

Sunday, May 4

Rooted and Grounded

Ps. 52:8-9

Rev. Dr. Denise Bell

Lexington Theological  
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**NEXT CREST**  
**JUNE 1**

**Articles are due by Noon**  
**Monday, May 26**

Send articles to:  
[office@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:office@crestwoodchristian.org)

## TIME TO PLUG IN!!

On Sunday, May 4th, following the 10:45 AM service, we will have a Ministry Fair. This will provide everyone the opportunity to meet members of each ministry team, learn about all of the ways Crestwood serves our community and ask questions about where you can plug in! The goal is for members of Crestwood to find a way not just to serve, but to grow in fellowship. What speaks to your heart?

- Working with Local Outreach providing support to for our community
- Helping prepare the sanctuary on Sunday morning as an Usher
- Swinging a hammer to help build a Habitat house
- Connecting with our homebound through the Heart-to-Heart team
- Sharing the love of Christ with our littlest ones in our children's ministry

These are just a few of the ways you can use your gifts to serve God through Crestwood! The Time and Talents survey will be in the bulletin May 11 and 18. Simply fill out the survey and put it in the offering plate. A QR code for the Time and Talents Survey will also be available in the bulletins and Weekly.

You can either indicate that you'd like to continue serving where you are, specify interests and talents that you can contribute in a new way, or we can reach out to you to help you find a way to connect and serve.

After we have collected the surveys, we will reach out to you and help you plug in! It is that simple! If you have any questions, please reach out to Susie Psimer ([susiepsimer@gmail.com](mailto:susiepsimer@gmail.com)) or any of our ministerial staff. Thank you!

## REV. DR. DENISE BELL TO PREACH MAY 4

Rev. Dr. Denise Bell is the Donald and Lillian Nunnelly Chair and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Leadership at Lexington Theological Seminary. For 35 years, she served churches as pastor, associate, senior associate, satellite pastor, interim pastor, and executive pastor. As an educator and minister of practice, Dr. Bell seeks to help pastors and congregations increase their capacity to flourish and to be healthy communities of faith in a changing world. As a church leader, her enthusiasm in ministry comes from her excitement in seeing lives and churches transformed by fresh ideas and boldness. You won't want to miss the word she has for us!



## A WORD FROM KORY



There's something going on at Crestwood. Can you feel God's spirit moving? Almost 600 people on Easter Sunday, including 75 kids. The next Sunday, in front of over 300 people, we baptized fourteen of our youth (with three more to be baptized on May 4). Our first young adult gathering had 14 people and monthly gatherings will start in March. We have new members joining on a regular basis and we're seeing more guests each Sunday than ever before. An increasing number of people are engaged and participating in our fellowship events and outreach opportunities. We are poised to take the next step in answering God's call at Crestwood.

That's why our Faithful Planning process is so important and well-timed. The team should finish their work in the next month or so and present that to the Administrative Board in July. The result will be a set of goals to help us pursue our vision and mission with concrete action steps. I'm so excited to see what comes out of this team's hard work.

As you may remember, part of the process was a congregational survey about our vision and mission, and an evaluation of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and aspirations (SWOT-A) of our congregation. The results were quite enlightening and helpful to the team as we continue our work. I want to share some of those results with you now.

We had 106 responses, ranging in age from 11 to 88, with an average responder age of 59. About a third of the responders had children, and about 75% attend the second service (the rest either attend the 8:30 AM service or worship online). When asked about how well we are living out the mission and vision, here are the responses to how well we are living those out. The percentage at the end represents the number of people who rated this either 4 (well) or 5 (extremely well).

- Vision – Connecting people to God and each other (80%)
- Mission – Welcome and accept all people (88%)
- Mission – Invite people to ask questions about how faith and life intersect (76%)
- Mission – Encourage people to take the next step in their faith journey (81%)
- Mission – Care for each other and the stranger (89%)
- Mission – Serve God by serving others (94%)

We learned that there is some confusion around the “encourage people” statement and that there is an overlap in meaning between the last two statements.

The next part of the survey asked people to rank their top SWOT-A responses. Here are the results (with the percentage of people who ranked these in the top 3):

### Strengths

- Worship/sermons are inclusive and/or interesting (all are welcome, the table is for everyone) (62%)
- Children's Ministry & Programs (50%)
- There is respect for all levels of one's faith journey, an atmosphere open to dialogue and questions (35%)

### Weaknesses

- College student/young adults (63%)
- Intergenerational connections (44%)
- Committee and volunteer participation (30%)

### Opportunities

- Stronger and bigger youth programs, young adult ministry, parents' ministry (49%)
- Growth in membership (43%)
- Sunday school programs and participation (41%)

### Threats

- People not going to church (58%)
- Competing interests for time (i.e., sports) (51%)
- Aging congregations combined with declining membership (42%)

### Aspirations

- More members involved in outreach and volunteering (47%)
- Consistent funding for outreach (43%)
- More programming for high school and college students/young adults (41%)

So, what did the team do with these results? They took this information and data gathered from other groups (church leadership and staff, groups that use the mission center, organizations served by our Local Outreach team) and came up with a set of five themes: Internal Engagement, External Engagement, Exploring Diversity, Telling Our Story, and Growth. Our next step is to meet with congregational leaders to review the mission and vision and to put concrete goals and action steps to each of these themes. I can't wait to see how God's spirit leads us forward into the future as we strive to be the church God has called us to be. Stay tuned for more, I believe what God has planned for us is even bigger than we can imagine!

## Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Jeanne Jouett, the family of Preston Nunnelley, Joanne Whiteker

**FAMILY:** Elizabeth Blevins (aunt of Michelle Ison), Gene Blythe (cousin of Billie Arnold), Iris Brandon (aunt of Jeanne Jouett), Zack Ison (brother of Stewart Ison), Bailey Miles (niece of Kyle & Dana Adamson), Karla Nelson (of Jim & Denise Hile), Lou Padilla (nephew of Monte LaFrana), Gaines Womack (cousin of Kendall Hart)

**FRIENDS:** Stuart Angus (of Travis White), Joshua Bush & Annessa Dunaway (of Crestwood), Joyce Fister Daley (of Betty Barton), Don DePriest (of Tony Shartle), Norma Hylton (of Crestwood), the family of Parker Kuhn (of Connie Guilfoil), the family of Brandi Miller (of Crestwood), Robby Nickerson (of Darval Rash), Donald Reynolds (of Darval Rash)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** the Cristi family (of Crestwood), 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), Charles Saunier (grandson of Annetta Carter), Tony Shartle, Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Nathaniel Sligh (nephew of Kimberly Sparks), Carter Yates (nephew of Stephanie & Josh Moore)

**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), Connor Hankins (nephew of Lauren York), 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, Bonnie Flanery, 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.

## **FUN + LUNCH = FUNCH!**



FUN + LUNCH is our monthly potluck when we share good food and great conversation and have lots of fun playing BINGO for prizes! Please plan to join us on Friday, May 23, at 11:30 AM in Chalice Hall for FUNCH. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy this special time of fellowship. No RSVP is needed.

## **FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Please join us for First Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, May 4. Refreshments will be served in the narthex following each service

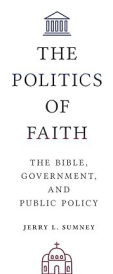
after both worship services. Please make plans to stay a few minutes after worship to connect with your Crestwood family.



## **NEW BOOK STUDY THIS MONTH**

Steph Wallace will be leading a book study for three consecutive Monday afternoons in May. We are going to read *The Politics of Faith* by Jerry L. Sumney, which can be purchased on Amazon using this link [HERE](#).

We will meet in the Bradford Room from 3:00-4:00 PM on May 5, May 12, and May 19. For the first meeting on May 5, please read chapters 1-4 of the book (pages 1-42). Bring your Bible with you to the meetings, as well. We will refer to those Scriptures that Sumney references in his book as we discuss and attempt to discern what God wills for God's followers in the realm of government and political policies today.







## CRESTWOOD LAUNCHES A NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The first gathering of our new young adult group was a dinner at Parlour Restaurant. We had 14 people join us! The group's next gathering will be a "Theology on Tap" discussion at the Mirror Twin Annex on Wednesday, May 14, at 7:00 PM. This group is for young adults from post-college and up. Want more information? Contact Kory.

## JUNE SRO TRIP TO WINCHESTER

On Tuesday, June 3, we will leave Crestwood at 9:30AM and head to Winchester, KY for brunch at the Lucky Dog Cafe on Main Street. After brunch, we will drive over to the Ale-8-One factory for a free tour of the manufacturing plant. We should be back at church by 2:00pm. Cost is your own brunch. Please RSVP to Jeanette Knowles via email: [jeanettevalerie@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettevalerie@gmail.com) or text: 859-554-5204 if you can join us! It will be a fun day!



## SRO BUS TRIP TO BEREA

Our April SRO (Seniors, Retirees, and Others) trip was to Berea and Tater Knob Pottery & Farm outside of Berea. The weather was perfect and the conversation enroute was hilarious! We enjoyed lunch at Boone Tavern in Berea, then drove a country road to Tater Knob where we learned everything about "throwing pots" on a potters wheel. The initiator of the business, Sarah Culbreth, showed us how she has been making various pottery items for at least 45 years. We also inspected the kiln packed with different wares ready to be fired up. The products Sarah and other members of her family make are truly lovely. Won't you join us on our next adventure to someplace educational and interesting? Look for that information in future emails from Crestwood Christian Church or in The Crest.



## PASTOR'S CLASS PROJECT FOR ELLA AND BRIGGS HALL

HELLO Crestwood! We are Ella and Briggs Hall and are members of the Pastor's Class. Our mentor is Dabney Parker. We are collecting books for the new Children's Library in the



Children's Wing. Please consider dropping books off in the bin that will be located in that hallway. The collecting will go through Sunday, April 13. Books - new or gently used - for ages 3-12 years old are welcomed! SO...please consider donating some books to the cause! Thanks for your help!

**Ella and Briggs**



## OUR BLESSING BOX NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

Crestwood has its own food pantry - the Blessing Box! We keep this cabinet (located outside the children's wing doors) stocked daily with nonperishable food items. Every day, hungry folks come and are able to take the food they need to feed themselves and their families. We are so blessed to be able to offer this gift of love and care to our community!



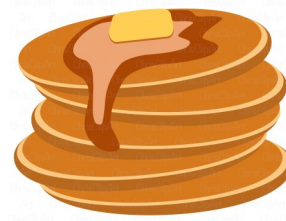
Next time you go shopping, please consider picking up a few extra items to donate to our Blessing Box pantry! Items should be left outside Steph Wallace's office door in the admin wing. Here are the items we need most:

- Canned tuna
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned beans (refried beans and baked beans)
- Canned soups
- Canned pasta (like Chef-Boyardee Ravioli and Spaghetti-os with meatballs)

Summer is a time when our Blessing Box typically sees a lot of usage - so please consider helping us out the next time you go to the store. Thank you for helping make sure that our Blessing Box is always available for those who need it most.

## MAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

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



## PRAYER & POEM WORKSHOP

Sometimes we need to put something on our schedule in order to make time for it. We invite you to join us for a Prayer and Poem workshop on three consecutive Sundays in June (June 1, 8 and 15 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the Bradford Room). Come for as few or as many sessions as you wish, they are open to all with no advance registration required. Join us to spend quiet time in contemplation, focused on composing prayers or spiritual poems, whether for your private devotions or to be shared. A conducive environment and prompts to spark inspiration will be offered. Denise Woodside Murray will facilitate.

## GREETING CARDS NEEDED

Get well cards, thinking of you 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. These cards are available for anyone to take and use. Thank you very much for your generosity.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



Judy Moore  
Addie & Autumn

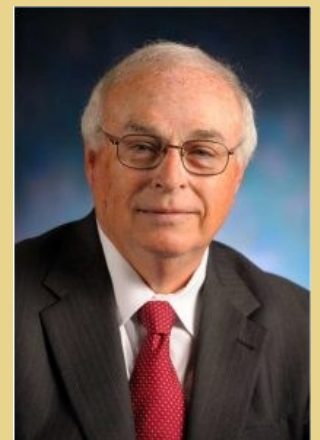


Jared, Katy,  
Charlie, & Henry Brandt



Mary Elizabeth  
Pendergrass

## IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Preston  
Nunnelley

## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR WAKON' DA-HO!

It's time to register for camps this summer! Registration forms for the 2025 camping season are now available on the Christian Church in Kentucky (CCK) website: <https://www.ccinky.net/camp/wakon-da-ho/>. PLEASE register ASAP, as camps begin in June.

### SCHEDULE:

- Chi Rho 1 (Just Completed 6th – 8th grade) – June 30 – July 5.
- Chi Rho 2 (Just Completed 6th – 8th grade) – July 7 – 12
- Camp 101A (Just Completed K – 2nd grade – must be accompanied by an adult) – June 20 – 22
- Camp 101B (Just Completed K – 2nd grade – must be accompanied by an adult) – July 19
- Mini Camp (Just Completed 2nd – 3rd Grade) – May 30 – June 1
- CYF 1 (Just Completed 9th – 12th grade) – June 2 – 7
- CYF 2 (Just Completed 9th – 12th grade) – June 23 – 28
- Eighter's Camp (Just Completed 8th grade) – June 8 – 14
- Junior Camp (Just Completed 4th – 5th grade) – June 16 – 20

(Detailed descriptions of each camp can be found on the website link above.)

The biggest change this year is how billing and payment will be handled. Campers must pay when they register. After submitting registration forms, please go to **[campwakondaho.ludus.com](https://campwakondaho.ludus.com)** and select the camp/camps your camper(s) are attending. Families can pay for more than one camp when providing their credit card information.

The church still pays half of each camper's fee. Use the following coupon code on the payment screen: CRESTLEX. When you enter this code, our church automatically is billed for half the camper's fee, and you pay only the other half. Please let Steph Wallace know if you have any questions at all about the registration or payment process.

## THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

Dear Friends of LTS,

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 ministry. When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS, words can't describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$525.21.

Mark Blankenship, VP of Advancement

Dear Crestwood DWM,

Spring is officially here, with the crazy weather to prove it. As we move into warmer weather, we are so grateful for your generous gifts that help us keep the doors open at Natalie's Sisters. The food,

personal items, and resource referrals we are able to make at the Drop-in and the personal visits to the Clubs, jail, and hospitals are true lifelines for our Sisters. Thank you for your recent gift of \$300. Thank you again for your support!

Jani Lewis, Executive Director, Natalie's Sisters

Dear Friends at Crestwood,

Thank you for your recent gifts to Kentucky Refugee Ministries Lexington of \$431 and \$2,000, which will help us continue the work we have done for our newest neighbors for over twenty-five years. The generosity with which you have given to us is deeply moving and motivating as we move forward into this new reality. Your kindness and support are a reminder that there is goodness here, that there is plenty of goodness to be shared, and that all of us are needed to build a welcoming community together.

Mary Cobb, Director, Kentucky Refugee Ministries

# Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace



Greetings Crestwood Families,

We have so much to be thankful for in children's ministry this season! Seventeen kids participated in Pastor's Class and are continuing their faith journey through baptism. Easter Sunday brought 75 kids into the children's wing with even more in worship service. Our children's library donations continue to come in and we look forward to opening soon. There is a lot of momentum and VBS is just around the corner.

This year's VBS theme is "Disciples Explorers" as we dive into the story of Moses. There will be snacks, games, stories, art, and enough songs to hold in your heart through Christmas. It's a special season and we hope you can join all the fun June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>! All are welcome to participate, and volunteers will receive a free Crestwood shirt.

It is a joy to serve as your children's minister. Thank you for continuing to invest in the lives of our kids. I can't wait to see what new adventures God is calling us to next!

Blessings,

Pastor Missy

## SAVE THE DATES

5/4 - Children singing at 10:45 service, Baptisms continued, Lemonade in Lafferty, and ministry fair!

5/11 - Youth Sunday/Mother's Day

5/18 - Last Day of Bridge before summer break

## ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP DATES BY GRADE:

Camp 101A (Just Completed K - 2nd grade - must be accompanied by an adult) - June 20 - 22

Camp 101B (Just Completed K - 2nd grade - must be accompanied by an adult) - July 19

Mini Camp (Just Completed 2nd - 3rd Grade) - May 30 - June 1

Junior Camp (Just Completed 4th - 5th grade) - June 16 - 20

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Vacation Bible School is June 23-26! Registration is now open, and we are in the process of recruiting volunteers to serve the children of our community. It takes a village to bring VBS to life and we hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. Please sign up below and reach out with any questions you may have to Missy Wallace at [missy@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:missy@crestwoodchristian.org).

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Child Registration](#)



EASTER SUNDAY CHILDREN'S TIME



## SCENES FROM EASTER AT CRESTWOOD





# MAY CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE (except where noted otherwise)

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

### Thursday, May 1

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel  
11:00 AM - Bible Study CANCELLED  
6:00 PM - Personnel Committee - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

### Sunday, May 4 - FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

12:00 PM - Ministry Fair - Courtyard  
4:00 PM - Combined Youth Group

### Monday, May 5

3:00 PM - Book Study - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

### Tuesday, May 6

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

### Wednesday, May 7

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, May 8

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

### Saturday, May 10

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

### Sunday, May 11 - MOTHER'S DAY/YOUTH SUNDAY

### Monday, May 12

3:00 PM - Book Study - Bradford Room

### Tuesday, May 13

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

### Wednesday, May 14

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC3  
7:00 PM - Young Adult Gathering - Mirror Twin

### Thursday, May 15

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

### Saturday, May 17

9:00 AM - Faithful Planning Workshop

### Sunday, May 18

12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall

### Monday, May 19

3:00 PM - Book Study - Bradford Room  
6:45 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room

### Tuesday, May 20

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

### Wednesday, May 21

9:45 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room  
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library  
7:00 PM - Administrative Board - Bradford Room

### Thursday, May 22

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

### Friday, April 23

11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

### Sunday, May 25

9:30 AM - Wake Up with Wallace - Nicholasville Rd.  
Panera

### Monday, May 26 - MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED

### Wednesday, May 28

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, May 29

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

## FINAL CALL FOR GRADUATES

It is our tradition to recognize graduating high school and college students each May on Youth Sunday. Please email Steph Wallace ([steph@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:steph@crestwoodchristian.org)) as soon as possible if you know of a graduating student so we can be sure they are recognized and celebrated on May 11, 2025 (Youth Sunday). Thank you so much!



## Youth Corner

### By Steph Wallace



Somehow, it is already May! May brings such joy to our Youth Ministry, as we honor our graduating seniors and celebrate the wonderful youth of Crestwood on Youth Sunday! This year, Youth Sunday is on Mother's Day, May 11. The youth will be leading all aspects of the service at both services that Sunday, and you won't want to miss it!

We are also looking ahead to summer... and that means mission trip time! This year, we are taking a mission trip to Charleston, SC to serve and learn. We will depart on Sunday, June 15 and return on Friday, June 20. If you would like to support our youth in this endeavor, please commit to praying for us! There will be a mandatory informational meeting for all youth, chaperones, and parents of youth who are going on the mission trip on Sunday, June 1, in Chalice Hall at noon. Please plan to stay after second service that day for this very important meeting.

We also continue to be the Youth Group that loves to share Christ's love in service to others - and this month we are serving dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission on Wednesday, May 14. The groups coming in for dinner have been getting larger each month - what a blessing to be able to serve them... but that means we really need help providing enough food to serve everyone. If you can help, please sign up to bring food or help us serve by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Calendar of events for May, 2025:**

**Sunday, May 4: *Combined Youth Group - Rehearsal for Youth Sunday!***

- 4:00-5:30 PM - Sanctuary

**Sunday, May 11: *YOUTH SUNDAY***

- All youth need to be at church by 8:00 AM
- Breakfast will be served in the Youth Meeting Room in between first and second service

**Wednesday, May 14: *Serve Dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission***

- We will leave Crestwood by 4:30 PM; return by 6:00 PM
- Please have all food at church by 4:15 PM, ready to be served
- SIGN UP TO HELP** by [clicking here](#)

**Sunday, March 25: *Wake up with Wallace***

- Meet at Panera Bread at 9:40 AM (2300 Nicholasville Rd.)
- No youth groups in afternoon - Happy Memorial Day weekend!

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!



### **THE 2025 PASTOR'S CLASS**

Front row: Quinn Wells, Grace Zakowski, Emory Horton, Charlie Brandt, Clark Pickrell, Madeleine Sarver, Isabel Kingsolver, Ollie Peace

Back Row: Margot Nunnelley, Keira Boggs, Jack Neal, Kory Wilcoxson, Maddie Thompson, Nora Brancato, Fiona Friis

Not pictured: Briggs Hall, Ella Hall, Eliza York (to be baptized May 4)



# DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## MAY SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: THE NATHANIEL MISSION

The Nathaniel Mission is one of Lexington's oldest agencies. It was formed in 1940 stemming from a need to serve community members living in the neighborhoods on the Versailles Road corridor. The Mission provides both spiritual support as well as tangible services to families living in this area. The mission has grown to support a variety of services and it casts a much wider net in order to reach more neighborhoods in need.

The Mission serves hot meals, provides wellness services, financial assistance, emergency food assistance, and connects families to supportive agencies. 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 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](mailto:thelovans@gmail.com)

Website: [www.Nathanielmission.com](http://www.Nathanielmission.com)

## CRESTWOOD'S NEW DEBORAH WOMEN'S CIRCLE



## CIRCLE MEETINGS

### **\*NEW! Deborah Circle**

**Tuesday, May 20, 6:15 PM, MC2**

Contact Laura Prather at [lauraprather@gmail.com](mailto:lauraprather@gmail.com) by May 15 if childcare is needed, or for more information.

### **May Bible Study:**

Busy Being Busy: Finding Joy in Rest  
(Matthew 11:28-30)

*Our last meetings before Summer – please join us!*

### **Julia Circle – note earlier time!**

**Monday, May 19, 6:30 PM, Bradford classroom**

We will gather for a Salad Supper – bring a dish to share!

### **Naomi Circle**

**Tuesday, May 20, 9:45 AM, Bradford classroom**

Steph Wallace will lead the Bible study, and Patsy Anderson will be our hostess.

### **Dorcas Circle**

**Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 AM, Bradford classroom**

Steph Wallace will present our Bible study program.

*Crestwood Christian DWM invites all women to visit our Circles during September through May*

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

St Athanasius Orthodox Church

100 Lime Lane, Nicholasville\*

**9:30 a.m.** Fellowship

**10:00 a.m.** Celebration / Annual Business Meeting

*(including two offerings: May Fellowship and Fellowship of the Least Coin)*

\*Car pooling – meet at Southern Hills UMC @ 9:00 a.m.  
(parking lot closest to Burbank Dr)

*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.*

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# THE CREST

## Crestwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

*Return Service Requested*

### CRESTWOOD CARES

Your Generosity as a Congregation  
Makes It All Possible!

In April, World Outreach made the following gifts to non-profits in KY:

KY Council of Churches - \$992  
Cane Ridge - \$595

Additionally, Local Outreach was able to provide the following assistance to people here in Lexington through our Bridge fund:

Kentucky Utilities - charges for 1 family - \$99  
KY American Water - charges for 1 family - \$59

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



### CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship — 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School for all ages - 9:30 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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