

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 18

6:15 PM - DWM Deborah Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, November 19

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Administrative Board - Bradford Room

Thursday, November 20

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Friday, November 21

11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Sunday, November 23 - *Universal Children's Sunday*

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

4:00 PM - COMBINED Youth Group - Box Building Day

6:00 PM - Ministry Architects Watch Party - Youth Meeting Room

FUN + LUNCH = FUNCH!

Be a part of the great food, even better conversations, and all the fellowship! FUN + LUNCH is a monthly potluck, and everyone is invited! After lunch, we have lots of fun playing BINGO for prizes! Please plan to join us on Friday, Nov. 21 at 11:30 AM in Chalice Hall for FUNCH. Bring a dish to share (there might even be homemade pie!) and come enjoy this special time with your Crestwood family. No RSVP is needed.



ORNAMENT GIFTS FROM GLENDOVER

In gratitude for our partnership with the school, the students at Glendover Elementary school created ornaments as gifts for our church family. Please pick one up from our angel trees and be in prayer for the child who made it.



Sunday, November 23



Universal Children's Sunday

A Seat at the Table

Luke 14:15-24

Pastor Missy Wallace

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.



HELP OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS AND DONATE TOWARD FOOD BOXES FOR THE NEST

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. Please 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 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!



HELP SERVE A THANKSGIVING MEAL

Nathaniel Mission is looking for people to help serve their annual Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, Nov. 20 (the Thursday before Thanksgiving). They are looking for both food donations and for people to show up and help with a variety of tasks at the meal. If you are interested in helping out, let Kory know and he'll add you to the list. This is a great hands-on service opportunity!



REMINDER:

Submissions for the December 1 Crest are due by *Thursday, November 20*. Please send articles to office@crestwoodchristian.org.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Family of Lionel and Ellie Hawse, Family of Bobby Lail, Tracy Lovan, Julie McDonald, Jim McKinney, Denise Murray, Ray Ware

FAMILY: Susan Goodman (sister of Lucy Wells), Michele Mitchell (daughter of Eva Dennis), Tari Moore (mother of Judy Moore), Naomi Riddell (mother of Michelle Ison), Betty Shanklin (mother of Bob Shanklin), the family of Mark Stockstill (cousin of Ward Ransdell)

FRIENDS: Courtney Baker Pettit (of Phoebe Wiley), Tate Dale (of Sarah Jefferson), the Donovan family (of Sarah Jefferson), Rob Piepsny (of Travis Bryant), Pat Reynolds (of Phoebe Wiley)

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: Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Tristan Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Jacob Browning (son of Holly Nutter), 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, 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 recent natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lexington is full of volunteer needs and opportunities over the holidays. These are fantastic ways for individuals, groups, or families to be involved in caring for our community. The Salvation Army needs volunteers for [Thanksgiving Meal](#), [Christmas Meal](#), [Angel Tree Fayette Mall](#), [Angel Tree Distribution Center](#), and [Red Kettle Bell Ringing](#). Nathaniel Mission needs help with their [Thanksgiving meal](#) (or call Bonnie Lynch at 859-533-2313). Happy volunteering!



ADVENT WORKSHOP – NOVEMBER 30

Advent Workshop will be on Sunday, Nov. 30, following the second service in Chalice Hall. This is a special time when we celebrate the Advent season with family fun! There will be a family craft, pizza lunch, hot cocoa bar, and a special station for kids to decorate an encouragement cup. In partnership with the Mad Potter, we will be painting a round serving plate (one per family), and direct adult supervision will be required. This is a family event, and all are welcome.



DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT

It's that time of year! Join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday, Nov. 29, as we decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. There is always plenty to do, so come join the fun.

HELP DECORATE OUR CRESTWOOD CHRISTMAS TREE

For the first time, we're going to have a Crestwood family Christmas tree, and we want your ornament on it! We're asking you to bring in a family ornament, preferably that has your name(s) on it. It could be as simple as taking a plain ornament and writing your name(s) on it. To be clear, we're not asking you to bring in an heirloom ornament or one that is easily broken. We just want to make sure all our Crestwood families are represented! You can drop the ornament by the office or bring it on Sunday, Nov. 30, the first Sunday of Advent.

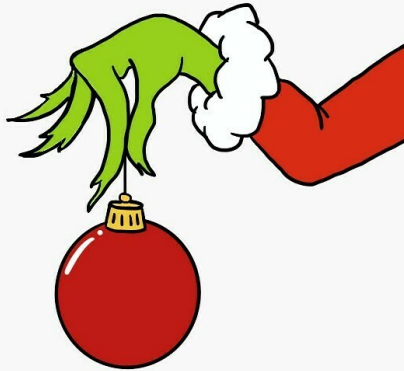


HELP US WELCOME EVERYONE – BE A GREETER!

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!



A Grinch-y Christmas Sermon Series



"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. And, certainly, the divisive state of our country and violence in the world can make anyone Grinch-y. 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

THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Glendover Elementary food drive. Their Family Resource Center pantry is now stocked, and we will continue collecting donations of non-perishable food items for our Blessing Box. We appreciate everyone stepping up to help meet the needs of our community. Way to go Crestwood!

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR DECORATIONS? LET US KNOW!

Christmas time is coming, which means putting up lights and decorations and, of course, the Christmas tree. We know that for some of our members, this may be a daunting task for a variety of reasons. If you'd like some help putting up your decorations, let us know! We have several families with kids that would LOVE to help you! Just call the church office and we'll put you in touch with a family that would be more than happy to help you get in the Christmas spirit.



MINISTRY ARCHITECTS REPORT WATCH PARTY

The MA team will be sharing their final assessment report with all of us on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. The Youth Ministry will host a watch party in the Youth Meeting Room for anyone who can join us; you can also plan to join the [Zoom](#) from home if you are able. Thank you for being a part of this vital process! Our Youth Ministry is very grateful.



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 pasta (like Chef Boyardee Ravioli and Beefaroni)
- Canned refried beans
- Peanut Butter

With rising food costs, 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!