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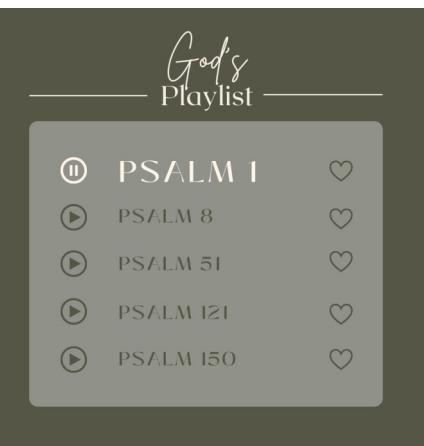
### NEXT CREST IS MARCH 1

**Crest articles are due by Sunday, February 22.**

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

## LENTEN SERMON SERIES

We all have those favorite songs we listen to when we're feeling joyous or need to drown our sorrows. Maybe it's a classic rock anthem, a weepy ballad, or an orchestral movement. Did you know God has a playlist, too? The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 hymns and poems that reflect the gamut of emotions we feel as we live our life of faith. For our Lenten sermons, we'll be exploring some of the Psalms as a way of learning what it means to be in relationship with God.



## LET'S MAKE A SOUPER DIFFERENCE

Whether you're rooting for a team or the commercials, we can all be winners as we serve the least of these in the community. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 8, as we collect food for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring. This year the food collected will go to Crestwood's Blessing Box. Along with soup, we are always in need of canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna, and Chef Boyardee pasta. Donations can be brought to the narthex on Sunday morning or throughout the week. Thanks for your support as we cheer on our community!



## 2026 PASTOR'S CLASS

Is your youth in fifth grade or above and curious about baptism? This year's Pastor's Class will start on Sunday, Feb. 22 (time TBD), and run for six weeks to help youth prepare to make a decision about being baptized. This class is fun, interactive, and a great way for youth to learn about their faith. If your youth is interested in participating, let Kory know. Looking forward to another great class this year!

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING TASK FORCE

Part of Crestwood's Faithful Plan is to explore the possibility of Crestwood becoming an Open and Affirming congregation. While Crestwood already strives to be welcoming to all, this designation would send a message to members of the LGBT+ community and their allies that they are safe, affirmed, and welcomed into the full life of Crestwood. Churches seeking this designation go through a congregation-wide process, and Crestwood is putting together a task force to explore that process. If you would like more information or are interested in serving on that task force, please let Kory know.



## A WORD FROM KORY



One of my favorite purchases for my new apartment is my floor lamp. Yes, I'm easily pleased. This lamp is cool because the light emanates from two half-circles that can be rotated at any angle. So, if you angle them up, it's a room light. If you angle them down, it becomes a reading light. If you're undecided, you can angle one up and one down. You change the angles, the brightness, even the warmth of the light to suit your mood.

I was thinking about that lamp when I read this saying that a friend sent me earlier this week: "Early this morning, there was fog and as the sun rose around us everything began to glow. It made we wonder what this world will become for us when we remember in our bones that even the darkness is just another shape of light."

This struck me, because I often think of darkness as the opposite of light, a shadowy contrast to a sunny presence. Darkness and light. I see their relationship as antithetical, not complementary. One is the absence of the other, not another form or shape of it. I wonder how my perspective of darkness changes if I see it as another shape of light?

One commentator wrote, "It is a call and response for me lately with darkness proposing the things it hopes will distract me. Fear and fragments and cynicism and fatigue, among others (also, on a more mundane level, ice and snow). My response is choosing every morning to love my life and the people in it, choosing to see how everything leads toward understanding even when I don't see it right away. Choosing the possibility, no matter how ephemeral or quiet, of a world that works for everyone, no exceptions. That's the light I keep on the lookout for."

My first response was to balk at this statement. DOES the world work for everyone? The people in detention centers? The unhoused huddled to keep warm in the snow? The newly retired person diagnosed with terminal cancer? I wrinkled my nose, thinking that the writer was a bit too naïve, too Pollyanna-ish, to see the darkness in the world for what it is. When someone shows you who they really are, believe them. And this world is dark.

But what if that darkness is just another shape of light, light that has been bent, distorted, refracted in such a way that it illuminates the evil within and around us, calls forth from the shadows the selfishness and greed and fear that resides in each of us (not just the people we don't like)? What if the light is still there, shining in the darkness, not necessarily overcoming it but also not giving into it?

If we really think about it, we know this in our bones, don't we? We're reminded every Christmas Eve, when we light our multitude of candles from the one Christ candle and hold them aloft, driving back the darkness of the sanctuary, lighting up God's house with the glow. When we leave that evening, the world is still dark, but the birth of Christ gives it a new shape, a new sense of hope. And gives us a new sense of purpose. The candle may be extinguished, but the light glows on.

For some reason, God has brought into my path a number of people lately who are wrestling with darkness. People struggling with addiction, broken relationships, depression, a lack of motivation and purpose. And yet, God has also shown me people who are shining their light, who are not letting the darkness overcome them. In many cases, it's the same person wrestling with the darkness who is also shining the light. It just takes a different shape.

In one of the strangest contradictions in the Bible, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) but also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Well, Jesus, which is it? Are you the light or are we the light? I have a feeling Jesus would say, "Yes." We are all the light, just in different shapes. Even when humanity is at its darkest, the light of Christ still shines within us.

My prayer for you is that you never lose perspective on the light that shines in and around you. This world feels so dark right now. And yet, we can choose the possibility that, no matter how ephemeral or quiet, the world works for everyone. Or, as Paul says it in Romans 8, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." ALL things. Even the darkest ones.

## Joys and Concerns

### MEMBERS: Erik Nielsen

**FAMILY:** Family of Gary Adamson (father of Kyle Adamson), Phyllis Burdette (mother of Kim Powell), Michele Mitchell (daughter of Wayne and Eva Dennis), Mollie Ross (cousin of Bill Bacon), LeRoy Wease (nephew of James Pelfrey)

**FRIENDS:** Don Belles (of Michelle DeLacey), Roy and Lena Campbell (of Saralyn Kingsolver), family of Tricia Dean (of Brenda Crank), Candace James (of Tracy Lovan), Matthew Johnson (of James Pelfrey), Jason Murray, Greg Prewitt (of Jim & Libby Sharpe), family of John Price (of Matt and Megan Bacon), family of Patty Rai Smith (of Crestwood), David Staten (of Crestwood), Shannon Willow (of James Pelfrey), Mary Zarba (of Libby Wachtel)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Suzy Campbell (of Libby Wachtel), 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), Ariel Main (friend of Libby Wachtel), Tari Moore (mother of Judy Moore), Denise Murray, Julie Parsons (of Libby Wachtel), Sally (of Ann Kingsolver), 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 and oppression 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.

### FAMILY LENTEN WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars as we prepare to kick off the Lenten season at Crestwood. Children and Youth Ministries will be partnering for our Lenten Family Workshop on Sunday, Feb. 15 after second service in Chalice Hall. There will be a pizza lunch, family craft, and mission project for all ages! Together we are making sandwiches for the Hope Mobile, so be on the lookout for more details.



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Save the date! On Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 PM, we'll combine with East Second Street Christian Church for our annual Ash Wednesday service. Location and other details will be coming later. Please join us for this meaningful beginning to the Lenten season.



### LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

For Sunday School during Lent, we'll be combining the adult classes to take a deeper look at some of the psalms from the Bible. While the sermons will give us a birds-eye view, in Sunday School we'll dive into particular psalms to understand them better. Join us at 9:30 AM in Chalice Hall as we spend time in this meaningful, mysterious book.

## CRASH COURSE

New to Crestwood? Want to learn more about who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved? You're invited to attend our Crestwood Crash Course on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 3:00 PM in the Bradford Room (which is in the gym/mission center building). We'll breeze through a history of our denomination and our church, talk about how the church operates, and share all the programs and ministries of the congregation. RSVPs to Kory are encouraged but not required.



## SCOUT SUNDAY

We are blessed to have such a close relationship with the scouting troops that use our space during the week. We are their charter organization and share a mutually beneficial connection to the youth and leaders of that program. Feb. 8 is Scout Sunday, when members of the troops and their families will help us lead worship. Please join us in welcoming them to our Sunday morning service!



## CRESTWOOD'S FUNCH GROUP WANTS YOU TO JOIN US FOR FUN+LUNCH!

We will meet in Chalice Hall on Friday, Feb. 27 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM for a potluck lunch, great conversation, and BINGO games for prizes! Please join us - all are welcome!



## YOUTH & FAMILY SKI TRIP

On Monday, Feb. 16 (Presidents' Day), we will be heading to the snowy slopes of Perfect North in Indiana to enjoy our annual family skiing/snow tubing trip! The church van will leave Crestwood at 9:00 AM for those who need a ride to Perfect North. Because we did not have enough RSVPs to meet the group rate, all skiers and snow tubers will be responsible for purchasing their own tickets when we arrive. Please email Steph or Kory with any questions you have about the trip!

## JOIN US FOR THE WALK FOR WARMTH

The Shalom Social Justice Team invites you to join them as they participate in the Lexington Rescue Mission's Walk for Warmth fundraiser. The event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 10:00 AM at Calvary Baptist Church. The cost of registration is \$30. To register, [click here](#). We hope you'll join us as we walk to end homelessness!

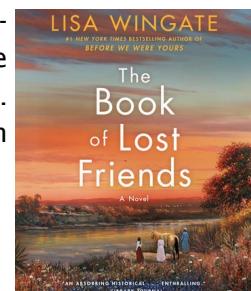
## Come join us for Lexington Rescue Mission's WALK FOR WARMTH

Help end homelessness! \* Calvary Baptist Church \* Feb. 21 at 10 am



## 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. For more information, contact Beth Cooper or the church office.



## FEBRUARY MEN'S BREAKFAST

We'll gather on Saturday, Feb. 14, 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.



**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

**For more information or to register, you can also contact Gayle Hutcherson. The registration deadline is Feb. 6.**

## PEOPLE LIVE WHEN PEOPLE GIVE

Your donation of blood can make a critical difference for three different patients. Between now and Valentine's Day, please consider giving blood at your local Kentucky Blood Center location. Handouts with more information are available in the narthex.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK DONATIONS

Do you have any out-grown children's books that you would donate to our Blessing Book Box? When parents pick up food from the Blessing Food Box, they are able to take a book for their child. We know that it is important for children to have their own books at home, but books are not in the budget for families struggling to make ends meet. There is a marked container for donations on the Giving Lane, with a box underneath. We are looking for books for pre-school through early elementary ages. "Quality" books (Seuss, etc.) are especially needed, but they also like activity books and crayons from Dollar Tree. This is an activity of the Bradford-Seekers Sunday School class who have already emptied the shelves of their children and grandchildren! Thank you.



## 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!



## Children's Ministry

### Pastor Missy Wallace

Greetings Crestwood Families,

Welcome to the season of Lent! It felt like we celebrated Advent, shouted hooray at Epiphany, then blinked. We've gone from joyful anticipation to contemplative reflection. If you have a sense of spiritual whiplash, I am right there with you.

Lent has grown on me over the years. In the movie "Inside Out," Joy is a character rushing around holding a lot of difficult things together with happiness racing to see what's next. Eventually, Joy burns out and crashes. Sadness has been lingering in the background and finally has the chance to take over. It seems counterproductive, but making room for Sadness allows renewal for Joy. In an odd way, that's how I see Lent.

Our productive fast-paced lives don't leave a lot of time or space for contemplation. Even a whiff of discomfort can have us running back to Joy, let alone the idea of sacrifice. In the middle of spring sports schedules, busy calendars, and early summer planning, I hope we can create healthy space to wrestle with our humanity. God holds all the pieces of our journey and wants to grow something great in us. Let's take time to wander in the desert together, sit with a few things, and see where the road leads. You never know what adventure God has for us next.

With Joy,  
Pastor Missy

## SAVE THE DATES

**Feb. 1**

First Sunday Fellowship

**March 28**

Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

**Feb. 8**

Souper Bowl of Caring  
(bring donations of canned soup  
to worship)

**March 29**

Palm Sunday procession

**Feb. 15**

Family Lenten Workshop

**April 5**

Easter Services & Flowering of the Cross

**Feb. 18**

Ash Wednesday Service

**April 19**

Baptism Sunday & All Church Breakfast

**Feb. 22**

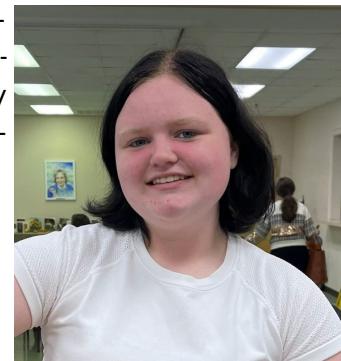
Pastors Class for 5<sup>th</sup> graders begins

**July 20-23**

Vacation Bible School

## WORSHIP AND WONDER UPDATE

CMT is excited to share that Rachel Wilkinson has been hired as our Sunday morning Worship and Wonder Storyteller. Rachel is a lifelong member of Crestwood and has been a certified Worship and Wonder storyteller since 2022. We've been incredibly blessed by Rachel's gifts as a volunteer and are pleased to welcome her onboard as staff. Help support Rachel and our Worship and Wonder program by signing up to volunteer [here](#).



## YOUTH CORNER

By Rev. Steph Wallace

Wow - what a winter we are experiencing! I pray that you and yours have stayed warm and safe during these brutally cold days and nights we experienced recently. It is weather like this that can make us realize how blessed we are to have safe, warm shelter and food on hand when we cannot get to the store easily... and it makes me even more grateful that we are a youth group that loves to serve others every chance we get! We will certainly have a special opportunity to serve this month - it is Greenhouse 17's annual Shop and Share event, which our youth group has been faithfully serving for the past five consecutive years... I hope you will join us again this year as we do this important work to ensure that survivors of intimate partner violence and their children have the food and supplies they need when they come to the shelter. We will also (God and the weather willing!) finally get to resume Wake up with Wallace on the last Sunday of this month - something special to look forward to!



### Here is the Youth Events Calendar for February 2026:

#### **Sunday, Feb. 1: Regular Youth Groups**

- Chi Rho meets 4:00-5:00 PM in Youth Meeting Room
- CYF meets 5:00-6:00 PM in Youth Meeting Room

#### **Saturday, Feb. 7: Greenhouse17 Service Project**

- Meet at church at 12:15 PM to ride together in the van to Greenhouse17. We will return to church by 4:30pm. Watch the weather and dress appropriately - part of our work will take place outside.

(NO YOUTH GROUPS ON SUPERBOWL SUNDAY)

#### **Sunday, Feb. 15: Regular Youth Groups**

- Chi Rho meets 4:00-5:00 PM in Youth Meeting Room
- CYF meets 5:00-6:00pm in Youth Meeting Room

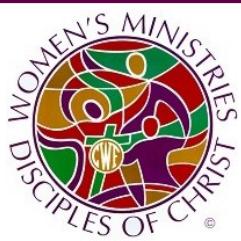
#### **Monday, Feb. 16: Perfect North Ski/Tubing Trip**

- Meet at Crestwood at 9:00 AM if you want to ride up in the church van!
- Tickets/payment will need to be on your own as we did not meet the group discount requirements

#### **Sunday, Feb. 22: Wake up With Wallace!**

- 9:40 am-Panera Bread (2300 Nicholasville Rd.)
- **Regular Youth Groups:**  
Chi Rho meets 4:00-5:00pm in Youth Meeting Room  
CYF meets 5:00-6:00pm in Youth Meeting Room

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!



# DWM

## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

*Please join us!*

#### JULIA CIRCLE

**Monday, Feb. 16, 11:45 AM in the Bradford Room**

Bring your sack lunch and drink and join in the fun. The Lesson will be "He Is."

#### DEBORAH CIRCLE

**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6:15 PM in the Bradford Room**

Claire Johnson will lead the lesson, "The Holy Spirit Moves in the Water." *If you need childcare, please contact Laura Prather at lauraprather@gmail.com.*

#### DORCAS CIRCLE

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 10:00 in the Bradford Room**

Loraye Jones will lead the lesson, "As the Holy Spirit Wills."

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

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### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

**Tuesday, Feb. 10**

**The Nest**

**530 N. Limestone**

**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).*



### FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: GREENHOUSE 17

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



**GreenHouse 17**

Greenhouse 17 is requesting the following NEW/UNUSED supplies to support the lives of survivors:

Disinfecting wipes

Lightly scented or unscented body wash

Lysol all-purpose cleaner

55-60 gallon trash bags

Laundry detergent

Toilet paper

Bath towels and wash cloths

Underwear of all sizes (toddler to adult)

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 word Green 17 in the memo line. Please mail your check 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)

# FEBRUARY 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

### Sunday, February 1 - \*FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP\*

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

### Monday, February 16

9:00 AM - Youth & Family Ski Trip (Perfect North Slopes)  
11:45 AM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room

### Monday, February 2

2:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC 3

### Tuesday, February 17

6:15 PM - DWM Deborah Circle - Bradford Room

### Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM - Library Team

### Wednesday, February 18

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room

### Wednesday, February 4

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, February 19

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

### Thursday, February 5

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

### Saturday, February 7

12:15 PM - Youth Service Project (Greenhouse 17)

### Sunday, February 22

9:40 AM - Wake Up With Wallace - Panera Bread  
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group  
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

### Sunday, February 8

3:00 PM - Crash Course - Bradford Room

### Monday, February 23

6:30 PM - Book Club - MC 8

### Tuesday, February 10

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

### Wednesday, February 25

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library  
6:00 PM - Spiritual Practices Group - MC 3

### Wednesday, February 11

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, February 26

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

### Thursday, February 12

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

### Saturday, February 14

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

### Sunday, February 15

12:00 PM - Family Lenten Workshop - Chalice Hall  
12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Bradford Room

## THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Thank you so much for everything you've done for our school this year! We loved the "special delivery" we received with care bags for teachers. We are so thankful for your support!

Glendover Elementary Teachers

Dear Crestwood Friends,

Thank you ALL so much for your incredible support of our Liberty students and families this holiday season. The Christmas presents brought so much joy to our students. The warm winter items are handed out daily. We are so grateful for your continued support. Thank you for all you do for the families in our community.

With Heartfelt Thanks,

Laura Livesay, FRC & Your Friends at Liberty Elementary School

## CRESTWOOD 2025 COX GRANT AWARD PRESENTATIONS

On Sunday, Feb. 15, Crestwood will be privileged to hear from each of the four agencies who were awarded grants from the Crestwood Cox Endowment Account in 2025:

Christian Church in KY - \$50,000

The Nest - \$96,000

Natalie's Sisters - \$27,750

Arbor Youth Services - \$56,140

Representatives from Christian Church in KY (for Camp Wakon'DaHo), The Nest, Natalie's Sisters, and Arbor Youth Services will be providing the message in both the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services that Sunday. Please plan to attend and hear about these organizations and specifically what a difference Crestwood's gifts will do for each agency and the impact it has on our community.

## 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.

## BOARD NOTES

At its Jan. 21 regular meeting, the Administrative Board took several actions:

- Approved the Consent Agenda and corresponding reports
- Received the treasurer's report, which included the good news that our pledged giving in 2025 finished \$31,700 ahead of budget
- Received the Implementation Team's report about its progress in carrying out the Faithful Plan approved last August
- Approved a change in outreach distribution from the general operating budget. Now, 46% will go to Disciples Mission Fund, 27% will go to Local Outreach, and 27% will go to World Outreach. The LTS Scholarship will now be funded from the earned income of the Paul Hunt Bowman Fund.
- Approved a staff restructuring proposal to not move forward with the hiring of an associate minister, but instead to hire a part-time youth minister, a full-time minister for children and families, and to increase the hours of the part-time minister for pastoral care.

## 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!



## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to update our church directory and we need your help! We want to have information that is as up-to-date as possible for all members of our church family. There are a couple of ways to update your information. First, a paper copy of the directory will be available in the narthex on Sunday. Please stop by before or after worship to update it. Second, if you'd like to review your entry electronically, email the church office and we'll send you a PDF to review. Thanks for your help on keeping our church family connected!



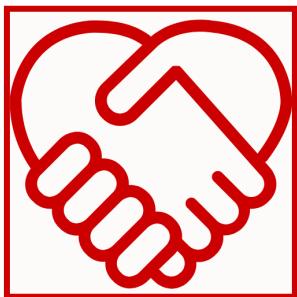
## CRESTWOOD LOVES & CARES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

In January 2026, World Outreach gave \$735 to Cane Ridge; \$735 to The Christian Church in KY; \$1,700 to Kentucky Refugee Ministries; \$975 to Mission Behind Bars; and a Reconciliation offering of \$1,215.

Local Outreach gave \$2,000 to Step by Step and another \$2,000 to Mission Health Lexington. Local Outreach also provided \$700 in food for our own Blessing Box, as well as Bridge fund payments of \$227, \$100, and \$200 in utility assistance for three different families, for a total of \$527.

Thanks to all who are so generously dropping off food every day for our Blessing Box - it is *very* much needed and appreciated! If you are able to help, we especially need canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee ravioli), and canned tuna.

Your love and generosity changes lives! We are bringing hope to those who need it most through our mission and outreach. Thank you for your faithful giving that makes this possible.



# Crestwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

## OUR MISSION

Connecting people to God and each other by welcoming and accepting everyone; helping them grow in their faith; and empowering them to serve God by serving others.



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**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

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