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World Outreach

The World Outreach Ministry team works closely with many of our Disciples-related global agencies. Through giving to Week of Compassion and Church World Service, this ministry team ensures Crestwood's offerings provide care for disaster relief, refugee resettlement, and ongoing development needs, nationally and around the world. Facilitating annual mission trips, this team also provides direct service and learning opportunities, as well. If you have a gift for global compassion, social justice, and caring for our neighbors around the world, then this ministry team would be a great place to serve.

Invite Questions about how Faith and Life Intersect

Adult Education

The Adult Education Ministry team seeks to nurture our love of learning and deepening of faith. This team supports our eight dynamic adult Sunday school classes, as well as creating engaging and substantive learning events throughout the year. If you have a gift for teaching, creativity, and a love of learning, then this ministry team would be a perfect fit.

Children's Ministry Team

The Children's Ministry Team is responsible for ensuring that all of our children are gaining a positive faith foundation in their earliest years. Programs sponsored by the CMT include the Cherub and Children's Choirs, Children's Worship and Wonder, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School. The CMT invites everyone with a passion for children to bring your creativity and experience to help our children grow as followers of Christ. Join the Children's Ministry Team and help to plant the seeds of faith in our children both now and for generations to come.

Young Adults

The Young Adult Ministry Team serves post-college-age adults to those in their mid-30s. They meet for weekly Sunday school to explore their faith from different angles. They also gather for fellowship events such as weekly trivia, a yearly Christmas party, and UK game-watching parties. The Young Adults also gather together to serve Crestwood college students through sending care packages and serving our community. If you are interested in working alongside an energetic group and sharing in fellowship, theological conversation, and service then join the Young Adults!

Youth

The Youth Ministry Team is committed to ministering to our junior and senior high school students, to engage them in the life of the congregation and beyond. The YMT plans fundraising and community events that are led by the youth. The YMT also helps ensure that our youth are engaged in mission projects through local service and summer mission trips. We help the youth learn the importance of living a good Christian life through weekly youth groups and Sunday School. If you have a passion for our youth and helping them grow in their faith, join the Youth Ministry Team!

How Do I Get Involved?

Now that you know about all the ministries Crestwood offers, how do you get involved? The first step would be to call one of the ministers to learn more about the team and who's leading it. You could also attend one of the events sponsored by the team (watch the Crest and Weekly for more information). You could also come to one of the team's meetings (the church calendar is in the bulletin each week). Each of us has been given a gift and called to use it. Use your gifts to connect people to God and each other at Crestwood Christian Church!



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Crestwood Christian Church Ministry Teams



RISE
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Our Vision:
Connecting People to God
and Each Other

Our Mission

Crestwood Christian Church connects people to God and each other by being a community that:

- Welcomes and accepts all people
- Invites questions about how faith and life intersect
- Encourages people to take the next step in their spiritual journey
- Cares for each other and the stranger, and
- Serves God through serving others.

Each one of the ministry teams at Crestwood works to fulfill our mission and vision to connect people to God and each other.

Evangelism

The Evangelism Ministry Team is dedicated to welcoming every person who walks through Crestwood's doors. Each person has a unique faith story to share and this team encourages every person from the long-time member to the first-time friend to share their story with others. Helping others identify their faith story, this team then feels each and every person is equipped to share the Good News of God in their life. If you have a gift for hospitality, storytelling, listening and empowering others, then this ministry team is the one for you.

Fellowship

Relationships are built around tables, around a meal. The Fellowship ministry team plans events regularly throughout the year to help build relationships, to meet new people, and to talk with longtime friends. The Fellowship team has planned events such as the Hamburger Cook-Off, the Halloween Party Chili Supper, and several themed luncheons after church. If you like to plan parties, engage in fellowship and have fun the fellowship team is the team for you!

Sports Ministry Team

The Sports Ministry Team helps organize Crestwood athletic teams, which have included basketball, volleyball and softball teams. The Sports Ministry Team strives to provide fun and fellowship both on and off the field.

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Worship



Welcome and
Accept All People

The Worship Ministry Team works together to provide all the necessary support for our regular Sunday morning worship services, as well as our many special worship services throughout the year. The Worship team handles all seasonal decorations, including the special flowers that are provided during Advent and Lent. The team also works with the ministers to provide regular input on the quality of the worship experience.

Encourage People to Take the Next Step in Their Faith Journey

Disciples Men's Ministries

We have two different Men's Groups that meet at Crestwood. The first, called ManPower, meets monthly for fellowship and service. We gather on a Saturday morning for a quick breakfast and devotional, then go out to congregation members' houses to provide helping hands for light maintenance, yard work, and anything else they might need. The second group is a monthly breakfast, where we gather for a time of study and discussion.

Disciples Women's Ministries

This group of women provides opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the mission of the church. Our four women's circles meet for a time for monthly study, prayer, fellowship and service. If you have a gift for service, teaching, study, and hospitality, than you will find a sense of belonging and purpose with one of our women's circles.

Library

The Library Ministry team oversees an extensive collection of books, DVDs, and other materials. The Library (located just off of Chalice Hall) is filled with all kinds of books related to issues of faith and spirituality, as well as popular best-sellers, children's books, and puzzles. The Library team also puts out several displays each month of books for the congregation to check out for free.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Team's role is to encourage the congregation to make good use of its time, talents, and treasure in service to God. The team runs a

financial stewardship campaign each fall, inspiring the congregation to support the ministries of



the church through financial pledges. In the spring, the Stewardship team coordinates a time and talents campaign, in which congregation members are encouraged to discover and use their gifts by serving in various capacities within the church.

Technology

The Technology Team manages the multi-faceted ways that our congregation stays connected. The team oversees all the computers at the church, providing regular maintenance and upgrades. They also manage the church's internet service and wireless connectivity through the buildings. On Sunday mornings, team members take turns running the sound board for our worship services.

Care for Each Other and the Stranger

Caregivers

The purpose of the Caregivers Team is to provide care, comfort, friendship, and food to those who are grieving, ill, homebound or new members. The Caregivers coordinate meals for funerals and visitations, as well as host a reception for new members. The Caregivers also provide Holding Crosses for congregation members in crisis and oversee our Heart-to-Heart ministry for homebound members.

Childcare Council

The Crestwood Childcare Center is a mission of the church that provides high quality, affordable childcare to the community. The Childcare Council works closely with the Childcare Center to ensure our children have a positive early education experience. The Childcare Council meets monthly to provide insight and a listening ear for the administrators and staff of

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the Childcare Center. The Childcare Council invites anyone who loves children and that is interested in helping to provide the best educational environment to serve as a council member.

Heart to Heart

Heart to heart inactive members live in their homes, in retirement or assisted living centers, or in long-term care facilities. Each active Heart to Heart team member makes a phone call or visit to two or three inactive member every month in order to stay in touch, determine if there are needs, and let them know they are remembered by their church family. The Heart to Heart team also sends a greeting card to each Heart to Heart member monthly.

Nursery Ministry Team

The Nursery Ministry Team serves the youngest members of our congregation, providing trained and reliable childcare for the congregation. We are in the midst of a baby boom in the congregation and the Nursery Ministry Team is looking for people who will ensure that our babies and their families have a positive experience when they leave their precious children in our care. Join us to support our families and babies as they begin their faith journey.

Serve God Through Serving Others

Finance

The Finance Ministry Team is in charge of being good stewards of the church's financial resources. The team works with other Ministry Teams to prepare the annual operating budget, and oversees the use of our restricted funds. The team also sets and updates policies related to how the church manages and spends money. The Finance team seeks to be fiscally responsible while also staying attuned to God's call for the church.

Garden Club

Crestwood is blessed with a beautiful garden in our courtyard space, and we have a number of dedicated volunteers who help maintain the plants and flowers. Through their hard work, we are able to provide a tranquil space for times of rest, conversation, or meditation.

Green Team

A part of the Property Ministry is our Green Team, which helps the church be good stewards



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environment through our building usage and budgeting decision. The Green Team also sponsors a Community Garden, which helps provide fresh vegetables for a number of local service agencies.

Local Outreach

The Local Outreach Ministry team focuses upon the immediate needs and services of our local community. Focusing upon Fayette County, this team supports agencies and non-profits that provide direct services and meet the basic human needs of our neighbors. Through direct donation, the Local Outreach team is faithful stewards of Crestwood's offerings. They also facilitate volunteering opportunities for Crestwood members. If you have a gift for volunteering, caring for our closest neighbors, and social justice, then use your gifts on the Local Outreach team.

Property

Our Property Team is charged with taking care of our extensive facilities and grounds. This team handles the day-to-day maintenance of the facility as well as work on long-term projects. They work with the various outside contractors to ensure the building is suitable for us and manage our utility usage. They also work with companies who provide all of our grounds maintenance and care.

Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry program provides care and compassion for congregation members going through difficult circumstances. Our Stephen Ministers go through extensive training in order to provide a Christian companionship for people who are walking a difficult road. Stephen Ministers meet monthly for support and check-in.

