara3696@outlook.com or 859-227-3684

Naomi Circle - time & location change

Tuesday, December 17, 11:00 AM

@ Joseph Beth Booksellers

Christmas luncheon

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 AM in Chalice Hall

Katherine Steckler will provide Christmas Music.

Crestwood DWM invites all women to visit one or

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution to Greenhouse17, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the word 'Green17' in the memo line. Please mail your check to DWM treasurer Gayle Hutcherson, 1005 Firethorn Pl, Lexington, KY 40515.

For more information you may contact DWM service coordinator, Tracy Lovan, at 859-948-1955 (call or text) or email at thelovans@gmail.com. As always, donations will be collected and driven to the agency's location.

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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

CRESTWOOD CARES

In November our **Local Outreach** committee made a \$2700 donation to Lexington Rescue Mission. Additionally, our Bridge Fund was able to assist our brothers and sisters in need by making the following payments:

Columbia Gas - \$150
KU - \$105, \$154, and \$167
Rental Assistance - \$180

Our **World Outreach** committee gave \$480 to KY Refugee Ministries and \$187 to Mission Behind Bars & Beyond.

These outreach gifts are made possible only by your generosity. Thank you for giving and helping us share the love of Christ with those who need it most. It is a blessing to us to be able to be a blessing to others!

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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