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# THE WEEKLY

JUNE 23, 2026

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Wednesday, June 24

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

### Thursday, June 25

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

### Friday, June 26

11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

### Sunday, June 28

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service (Congregational meeting to follow)

12:00 PM - Chalice Hall Dedication

12:15 PM - Elders Lunch - Bradford Room

## 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](#).

## 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.

## Sunday, June 28

The Church in Action

## The Stoning of Stephen

Acts 6:8-15, 7:51-59

Rev. Kelly Hale

## REGISTER FOR VBS TODAY!

You can register your child(ren) or register to volunteer for Vacation Bible School July 20-23 by clicking [here](#) for children or [here](#) for volunteers. \*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](http://WWW.CRESTWOODCHRISTIAN.ORG/VBS)**

## 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 101A**

**June 26-28:**  
Xavier Anderson  
Mitchell Prather  
Chloe Stout  
Grace Wright  
Lilly Wright

**The following youth will be at CYF 2**

**June 29-July 4:**  
Gabe Owens  
Carter Wallace  
Rachel Wilkinson

## NEXT CREST IS JULY 1

Please send articles to [office@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:office@crestwoodchristian.org) by Wednesday, June 24.

## 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), 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), 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.

## **SRO TRIP TO LOUISVILLE**

There are still three seats available for the June 30 trip to the Kentucky Derby Museum and Churchill Downs track. If you would like to go, please contact Jeanette Knowles at 859-554-5204 (no texts, please). The itinerary is as follows:

9:00 AM - Board bus at Crestwood

10:30 AM - Arrive at Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville, spend 1.5 hours touring museum (self-guided); elevator is available

12:00 PM - Lunch at the museum café

2:00 PM - Tour Churchill Downs track with guide; 30 minutes; easy walk (no races on June 30)

3:00 PM - Board bus for return to Lexington

4:30 PM - Arrive back at Crestwood

Because the museum has visitors at different times of the year, some busier than others, the ticket price to visit the museum and Churchill Downs varies. Currently, the price for a Senior ticket is \$22 rather than \$18 as first mentioned.



**Please plan to join us  
in the celebration of  
The Dedication of Chalice Hall  
in honor of  
Rev. Dr. David Blondell  
Sunday, June 28  
12:00 PM**

## **READING AND WRITING RESOURCES FOR ADULTS**

Are you aware of any resources available locally for adults to upgrade their basic writing and reading skills? The context is young adults who dropped out of school or otherwise have not mastered reading and writing, but are native English speakers. If you have any information on such resources, please contact Denise Murray either at (219) 299-9778 or dwoodsides@gmail.com.

On this Father's Day weekend, we paid tribute to all those paternal influences in our lives who have shaped and molded us to be the people we are today. And we give thanks to those who did the same for Crestwood Christian Church! Here's the story of one such man:

My dad, William "Bill" Azevedo, was a humble man. He grew up from the age of seven through his early teenage years without a father, as his dad died of tuberculosis a month after my dad turned seven years old. He was raised by his grandmother while his mother worked daily in a laundry. His mother was very strict on him. She did not want her only child, a son, to get into any trouble.

Like all good Portuguese children in Northern California, he was raised in the Catholic Church. As the story is told, his grandmother wanted him to have more social opportunities with his peers, and as soon as he was old enough, he became an altar boy in the church. His grandmother and the parish priest "created" many opportunities for him to serve his church. Other social activities were also included.

He and my mom, Lutie, were married on a one-week leave during World War II at her uncle's home in Georgetown. They had met when Daddy was in artillery training at Ft. Knox. They met on a blind date set up by mother's cousin and her boyfriend, who was also in training at Ft. Knox. These soldiers were learning to drive tanks before being sent to Europe. My mom always said that my dad was the handsomest man she had ever met!

While my brother and sister and I were growing up, my dad served in many leadership positions (president of the Fayette Lions Club, president of the Lexington Traffic Club, president of the Lafayette Band Parents Association and others) but I was never told of one particular leadership position Daddy took at Crestwood Christian Church.

I knew that Daddy was a deacon at Crestwood, but never an elder. I knew that he was the financial secretary at Crestwood for at least the first eight years of the church's existence. I knew that he helped whenever maintenance work needed to be done. He bowled with his good Crestwood friends on the Church Bowling League when I was young. He frequently reminded me of when he held me in his arms on a desk during Sunday School with Dr. Myron Hopper when I was a baby, after Central Christian Church had caught on fire, and the church met at Henry Clay High School.

I also remember him dropping us off for Sunday School at Crestwood, then heading over to Jerry's Restaurant to meet his "Men's Sunday School Class" every Sunday morning both before and after Crestwood had its own buildings and classrooms. There simply wasn't enough available classroom space for all of the necessary classes to meet in Glendover School with the fire walls down or in the first two new buildings at Crestwood. While these men met at Jerry's, it seems that they were always on time and on duty when needed at church whether it was to serve as ushers, serve communion, help to install the first pipe organ for the church, or drive their children to church on Sunday nights, go home, then turn around again and arrive on time to pick them up from Sunday night youth meetings.

Never did I dream that my dad was a trustee creating Crestwood Christian Church until the time, several years ago, that my daughter, Allyson, and I were building our family tree (my mother had asked me to do this project for her on the last visit that Jack and I had with her). We decided to start our search with my dad, William Azevedo. After submitting important vital statistics, the first article that came onto the screen was entitled "Big Brothers of Frankfort, Others Are Granted Charters By The State."

Curious as to the reason this article came up so quickly, I began to read. ..."Other charters granted were to: Crestwood Christian Church of Lexington, Inc., (sans stock): James Havens, William Azevedo, O.T. Evans, Paul Shaw, and Ben Cowgill." My Dad never mentioned this commitment that he made for us and to Crestwood. I would never have known this fact about him but for this article! This act once again set an example showing Daddy's commitment to us, to our church and to our Christian lives!

Thank you, Daddy; Thank you, Mr. James Havens (my 7th grade Sunday School Teacher); Thank you, Mr. O.T. Evans; Thank you, Mr. Paul R. Shaw; And Thank you Mr. Ben Cowgill for your commitment to Crestwood Christian Church.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

*Mary Margaret Azevedo Collier*  
Charter Member, Crestwood Christian Church