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*Holy Week*

**April 2 - Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 PM

**April 3 - Good Friday Service**  
Noon at Central Christian Church

**April 5 - Easter Sunday**  
9:00 AM | 10:45 AM

**BAPTISM SUNDAY ON APRIL 19**

Please join us for worship on Baptism Sunday as we celebrate the culmination of our Pastor's Class and the baptism/confirmation of the youth who participated. Please note there will only be ONE SERVICE that day at 10:45 AM. That service will be preceded by an all-church breakfast at 9:30 AM (see article and signup on this page). We hope all of our church family will join together as we celebrate this important step in the life of faith for these youth.



**ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK BAPTISM BREAKFAST**

Please join us for our all-church potluck baptism breakfast at 9:30 AM on Sunday, April 19. There will no Sunday school or first service that day. Come celebrate our kids as they take the next steps on their spiritual journey. Sign-up [here](#) to bring a potluck dish or to volunteer.



**NEXT CREST IS MAY 1**  
**Crest articles are due by Friday, April 24**  
 Send articles to:  
[office@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:office@crestwoodchristian.org)

## A WORD FROM KORY



A few weeks ago, I made my way over to Indiana to celebrate the third birthday of Scarlett and Sawyer, my twin niece and nephew. It was a raucous, chaotic, joy-filled time at the local indoor trampoline park, also now known to me as “hell on earth.” I’m SO glad my kids are way past that stage of life!

After the party, I met my brother and sister for dinner. Austin and Mindy are my half-siblings from my dad’s side. Being significantly older than both of them and never having lived with my dad, I didn’t grow up with them being a major part of my life. I love them both dearly but always wished we were closer, so I was thrilled to be able to meet them that evening.

On the way to the restaurant, without realizing it, my GPS took me down the street on which was located the assisted living facility where Dad passed away in January 2024 (how has it been over two years now?!?). I wasn’t emotionally prepared for this, so as I approached the building and looked at the window of the room in which Dad died, I lost it a little bit. Grief is funny that way. You never know when it’s going to jump up and grab your heart. You think you’re fine, just driving to dinner, and the next thing you know you have to pull over and grab for the Kleenex.

When I got to the restaurant and shared this story with Mindy and Austin, they said they both drove the exact same route and had similar memories come to the surface. Then, we spent the next couple of hours talking about our lives and our jobs and our hopes for the future. And, of course, we talked about Dad. So much laughter and joy and reminiscing mingling with the grief and sadness (and chips and queso). I know Dad was really pleased we were spending that time together.

While I didn’t know Jesus personally (at least not in the same way I knew my dad), Holy Week conjures up some of the same range of emotions. It’s hard to fathom the depth of what Jesus goes through this week, from the joy of Palm Sunday to the intensity of Maundy Thursday to the anguish of Good Friday. I hope in the midst of the week he shared some laughs with his disciples, even as he was preparing for his own death. I think a life fully lived often experiences laughter and tears in the same conversation.

I have found that, over the years, as I make my way through Holy Week, one emotion bubbles to the surface, permeating all the experiences of the week and becoming the lens through which I view the events. That is

gratitude. I’m grateful for what Jesus does for his disciples, for me, for the world. I’m grateful that he is willing to wash my feet, to offer me bread and cup, to hang on the cross so that I will know God’s love for me in a visceral, tangible way. I’m grateful that he knows me and he still loves me. To be honest, that’s similar to what I feel when I think of Dad. The sacrifices he made for us. The ways he showed us love without reservation. The fact that he knew us and still loved us.

We are so far removed from Jesus’s actual death that I doubt grief is one of the emotions we experience leading up to Easter. But that wasn’t the case for those who were there, like Jesus’s disciples and his mother. They not only lost a savior and the embodiment of their hopes. They also lost a friend, a brother, a son—and in such a brutal, violent way.

Which, I hope, made Easter all the more powerful for them. Knowing that the loved one who was hanging on the cross a few days before was now walking around, fully alive, must have conjured up all kinds of emotions for them – joy, confusion, gratitude, even fear. Jesus was dead and now he is alive! I can’t even imagine how they processed that news.

I’m pretty sure my dad hasn’t been resurrected, at least not here on earth. I’ve not seen him walking around, he hasn’t asked me to go fishing with him. And yet, he lives. He lives in the memories I have of him, the pictures I have at home and in my office. He lives in the lessons he taught me about how to treat others and be generous. And, a few weeks ago at a Mexican restaurant in New Albany, Indiana, he lived as Austin and Mindy and I laughed and cried and reminisced together.

Similarly, Jesus lives on through us. When we share bread and cup, when we open our hands to help, when we welcome in people we don’t know, when we lead with love, Jesus lives on. I hope when people look at me, my actions, my life, they see my dad. And I hope that when they look at us, our choices, our words, our decisions, they see Jesus. He is risen indeed!

## APRIL MEN’S BREAKFAST

We’ll gather on Saturday, April 11, 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 Alice Hays, Joan Stafford

**FAMILY:** Deborah Arnold (daughter-in-law of Tom and Billie Arnold), Dennis Battles (of the Battles and Shanklin families), family of Larry Cisco (uncle of Amy Stout), Chris Jones (cousin of Libby Wachtel), family of Lorie Nevils (cousin of Kory Wilcoxson)

**FRIENDS:** Carl Cardwell (of Jason Szaks), Amanda Gaunce (of Crestwood), Don Granger (of Tracy Lovan), Lisa Jeter Hernandez (of Karen Coultas), Leo Holdcroft (of Joanne Brown), Becky Johnson (of Campbell MacSwan), Ken Osborne (of Hunter Stout), family of Michael Ott (of Jason Szaks), family of Julie Parsons (of Libby Wachtel), family of Amy Sanborn (of Michelle DeLacey), Carol Spence (of Ward Ransdell), Taylor Wood (of Bob and Sice Shanklin)

**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), 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)

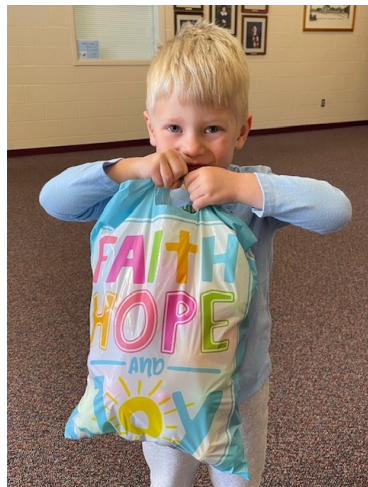
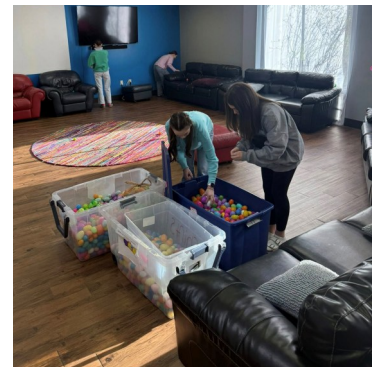
**ARMED FORCES:** Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Tristan Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Jacob Browning (son of Holly Nutter), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Connor Hankins (nephew of Lauren York), Zoe McIntyre (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 and oppression 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.



We had a great pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt on March 28. Lots of fun was had by everyone, with a special visit from the Easter bunny! Thank you to everyone for another fabulous event!



## TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP WAKON' DA-HO!

It's time to register for camps this summer! Information for the 2026 camping season is now available on the Christian Church in Kentucky (CCK) [website](#). All camp information can be found on the site, including registration links for each camp and a link for [payment](#). **PLEASE register before May 1**, which is when the prices will increase.

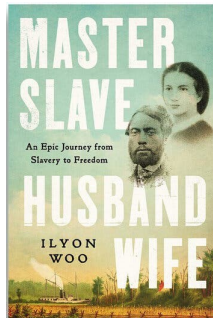
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- **Camp 101A** (weekend sleepover camp for youth who completed grades K-2 in 2026) – June 26-28
- **CYF 2** (for youth who completed grades 9-12 in 2026) – June 29-July 4
- **Chi Rho 1** (for youth who completed grades 6-8 in 2026) – July 6-11
- **Chi Rho 2** (for youth who completed grades 6-8 in 2026) – July 13-18
- **Camp 101 B** (One-day version with full programming for youth who completed grades K-2 in 2026) – July 25

Campers must pay when they register. 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 this 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. We never want camp to be a financial burden, and if additional assistance is needed, please reach out to Missy Wallace. You may also reach out to Missy with general questions regarding registration and payment.

### CRESTWOOD BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is Monday, April 27 at 6:30 PM in MC 8 where we will discuss "Master Slave Husband Wife" by Ilyon Woo. For more information, contact Beth Cooper or the church office.



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

We will meet in Chalice Hall on Friday, April 24 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM for a potluck lunch, great conversation, and BINGO games for prizes! Please join us - all are welcome!



### SRO RIDES AGAIN!

A trip on the Crestwood bus is tentatively planned for **anyone** interested on Tuesday, April 28. We plan to go to Old Friends Horse Farm to visit thoroughbred horses that have completed the race and are living a retired life. If 11 people sign up for this trip, the cost is only \$15; if there are fewer than 10, the cost is \$30. You are encouraged to let Jeanette Knowles know ASAP if you would like to be a part of this trip. Walking is not always easy on unpaved hilly paths between paddocks, so consider that in your decision. There is a golf cart for five people, but the ride may be a little bumpy. Jeanette has been to Old Friends, and the one-mile, one-hour walk is not too difficult. The horses are charming and may be fed carrots! This visit should prepare us for the upcoming Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, which we plan to visit later in the summer.



After lunch at First Watch in Georgetown, we plan to visit the Lavender Farm in Bloom - which has 35,000 tulip bulbs planted and blooming (lavender plants bloom in June). The cost is \$20 and includes picking 10 tulips of various colors to enjoy at home. Contact Jeanette Knowles at 859-554-5204 (calls only - texting not available) or by email at [jeanettevalerie@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettevalerie@gmail.com) to sign up right away for a glorious spring trip!

## LET'S BUILD CRESTWOOD'S 41ST HABITAT HOUSE!

Spring is almost upon us and it is time to build another Habitat for Humanity house. Each year Crestwood Christian Church joins with the other Disciples of Christ churches in Lexington to build a home for a deserving family. What a great tradition! This will be Crestwood's 41st house (Lexington's Disciples for Habitat's 43rd house). Through this effort, we have built more houses than any other group in Lexington. This year, the Disciples for Habitat will be once again co-sponsoring the house with downtown Lexington churches and synagogues in an effort called the Faith Build.

This year's homeowner is Charysia and her three daughters. She and her children are so excited to get their new Habitat home. The house will provide space for the kids to enjoy as they grow up in a safe, stable environment. For the last 12 years they have lived in a two-bedroom apartment, high rent, maintenance not responsive. Charysia has worked at Baptist Health for more than 10 years.



As a co-sponsor of a house, Disciples for Habitat contributes funds for the materials. This past year, Crestwood raised \$17,680 as our share of the costs. Not everyone is able to physically work on building a house, but everyone can be a part of this vital program by contributing financially. Our goal for this year is to raise \$23,333. With the increase in the cost of home building, this financial support is essential. We will be seeking donations during the month of March. To make a contribution, checks should be made out to Crestwood Christian Church with the word "Habitat" in the memo line; or place cash in a pew envelope and write your name and the word "Habitat" on the outside. In making an online donation to Crestwood's Habitat fund select Donation/Payment and indicate the purpose is for Habitat.

The dates for Phase 1 of the construction are tentatively April 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and May 1. If you would like to volunteer please register with Jordan Amis [here](#) and choose Faith Build. Or just show up at 785 Harrison Trace between 8:30 AM-3:30 PM. The house will be a 1600 square foot, one story, 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with garage. No matter the skill level there is a job for everyone. Together we can build a safe, affordable home for a deserving family.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Seithers. Thank you and let's continue this great outreach program!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Kristen and Tim Fowler**



**Curt and Keely Rees**



## Children's Ministry Pastor Missy Wallace

Greetings Crestwood Families,

Holy Week has finally arrived! Plant life is renewing, kids are eager for spring break, and our souls are ready to celebrate the mystery of Easter. It's a special time of year that knits our church family together across the generations.

We kicked off last weekend with our youth-sponsored Easter egg hunt. Families had so much fun making memories, gathering eggs, and creating crafts. Praises were in abundance Palm Sunday with our procession and kids singing in worship. Now we are gearing up for Easter with a sugar-infused week of candy with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor's class is in the home stretch as kids meet with their adult mentors and begin planning for their ministry projects. I hope everyone can make it for the joyful celebration of Baptism Sunday on April 19. Please join us in fellowship and meet these amazing kids during our all-church breakfast at 9:30 AM (no Sunday school or first service).

Be on the lookout for our Vacation Bible School theme announcement! Registration will open in a few short weeks. Save the dates July 20-23 for an action-packed week of faith, fun, and adventure. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next.

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Missy

### SAVE THE DATES

**April 2**

Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM

**April 5**

Easter Services 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM  
Flowering of the Cross (10:45 only)

**April 19**

Baptism Sunday  
All Church Breakfast at 9:30 AM  
(no early service)

**May 3**

First Sunday Fellowship after both services

**May 10**

Mother's Day  
Children singing at the 10:45 AM service

**May 17**

Youth Sunday at both services

**\*\*\*Vacation Bible School July 20-23\*\*\***

### ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP DATES BY GRADE:

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# YOUTH CORNER

Hey everybody! I'm really enjoying working with the amazing youth in our church. We are so blessed with talented, inquisitive, energetic youth! Whoever we hire to work with them is going to have a great time. Speaking of which, we have formed a search team and are in the beginning stages of working on a job description so that we can begin our search. I hope we will get this work started in earnest over the next few weeks.

## ***Here's what's on tap for the youth for the month of April:***

**Sunday, April 5** - Easter Sunday - No Sunday School or youth groups

**Sunday, April 12** - No Sunday School or Youth Groups - Spring Break

**Sunday, April 19** - No Sunday School - Baptism Sunday breakfast  
Regular youth group times (Chi Rho at 4:00 PM, CYF at 5:00 PM)

**Sunday April 26** - Regular Sunday School and youth group times

**Please note:** Dinner will be provided at ALL youth group meetings between now and Youth Sunday.

Toward the end of the month, we'll start our planning for Youth Sunday, which will be Sunday, May 17. We hope to have ALL our youth involved, so please make sure they are at these planning meetings. Let's make this the best Youth Sunday ever!

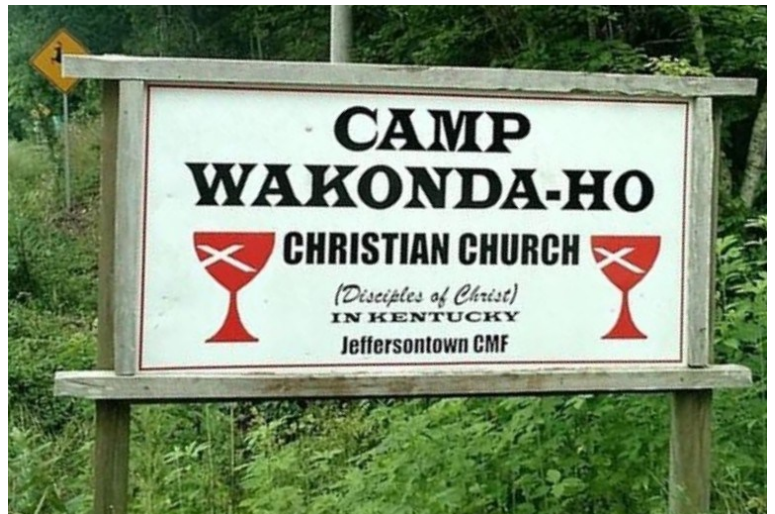
Thanks for all your prayers and support during this time of transition. I'm so excited about the future of this ministry and I know God has great plans for us!

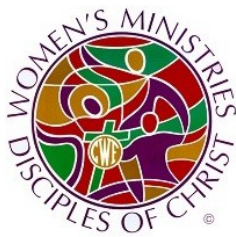
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## YOUTH SUMMER CAMP DATES BY GRADE:

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*See pg. 4 for registration information*





# DWM

## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

*Please join us!*

#### JULIA CIRCLE

**Monday, April 20, 11:45 AM in the Bradford Room**

Bring your sack lunch and drink and join in the fun. The lesson will be "Women on the Frontlines."

#### DEBORAH CIRCLE

**Tuesday, April 21, 6:15 PM in the Bradford Room**

Laura Wilson will lead the lesson "A Prayer for Power." *If you need childcare, please contact Laura Prather at lauraprather@gmail.com.*

#### DORCAS CIRCLE

**Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 AM in the Bradford Room**

Gayle Hutcherson will lead the lesson, "A Journey of Faith with God's Qi."

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

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### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

**April 14 - Ronald McDonald House**

**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).*



### APRIL SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: ARBOR YOUTH SERVICES

[Arbor Youth Services](#) is an agency that services children and youth under age 18. It is the ONLY emergency shelter for unaccompanied youth under 18 in central Kentucky.



It provides a supportive environment to youth who have suffered abuse, abandonment, or who have been victimized. Youth may request shelter, or they may be referred by a teacher, law enforcement personnel, counselors, or other professionals. Outreach programs assist youth ages 18-24 who are at risk of violence or exploitation. Receiving timely intervention helps to provide these young people with a path to safety where they can focus on recovery, job training, and skill development.

The following items are needed to support the mission of Arbor Youth:

- Hygiene supplies such as deodorant, body wash
- Individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars
- New towels and washcloths
- Socks and underwear sizes ADULT M, L, XL, XXL
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Art supplies

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 AYS 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 at [loraye.r.jones@gmail.com](mailto:loraye.r.jones@gmail.com).

# APRIL 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, April 2

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service

### Friday, April 3

12:00 PM - Good Friday Service at Central Christian Church

### Sunday, April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

*No Sunday School*  
9:00 AM - Worship Service  
10:45 AM - Worship  
*No Youth Group*

### Tuesday, April 7

9:00 AM - Library Team

### Wednesday, April 8

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, April 9

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

### Saturday, April 11

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

### Sunday, April 12

12:00 PM - Social Justice Team - Bradford Room  
*No Youth Group*

### Tuesday, April 14

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

### Wednesday, April 15

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library  
7:00 PM - Ministry Council - Bradford Room

### Thursday, April 16

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

### Sunday, April 19 - BAPTISM SUNDAY

*No 8:30 service or Sunday School*  
9:30 AM - All Church Breakfast  
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group  
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

### Monday, April 20

11:45 AM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room

### Tuesday, April 21

6:00 PM - Nominating Team - MC 3  
6:15 PM - DWM Deborah Circle - Bradford Room

### Wednesday, April 22

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room  
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, April 23

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

### Friday, April 24

11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

### Sunday, April 26

12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Bradford Room  
12:00 PM - DWM Spring Luncheon - Chalice Hall  
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group  
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

### Monday, April 27

6:30 PM - Book Club - MC 8  
7:00 PM - Endowment Committee - Bradford Room

### Friday, April 28

SRO Trip to Old Friends Horse Farm and Lavender Farm in Bloom

### Wednesday, April 29

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, April 30

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



## DID YOU KNOW CRESTWOOD HAS A LIBRARY?

Our library began with a donation in June 1960 from CWF to their first president to establish the Elizabeth Evans Library. Most of our books have been donated by members. The Library Ministry Team maintains and attempts to keep our collection current. The photo here shows our Reference section and most of these books have been there for many years. This section is not used, likely because the information is available online. Should this section stay as it is or should we utilize this space for more current volumes? Send your comments to the church office. We need your input!

## THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

We are so grateful for your continued support and generosity. Thank you for believing in our mission and partnering with us to give our sisters the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

- Jani Lewis, Natalie's Sisters

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Thank you for your generous gift of \$75 to Feeding Kentucky! Our mission is to work collectively to create a hunger-free Kentucky. We know your support makes this work possible. We are so grateful you have joined us in feeding Kentuckians.

- Kristin Ingwell Goode

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Thank you for your donation of \$245 on February 28. Your gift is already nurturing lives harmed by intimate partner abuse—lives of strong survivors like Tansy, who recently lived at our emergency shelter before moving to an apartment of her own. Your recent gift matters to adults and children in our community. Together, we will support survivors as they reclaim their strength, their hope, and their futures.

- Corissa A. Phillips, CFRE  
GreenHouse17

## BE A BLESSING THROUGH OUR BLESSING BOX

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 Kelly Hale's office in the administration wing (the first office on the right side).



Here is what we need most:

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|---|-------------------|
| 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!

**If you would like to keep in touch with Rev. Steph Wallace, you can reach her at:**

Email  
rev.steph.cadiz@gmail.com

Mailing Address  
307 Lafayette St., Cadiz, KY 42211

*Her phone number has not changed.*

## CRESTWOOD LOOKING TO BECOME A SILVER CHALICE CONGREGATION



At the General Assembly in 2025, Disciples approved the adoption of a Silver Chalice designation for congregations that “have a strong desire to live out their Christian faith by caring for, assisting, and utilizing the gifts and wisdom of older adults (those 65 and older).” Crestwood is beginning the process of becoming a Silver Chalice Congregation. The program has two tiers. The first level is to become a Silver Chalice congregation, and the second level is to become a Certified Silver Chalice congregation. The Crestwood Silver Chalice Task Force held its first meeting in March to discuss how best to proceed. Some of the ideas that sprang from that meeting were opportunities for story-telling between youth and older adults; becoming a dementia friendly congregation; bathrooms with greater accessibility; better signage; speakers, movies, and travelogues; better access to audio assistive devices, large print hymnals and Bibles, or some kind of screens so those with impaired vision can participate more in worship; adopting a grandparent for activities at church, and more. Of course, we also looked at how Crestwood already ministers to and with senior adults with programs like Funch, SRO, taking communion to shut-ins, and bringing people from assisted living facilities to church.

Programming for senior adults is not the only thing Silver Chalice congregations do. They also work to ensure that senior adults are well integrated into the ministry of the church by tapping into the skills, wisdom, and experience they bring. At Crestwood, we have senior adults working in all areas and the church would not be able to do all it does without their work. Senior adults serve Crestwood as elders, committee members and leaders, workers replenishing the blessing box, choir members, greeters, and teachers. Look around the church, and whatever is going on, you are bound to find a senior adult somewhere in the mix. The population in America is aging, and by 2050 there will be 85 million adults over the age of 65. The average of those attending Crestwood is bound the increase, too. This is the perfect time to be intentional about ministry with and two senior adults, and becoming a Silver Chalice congregation is one way to do that.

The process to become a Silver Chalice congregation includes considering and documenting what we currently do to support and celebrate older adults, committing to

make at least three changes or enhancements, and initiating one new program for older adults. To become a Certified Silver Chalice congregation, we will initiate three to five new programs to our existing ministry, one of which will go beyond the walls of the church into the community. The Silver Chalice task force has already come up with good ideas which we will begin to implement, and we welcome new ideas too! If you would like to be a part of the Silver Chalice Task Force or just have an idea you would like to share, please contact Rev. Kelly Hale, [kelly@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:kelly@crestwoodchristian.org). You don't have to be over 65 to participate, you just might want to think about what you would like when you are over 65, or what you have seen a loved one contribute to their congregation that we could use at Crestwood. Let's go for the silver together!

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### CRESTWOOD LOVES & CARES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

In March 2026, the Bridge Fund provided \$200 towards rent, along with \$100 and \$150 for two families' utility payments. With the sharp increase in electric bills in particular, we are seeing more of a need to provide assistance so residents do not lose power.

Thanks to all who contribute to our Blessing Box! Your donations are helping us feed our hungry neighbors every day.

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.



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## 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  
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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