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VBS REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

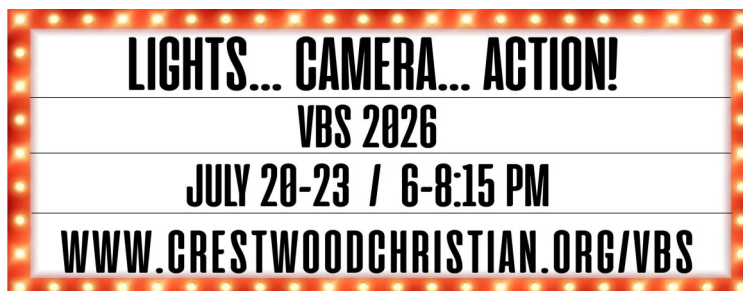


Child
Registration

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).



Volunteer
Registration



VBS DINNER MENU			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HAMBURGERS	PANCAKES	PIZZA	HOT DOGS
TATER TOTS	BACON	APPLE SLICES	BAKED BEANS
CHIPS	MIXED FRUIT		MANDARIN ORANGES
WATERMELON			

VBS MISSION PROJECT

Hi everyone! My name is Eva Quinn. I have been a member at Crestwood my entire life. My grandmother is Elaine Lollis and my parents are Laura and Ryan Quinn, who are also members. I am currently a student at Texas Christian University, and this summer, I am participating in a young adult leadership program. For my leadership project, I am organizing a snack drive to help out kids in need right here in our community at Glendover Elementary School. We would love to collect the following individually packaged items:



- Individual applesauces - Breakfast bars - Capri Suns - Goldfish snacks

We will have a designated drop-off area set up during Vacation Bible School, but we would love for everyone in the congregation to consider dropping something off as well! Items can be dropped off Sunday, July 19—Thursday, July 23 in the administration wing hallway. I really appreciate your support and can't wait to give back to these sweet kids. Thank you so much for your generosity! Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

NEXT CREST IS AUGUST 1

**Crest articles are due by
Friday, July 24**

Send articles to:
office@crestwoodchristian.org

A WORD FROM KORY



There are no words to describe the transformative power of mission trips. I've been on about a dozen now, and each time I come back changed in some way. I'm convinced that mission trips are often the most powerful experience a youth can have during their time growing up at church.

One of the things that make these trips so powerful is it exposes youth (and the adult chaperones) to ways of life foreign to us. When you clean out a house ravaged by a tornado or build an outdoor kitchen on a small house in Costa Rica or help an elderly person shop for groceries at a food pantry, you get a glimpse into the struggles and challenges of life that we are lucky enough not to have to face. It can be a humbling, eye-opening experience.

The mission trip to St. Louis this year was no different. Fifteen youth and four adults made the trip west as part of a mission experience organized by Be the Neighbor, a Disciples group that puts together mission trips in different parts of the country and with different themes. Our focus for St. Louis was on the history of racism in that city and its ongoing consequences.

The trip featured a combination of service projects and learning experiences. The service projects included:

- Working in a community garden which provided fresh produce to the residents of the impoverished area in with the garden was located
- Serving at Isaiah 58 Ministries, a community food and supplies bank for the unhoused
- Helping clean out Memorial Blvd. Christian Church, which was damaged in a fire
- Cleaning out apartments for incoming residents at Lydia's House, a transitional housing complex for survivors of abuse
- Working on the grounds of our host church, Union Avenue Christian Church, which was hit by a tornado in May 2025

I could write a whole article on each of these projects and the impact it made on us. At each place, the representative talked about the difference the organization was making in the community and how we were a part of that.

For the education part of the trip, we did the following:

- Participated in an exercise helping us better understand the intersection of race, power, privilege, and authority, led by a community expert on race relations.

- Explored the Delmar Divide. Delmar is a street that runs between two very different communities that are divided by race, class, socio-economic status and available services. We also visited Delmar Divine, a former hospital that has been converted into a community service center and houses over 30 non-profit organizations.
- Visited the Dred and Harriet Scott exhibit at the Old Courthouse, the site of one of the trials in that case. We learned about the Scotts' persistence in pursuing their freedom under the law and how this case led directly into the Civil War.
- Took in the Mill Street exhibit at the Missouri History Museum. Mill Street was a vibrant Black community in St. Louis which the city claimed through imminent domain and subsequently destroyed, tearing down hundreds of houses and businesses and displacing about 25,000 people.

Don't worry, we also had some fun! We had a picnic dinner at the Arch, visited the Museum of Illusions, and played mini-golf at Union Station.

Crestwood, you should be SO proud of these youth! They worked hard, paid attention, and contributed significantly to the conversations. We're coming back to Lexington with some excellent ideas of how we can work to bridge the racial divide in our own city and I can't wait to see how we implement them. Thank you for supporting us with your prayers and your offerings, allowing our group to represent Christ and our church in such powerful ways.

GUEST PREACHER ON JULY 12

Crestwood is honored to welcome to the pulpit our own Rev. Dr. Jim Abernathy (Crestwood member and husband of our early service pianist, Cindy) on Sunday, July 12. Jim has been serving as an interim minister at Cynthiana Christian Church during their time of transition. On July 12, Kory will preach in Cynthiana and Jim will be with us at Crestwood. Don't miss it!



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Birth of Margaret Louise Browning (daughter of Delaney & Ben Browning), Sylvia Griffin, Ben Webster

FAMILY: Family of Phyllis Burdette (mother of Kim Powell), Rosalie Bush-Ryall (mother of Ben Thompson), Anna Grace Day (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Karter Graves (nephew of Sarah Jefferson), Emily Haise (sister of Ben Thompson), Kim Heersche (sister-in-law of Jennifer Heersche), Mark Hendricks (son of Kay Thomas), Sandy Keith (daughter of Joanne Whiteker), Gordon Randall (of Kory Wilcoxson), Marty Wallingford (uncle of Lyndi Van Duersen)

FRIENDS: Ladonna Gregory (of Kimberly Sparks), Pat Reynolds (of Phoebe Wiley), Cierra Russell (of Karen Trommer), family of Ann Smith (of Crestwood), Lee Weber (of Jill & Rick Sawyer)

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), 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.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR GLENDOVER ELEMENTARY

Donations can be brought to the children's wing July 12 through Aug. 2. Thank you for helping to support the children of our community.

- Backpacks
- Crayola Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Crayola Crayons
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Pencil Boxes
- Fiskars Scissors
- Wide Rule Notebooks
- Composition Wide Rule Notebooks
- Primary Writing Journal
- Folders with 3 holes and pockets
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Clorox Wipes
- Kleenex
- Expo Markers
- Ziplock Bags gallon and quart

**NO notebook filler paper*

SRO BUS RIDERS—LET'S CELEBRATE AMERICA!

Friends—The tentative plan for July is to visit our state capital city of Frankfort on Tuesday, July 14. There, we will visit the [Kentucky Historical Society](#) and tour the special exhibit, **America 250KY**, a birthday celebration for everybody! Our \$6 ticket buys us a 60 minute guided tour of the exhibit and lets us stroll down to the old State Capital for a self-guided 30-minute tour. This wonderful old building has some very interesting things to see! Lunch may be at the Brown Barrel restaurant next door to the Historical Society. The plan for the afternoon is to visit the Vietnam Memorial, a spectacular sundial, Rebecca Ruth Candies, and some Kentucky notables buried in the Frankfort Cemetery. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Jeanette Knowles at: jeanettevalerie@gmail.com or phone 859-554-5204 (no texts, please). Join in the fun!



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 Chi Rho 1*

July 6-11:

Maelee Thompson

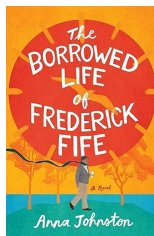
*The following youth will
be at Camp Chi Rho 2*

July 13-18:

Tucker Hall
Maddie Thompson
Clara Wallace

CRESTWOOD BOOK CLUB

Crestwood Book Club will meet on Monday, August 24 at 6:30 PM in MC8 to discuss *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. For more information, contact Beth Cooper or the church office.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER!



Harper Rees

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

We will meet in Chalice Hall on Friday, July 31 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM for a potluck lunch, great conversation, and BINGO games for prizes! Please join us and bring your favorite treat to share - ALL are welcome!



CRESTWOOD LOVES & CARES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

In June 2026, the Bridge Fund provided rent assistance in the amount of \$250 for one resident who is getting back on his feet (and back to work) after suffering a health crisis in May. We also covered the full KU balance of \$125 for another family who quickly got behind due to a delayed paycheck.

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.



2026-27 CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

Officers of the congregation (one-year term except where indicated):

Moderator	John Hill
Vice Moderator	Laura Bryan
Secretary	Beth Cooper
Treasurer (2-year term)	Annetta Carter
Historian (2-year term)	Tippy Wallace

At-large representatives to the Board (two-year term)

Ed Richardson, Tracy Lovan, Dallas Kingsolver

Deacons

Alice Williams	Jill Howe
Lauren Deerhake	Brandon Foley
Clara Deerhake	Grace Foley
Joey Kingsolver	Joel Lovan
Katy Brandt	River DeLacey
Jared Brandt	Graham Bacon
Jade Pergram	Summer Perry
Heather Pergram	

Standing committee chairpersons

Deacon Chair	Adrienne Strong
Elders Chair	Matt Bacon
Usher Chair	Sice Shanklin
Endowment Committee	Lucy Wells
Finance Committee	Ric Hale
Nominating Committee	Matt Bacon
Personnel Committee	Paula Lowman
Property Committee	Will Lovan and Andrew Jefferson
Technology Committee	Jay Trommer

Ministry team chairpersons

Caregivers	Monte LaFrana and Gayle Hutcherson
Children	Rebecca Anderson and Amy Stout
DWM	Gayle Hutcherson
Fellowship	Lyndi Van Deursen and Erin Bookman
Library	Susie Jolliffe
Local Outreach	Joanne Brown and Jim Hile
Stewardship	Susie Psimer
World Outreach	Sonny Wray
Worship	Tara Wilkinson
Youth	Ben Thompson

Assistant Treasurers

Charlie and Mary Murphy, David Miller, Dabney Parker, Martha Seithers, Libby Sharpe, Lucy Wells

Trustee

David Thompson

Endowment Committee

Sonny Wray

Nominating Committee

Amy Wheeler
Paige Rea
Patty Hollingsworth

Personnel Committee

Joey Williams
Karen Blakeman
Tom Jones

Elders

Jim Hile, Joanne Brown, Lyndi Van Duersen

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 Pasta
Canned tomato sauce	Spaghetti
Instant oatmeal packets	



Children's Ministry

Pastor Missy Wallace



Greetings Crestwood Families,

We are getting ready to kick off another action-packed week of summer fun with our LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION! themed Vacation Bible School. Our cast and crew are hard at work preparing behind the scenes. Crestwood kids

are out inviting their friends and neighbors. The energy continues to build as we countdown to kick-off.

VBS is an unforgettable experience where we pour out our gifts and talents, then watch as God multiplies our generosity into an abundance. It's the Superbowl of our children's ministry program year as we make lifelong memories, sing unforgettable songs, and watch as the kids draw us closer to the heart of God with their enthusiasm (cue the confetti).

This week is a game changer for everyone. Local needs are met through our mission project. Seeds are planted as we greet families who've never been inside a church before. Hope is renewed as we celebrate the light of Christ and spread the good news. This event glues us together as the body of Christ unlike anything else because it takes each one of us answering the call to serve.

Thank you for continuing to support the work of our children's ministry programs at Crestwood. Please continue to be in prayer for our kids and the many ways God is already moving. We hope to see you at showtime!

Blessings,
Pastor Missy

SAVE THE DATES

July 14
VBS Decorating Night

July 20-23
LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION! VBS

Aug. 2
First Sunday Fellowship

Aug. 9
Blessing of the Backpacks
Back-to-School Bash
Bridge Resumes

Aug. 16
Third Grade Bible Presentations

YOUTH corner



SERVING CHRIST IN ST. LOUIS

Here are a few pictures from our powerful mission trip to St. Louis with 15 youth and four adults. For more about the trip, see Kory's article on pg. 2.



JULY 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

Wednesday, July 1

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, July 3

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

*****The church office will be closed Friday, July 3
in observance of the July 4th holiday*****

Monday, July 6

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC 3

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 AM - Library Team

Wednesday, July 8

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, July 9

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

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 AM - Property Committee - Bradford Room

Wednesday, July 15

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
6:00 PM - Ministry Council - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Administrative Board - Bradford Room

Thursday, July 16

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Monday, July 20

6:00 PM - VBS

Tuesday, July 21

6:00 PM - VBS

Wednesday, July 22

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
6:00 PM - VBS

Thursday, July 23

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
6:00 PM - VBS

Wednesday, July 22

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, July 30

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Friday, July 31

11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

Thank you so much for your generous gift. We are deeply grateful that you chose to invest in our neighbors through Nathaniel Mission. Your gift of \$270 was put to work immediately. Through your kindness, children are gaining new skills, families are finding support, and neighbors are discovering a place of refuge in the midst of life's storms.

With deep gratitude,
Rev. Daniel Baer, Executive Director

I would like to express our thanks to you for your gift of \$735 given to support the ministry of the Christian Church in KY. We appreciate the support to this ministry, and we commend your faith and service. Thank you for the ways you continue to minister to the region of Kentucky. Our region is truly blessed to have you as a ministry partner.

Sincerely,
Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II
Regional Minister

1882 Bellefonte Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40503-2046
(859) 266-0459

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. 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
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist

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