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THE CHURCH IN ACTION SERMON SERIES

Almost all of the books in the Second Testament are either gospels (four of them) or letters (the rest of them, except Revelation...we're still not sure what that is). But one book stands out as a historical account of the birth and development of the movement that will become Christianity. The book of Acts takes us from Jesus's ascension into heaven, through the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and into the spreading of the good news across the known world. This summer, we'll walk through this book together, learning how this upstart movement grew into a worldwide religion.

- June 7 - Acts 1:1-11 - The ascension of Jesus
- June 14 - Acts 2:1-21 - The story of Pentecost
- June 21 - Acts 2:42-47 - A glimpse of the early church
- June 28 - Acts 5:27-32 - The stoning of Stephen

More information to come for July and August

OPEN AND AFFIRMING TASK FORCE WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT

In August 2025, our congregation adopted a Faithful Plan, which included a focus on "Intentional Inclusivity." To live that out, a task force was created to explore the possibility of Crestwood becoming an Open and Affirming congregation. This designation is for congregations that formally, publicly covenant to welcome and include LGBTQ+ individuals into all aspects of church life, including leadership and service.



To begin this process, the task force would like to get your thoughts on this issue to better guide us in educating the congregation and knowing how to move forward. Please take a moment to fill out this brief survey [here](#) or scan the QR code.



VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Child Registration



Volunteer Registration

You can now register your child(ren) or register to volunteer for Vacation Bible School by clicking [here](#) for children, clicking [here](#) for volunteers, or scanning the QR codes. ***NEW FOR 2026*** Fall 2026 sixth graders may register as a volunteer or participant (pick one).

LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION!

VBS 2026

JULY 20-23 / 6-8:15 PM

WWW.CRESTWOODCHRISTIAN.ORG/VBS

NEXT CREST IS JULY 1

Crest articles are due by
Wednesday, June 24

Send articles to:
office@crestwoodchristian.org

A WORD FROM KORY



"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." — Alan Watts

Have you heard the term "May-cember?" It's a recent creation used to describe the busyness of the month of May, comparing it to the Christmas-y chaos of December. After this past month, I would argue that May is even busier as school comes to an end, spring sports wrap up their seasons, and families celebrate graduations and other life transitions.

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This season of change has been a significant one for our church family. On Youth Sunday, we celebrated two of our own (Janie Lakin and Anna Claire Pickrell) as they graduated from high school and head off to new adventures. I love seeing the photos on social media of our young people holding the trophies and ribbons they earned from their sports teams and dance competitions. And I'm anticipating ALL of the last-day-of-school pictures which have already started and will increase in the next few weeks.

This time of transition has also consumed my personal life. Right after Youth Sunday worship, I jumped in the car and drove to Iowa to watch my youngest, Molly, graduate from Grinnell College. On Memorial Day, I was in Columbus helping my oldest daughter, Sydney, pack her apartment as she prepares to move. And just a few days ago, I helped Sydney move, then hopped in the car right after worship (again) and drove Molly to Chicago to move her into her apartment as she starts the next chapter of her life in the Windy City.

As you well know, these transitions are not just geographical; they are highly emotional. It's hard for me to believe that my youngest daughter is now a college graduate and my oldest is well into her career. And watching these "kids" that I dedicated as babies and baptized as youth grow into young adults is just mind-boggling to me. What a blessing it is for us as a church to walk alongside them as they grow as human beings, citizens, and people of faith.

I don't know about you, but I often find myself wishing for a period of "normalcy" so I can catch my breath and get my feet under me. If I could just have a week of no change! And yet, life is change. Every day. All the time.

Change is not the exception to life, but the constant that keeps us growing and moving forward. I love the quote at the beginning of this column because, rather than push back against change (our natural inclination), it invites us to embrace it and to "join the dance" of change happening constantly in our lives.

That doesn't mean change is always welcomed or positive. In fact, a lot of change carries with it a heaping dose of fear and anxiety. The changes in our body as we age remind us of our mortality. An unexpected change in jobs or locations reminds us of the impermanence of so much of life. As our friends and relationships change, we realize that everything in life has a season.

But there's one thing that never changes. God's love for us is constant, reliable, and unending. That's more than just a trite statement in a minister's newsletter column. It's the truth that can carry us through the complexity and complications change brings. As I watch our young people go through their rituals of change, I trust that God has equipped them with the gifts necessary for them to fulfill their callings. As we move and grow, I know that God is walking beside us (even when we feel alone), holding us and guiding us as we navigate the storms change can bring.

My prayer for us is that we have the courage to see change as a dance, even when it knocks us off our feet and takes our breath away. We can resist it, we can fight it, or we can move with it, trusting in Christ as our divine dance partner in this life full of transition. For me, I'm holding on for the ride. Trusting God is with me, I'm ready for the dance, whatever life brings.

DELEGATES FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our denomination's General Assembly will be held virtually this year and Crestwood has been asked to provide three delegates. We'll be hosting one of the "viewing parties" at the church, so it's easy to participate. The delegates are asked to virtually attend and participate in the business sessions of the Assembly. The dates for the Assembly are the evening of Friday, July 10, and the morning and afternoon of Saturday, July 11. If you are willing to serve as a delegate, please let Kory know.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Terry Fisher, Judy Rhodus

FAMILY: Leon Hamm (grandson of Andrea Nielsen), Ara Lawrence (aunt of Michelle DeLacey)

FRIENDS: Theresa Back (of Debby Keener), family of Jim Batts (of Libby Wachtel), Verna Fairchild (of Libby Wachtel), family of Linda Poths (of Phoebe Wiley), family of Garland Thompson (of Monte LaFrana)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Suzy Campbell (of Libby Wachtel), Steve Combs (cousin of Libby Wachtel), the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Frank Dickey (of Crestwood), Jo Fulkerson, Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Tari Moore (mother of Judy Moore), Linda Poths (of Phoebe Wiley), 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), 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, Earl Pfanstiel, 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.

STEP BY STEP NEEDS YOUR HELP THIS SUMMER

[Step by Step](#) is a grassroots non-profit that for 30 years has been supporting the journeys of single moms with love and understanding as they work to overcome obstacles, opening doors to promising futures for their young families.



The Thursday night *Revive* program that is vital to supporting the families is continuing through the summer at the request of the moms. This is something that hasn't been done previously—simply because there haven't been enough volunteers to support the kids.

This year Step by Step is stepping out in faith, and **you** can be a part of this bold program. Here is what they need:

- Volunteers (men or women, ages 16+)
- Serve **2-4 Thursday nights** throughout the summer
- Help us care for and engage the kids while their moms are in programming

Can you be one of 10 people from Crestwood to serve?

Revive is the only church experience many of these children ever have. Every week, Step by Step works to create a space where kids are safe, known, and deeply loved—a place they want to come back to. *They need you!*

Anyone who would like to serve over the summer in this way can sign up to do so [here](#).

CAMPERS LOVE MAIL!

Drop a note or card of encouragement to our Crestwood campers! Mail should be addressed as follows:

Camper's Name, Week of Camp
(i.e. Camp 101B)
Camp Wakon Da-Ho
7900 East KY 70, Yosemite, KY 42566

The following youth will be at Camp CYF 1 June 8-13:

Kristan Hall	Carter Wallace
Anna Claire Pickrell	Rachel Wilkinson

SENIORS, RETIREES, AND OTHERS: GET ON BOARD!

In the current spirit of horse racing, and living IN horse country, let's take a ride to Louisville to visit the Kentucky Derby Museum and the Churchill Downs track! Our SRO bus trip is planned for Tuesday, June 30. We only have to park the bus once because everything is at one location, including the Derby Cafe. Reservations are not needed at the museum, which is open all day. An \$18 ticket for seniors (\$20 for those under the age of 65) includes a walk through two floors of the museum and a guided tour of the Churchill Downs track, which is next to the museum. The track tour is 30 minutes long and is 3/10 of a mile walk on flat surfaces which have no incline. The Derby Cafe is located in the museum building, and the menu looks good. Please contact Jeanette Knowles at 859-554-5204 (no texts please) or jeanettevalerie@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us on this adventure!



VOICES OF APPALACHIA CONCERT

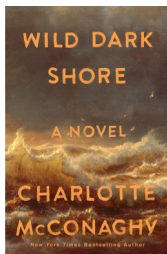
"Voices of Appalachia" ensemble, based in Adams County, Ohio, will be performing at Crestwood on Sunday, June 7 at 7:00 PM.



The group is a community chamber ensemble that was established in 2024 by director Dr. Brandon Stroup to bring high-level choral performances to the region. Their concerts are free to the public with music that includes themes of hope, faith, and Appalachian culture. It will be a wonderfully enjoyable family-friendly concert with songs that many will recognize.

CRESTWOOD BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is Monday, June 22 at 6:30 PM in MC 8 where we will discuss "Wild Dark Shore" by Charlotte McConaghy. For more information, contact Beth Cooper or the church office.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 28

There will be a congregational meeting after the 10:45 AM service on June 28 to vote on the slate of leaders for the 2026-27 church year. All church members are encouraged to attend.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Heidi, Annabelle, & Ian Matheys



Liz, Grace, & Lily Wright
(not pictured: Ben & Raleigh Wright)



The Bardstown SRO bus trip in May featured tours of My Old Kentucky Home and Talbott Tavern, along with a visit with Patsy Anderston at her new home.



SUCCESSFUL BUILDING MISSION TRIP TO BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC

Chuck and Charlene Wilson lived up toward the top of a mountain in a singlewide house trailer until September 27, 2024 when the winds of Hurricane Helene brought a tree down and destroyed their home. Chuck and Charlene are in their 70s, both with serious health issues. They are currently living in a camper in town while a two-bedroom house is being built by volunteers working with the Fuller Center Disaster.



The Lexington KY Disciples Mission trip, which included members from Crestwood, Central, and Lafayette Christian Churches, is one of those volunteer groups. Nine individuals traveled to the area of Black Mountain, North Carolina the first week of May to assist in building the Wilsons' home. Part of the group built a huge wraparound deck that makes the house handicapped accessible since the male homeowner is in a wheel chair. The other half of the volunteers installed "smart siding" to all four sides of the house. Fuller representatives were very pleased to host volunteers who have the skills to proceed with minimal supervision.



Volunteers from Crestwood were Lucy Wells, John Brown, Steve Seithers, and Brandon Foley. Thanks go to Crestwood and its World Outreach Committee for help supporting this mission.



A mission trip is a great opportunity to put one's faith into action by assisting persons who are faced with great needs. As we travel, work, stay, and eat together, we build long term relationships. We work hard, but we have a lot of fun doing it. We are already making plans to return to western North Carolina in the fall. Come and join us.

- Steve Seithers

COMMUNITY WORK WEEK SUCCESS



Thanks to all who participated in the Community Work Week! We had over 50 people work at six locations in Lexington. Why do we do this? Because it is work Jesus calls us to do—feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, take care of widows and orphans. And part of the mission of our church is to serve God by serving others, so this is one way we are serving God. The organizations we work with provide healthcare to those who have none; food, clothing, recovery, and job training; shelter from abuse and help to start anew; a place to go when there is nowhere else; and support for exploited women. Crestwood can't take on these tasks alone, and we are so grateful to have ministry partners who make it their mission to provide these services. When we join these organizations in more ways than just giving money we are privileged to have at least a glimpse into the lives of our sisters and brothers who live on the margins and to learn how to be a voice for them. This is God's work, and we are privileged to share in it!



Children's Ministry Pastor Missy Wallace

Greetings Crestwood Families,

Welcome to the summer season! Our kids are counting down the final days until end of school, and several have already paid a visit to the pool. We've celebrated the baptisms of Pastor's Class, worn red for a Pentecost birthday party, and now we are gearing up for our next great summer adventure...VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

VBS is the Superbowl of our children's ministry program at Crestwood. It's an all hands on deck experience where everyone pours out their gifts and we then get a front row seat to watch how God multiplies generosity into an abundance. Our kids excel at inviting their friends and several Crestwood families found their way to us through VBS. Last year, we welcomed 97 kids into our sanctuary with over 90 volunteers serving. What a blessing!

Please be in prayer as we continue to make preparations for the best week of summer. It's an action packed four days filled with a lifetime of memories. We'll sing songs in worship, share epic bible stories, and live out our faith with the heart of a child. Mark your calendars, spread the good news, and bring your joy-filled Spirit. You won't want to miss it!

Cheers,
Pastor Missy

SAVE THE DATES

June 7

First Sunday Fellowship

July 20 - 23

Vacation Bible School

August 2

First Sunday Fellowship

August 9

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 16

Bridge 3rd Grade Bible Presentations

CAMP REGISTRATION

There's still time to register for camps this summer! Information for the 2026 camping season is available on the Christian Church in Kentucky (CCK) [website](#). Campers must pay when they register. The church will pay half of each camper's fee if you use coupon code **CRESTLEX**. You can reach out to Missy Wallace with general questions about camp, including registration and payment.

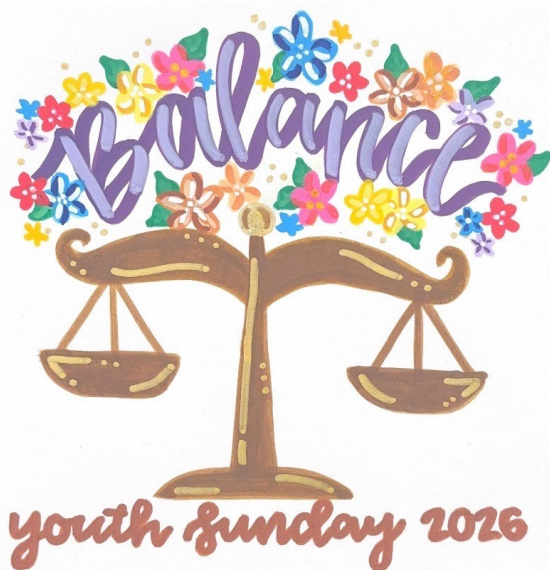


BRIDGE SUMMER BREAK

Just a reminder that our Bridge class (3rd - 5th grade) is officially on summer break and kids will remain in the sanctuary during worship. Nursery and Worship & Wonder will continue throughout the summer.

YOUTH CORNER

THANK YOU to our youth for their fantastic leadership during Youth Sunday!



We celebrated our youth and graduating seniors **Janie Lakin and Anna Claire Pickrell** with an all-church potluck after the services.



IT'S TIME FOR OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Our youth and adults will be headed to St. Louis June 21-26 for our annual mission trip. We'll be working with the Disciples organization Be the Neighbor to learn about the history of racism and race relations in the St. Louis area, to see how the faith community has addressed those concerns, and explore ways we can put those solutions into place in Lexington. It promises to be a memorable trip filled with work, fun, and lots of relationship-building! Please pray for us as we prepare to do God's work in St. Louis.

Youth

Avery Brancato
 Nora Brancato
 Charlie Brandt
 Clara Deerhake

Lauren Deerhake
 Catie Clay Jefferson
 Jacob Moore
 Jadon Moore

Kaitlyn Moore
 Maddie Thompson
 Maelee Thompson
 Carter Wallace

Clara Wallace
 Rachel Wilkinson
 Alice Williams

Adults

Katy Brandt
 Kory Wilcoxson
 Doug Wilkinson

JUNE CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE (except where noted otherwise)

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Monday, June 1

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC 3

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 AM - Library Team

Wednesday, June 3

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, June 4

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, June 7 - *FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP*

12:00 PM - Social Justice Team - Bradford Room

Tuesday, June 9

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, June 10

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, June 11

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Finance Committee - Bradford Room

Wednesday, June 17

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, June 18

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

*****The church office will be closed
Friday, June 19
in honor of Juneteenth*****

Sunday, June 21

Youth departing for St. Louis mission trip

Monday, June 22

6:30 PM - Book Club - MC 8

Wednesday, June 24

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, June 25

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, June 28

12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

12:15 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall

Tuesday, June 30

SRO trip to Kentucky Derby Museum and
Churchill Downs

THANK YOU FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone who joined us to celebrate our graduating seniors, Anna Claire Pickrell and Janie Lakin, during our all-church luncheon following Youth Sunday! We appreciate your taking the time to write letters of encouragement to the graduates, contributing to the potluck, and your support during the event. We look forward to making this a special tradition to honor our youth during this important time in their lives.

OUR BLESSING BOX NEEDS YOU!

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. It has been utilized more and more frequently and it is hard to keep up with the need. 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:

Canned tuna	Canned fruit	Canned soup	Canned vegetables
Canned refried or pinto beans	Peanut butter	Vienna sausages	Chef Boyardee Ravioli or Beefaroni
Canned tomato sauce	Spaghetti		

THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

On behalf of the staff at Glendover, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donations of the joy cups filled with a gift card and treats. Thank you for being such wonderful partners. We are truly blessed to have your support at Glendover!

With sincere thanks,
Krista Mason
Glendover Family Resource Center

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD NOTES

The Administrative Board met on Wednesday, May 20, and took the following actions:

- Received the treasurer's report
- Approved the use of Memorial Funds to hire Red Oak Lighting to fix and upgrade the exterior lighting on the sanctuary
- Approved two minor changes to the Personnel Handbook, including a change to the eligibility timing for new hires and adding Juneteenth to the approved holiday list
- Received the Nominating Committee report
- Approved the request from the Social Justice Team for Crestwood to join BUILD (Building a United Lexington through Direct-Action), and interfaith advocacy group
- Discussed changing the requirements for serving as the board moderator to eliminate the three-year term to serve on the Nominating Committee following the year of service as moderator

*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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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church
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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. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Pastor Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Rev. Kelly Hale, Pastoral Care Minister
Jennifer Heersche, Office Administrator
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager
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Cindy Abernathy, Pianist

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