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**NEXT CREST IS**  
**JANUARY 15**

**Crest articles are  
due by  
Thursday, January 8.**

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

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us on Dec. 17 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

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 on Dec. 21 at 4:00 PM acknowledging and seeking the LIGHT that comes into the darkness. Please invite friends to join you.



## ALL YOUTH INVITED TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

On Sunday, Dec. 21, from 4:00-6:00 PM in the youth meeting room, all youth are welcome to come enjoy yummy treats and laugh with us as we do our annual gift exchange! Bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$25, suitable for anyone in the group. Email Steph Wallace with your questions. It will be a joyous and merry time of food and fellowship. Join us!



## Christmas Eve SERVICES

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24**

**5:00 PM FAMILY SERVICE**

**10:30 PM ORGAN PRELUDE**

**7:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
(LIVE-STREAMED)**

**11:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**



## Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Terry Fisher, Mike Lovell, Julie McDonald, Boyd Schriefer, family of Betty Shanklin

**FAMILY:** Larry Blondell (brother of David Blondell), Mary Herald (sister of Kimberly Sparks, family of Gordon Johns (stepfather of Julie Lewis), family of Marge Marcum (cousin of Libby Wachtel), family of Janet Mitchell (aunt of Lyndi Van Duersen), Michele Mitchell (daughter of Wayne and Eva Dennis)

**FRIENDS:** Family of Wallace Arthur (of Mandy Deerhake), Tate Dale (of Sarah Jefferson), the Donovan family (of Sarah Jefferson), Reed Elliot (of Travis Bryant), Kenny Hamilton (of Phoebe Wiley), family of Tim Hughes (of Crestwood), Greg Prewitt (of Jim and Libby Sharpe), Shirley Price (of Phoebe Wiley), 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), Mary Zarba (of Libby Wachtel)

**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.

## **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!



## **JANUARY MEN'S BREAKFAST**

We'll gather on Saturday, Jan. 10, 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.



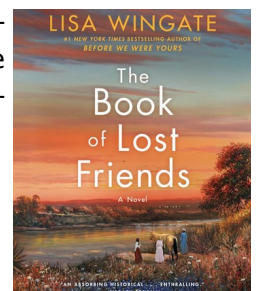
## **FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

You are welcome to join us for First Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, Jan. 4. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served at the children's wing desk following each service. Please join us for this special time together!



## **CRESTWOOD BOOK CLUB**

The next book club meeting is Monday, Feb. 23 in MC 8 to discuss "The Book of Lost Friends" by Lisa Wingate.



# DECEMBER-JANUARY 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

### 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 - Longest Night Service  
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!\*\****

### Sunday, January 4 - FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group  
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

### Monday, January 5

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC 3

### Wednesday, January 7

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, January 8

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room  
6:00 PM - Personnel Committee - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Choir Practice

### Saturday, January 10

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

### Sunday, January 11

12:00 PM - Shalom Social Justice - Bradford Room  
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group  
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

### Monday, January 12

7:00 PM - Endowment Committee - Bradford Room

### Tuesday, January 13

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

### Wednesday, January 14

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, January 15

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

## SNOW REMOVAL 2025-26

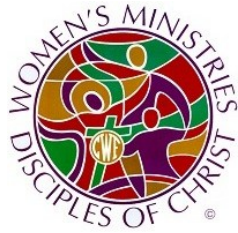
Salting and snow removal will be completed in these locations on all days:

- The north parking lot
- The drive from Bellefonte to the Childcare Center
- The drives into the north lot
- The handicap parking along this drive

These sidewalks will be cleared and salted:

- The walks along the Mission Center
- The children's wing entrance
- The walk between the east and west sides of the north lot
- The pedestrian walks along Bellefonte and Glendover

Salting and snow removal will *not* be done on the south parking lot, the drive from Glendover, and the northeast parking lot.



# DWM

## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

#### 2025-26 Just Women Bible Study:

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

*Please join us!*

#### DECEMBER

##### 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." *If you need childcare, please contact Laura Prather at lauraprather@gmail.com.*

##### 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).

#### JANUARY

##### JULIA CIRCLE

**Monday, Jan. 19, 11:45 AM in the Bradford Room**

Bring your sack lunch and drink and join in the fun. Cyndi Wiseman will lead the lesson "El Espiritu Santo and the Hispanic Church."

##### DEBORAH CIRCLE

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 6:15 PM in the Bradford Room**

Erin Bookman will lead the lesson "As the Holy Spirit Will." *If you need childcare, please contact Laura Prather at lauraprather@gmail.com.*

##### DORCAS CIRCLE

**Wednesday Jan. 21, 10:00 in the Bradford Room**

Andy Bales will lead the lesson, "He Is."

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

### 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](mailto:loraye.r.jones@gmail.com).



## JANUARY SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: STEP BY STEP

Step By Step is celebrating 30 years of walking alongside thousands of young single mothers ages 12 to 24 and their children throughout our community. Over the decades, Step By Step has evolved from offering child abuse prevention education to providing a holistic, trauma-informed approach that includes healing-centered programming, resource advocacy, and youth-centered leadership development. The mission of Step By Step is to empower and embolden young single mothers to improve their lives, their families, and their communities through healing, encouragement, faith and education.



The agency has requested monetary contributions that will be used to support on-going programs.

For those who wish to make a contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with letters SBS in the memo line. Please mail your donation to DWM treasurer 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](mailto:loraye.r.jones@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support.

## 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](mailto:patwaggener@twc.com).*



**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](mailto:shari.caldarelli@gmail.com) call/text 859-322-5653

## 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!

# ADVENT AT CRESTWOOD



After kicking off the season with our Advent workshop on Nov. 30, Crestwood's December has been full of serving our community and celebrating. And there is still more to come!



## KIDS ON A MISSION AT GLENDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Friday, Dec. 5, Kids on a Mission delivered free coffee, donuts, and encouragement cups to the staff at Glendover Elementary School. God's kids, doing God's work, in God's world!



## THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM!

Staff from Glendover, Liberty, and Russell Cave schools braved the snow on Dec. 8 to pick up 181 bags full of gifts from Crestwood's congregation. Thank you for your generosity that will help bring some Christmas cheer to these students and their families!



## SAVE THE DATES

**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



# ADVENT AT CRESTWOOD



Thank you to ALL who showed up this year (by donating money, time, and sweat!) to help our Youth fill 400 food boxes for The Nest!



Our congregation was treated to the beloved annual Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 14 featuring Crestwood's choir and a guest orchestra.



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Lexington, Kentucky 40503-2046  
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# THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

*Return Service Requested*

## 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 scan the QR code or 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!



## LITURGISTS NEEDED

Lend your voice to our worship services! We're looking for liturgists for both services on Sunday morning. The liturgist leads the congregation in the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture (both of which are provided during the week before). We'd love to have you be part of leading worship on Sunday, so please sign up. No previous experience necessary! Scan the QR code or click this [link](#) to volunteer.



### 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  
Rev. Kelly Hale, Pastoral Care Minister  
Jennifer Heersche, Office Administrator  
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager  
Frank Spragens, Music Director  
Jane Johnson, Organist  
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist

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