

MARCH 1, 2020

SERMON SERIES:
ON A MISSION FROM GOD

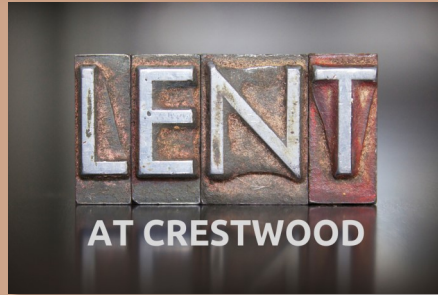
SERMON:
WELCOMES AND ACCEPTS ALL PEOPLE

REV. KORY WILCOXSON

GENESIS 1:26-31

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Sunday, March 1

Lenten Family Workshop
Noon in Chalice Hall

Wednesdays, March 4 - April 8

Piety: Devotion & Dessert
6:30 PM in Chapel

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday
8:30 & 10:45 AM *Requiem* by John Rutter
Presented by Choir and Orchestra

Thursday, April 9

Maundy Thursday
6:00 PM Dinner & Service

Friday, April 10

Good Friday
Community Worship Service
Noon at Central Christian Church

Saturday, April 11

Pancake Breakfast
Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday
Services at 9:00 & 10:45 AM
9:00 AM Sunday School for Children
Flowering the Cross &
Children's Time
at 10:45 AM only

MARCH SERMON SERIES: ON A MISSION FROM GOD

In 2014, Crestwood voted to adopt these mission and vision statements:

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.

Now, over five years later, it's time to see how we're doing. For our sermons in March, as part of our Strategic Planning process, we'll be reviewing each part of our mission statement and giving you a chance to give us feedback. We believe God is calling us to be a church that lives out its mission. Join us as we seek to take the next step on our journey as Crestwood Christian Church.

NEXT CREST - APRIL 1

ARTICLES DUE BY NOON ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 26

March 1	Welcomes and Accepts All People	Genesis 1:26-31
March 8	Invites Questions About How Faith and Life Intersect	Luke 10:25-37
March 15	Encourages People to Take the Next Step in Their Faith Journey	Mark 10:17-22
March 22	Cares for Each Other and the Stranger	1 John 4:7-21
March 29	Serves God by Serving Others	Mark 10:42-45

PRAYER LIST

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: The family of Debbie LaBoone, Monte LaFrana, Joyce Leininger, Traci Letcher, Georgia Meece, the family of J.B. Murphy, *Bob Noel, the family of Jerry Wells

FAMILY: ***Raelyn Cramer** (granddaughter of Rick and Cathy Tittmann), **Rusty Haydon** (mother of Donna Gibson), ***Chloe McGlade** (sister of Amy Knight), **Sharon McKenney** (sister of Lynn West), **Bill Summerlin** (son of Sylvia Griffin), **Kathy Wathen** (mother of Kory Wilcoxson), **Charles Yount** (brother of Jane Maskalick)

FRIENDS: **Lori Brown** (of Minva Hodgins), **Gordon Burkett** (of Christie Oliver), **Aileen Dalton** (of Christie Oliver), **Jamie Fielding** (of Betty Barton), **Cellina Gantley** (of Kathy Stone), **Ryan Hall** (of Liz Kingsland), **Ron Hooker** (of Doug and Gayle Hutcherson), ***Katherine McKee** (of Ellen Williams), **the family of Shirley Moore** (of LaVonne Caudill), **Elise Perry** (of Minva Hodgins), **Mary Saylor** (of Minva Hodgins), ***Rev. Beth Thomason** (of Virginia Long), **Jane Tucker** (of Kathy Stone)

ARMED FORCES: **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **Paul Baird** (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), **Blake and Jill Chambers and family** (grandson of Joe & Karen Billings), **Travis Cramer** (son of Rick and Cathy Tittmann), **Bud DeLacey** (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), **Scott Eldridge** (of Pamela Wainscott), **Andrew Lynn** (grandson of Joe & Karen Billings), **Patrick Ritter** (great-nephew of Betty Tester), **David Schloesser** (of Matt Staggs), **Rocky Shapla** (friend of Jane Johnson), **Zoe Sims** (granddaughter of John Sims), **Dalcus Sparks** (nephew of Andrea Back), **Justin Witt** (nephew of Jack Witt).

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Jean Aspley, Margaret Buchanan, Billie Casey, Carolyn Floyd, Carl and Jean Ham, Nettie Sue Hughbanks, Georgia Meece, John Sims, Ruby Thornton, Jean Walters

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, and for God's presence and peace in areas of turmoil and suffering around the world.

**Names added this week. Names are included on the prayer list for one month. If a name has been removed that you would like added back on, please contact the church office.*

A WORD FROM KORY



March is always such an odd month for me. I love March because it carries within its days many things that are important to me: my mom and sister's birthday; Spring Training for baseball; March Madness for NCAA basketball; and the start of spring and the reminder that new life is coming after the cold, dreary months of winter.

But March means something else, something more somber and less cheery: Lent. No matter when Easter falls (April 12 this year), March will always encompass at least some part of Lent. Lent is not a March Madness, beginning-of-spring kind of season. Instead, Lent is a spiritual season of no sun in the sky, scraping your windshield, brown gunk collecting on your car, dark by 6 p.m. Lent is not a spring season; it's a winter season. Do you think if I asked nicely, the Pope would flip-flop Advent and Lent? I'd love to have six weeks of celebrating the birth of Jesus and cut down Lent to only four weeks. Anyone have an email address for the Vatican?

I like to give Lent a hard time, but in reality, it's one of the most important times in the church year. Lent promotes something that we have all but forgotten in our world today. During Lent, we are encouraged to look at ourselves and see the brokenness, to admit that we're not perfect and we need help. But who wants to admit THAT? Sure, we know some OTHER people that are that way. You know, really bad people. But not us. Sure, we mess up here and there. But broken? Fallen? Sinful? You must be talking about someone else.

That's why I think our Lenten programs and worship services are so poorly attended. Who's got time to look in the mirror at our humanity when there's so much that needs to be done? If I stop and acknowledge that I'm not the person my dog thinks I am, then I may have to admit that I need to make some changes. And who wants to change? It's easier just staying the same. And besides, we know Easter is coming and the risen Jesus will make everything OK, so why worry about it?

Sometimes, in our relationship with God, we forget which one of us is divine. We get so wrapped up in our own lives that we can't see the places where we are cracked. Because we're not as bad as others, we think that we don't need saving. And yet, Jesus didn't come to earth as a savior for the really bad folks; he came as a savior for us all, because ALL of us need saving. But we can't claim that truth if we don't walk the journey of Lent.

That journey started last Wednesday with Ash Wednesday, when we were reminded of our humanity and the finiteness of our existence. We start Lent at that place because it's only from our lowest that God can lift us up. What good is God's grace to us if we're not on our knees? We are broken, and the sooner we admit it, the sooner God can start to work transformation within us.

The Lenten journey will continue each week leading up to Easter. For the sermons, we'll be examining our mission statement to see how well we're being the people God called us to be. That's self-reflection on the congregational level. For adult Sunday School, we'll be hearing from several Lexington residents who will help us understand, "Who Is My Neighbor?" These folks are not people with whom you might normally cross paths, so these conversations will give us an opportunity to get to know someone different than us at the human level. And Trish will once again be leading Piety, a time of spiritual restoration and reflection, all while eating pie.

I hope you'll take the time and effort to join us on the Lenten journey this year. Your staff is working hard to make the season meaningful, but you'll only get out of it what you put into it. Whatever is broken in your life, remember Christ is the balm of Gilead, sent to earth to heal our sin-sick souls. See you at the table on Sunday.

WELCOME CRESTWOOD'S NEWEST MEMBERS!



Brian, Katie & Jack Neal
Date Joined: February 23, 2020

FOOD INSECURITY UPDATE

Our Food Insecurity Task Force has met twice and is beginning to formulate a plan on how to address this urgent issue in Lexington. We've heard from Kristin Hughes with [FoodChain](#) and Ben Southworth with [Glean Kentucky](#). Both of them gave us some great information about how we can make a tangible difference in helping people get the healthy food they need in our community. Keep watching the Weekly and bulletin for more information about our next meeting and opportunities to join us in serving those in need around us.

TRISH TALK



Dear Friends,

It is hard to imagine that we are beginning Lent. It seems like I was just writing about gratitude for Thanksgiving or the preparation for Advent. And now here we are beginning the Lenten journey to the cross. This is not a trip we get excited for like the one we take to Bethlehem. This is hard. This is where we confront our sinfulness and our need for a savior. This is a time that, if we take it seriously, leads to some deep reflection and taking a hard look at our lives. On this journey we need to question our thinking and our choices. We let the light of Christ illuminate that which is not faithful as ones who profess Christ as Lord. These are not easy days if we take them seriously. They will challenge us.

True confession—I feel like I am entering Lent a bit weary anyway and the idea of facing challenging introspection is not exactly what I want to do these days. I know I could just go through the next six weeks as I do other times. I know that I will still be welcomed at the table each week and on that holy night of the last supper. I know that I will still feel sadness at the thought of the crucifixion on Good Friday. And Easter will still be glorious. It's Easter. But I will be no different. I will be the same. If I am going to let the holy of Holy Week have significance, if Easter is going to bring new life to me—then I have to face my need for grace and confront that which is not Christ-like in my life.

So, let the journey begin. I am grateful I am not alone on this trek. Each week I will lead Piety as a way for us to pray together and support one another on our paths to the cross. We will have a special Aging Well that will nurture our spiritual journey as well. Friends, I encourage us to take time to make these days meaningful. If I can help you in any way, please let me.

Blessed to share the journey,
Trish

STEPHEN MINISTRY...Crestwood is blessed to have a team of trained and caring Stephen Ministers who are committed to the care of members of Crestwood. Life can be challenging and often a compassionate presence can help to navigate these challenges. Our Stephen Ministers have spent over 50 hours in training and provide confidential, Christ-centered compassion. We will do all that we can to support you during this time. If you feel that a Stephen Minister can help you or if you have any questions, please contact Trish.

LENTEN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Loving our Neighbor—Knowing our Neighbor

In March, our three adult Sunday School classes are invited to come together as we begin our Lenten focus: **Loving our Neighbor—Knowing our Neighbor**. Guests from our community will come to introduce us to our neighbors, including those who are Muslim, homeless, in human trafficking, struggling with mental illness, battling substance abuse disorder, and others. This opportunity will give us an insight into those whom Jesus loves and calls us to love, expand our understanding, and strengthen our compassion.

March 1 & 8
Your Muslim Neighbor

March 15
Your Human Trafficked Neighbor
(Natalie's Sisters)

March 22
Your Homeless Neighbor
(Six Treasures)

In Memory of...

J.B. MURPHY (1935-2020)

J. B. Murphy passed away on Tuesday, February 4. Please keep Mary and all of their family in your prayers.



JERRY WELLS (1927-2020)

Jerry Wells passed away on Tuesday, February 11. Please keep Jerry's family in your prayers.



DEBBIE LaBOONE (1953-2020)

Debbie LaBoone passed away on Tuesday, February 18. Please keep Frank and all of their family in your prayers.



MARCH 8
@ 4:00 PM
Bradford Room

NURTURE YOUR SPIRIT...Join us Sunday, March 8, for *Aging Well* to nurture our spirits! As we age it is important that we nurture our whole selves—especially our spiritual life. During this session of *Aging Well*, we will look at stages of our faith journey and discuss ways to continue to grow in our relationship with God. This is a timely discussion as we move through Lent and look to claim the glory of Easter. All are welcome!



STEP INTO BEAUTIFUL

Ladies' Tea Benefiting
Step By Step

Saturday, March 21

1:30 - 3:30pm

Centenary United Methodist Church

Tickets are \$25.

Please contact Sheri Shaver at 797-4164 if you would like to attend.



PIETY: *Devotion* & *Dessert*

Wednesdays in Lent
March 4 - April 8 @ 6:30 PM

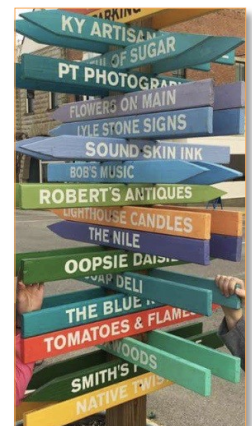
On Wednesday nights during Lent we will gather in the chapel at 6:30 PM for a time of devotion and prayer. We will follow that time with fellowship. All are welcome during this time of reflection and prayer.

The Crestwood Christian Church
Annual Report for 2019 is finished.
Copies are available
in the church office.

S.R.O. (Seniors. Retirees. Other adults.) ON THE ROAD AGAIN...TO MT. STERLING! Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 AM

We will head to downtown Mount Sterling for lunch at Tomato and Flames—a local pizza, soup, and salad favorite. (Lunch special \$7.99) We will walk off lunch visiting the local shops in the area. If time allows, we will stop by the Ruth Hunt candy factory and sneak a peak at how the deliciousness comes to be.

To RSVP, call the church office by Monday, March 2.



FUNCH FRIDAY

March 27
@ 11:30 AM



CRESTWOOD CHILDCARE CENTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO READ Week of March 2-6



Our Crestwood Childcare Center is looking for volunteers to read to children for

Read Across America Week

in honor of the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

To volunteer some of your time with these young ones, email Elizabeth Napier (elizabeth@crestwodchristian.org). Thank you!

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PASTOR'S CLASS



Our Pastor's Class begins March 1! We have nine of our youth participating. This class is designed to help our young people learn more about their faith in preparation for their decision to be baptized. They will meet weekly as a class, plus meet individually with an Elder who will serve as their mentor throughout the process. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they go through this class and continue growing as Christians: Ava Greinke, Thomas Hoellein, Zac Hoellein, Natalie Knott, Lane Martin, Katie Rush, Holly Schoeder, Riley Stephens, and Rachel Wilkinson.

ROOM IN THE INN - MARCH 13 & 27



CRESTWOOD'S HOSPITALITY TO THE HOMELESS

Crestwood is shelter for those who are homeless every 2nd and 4th Friday beginning in December and going through March. We need volunteers to make this happen! *Thank you!*

Please sign up on SignUpGenius [bit.ly/31EeskY](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/31EeskY)
or call Sheri Shaver at (859) 797-4164.

Jobs to be done:

- Set-up:** Prepare beds and linens.
Friday 5:00 PM
- Friday Laundry:** Clothing will be ready for pickup by Friday at 8:00 PM and needs to be returned ASAP.
- Saturday Laundry:** Linens will be ready for pickup.
- Lunch prep:** 12 sack lunches, no drinks, no fruit. Deliver to church anytime Friday.
- Take-down:** Saturday at 7:00 AM

Crestwood Outreach Giving in February

In February, Outreach provided:

- Arbor Youth Services - \$160 *
- Bridge Fund - \$770 *
- Central Kentucky Music Academy - \$350 *
- Greenhouse 17 - \$375 *
- Heifer International - \$495 *
- Lexington Rescue Mission Walk for Warmth - \$500
- Military Missions - \$451 *
- Nathaniel Mission - \$380 *
- New Life Day Center - \$875

*Paid from Alternative Christmas Giving

Volunteer for Building Mission Trip New Orleans, LA March 15 - 21, 2020

Once again Rick Fern and Steve Seithers are leading a building mission trip to New Orleans. We will be leaving early on Sunday, March 15, and returning Saturday evening, March 21. We will be staying at Westside Christian Church, a Disciples Church, and building houses with New Orleans Habitat for Humanity. The cost of the trip is \$175.

If you would like to go or have questions, please contact Steve Seithers at sseithers@gmail.com.



CRESTWOOD YOUTH



Dear Crestwood Family,

I attended a Spiritual Retreat for Ministers at Camp Christian in Ohio (Disciples of Christ) in February. The retreat sessions invited us to intentionally focus on reconnecting and centering our hearts, minds, and spirits with God through each of the five senses: vision, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

As a person who loves conversation, being active, planning, and preparing ahead, I found myself struggling to relax my mind while in meditation on the first day. My mind was exploring the wonders of having everything planned for upcoming youth activities, thoughts of the struggles my family and friends carry, and the internal battle of how to balance the connection between my heart and mind. I went outside during our first break to stand by the camp pond; I took a deep breath, followed by a releasing sigh. I felt God's peace flowing over my head unto my feet, relaxing my body and strengthening the connection between my heart and mind. I was grounded, connected, and centered in the present moment with the Divine Spirit.



As we, collectively and individually, journey to Easter during this Lenten season, may each of us create intentional avenues to strengthen our connection between our heart and mind, neighbor and Creator.

Blessings,
Brian Miller



March Calendar (CYF & Chi Rho)

- 1st** 9:20am - Breakfast with Brian
(Meet at Panera Bread on Nicholasville Rd, \$5 donation)
4:00-6:00pm - Youth Group
- 8th** 9:30am - Sunday School
3:30pm - Youth Open Gym
4:00-6:00pm - Youth Group
- 15th** 9:30am - Sunday School
Noon - Youth & Elders: Lunch & Activities
- 21st** Spring Workday @ Camp Wakon'Da-Ho
If you plan to attend, please contact Brian ASAP for more details.
- 22nd** 9:30am - Sunday School
3:00pm - YMT Meeting
4:00-6:00pm - Youth Group
- 29th** 9:30am - Sunday School
NO Evening Youth Group

WAYS TO CONNECT



6th-8th Grade: Text @chirho1920 to 81010

9th-12th Grade: Text @cyf1920 to 81010



Join the Crestwood Christian Church Youth page



Follow us on Instagram at crestwood.youthministry

Crestwood Online Calendar

<https://www.crestwoodchristian.org/calendar/>

CRESTWOOD'S ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 AM Breakfast / 9:30 AM Egg Hunt



CANDY DONATION MONTH (March 1-31)

Now accepting Easter candy and trinkets for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Items needed that will fit inside eggs. Please drop into containers in the Children's Wing and outside the Sanctuary or bring to Church Office.

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN

2020 WOMEN'S SPRING CONFERENCE Saturday, April 18 ~ Central Christian Church, Lexington



Opening Worship
9:30 AM
with Communion

Guest Preacher: Erin Wathen,
Associate Director of Marketing
and Communications for
Week of Compassion



Offerings: Blessing Box offerings, Woman-to-Woman missions and Kentucky Disciples Women's event scholarship fund.



Music by
Andra Moran
and friends



Workshops

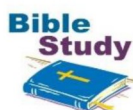
<i>Healing & Wholeness</i>	<i>Week of Compassion</i>
<i>Family and Children</i>	<i>Autistic Ministry</i>
<i>Trauma-Informed Ministry</i>	<i>Woman-to-Woman</i>
<i>Climate Change</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>

Conclusion: Celebrate the day, hear more wonderful music and receive a final blessing to send you back into your churches and communities better equipped to live out your life of discipleship.

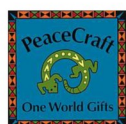
Browse & Shop:



Just Women!
Bible studies



Fair-trade crafts
from Peace Crafts
in Berea



Bring checks and cash with you!

Registration forms will be available at the March Circle meetings or in the church office.

Registration form and \$35.00 registration fee must be sent to the regional office no later than April 1. This cost includes lunch.



ALL Crestwood women are invited! Contact Andy Bales at (859) 271-0051 or arsb@usa.net if you have any questions.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

MARCH SERVICE PROJECTS

NATALIE'S SISTERS & THE WELL

Natalie's Sisters extend hope, support, and God's love to sexually exploited women through a first-touch approach providing respite, relationship, and referrals to community resources. Below are the only items they need right now:

Women's gently used: leggings, long-sleeve tees, socks, tennis shoes. **Pantry items including:** paper towels, toilet paper; **individual-size drinks including:** shelf stable milk or Almond milk, Boost, all flavor fruit juices, bottled water.

The Well aids survivors of sex trafficking by offering a 2-year house-based program.

The Well Wish List: Kroger & Walmart gift cards, laundry detergent & dryer sheets, tampons, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, blow dryer, hair brushes.

Please place items in the Giving Lane (located in the hallway leading to the Administration Wing). Anyone is welcome to donate. For more information, please contact Kathy Stone at 368-8327.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, March 16, 6:45 PM, Chalice Hall

Fran McKinney will be our hostess, and Melinda Thompson will present our Bible study, "Be of the same mind in the Lord: The mind of Christ."

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, March 17, 9:45 AM, Bradford Room

Diane McCall will lead our Bible study, "Be of the same mind in the Lord: The mind of Christ." Barbara Estes will be our hostess, and Alice Hays is our Circle leader this month.

Dorcus Circle

Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 AM, Bradford Room

Pat Waggener will present our program, "Be of the same mind in the Lord: The mind of Christ."

KENTUCKY DWM SPRING CONFERENCE

April 18 ~ Central Christian Church

Registrations are due April 1

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



CRESTWOOD WOMEN'S SALAD LUNCHEON, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

At least 33 Crestwood women and guests enjoyed a delicious salad and dessert luncheon on Sunday, February 2. Guest speaker Tanya Torp, Executive Director of Step By Step (seated, third from left) gave an excellent presentation on their wonderful programs to help heal, empower, and embolden young single mothers.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

9:30 AM Fellowship
10:00 AM Celebration

Embrace United Methodist
Church

1015 N. Limestone
Lexington

This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship with the words: "Rise! Take your mat and walk" from John 5. We are invited to learn about Zimbabwe's history and rich culture.

The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love.

An offering will be taken for WDP Grants. Please come! ALL are welcome!

MARCH AT CRESTWOOD

Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM Worship
9:20 AM Breakfast with Brian - Panera Bread
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
Noon Lenten Family Workshop - Chalice Hall
2:00 PM Pastor's Class - Mission Center 3
4:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 2

7:00 PM Local Outreach - Mission Center 3

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Choir Room

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 AM Sermon Talkback - Mission Center 3
10:30 AM SRO Trip to Mt. Sterling
11:30 AM Heart-to-Heart Team - Conference Room
6:30 PM Piety: Devotion and Dessert - Chapel

Thursday, March 5

9:30 AM Stephen Ministers - Mission Center 4
11:15 AM Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary

Friday, March 6

10:00 AM Library Team - Church Library
6:30 PM Fayette County Detention Center Worship & Communion Service

Sunday, March 8

8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
12:15 PM DWM Board - Mission Center 3
12:15 PM Children's Ministry Team - Children's Wing
2:00 PM Pastor's Class - Mission Center 3
4:00 PM Aging Well - Bradford Room
4:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 9

7:00 PM Property Team - Church Library

Tuesday, March 10

9:30 AM Outdoor Adventure - Red River Gorge
6:00 PM Childcare Training Event - Flex Space
8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Choir Room

Wednesday, March 11

10:00 AM Sermon Talkback - Mission Center 3
6:30 PM Piety: Devotion and Dessert - Chapel

Thursday, March 12

11:15 AM Bible Study - Bradford Room
6:00 PM Finance Team - Conference Room
7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary

Friday, March 13

5:00 PM Room in the Inn

Sunday, March 15

Habitat Mission Trip to New Orleans (March 15-21)
8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School

Sunday, March 15 (continued)

10:45 AM Worship
Noon Elders & Youth: Lunch & Activities - Chalice Hall
2:00 PM Pastor's Class - Mission Center 3
4:00 PM Kids on a Mission - Children's Wing

Monday, March 16

6:45 PM Mary Martha DWM - Chalice Hall

Tuesday, March 17

9:45 AM Naomi DWM - Bradford Room
8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Choir Room

Wednesday, March 18

10:00 AM Dorcas DWM - Bradford Room
10:00 AM Sermon Talkback - Mission Center 3
6:30 PM Piety: Devotion and Dessert - Chapel
7:00 PM Administrative Board - Chalice Hall

Thursday, March 19

11:15 AM Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary

Friday, March 20

6:30 PM Fayette County Detention Center Worship & Communion Service

Saturday, March 21

7:00 AM Youth Spring Workday - Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

Sunday, March 22

8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
2:00 PM Pastor's Class - Mission Center 3
4:00 PM Kids on a Mission - Children's Wing
4:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 23

7:00 PM World Outreach - Bradford Room

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Choir Room

Wednesday, March 25

10:00 AM Sermon Talkback - Mission Center 3
6:30 PM Piety: Devotion and Dessert - Chapel
7:00 PM Personnel Team - Bradford Room

Thursday, March 26

11:15 AM Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary

Friday, March 27

11:30 AM FUNCH - Chalice Hall
5:00 PM Room in the Inn

Sunday, March 29

8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
No Evening Youth Group

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Choir Room

.....Notes of Thanks.....Notes of Thanks.....

Dear Crestwood,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$451 for care package postage for **Military Missions, Inc.** We are honored that you chose our organization as your partner to show support for our troops. Military Missions, Inc. is staffed entirely by volunteers and 100% donation-funded. Our organization reaches **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon** in our community. As our military personnel serve, providing protection and safety for all of us, we work to give something back to our troops and veterans. Military Missions, Inc. exists to support and honor deployed military personnel by sending care packages year-round as an expression of appreciation and gratitude. Packages are sent out to individuals as well as deployed military units. Our goal is to provide a touch of home during long deployments. Support also extends to our veteran community. On behalf of the heroes who will be touched by your gift, we are grateful. Thank you for partnering with Military Missions, Inc. to support and encourage those that ensure freedoms known only to Americans.

Sincerely,
Elaine Baker

Dear Friends at Crestwood,

Thank you so much for inviting **Central Music Academy** to be a part of Crestwood Christian Church's Alternative Christmas Giving!

Sincerely,
CMA Students

Dear Friends,

The new year often brings new beginnings...and that is exactly what you have given families around the world with your contribution to **Heifer International**. In fact, your recent gift of \$495 to Heifer has already given parents and children hope for the year ahead--providing them with the life-changing gift of animals and training they need to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty forever. Because of you, parents who couldn't feed their children or pay for school now won't have to worry if their family will have enough to eat day in and day out. They will be able to provide their children with an education and a secure future--something that once seemed impossible. Your generosity also gives *me* hope that, together, we will continue to change the world in 2020. After all, it's only through your support that hardworking families are truly able to transform their lives. Your gift to Heifer helps put so many people on a path to a brighter, healthier tomorrow. Thank you for your gift and commitment to create lasting change for families and communities worldwide.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Pierre U. Ferrari, President and CEO

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

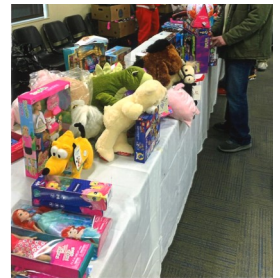
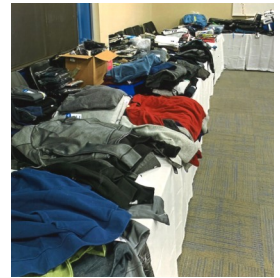
Thank you for spreading holiday cheer by supporting the **Hope Center's Annual Client Christmas Party!** Because of your generosity, we were able to give wonderful gifts to our clients, including backpacks, sweatshirts, coats, socks, and long underwear. Each client received a package of new socks in addition to their personal gift. In addition to the homeless men from our Emergency Shelter, your donation made Christmas merry for clients in our Veterans, Employment, and Mental Health programs, and for over 340 clients in our Drug and Alcohol Recovery Programs, as well as their children. Gifts were also distributed to the 80 single-parent families at our One Parent Scholar House. So many of our clients are on the path to rebuilding their lives, and for many of them, being able to give their children a Christmas gift is a huge step. Many of our Men's and Women's Recovery clients expressed their gratitude. Having people in the community giving so generously to support their progress means so much to them. In addition to the wonderful gifts, Hope Center clients enjoyed cookies, hot cocoa, and refreshments, generously provided by Second Presbyterian Church. We also had plenty of "elves" on hand to help wrap gifts. The Hope Center will continue our work of rebuilding lives and fighting homelessness, addiction, and mental illness throughout the year, and we look forward to working with you throughout 2020!

With sincere appreciation,
Carey Cairo

Dear Friends of LTS at Crestwood,

The **Lexington Seminary** community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church. When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS, words can't describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$1,312. Your continued presence with us on our journey is of great comfort.

Sincerely yours,
Mark Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement



STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

February 2, 2020

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering	15,777
Capital Campaign	105

Attendance:

8:30 AM Worship	45
10:45 AM Worship	183
Total Worship	228

February 9, 2020

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering	12,777
Capital Campaign	80

Attendance:

8:30 AM Worship	56
10:45 AM Worship	257
Total Worship	313

February 16, 2020

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering	18,320
Capital Campaign	280

Attendance:

8:30 AM Worship	55
10:45 AM Worship	198
Total Worship	253

February 23, 2020

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering	7,166
Capital Campaign	90

Attendance:

8:30 AM Worship	57
10:45 AM Worship	210
Total Worship	267

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9:00 AM - Noon
1:00 - 5:00 PM

FRIDAY

9:00 AM - Noon
1:00 - 4:00 PM

WORSHIP VISITORS

February 2, 2020: Jean Baquero; Lisa Barton; Leah Bryan; Wes, Rachel, and Lyla Furnish; Kennedy Hall; Larry Hinderberger; Jeanette Knowles; Phyllis Kyle; Peggy Lawther; Paula Lowman; Darval and Barbara Rash; Betty Shanklin; Kiimberly Sparks; Kay Thomas; Buryl and Janice Thompson

February 9, 2020: Jason and Deena Ainslie; Ben Askren; Michelle Berry; Tim Brimble; Leah Bryan; Dave Clinkinbeard; Frank and Laura Dickey; Fiona Friis; Steve Garland; Larry Hinderberger; Kathy Manis King; Jeanette Knowles; Susan, Liam, and Maggie Rogers; Phyllis Kyle; Linda Ledford; Christy Morris; Bernita Porter; Betty Shanklin; Bary and Cindy Stedham; Kay Thomas; Buryl and Janice Thompson; Amber Tongate; the Webster family

February 16, 2020: Leah Bryan; Frank and Laura Dickey; Wes and Rachel Furnish; Larry Hinderberger; Phyllis Kyle; Becky Meyers; Brian, Kate, and Jack Neal; Heather Riley; Betty Shanklin; Kimberly Sparks; Kay Thomas; Amber Tongate; John and Peggy Van Deursen; Kara Wells

February 23, 2020: Gerald and Kathy Bratz; Leah Bryan; Morgan Chojnacki; Scott Fitzpatrick; Larry Hinderberger; Jeanette Knowles; Phyllis Kyle; Paul Lowman; Darval and Barbara Rash; Michael Rogers; Betty Shanklin; Kimberly Sparks; Kay Thomas; Buryl and Janice Thompson

Dear Local Outreach,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,450 to cover the costs of installing cameras at the **Lexington Rescue Mission's Outreach Center** on Glen Arvin Avenue. Your gift provides an extra layer of safety and security for our clients, volunteers, and staff. I can't tell you how grateful I am for all you do to support this ministry. Thank you so much for blessing countless lives at the Mission each and every day. Your generous gift is a wonderful blessing to us. Thank you from all of us here at LRM.

Yours in gratitude,
Jim Connell, Executive Director

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Thomson-Hood Veterans Center would like to thank your Church for making sure our Veterans had a wonderful Christmas. The residents throughout the entire facility were thrilled to receive such thoughtful gifts. Your organization has done such an amazing job showing our Veterans they are never forgotten during Christmas time. On behalf of our residents and staff, we thank you for greatly exceeding our expectations during the holidays and for going out of your way to give our residents a positive holiday experience!

Sincerely,
Allison Jones, Activities Director

Dear Friends of Crestwood Christian,

As the cold air swirls around us, I am reminded of a Japanese proverb:

*"One kind word can warm
three winter months."*

Your generosity to **GreenHouse17** has warmed our hearts and means everything to our survivors. Thank you for your generous donations of \$375 and bedding. Your support helps survivors like "Donna" begin a new season filled with hope. "We all have a story," says Donna. "And no matter what our story is or why we're here, we are all treated exactly the same. That means the world to me. Now I believe in myself. The opportunities I have been given at GreenHouse17 are more than appreciated. It has made my life better and made me smile again. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!" This year hundreds of survivors like Donna will begin seasons of transformation at our emergency shelter. Together, we are creating safe opportunities for survivors of intimate partner abuse to re-imagine their lives without violence. Thank you all for remembering those in need. Your generosity made a huge impact on our ability to support families as they move from crisis and fear to hope, safety, and new opportunities.

Peace and blessings,
Darlene Thomas, Executive Director

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Crestwood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP ADVENTURE RED RIVER GORGE TROUT BACKPACKING Tuesday, March 10, 9:30 AM



Gear up for another Crestwood Outdoor Adventure! On March 10 we'll be backpacking live rainbow trout into Swift Camp Creek in the Red River Gorge. We'll meet at Crestwood at 9:30 AM and travel to Natural Bridge State Park for an early lunch in the lodge dining room. We'll then meet the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife crew in the Gorge, who will provide us with plastic bags full of water and rainbow trout. We'll load them in backpacks and haul them to various locations along the creek via a reasonably flat hiking trail. You can hike as much or as little as you prefer, depending on your fitness and ambition. You'll need hiking boots and a backpack. We should be back at Crestwood no later than 5:00 PM. We will be traveling in a Crestwood van. RSVP to Bill Carman at kentuckywildbill@gmail.com no later than March 4.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship – 8:30 & 10:45 AM

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
Brian Miller, Associate Minister
Peggy King, Children's Coordinator
Maureen Howell, Office Administrator & Pianist
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Rhiannon Jackson, Children's Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
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