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ADVENT 2025

First Sunday Fellowship & Lessons and Carols
Dec. 7

The Kentuckians Chorus Concert
Dec. 9 7:30 PM

The Kentuckians Chorus will provide 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.

Live Nativity Trail
Dec. 14 4:00 PM



Join us for a live nativity trail featuring a scavenger hunt and petting zoo. See Missy’s article on pg. 8 for more details!

Church Holiday Dinner
Dec. 14 5:00 PM

Please join us for our annual church family dinner and Christmas carol singing. All are welcome to gather for this special meal and celebrate the season together. Chef Shawn will prepare a traditional Christmas feast for us including: herb crusted turkey breast, mashed potatoes, dressing, Southern green beans, cranberry sauce, and homemade yeast rolls.



Please scan the QR code or [click here](#) to RSVP no later than Dec. 5 by 2:00 PM.

Christmas Caroling
Dec. 17 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!

Longest Night Service
Dec. 21 4:00 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.

Christmas Eve Services
Dec. 24

- 5:00 PM Family Service
- 7:00 PM Candlelight Service
- 10:30 PM Organ Prelude
- 11:00 PM Candlelight Service



NEXT CREST IS DECEMBER 15

Crest articles are due by Monday, December 8.

Send articles to:
office@crestwoodchristian.org

A WORD FROM KORY



Y'all know I'm a word nerd. I love nothing more than to take a word, break it down, and examine its parts. Language is such a fascinating invention that is always evolving, and we have so much to learn about how we communicate with each other. For example, each year dozens of new words are added to the dictionary to keep up with our

changing language. This year's Word of the Year? "Six seven." Don't ask me to explain it, I don't know what it means, either.

One of my favorite suffixes (OK, what kind of nerd has a favorite SUFFIX?) is "-rupt," which means to break. Think of all the words that contain this suffix and how they so aptly describe our world today:

- Disrupt - to cause disorder or turmoil in
- Corrupt - guilty of dishonest practices
- Interrupt - to cause or make a break in the continuity or uniformity of
- Bankrupt - completely lacking in a particular quality or value
- Abrupt - sudden or unexpected
- Rupp Arena - home court of a basketball team I hope isn't breaking

And then, of course, there's the word "rupture," which means "to break or burst suddenly." Our world has been ruptured. The civility of our society has been ruptured. Our sense of decency and the fabric of our community have been ruptured. Our trust in authority and our ability to be genuine and vulnerable with each other have been ruptured.

But there's one more "-rupt" word, one that we don't use very often. In fact, I had never heard of it until a few years ago. The word is "irrupt." To irrupt is "to break into." It's not like "erupt," which is to break out of, or "interrupt," which is to break into the middle of. What does it mean for something to irrupt?

Imagine you've come to church on Christmas Eve, ready to celebrate the most holy night of the year. A big crowd has gathered but the doors aren't open yet. As the crowd grows, so does the anticipation. And then, the doors are opened wide and the crowd rushes into the church, filling all the space with joy and laughter and singing. That's an irruption.

As we approach the start of Advent, a time when we remember that our corrupt, disrupted, bankrupt world is in need of a savior, the incarnation is an irruption. Christ irrupted into our mundane lives as a baby in a manger, disrupting the status quo, corrupting the power structure, interrupting the narrative about who matters and who doesn't. God irrupted into our world, breaking into the chaos of our lives with a still small voice to remind us that our brokenness does not define us. We were created to be whole in God's eyes.

And Christ still irrupts into our world today, surprising us with grace and insight and that fleeting glimpse of God's handiwork. Just when we think this world is not salvageable, we hear stories about people living out their compassion, folks showing generosity in order to change lives, people of different colors and beliefs and identities coming together to make a difference, children leading powerful worship services. When we live out our faith in tangible ways, Christ irrupts among us all over again.

In fact, that happens every Sunday. When we come to the table, we remember that Christ's body was ruptured for us. His body was broken so that we might know wholeness in our hearts and in our communities. Every time we rupture the bread, Christ irrupts once again among us.

I pray this Christmas season is a season of irruption for you, as Christ breaks into your life with new insights, surprising grace, and a reminder of God's unending love for you. In a season when we feel constantly interrupted, disrupted and bankrupt, may we remember that Christ will irrupt in our lives once again so that we may know the fullness of his love for us.

DECEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

We'll gather on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8:00 AM in the Bradford Room for a time of good food and fellowship. All men of Crestwood are welcome to join us! RSVPs aren't necessary but always appreciated; you can let Kory know if you plan to attend.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Family of Lionel and Ellie Hawse, Family of Bobby Lail, Tracy Lovan, Julie McDonald, Jim McKinney, Denise Murray, family of Betty Shanklin

FAMILY: Family of Janet Mitchell (aunt of Lyndi Van Duersen), Tari Moore (mother of Judy Moore), family of Mark Stockstill (cousin of Ward Ransdell)

FRIENDS: Family of Wallace Arthur (of Mandy Deerhake), Courtney Baker Pettit (of Phoebe Wiley), Tate Dale (of Sarah Jefferson), the Donovan family (of Sarah Jefferson), Reed Elliot (of Travis Bryant), Greg Prewitt (of Jim and Libby Sharpe)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Tybi Finnegan (of Steph Wallace), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan & Kendall Hart), Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Denise Murray, 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), 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, 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.

FROM ANGEL TREES TO MITTEN TREES!

Now that all our angels have been adopted, we are ready to transform our trees into winter blessings! Please bring new or gently used winter care items (hats/gloves/scarves) and place them under the trees outside the chapel and choir room. All sizes are welcome, and items will be donated to local nonprofits. Thank you for warming the hearts of our neighbors this holiday season.



ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 5

We're amazed at how quickly our angels flew off the Christmas trees! Thanks to everyone who took an angel. You're going to make a child very happy this Christmas! Angel tree gifts can be turned back into the church office. Unwrapped gifts are to be placed inside a trash bag with the attached numbered sticker (a roll of wrapping paper can be placed in the bag). Please let Missy know if you have any questions.



WE'RE ALMOST THERE! PLEASE DONATE TO THE NEST FOOD BOXES

The Youth Ministry is collecting money to supply food boxes for The Nest - and this year our goal is 400 boxes! The cost is about \$6500 - roughly \$16 per box. We still need just about \$1000 to meet this goal...won't you help us get there? Please label your donation "Food Boxes" so we know your gift is meant to be used towards our goal. Thank you so much for helping make this wish a reality as children right here in Lexington will be blessed with a box full of food to feed their families at Christmas!



A Grinch-y Christmas



"Every Who down in Who-ville liked Christmas a lot, but the Grinch, who lived just north of Who-ville, did NOT!" It seems like every year our world is full of less Whos and more Grinches. The meaning of Christmas gets swallowed up by the consumerism and selfishness that runs rampant in our society. How do we hold onto the Christmas spirit when the view from Mt. Crumpit saps our sense of hope, peace, joy, and love? How do we keep our hearts from shrinking as we try to hold onto the meaning of Christ's birth? Join us this Advent as we looking at Christmas through the eyes of Dr. Seuss, the loveable Whos, and the "Mean One," Mr. Grinch!

- Nov. 30 - The Grinch Hated Christmas!**
- Dec. 7 - Lessons and Carols led by the choir**
- Dec. 14 - The Whos Down in Whoville**
- Dec. 21 - Maybe Christmas Means a Little Bit More**

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

You are welcome to join us for First Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, Dec. 7. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served at the children's wing desk following each service. Please join us for this special time together!



REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN
Sing into Spring!

2026 Kentucky Disciples
Women's Choral Retreat
Friday, February 27 ~ Sunday, March 1, 2026
Jeffersontown Christian Church
10631 Taylorsville Road Louisville, KY 40299

Registration fee is \$65. To register online go to <https://www.ccinky.net/>
For more information contact Shari Caldarelli:
email shari.caldarelli@gmail.com call/text 859-322-5653

POINSETTIA ORDERS

It is time to order poinsettias for your loved ones or yourself! Each plant costs \$10 and payment is due by Dec. 15. Call the office to place an order, send an email to Jennifer at office@crestwoodchristian.org, or [place your order online](#). The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by December 21. If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.



CRESTWOOD BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is Monday, Dec. 8 in MC 8 to discuss "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DEC. 14

There will be a regular congregational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 14, after the 10:45 AM service to vote on the 2026 budget. All church members are encouraged to attend. You can find a summary of the budget on pg. 11.

FUNCH = FUN + LUNCH AND YOU ARE INVITED!

Come be a part of the wonderful conversation, delicious food, and laughter! We enjoy fellowship time over a potluck lunch, then play BINGO for prizes! Please plan to join us on Friday, Dec. 19 at 11:30 AM in Chalice Hall for our next FUNCH gathering! ALL ARE WELCOME!



HELP US WELCOME EVERYONE - BE A GREETER!

As part of fulfilling our Faithful Plan and living out our core value of Welcoming, we are reviving our Greeter Ministry! Greeters provide a friendly face and warm welcome to all worshippers on Sunday morning. If you are interested and willing to be a greeter at either service, just click this [link](#) to sign up. Let's make sure everyone who walks through our doors knows how glad we are that they are here!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Laura Wilson



Jill & Steve Howe

IN MEMORIAM



Betty Shanklin

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES With Shalom Social Justice

Restorative Justice: Theory and Practice

Dec. 6 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

artfarm 1123 Winchester Road

Discover how restorative justice focuses on healing and repairing harm and fostering accountability and growth, rather than punishment. Engage in discussions and workshop activities led by a mix of experts and local practitioners. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to read more and to register.



DID YOU KNOW...

That one in every four children in Kentucky faces food insecurity? Or that over 700,000 people in our state go hungry on a regular basis? Our Blessing Box, which is stocked daily by our Blessing Box Team, provides nutritious, non-perishable food items to many folks who might not be able to eat otherwise. Please, won't you help us provide this essential food for our hungry neighbors? If you are able, please buy a few extra items the next time you are at the store, and drop them off outside Steph Wallace's office in the administration wing.



Here is what we need most:

Canned tuna

Canned fruit

Canned soup

Canned vegetables

Canned refried beans

Peanut Butter

Canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee Ravioli and Beefaroni)

With rising food costs and cuts to government benefits like EBT and SNAP, many people are struggling more than ever to buy enough food to feed their families. Any canned food donations you can help with are GREATLY appreciated. We are sharing the compassionate love of Christ in a very tangible, meaningful way!

CRESTWOOD ENDOWMENT GRANT AWARDS 2025

The Crestwood Endowment Fund is comprised of three separate accounts: the Cox Endowment Account, the Legacy Endowment Account, and the Paul Hunt Bowman account. The Cox account was created following a bequest from Mildred Farr Cox and is designated for Outreach giving to fund capital projects exceeding \$20K. The Legacy account is available for use by Crestwood at the request of the Finance Committee, and the Paul Hunt Bowman fund supports ministerial educational pursuits. You may recall that last fall Crestwood was able to use the growth from the Cox account investment to fund grant applications from Christian Care Communities, The Lexington Rescue Mission, and New Life Day Center.

The investments in the Cox account have continued to perform well this year and generated sufficient growth so that Local and World Outreach committees were able to release grant applications again. In collaboration with the Endowment Committee and with approval from the Administrative Board, Crestwood is funding the following grants for a total of \$229,890:

- **Christian Church in KY** (World Outreach) - \$50,000 for improvements to Camp Wakon 'Da- Ho. Camp Wakon'Da-Ho is in Casey County and is where the Disciples of Christ Youth and Children attend church camp.
- **Natalie's Sisters** (Local Outreach) - \$27,750 for repairs and upgrades to two of Natalie's Sisters facilities. Natalie's Sisters provides services to trafficked and exploited women.
- **Arbor Youth Services** (Local Outreach) - \$56,140 to complete critical safety and accessibility improvements for minor and young adult shelters. Arbor Youth Services provides for homeless and at-risk youth.
- **The Nest** (Local Outreach) - \$96,000 to remodel a kitchen to a fully equipped commercial kitchen allowing for expansion of community outreach and educational services. The Nest provides services to prevent the abuse and neglect of children and adults by supporting families in crisis through education, counseling, advocacy, and resources.

What a blessing it is for Crestwood to have this opportunity to build upon our strong history of Outreach and to provide for the community in such a significant way. I look forward to the ways that Crestwood Christian Church can continue to live out our Vision and Mission by connecting People to God and one another and serving our community.

- Lucy Wells

THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

We are so grateful for Crestwood's support. Because of your generosity, we are able to continue providing essential services to our sisters to help rebuild lives. Thank you for believing in our mission and partnering with us.

Blessings,
Jani Lewis
Natalie's Sisters

Hello dear friends at Crestwood,

My name is Joshua Boone, and I am the Art Educator at Glendover Elementary School. I would like to start by thanking you all for the wonderful things you do for our community. I personally believe that a local church can be a beacon of hope, I have seen this in my own life and through the many ministries you all have done in our community. Over the last couple of years we have enjoyed donating handcrafted ornaments, created by our students, and we are pleased to do so again this year! These beautiful ornaments were crafted with care by our wonderful Kindergarten and first-grade students. Please enjoy and have a lovely holiday season.



Sincerely,
Mr. Boone and the students at Glendover Elementary



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DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

CIRCLE MEETINGS

2025 Just Women Bible Study:

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Please join us!

JULIA CIRCLE

Monday Dec. 15, 11:45 AM

No formal lesson; potluck at the home of Sara Gretz (708 Old Dobbin Rd.)

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:15 PM in the Bradford Room

Laura Prather will lead the Bible study "He Is." *Please contact Laura Prather (lauraprather@gmail.com) if you need childcare.*

DORCAS CIRCLE

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 10:00 AM in the Bradford Room

No formal lesson; Katherine Steckler will perform Christmas music followed by lunch at The Gift Box and Tea Room (off Clays Mill Rd at 3330 Partner Place, #122).

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

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

CWU will not meet in December

Tuesday, Jan. 13

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church
2185 Garden Springs Drive**

9:30 AM - Fellowship

10:00 AM - Program

*Join women from churches all around Lexington who **Agree** to differ, **Resolve** to love, are **United** to serve. In Christ's Name - ALL are invited!*

Crestwood DWM is a participating organization with Church Women United.

**Contact Pat Waggener at 859-266-6313 or patwaggener@twc.com.*



DECEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE:

THE NEST

[The Nest](#) is an agency that has been serving the Lexington area since 1977. It is a lifeline for all individuals and families in crisis, facing adversity,



or who have unexpected needs. The Nest provides caregivers with equal access to high quality child care providers, personal hygiene necessities and various items that support a healthy and safe environment for infants and children. Parenting classes are provided to female and male caregivers focusing on quality parenting skills. The Nest also provides counseling for intimate partner violence in both individual and group settings as well as legal advocacy for survivors.

Donations to support the mission of The Nest include:

- Car seats (must be unexpired and have never been in a wreck)
- In-season children's clothing (gently used, clean, and free of stains or tears)
- Baby equipment (cribs, pack-n-plays, strollers, highchairs, bouncers, etc.)
- Infant care items (sippy cups, etc.)
- Infant formula (unopened and unexpired)
- Diapers and wipes

Thank you for your continued support of our community. Items may be placed in the Giving Lane located in the hallway that leads to the Administrative Wing.

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the letters NEST in the memo line. Please mail your check to Donna Thor at 3405 Brandon Drive, Lexington, KY 40502.

For more information, you may contact DWM service coordinator Loraye Jones at 859-940-1567 (call or text) or email at loraye.r.jones@gmail.com

Children's Ministry

Pastor Missy Wallace



Greetings Crestwood Families,

'Tis the season of Advent with all the hope, peace, joy, and love to go with it! This special time is filled with ways to prepare our hearts to receive the love of the Christ child. The spirit of childhood shined brightly as our kids sang and Bridge students led worship Thanksgiving Sunday. This is indeed the season where we are all connected to a childlike faith.

As we all prepare to journey to the manger, Crestwood kids will have the unique opportunity to walk through and experience the Bethlehem story. On Dec. 14 at 4:00 PM, we will be hosting a Live Nativity Trail prior to our all-church holiday dinner at 5:00 PM. Families will receive a map, and kids will have the chance to participate in a scavenger hunt across church property and interact with characters. A nativity petting zoo will be onsite for all to enjoy. You don't want to miss it!

The moment is coming 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



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. And a special thank you to our adult Sunday School classes for providing breakfast for the children!

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 5

Angel Tree gifts due

Dec. 7

First Sunday Fellowship & Lessons and Carols

Dec. 14

Live Nativity Trail 4:00 PM & Church Holiday
Dinner 5:00 PM

Dec. 17

Christmas Caroling 6:30 PM

Dec. 21

Kids Singing at 10:45 Service & Longest Night
Service 4:00 PM

Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Services:

5:00 PM family service 10:30 PM organ prelude
7:00 PM candlelight 11:00 PM candlelight

July 20-23, 2026 (tentative)

VBS

Youth Corner

By Rev. 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. As always at this time of year, I love to reflect back over the past year of youth events, and I am filled with gratitude for the amazing young folks who serve, learn, and enjoy fellowship together at Crestwood... they inspire me every day with their love and generosity. I pray that each and every one of you will be blessed this Advent and Christmas season with joy, hope, peace, and love in more ways than you can count.



Our biggest event every December is **FOOD 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 over 40 volunteers, and it sure makes a difference! We will be filling the food boxes for The Nest on Sunday, Dec. 7 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, Dec. 21 from 4:00-6:00 PM in the CYF room. Please bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$25, suitable for anyone. Extra-special treats will be provided. All youth are welcome to come and celebrate with us!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER, 2025

Sunday, Dec. 7: FOOD BOX FILLING

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

Sunday, Dec. 14: Nativity Trail and Fellowship Dinner

- 4:00 PM - Nativity Trail
- 5:00 PM - All-church fellowship dinner in the Gym

Sunday, Dec. 21: All Youth Christmas Party!

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

Sunday, Dec. 28: 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!

MINISTRY ARCHITECTS REPORT ON YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Recently, two consultants from Ministry Architects met with our congregation to assess our youth ministry program and make recommendations about how we can grow and strengthen it. They presented their report via Zoom on Nov. 23. If you'd like to read the full report, [click here](#). The next step is the formation of an Implementation Team to put into action the recommendations from the report. That team is currently being formed and will begin their work in the new year.

DECEMBER 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

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 AM - Library Team

Wednesday, December 3

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, December 4

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Sunday, December 7 - FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & LESSONS AND CAROLS

12:00 PM - Shalom Social Justice - Bradford Room

4:00 PM - Combined Youth Group - Food Box Filling Day!

Tuesday, December 9

2:00 PM - Property Team - MC 3

Wednesday, December 10

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, December 11

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Saturday, December 13

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

Sunday, December 14

12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

4:00 PM - Live Nativity Trail

5:00 PM - All-Church Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 15

11:45 AM - DWM Julia Circle - Potluck at the home of Sara Gretz (708 Old Dobbin Rd.)

Tuesday, December 16

6:15 PM - DWM Deborah Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, December 17

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room, lunch at The Gift Box and Tea Room

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

6:30 PM - Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 18

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Personnel Committee - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Sunday, December 21

4:00 PM - Combined Youth Group - Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM - Family Service

7:00 PM - Candlelight Service

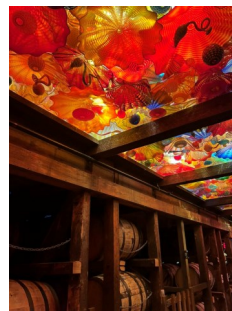
10:30 PM - Organ Prelude

11:00 PM - Candlelight Service

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

SRO TRIPS WILL RESUME IN 2026!

We had a fabulous and informational trip to Maker's Mark Distillery in November, and we are already planning some very exciting adventures for 2026! Stay tuned for more information... We plan to resume our SRO excursions in March!



2026 BUDGET FOR CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Year to Year Change	Percent Change
Total Giving	862,375	901,048	38,673	4.5%
Endowment Fund Income	50,000	50,000		
Mildred Cox Endowment Fund Income		16,147	16,147	
Other Receipts	<u>50,700</u>	<u>52,700</u>	<u>2,000</u>	3.9%
Total Receipts	963,075	1,019,895	56,820	5.9%
<i>One-time transfer from Unrestricted Cash</i>		27,414		
Debt Service	13,100	13,100		
Outreach Local	19,835	24,328	4,493	22.7%
Outreach World	19,835	24,328	4,493	22.7%
Disciples Mission Fund	39,669	41,448	1,779	4.5%
Ministerial Education Fund <i>(funding redirected)</i>	6,899		-6,899	-100.0%
Total Outreach	86,238	90,104	3,866	4.5%
Personnel	552,529	608,157	55,628	10.1%
Administration	20,853	19,997	-856	-4.1%
Music	5,225	9,000	3,775	72.2%
Adult Education	285	270	-15	-5.3%
Caregivers	380	347	-34	-8.8%
Children	14,250	13,950	-300	-2.1%
Connections				
Fellowship	2,660	3,420	760	28.6%
Finance	79,440	61,374	-18,066	-22.7%
Library	250	250		0.0%
Parents Day Out				
Property	192,280	190,900	-1,380	-0.7%
Safety & Security	14,250	8,500	-5,750	
Shalom & Social Justice				
Stewardship	190	180	-10	
Technology	7,790	9,800	2,010	25.8%
Worship	4,655	6,260	1,605	34.5%
Young Adult		900	900	
Youth	10,450	10,800	350	3.3%
Other				
Total Expenditures	1,004,824	1,047,308	42,484	4.2%

BOARD NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

The Administrative Board met on Thursday, Nov. 19, for its regular meeting. The Board accomplished several important tasks, including:

- Approving the Endowment Committee's recommendation to award grants totalling \$229,890 to Camp Wakandaho, The Nest, Arbor Youth Services, and Natalie's Sisters. (See pg. 6.)
- Approving the operating budget for 2026.
- Receiving the Implementation Team's report on putting the Faithful Plan into action. This will be discussed in more detail at the January Board meeting.
- Approving the ministers' housing allowance declarations.
- Approving the moderator's appointments for Assistant Treasurers, the Endowment Committee, and the Personnel Committee.

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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

CRESTWOOD CARES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

In November, World Outreach gave \$496 to Christian Care Communities.

Local Outreach provided \$400 in food for our own Blessing Box, as well as Bridge fund payments of \$200 in rental assistance to prevent eviction for two individuals, for a total of \$400.

Thanks to all who are so generously dropping off food every day for our Blessing Box - it is very much needed and appreciated!

Your love and generosity changes lives! We are bringing hope to those who need it most through our mission and outreach. Thank you for being part of this important work!



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 YouTube.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Rev. Steph Wallace, Interim Associate Minister
Pastor Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
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