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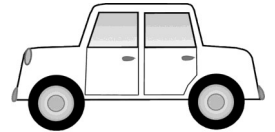


DRIVE-THROUGH WORSHIP

with Blessing of Pets

July 5 @ 7:00 - 8:00 PM

We miss you! It was wonderful to see many from our Crestwood family at our Drive-Through Worship Experience in June. We're planning a similar Worship Experience for Sunday, July 5, 7:00-8:00 PM. This time we invite you to bring along your pets in your vehicle for a special blessing on them. There will be stations for welcome, prayer, communion, blessing of pets, and benediction, with music provided along the way. This is a great opportunity to get out of the house and experience worship in a safe, socially distanced way.



Starting at 7:00 PM, cars will line up in the Glendover Elementary parking lot. Then, they will be guided to the different worship stations. From the safety of your own vehicle, you will be able to participate in different elements of worship. The whole experience should only take about 10 minutes. We encourage you to bring anyone, everyone, and your pets with you. We hope to see you!

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE

Although the physical church office is closed, office operations continue virtually.

For non-urgent matters, send email to office@crestwoodchristian.org.

For urgent matters, contact Kory or Trish.

If you usually receive the CREST by both postal mail and email, you will receive it only by email this month.

NEXT CREST - AUGUST 1

ARTICLES DUE BY NOON ON TUESDAY, JULY 28

HEY PREACHER SERMON SERIES

- July 5**
What's the point of prayer?
Mark 11:20-25
- July 12**
What does it mean to fear God?
Psalm 111
- July 19**
Do angels exist?
Hebrews 13:2
- July 26**
Why does God act differently in the Old and New Testaments?
Psalm 145:1-7

Online Worship Sundays @ 10am

On Sundays, you'll receive an email with a link to a pre-recorded worship service.

The service will also be posted on our [Crestwood Facebook page](#). If you wish to be added to our distribution list, email office@crestwoodchristian.org.

Our summer sermon series continues with some of the great questions and topics you submitted.

August 2
Is the Bible true?
John 18:33-38

August 9
What's the role of caring for creation in our faith?
Psalm 95:1-7

PRAYER LIST

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: *Carlene Adams, Joe Billings, Karen Billings, Jessie Fennell, Cal Grayson, the family of Don Henry, the family of Nettie Sue Highbanks, the family of Bill McCann, Louise Sargent, Ada June Thompson, Tanya Tyler, Sonia Woodall

FAMILY: **Sloane Cobb** (of Patti Bridges), **Jamie Griffith** (cousin of Tara Wilkinson), **Judy Hart** (sister of Kendall Hart), **Marcia Polischuck** (aunt of Ben Thompson), **the family of Graddy Prewitt** (stepbrother of Fran Allen), **Mike White** (cousin of Sheri Shaver)

FRIENDS: **Andy Barr and family** (of Crestwood), **Nancy Bloomfield** (of Patti Bridges), **Aileen Dalton** (of Christie Oliver), **Cellina Gantley** (of Kathy Stone), **the family of Rose Kline** (of the Arnolds), **Tom McHugh** (of Lana Dearing), **Jane Tucker** (of Kathy Stone), **the family of Tom Whayne** (of Fran Allen)

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, Georgia Meece, John Sims

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, our healthcare workers, 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



Questions. Seems like that's all I do these days is ask and deal with questions. Our summer sermon series is based upon questions the congregation wanted us to address. The challenges of a global pandemic and racial tension are raising serious questions about issues of health, safety, solidarity, and the future. We have an upcoming election that is generating important questions about our country. And on a personal level, people are struggling with questions about their own lives. Am I safe? Will things ever be normal again? What's going to happen?

I don't have any answers, and that's tough for me. I'm a problem-solver, so I like to be able to answer questions. In my former life as a journalist, every question I asked had an answer if I just dug deeply enough. Ask the right people the right question and you'll eventually get an answer.

But there's no easy answer for our questions today. I don't know when things will return to normal. I don't know who's sick and who's not. I don't know how to solve the racial divide in our country. I don't know what's going to happen. I don't know about you, but that causes me a lot of anxiety. I'm a future-oriented person, so I like to know what's coming so I can plan for it. How do you plan for something so unknown, so unpredictable as our future right now?

"Do not worry," Jesus says in Matthew. Seriously? Has he seen the news? Maybe Jesus has already tested negative for COVID, so he doesn't have to worry, but the rest of us have some serious questions. I'd like to take Jesus at his word about not worrying, but sometimes when I lie down to sleep I can't shut my brain off. "Do not worry," Jesus says. "Today's problems are enough for today." But are they? It feels like today's problems are enough for a whole week!

I'm not great at trusting in God. I want to be better, but I always seem to hedge my bets. When I'm facing the unknown, I say, "Surely God won't come through THIS time!" And then God comes through and I give God all kinds of praise and glory...until the next time, when I say, "Surely God won't come through THIS time!" How in the world does God put up with us?

I don't know what tomorrow will bring. I don't know what the future holds. But I trust God is in it. That doesn't mean I can just sit back and wait for God to act. I believe part of what God has done to fix this world is send US into it! We have been given the gifts and graces and courage to make a difference, to stand against the rising tide of hatred and division, to shine God's light into this world.

So, one of the ways that helps me alleviate my worry about the future is to do my part to make it better. If you're worried, turn your focus from inward to outward and find a way to make a difference. Identify what most concerns you and put your energy into addressing it, either at the personal or systemic level. As Jesus says (I know, that guy can be so annoying), "Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

I'm not saying we shouldn't worry. How can we not? But we can balance our worry with work, trusting that God has given us what we need to be the change we want to see. Things are tough out there. There are a lot of tough questions and no easy answers. But the only way to begin seeking an answer is to work towards it. Let's ask our questions together and trust God's spirit to lead us toward a greater understanding of who we are, who God is, and how trusting in God makes all the difference.

JUNE OUTREACH GIVING

Local Outreach...

Lexington Rescue Mission - \$500 to help with additional expenses related to the pandemic

FoodChain - \$500 to provide free lunches specifically targeting at risk students

Natalie's Sisters - purchased 48 pair of women's flip-flops - \$124.66

Bridge Fund Assistance

Kentucky Utilities - \$275

Kentucky Utilities - \$238

Rent - \$250

CRESTWOOD BRIDGE FUND

The Crestwood Bridge Fund can assist with overdue rent or utilities. We know there are individuals who have been affected by the pandemic and may need assistance. If you know someone who is in need of assistance, please have them contact the church office. If they will leave their contact information, we will return the call to get the necessary information.

World Outreach...

KY Refugee Ministries - \$587

Christian Care Communities - \$766

Week of Compassion - \$3,659

Mujer Maravilla Guatemala Ministry - \$1,000

Support for Nadir Family - \$1,800



TRISH TALK

Dear Friends,

Each week when I do the benediction, I quote a version of Roman 15:13: "And now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope!" I think during these days of the pandemic and the open wounds of racism in our country, I am clinging ever more tightly to these words. I have been asked and have been asking, "How do I stay positive during these times?" I think it comes back to these words from the apostle Paul. First, God is a God of HOPE. We can have assurance that the current state of things is not the end. That God is a God of HOPE and that truth means that God is at work in the midst of all things working for good. Even in the midst of pandemics. Even when human sinfulness has lessened and even denied the humanity of others. God is a God of HOPE and that means that there is opportunity for healing and renewal. God is at work equipping those who seek to be found faithful to be ones who can abound in HOPE because of who God is. Friends, during these days, we hang on to this knowing that we can be equipped to be Kingdom builders -- we can be used by God to bring goodness out of the challenges.

We may have to stay home longer than we want. We may have to challenge our own thinking and we may have to risk isolating friends or family by speaking up for others who do not look like us. We may have to spend time reading, listening, and questioning in order to understand and to not perpetuate brokenness. We may have to change. And that is okay because the "God of HOPE can fill us with the joy and peace ..." we need for the living of these days. We cannot separate our relationship with God from the journey through these turbulent times.

So, friends, let us not lose courage. Let us hang on to HOPE! We are children of God and followers of Jesus Christ. May all that we do and say reflect love and grace.

Blessed to share the journey,
Trish

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ~ CIRCLE MEETINGS ON ZOOM

Let's get together just to visit and catch up! If you don't have video capability, you can still Zoom!
Just call the phone number listed in the email from Trish using any phone.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, Jul 15, 10:00 AM

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, July 20, 6:30 PM

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 AM



Crestwood Christian DWM invites all women to visit one or more of our Circles.
Please contact Andy Bales at 273-0051 or arsb@usa.net for more information.

WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

SOUL CARE CAFÉ

Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM

Have a thought on Sunday's sermon? Want to know what's going on with the church? Just need to vent or see a friendly face? Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Kory leads this group, which includes scripture reading, prayer, and a chance to check in and see how everyone is doing.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93130030767>

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY (Proverbs)

Thursdays @ 11:15 AM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366>

FUN FRIDAYS

Fridays @ Noon

Every Friday at noon a few folks gather on Zoom to visit and play games. Usually we play "Card Bingo." All you need is 6 playing cards to join in the game. We have also played Trivia. This is a great way to stay connected and start a weekend. Need help? Ask Trish. Just log onto Zoom on Fridays at noon.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366>



ZOOM FAITH GROUP

Saturdays @ 10:00 AM (except July 4)

Let's Zoom together on Saturday mornings! These are challenging days and having a group to connect and grow with is important. If you want to join the group, email Trish at trish@crestwoodchristian.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 9:15 AM

All are welcome to Zoom Sunday School at 9:15 AM. Email Trish for the article being discussed and sign in at the link below at 9:15 AM on Sunday.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366>

3rd - 5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 9:15 AM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82979668809>

YOUTH ZOOM MEETINGS

Tuesdays @ 4:00 PM - Chi Rho

Thursdays @ 4:00 PM - CYF

Sundays @ 4:00 PM - Youth Group

As several of our Crestwood groups and teams continue to meet virtually through Zoom and other means of communication, stay in touch with your group leader to stay connected. Also, check the *Weekly calendar for meetings in the upcoming week.*

RACE RELATIONS BOOK STUDIES...

In an effort to help us educate ourselves on how to faithfully respond to issues of race and inequality, your ministerial staff are hosting three weekly book studies. You are welcome to join one or more of them! Here's the information you need to participate:

WHITE FRAGILITY BOOK STUDY

Thursdays @ 10:00 AM

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism

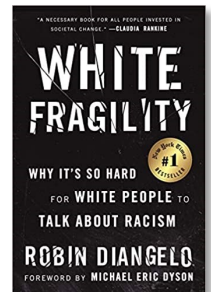
by Robin DiAngelo

[Amazon link here](#)

Led by Kory Wilcoxson

Zoom link: [https://](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753824754)

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BIASED BOOK STUDY

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM

Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudices That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do

by Jennifer Eberhardt

[Amazon link here](#)

Led by Trish Standifur

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7893516366>

NEW JIM CROW BOOK STUDY

Mondays @ 7:00 PM

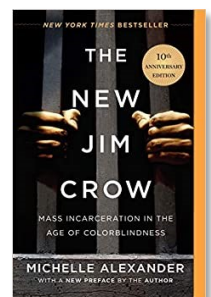
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

by Michelle Alexander

[Amazon link here](#)

Led by Brian Miller

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84707318365>



CRESTWOOD YOUTH

Starting in July, our youth will start to have more in-depth conversations about race relations. We want to create a safe space where they can express themselves, be heard, learn, and create opportunities to support all their brothers and sisters as the body of Christ. Each week, Chi Rho (Tuesdays at 4pm) and CYF (Thursdays at 4pm) meet weekly on Zoom for age appropriate discussions on race relations. Youth are encouraged to invite their friends to join the weekly youth gatherings.

Parents or adults, if you are willing or available to be present with our youth during any of our gatherings, please contact me. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact me via email, text, or call.

Blessings,
Brian Miller

Weekly Youth Zoom Schedule

Youth Group - Sundays @ 4pm
Chi Rho Zoom Devotional - Tuesdays @ 4pm
CYF Zoom Devotional - Thursdays @ 4pm

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

CYF - Every Monday
Chi Rho - Every Tuesday

Week 1: July 6-9

Theme "Perseverance"
Luke 18:1-8

Week 2: July 13-16

Theme "Compassion"
Genesis 50:15-21

Week 3: July 20-23

Theme "Faith"
Matthew 14:22-33

Week 4: July 27-30

Theme "Patience"
Luke 2:25-38

If you have any questions, please call Dave Carr at (859)338-6972 or email at dave@ccinky.net.

WAYS TO CONNECT



6th-8th Grade: Text @chirho1920 to 81010
9th-12th Grade: Text @cyf1920 to 81010



Follow us on Instagram at [crestwood.youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/crestwood.youthministry)



Join the CCC Youth page

[Crestwood Online Calendar](#)

HEALTHY CHURCH TASK FORCE MEETS

Our Healthy Church Task Force held its first meeting on June 16 to discuss issues around the potential re-opening of the church. The task force, consisting of the staff and four congregation members, were in agreement not to open the church for Sunday worship until we have a much clearer sense that we can do so without jeopardizing the health of anyone involved (ministers, choir, congregation members, etc.).

The task force will continue to monitor information provided by the experts in order to make an informed decision, but based on the potential resurgence this fall, we expect it will be several months before we worship in person again. The church building will remain closed to all groups through July, and the task force will meet in July to talk about August. Groups are allowed to meet outside in the courtyard or parking lots providing they practice safe social distancing. If you have any questions or comments, please let one of the ministers know.

A Note from Personnel:

CHANGES TO STAFF DAYS OFF

With all the changes to how and when we work, some of the ministerial staff days off have changed. Please note the following schedule:

Kory – Fridays
Trish – Tuesdays
Brian – Wednesdays

DRIVE-BY BLESSING BOX

In an effort to continue serving our community, Crestwood is offering a Blessing Box, located outside of the Children's Wing entrance. This box will provide a supplement for our neighbors when they need help to stretch pantry items. When you find yourself with extra, please consider contributing to the box, and please share with others that this box is available if they need something.

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

Mac and cheese	Pasta	Cereal
Canned/bag tuna	Canned spaghetti sauce	Shampoo
Canned/bag chicken	Crackers	Conditioner
Peanut butter	Canned veggies	Body wash
Rice	Canned fruit	Lotion
Beans	Instant mashed potatoes	Feminine hygiene products
Canned pasta	Muffin mix	

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

Dear Crestwood Local Outreach Team,

Natalie's Sisters wants to thank you for your recent donation of \$500. We are especially grateful, realizing the pandemic has affected everyone, and budgets are tight everywhere! We remain busy at the Drop-in Center, still serving 25+ women most days, and continue to make referrals to critical community resources for our Sisters. We're also making plans for when we're allowed to resume Jail and Club ministry. We know our Sisters who don't come to the Drop-in miss the community, encouragement, and support of our team members. To keep in touch, we're making regular contact via social media and telephone, and are holding "Zoom church" one Sunday a month. Thank you again for your support. Because of you, lives are being changed!

Blessings,
Jani Lewis, Executive Director

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Dear Entire Crestwood Family,

This year, **Kentucky Refugee Ministries** marks its 30th anniversary. Thirty years of airport arrivals and apartment setups. Thirty years of saying, "Welcome to Kentucky!" Thirty years of learning bus routes. Thirty years of ESL classes. Thirty years of sharing culture and language. Thirty years of creating community.

In recent years, there has been immense change to resettlement and asylum in the United States. But we want you to know that a few things haven't changed. The reasons refugees and asylum-seekers flee have not changed. People are still looking for safety for themselves and their families. No matter the challenges they face, families continue moving forward and into their future.

Thank you so much for your donation of \$625 in January and \$1,400 for the Nirere family in April, which helps us provide the services, supports, and programs families need as they move forward into that future, building their lives here.

Once here, families continue to make the most of a new home. Kids start school. Parents attend ESL classes at KRM. The whole family adjusts to new schedules that are full of appointments, apprehensions, and excitement. There are soccer games, parent teacher conferences, visits to the park, and first days at a new job. We know you join us in welcoming these newcomers and the many contributions they make to our community. This work is ongoing and full of challenging and inspiring opportunities. And, the work is not possible without you and other donors like you. Thank you for encouraging hope for families who are making Kentucky home. We are grateful you are with us.

With gratitude,
Derek Feldman, Community Engagement Coordinator

Dear Friends,

You are a hero in the hearts of many! Through your Power of One gift of \$100 to **God's Pantry Food Bank**, you have delivered hope to our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity, including many individuals and families who have reached out to us for the very first time in recent weeks. Communities throughout our region are experiencing an unprecedented increase in food assistance requests due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, you made it easier for our neighbors who are feeling the personal stress of this crisis to have nutritious food on their dinner tables. Your generous gift is at work now providing nourishing food to help children, seniors, and families stay well. Your kindness has made an immediate, positive difference in their lives. Thank you so much for supporting our community in such a thoughtful, caring way. Together, we are fighting hunger and delivering hope.

With gratitude and warm wishes,
Michael J. Halligan, Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Crestwood Disciples Women's Ministries,

Your gift card could not have come at a better time! So many of our neighbors are in critical need and **Nathaniel Mission** is the place where they find refuge from the storms of life. We are honored to partner with you in being the hands and feet of Jesus. May the Lord bless you and keep you; may his face shine upon you and be gracious to you and give you peace.

Sincerely,
Meghan Talley and The Nathaniel Mission Staff

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Dear Friends of LTS at Crestwood,

The **Lexington Theological 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 \$536.

Sincerely yours,
Mark Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

I am writing to thank you for your faithful contribution to **Week of Compassion** through 2019. Your generous giving placed you in the top 100 congregation list at #18 with total giving of \$12,790.68! Your gift enables Week of Compassion to respond to many disasters, especially during this current pandemic. I serve on the board and want to send a heartfelt "thank you." Should you have questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me or the WOC office.

Gratefully,
Cindy Kim-Hengst

Dear Friends,

Since our doors opened at **Christian Care Communities** in 1884, friends like you have helped offer older adults an unprecedented level of care. We would like to share a few words of gratitude from our residents:

"I love my new home! Thank you for caring about me."

"Thank you for giving me a place to call home."

"I am grateful for the friendships I've made. I'm no longer alone."

"I am thankful for the chaplain."

More people than ever need the strength and comfort of Christian Care Communities' important services. With your gift of \$766, you join others who have made a commitment to help continue our mission of enhancing the journey of life for Older Adults. Thank you for partnering with us.

In His Service,
James W. Patton, Vice President - Mission Advancement

Dear Crestwood Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the donations of new clothes to **Lexington Rescue Mission**. It was such a blessing to our clients. One in particular was a veteran senior and this was his first experience with homelessness. He was so grateful to receive new (and not used) clothes that it made him feel respectable. So many clients were helped who needed a fresh outfit after being in the cold and rain at night!

Thank you,
Erica Dominguez

Dear Friends,

There are not enough words to express how grateful and blessed we are at **GreenHouse17** to have your continued support. Thank you for your donation of \$1,000. These past few months have had us on pins and needles as we have strived to keep families safe from abuse and COVID-19. With all the looming uncertainties of health, safety, and funding, we have learned, through the support of our community, that our survivors and our mission are valued.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." These words from Audrey Hepburn ring true for the survivors helping tend to the flowers, vegetables, and herbs on our farm. While they care for the plants peeking out of the dirt, they are also nurturing hope for a different, more peaceful tomorrow.

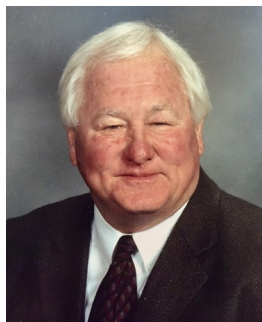
Thank you,
Darlene B. Thomas, Executive Director

In Memory of...

These Crestwood members passed away in June. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.



NETTIE SUE HUGHBANKS
(1925-2020)



DON HENRY
(1944-2020)



BILL McCANN
(1929-2020)

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THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to all our graduates! We are proud of you and pray God's blessings upon you as you embark on your new journey. You will be in our prayers, and your church family will always be here for you.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Grace Hughes Lafayette High School (University of Kentucky)
Olivia Webster Henry Clay High School (Carl D. Perkins Vocational Center)

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Griffin Allen Northern Kentucky University
(Theatre Design/Technology)
Elyse Blakeman University of Kentucky
(Finance and Spanish)
Ashton Brown George Washington University
(International Affairs)
Michelle Hinchey University of Kentucky
(English and Creative Writing)
Kate Joy (Wheeler) Indiana Wesleyan University
(Elementary and Exceptional Education)



CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Online Sunday Worship – 10:00 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
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