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## Drive-In Vespers Service

### STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00  
PM

We miss you, Crestwood! We are constantly looking for ways we can gather at the church and still be safe and healthy. Starting **Wednesday, September 16**, we'll be doing a weekly Drive-In Vespers Service in the North Parking Lot (by the Mission Center).

While you sit in the safety of your air-conditioned car, we'll be offering prayers, scripture, a devotion, and communion (bring your own elements). All this will be broadcast through your FM radio so you can hear us loud and clear. In addition, children ages 4+ will be invited to join a storyteller on the church lawn for a Worship and Wonder story. **We'll start at 7:00 PM and finish by 7:30 PM.** Please consider joining us on September 16. We'd LOVE to see you back at Crestwood!

## GET YOUR CRESTWOOD YARD SIGN

Show your Crestwood spirit and let people know that God is still present in our world today! These Crestwood yard signs are available to anyone for a donation, which will go to the **Crop Walk**, which helps address hunger in our community.



To order your sign, email Kory at [kory@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:kory@crestwoodchristian.org) and your sign will be delivered by one of your ministers. We will also have these available at our Drive-Through Worship Service on September 6 and our Drive-In Vespers Service on September 16. To make your donation, write a check to Crestwood with **Crop Walk** in the memo line. Get your sign today!

## CHURCH OFFICE

Although the physical church office is closed, the virtual church office is open.

Contact the office at [office@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:office@crestwoodchristian.org) or (859) 266-0459.

## NEXT CREST - OCTOBER 1

ARTICLES DUE BY NOON ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



## WHERE DID WORSHIP GO?

Some of you may have noticed that your worship email didn't arrive on time this past Sunday. Apparently, there was a world-wide issue with the internet that affected the website we use to send emails. If this happens again in the future, please know you can find the link to worship on our [Facebook page](#) or our [YouTube channel](#). On either site, if you search for "Crestwood Christian Church," you should be able to find us. Thanks for your understanding!

## PRAYER LIST

### Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Billings, Karen Billings, Callie (Fulkerson) Price and family, Karen Schell

FAMILY: **The family of Huey Cornelius** (uncle of Joe Brumley), **the family of Janet DeLacey** (mother of Matt DeLacey), **Derrie Edge** (sister-in-law of Chrystal Schoeder), **Josh Kopeck** (nephew of Joe Billings), **\*Tim Pratt** (brother of Patsy Anderson), **the family of Tom Shartle** (father of Tony Shartle), **the family of Lee Stewart** (nephew of Sice Shanklin), **Missy Wilkinson** (sister-in-law of Doug Wilkinson)

FRIENDS: **Bruce Barnett** (of Mary Taylor), **Aileen Dalton** (of Christie Oliver), **Cellina Gantley** (of Kathy Stone), **Jeff Hiler** (of Kimberly Sparks), **Cathy Summers** (of Georgia Meece), **Steve Warf** (of Trish Standifur), **Anthony Westbrook** (of Georgia Meece)

ARMED FORCES: **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **Paul Baird** (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), **Blake and Jill Chambers and family** (grandson of Joe and Karen Billings), **Travis Cramer** (son of Rick and Cathy Tittmann), **Daniel Day** (grandson of John and Carol Royse), **Bud DeLacey** (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), **Scott Eldridge** (of Pamela Wainscott), **Andrew Lynn** (grandson of Joe and Karen Billings), **Zoe Sims** (granddaughter of John Sims), **Dalcus Sparks** (nephew of Andrea Back)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Jean Aspley, Margaret Buchanan, Billie Casey, Carolyn Floyd, Carl and Jean Ham, Georgia Meece, John Sims, Mary Janice Towles

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

*\*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



The creation story in Genesis is an amazing account of how God spoke this world into being. Whether it's a factual account or a creative rendering of a story, the truth we gather is that God is the creator of the cosmos, of this world, and of us. We are created in God's image and called to embody the love and grace of God to each other. As you probably know, at the end of each day, God looks over what God has created and pronounces it as "good."

There's only one thing that God says is "not good" in all of creation. Mosquitos? Brussels sprouts? Good guesses, but no. God says in Genesis 2:18, "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'" So God creates Eve so that Adam is not alone in this world. We were not created to be individuals; we were created to be part of a larger community.

That's one of the things that has made this pandemic so difficult. We are hardwired for connection, and yet prudence and the innate desire for self-protection has forced many of us to isolate ourselves from the rest of the world. Even as we begin to venture out again, we are unable to make the same kinds of connections as before, for fear of getting sick or infecting others. It is not good to be alone, and yet many of us are feeling that way.

That's nowhere more evident than in the church community. For many people, especially those who live alone, the church is the primary (and sometimes only) place of connection with other people. One of the reasons I look forward to hugs and handshakes on Sunday morning is the realization that those points of contact may be the only human touch a person experiences all week. When you take away the ability to be together on Sunday morning, you lose a major point of connection and exacerbate the isolation and loneliness of this pandemic.

No one feels that more acutely than your church staff. We thrive off our relationships with you all. Speaking for me, it's my favorite part of ministry! Sunday mornings are still painful for me because I'm supposed to be in the sanctuary gathering with my church family, not at home reading and drinking tea. As much as we've tried to maintain connections in other ways, it's just not the same. We miss you so much it hurts.

Starting in September, we're taking a few steps to try and reconnect us at a deeper level than just looking at faces in boxes on a screen. First, we're hoping to meet you where you are for a porch visit. If you have a safe gathering area at your home, we're glad to come and spend some time with you. Just contact any of the ministers to schedule a time for us to spend together. We believe this one-on-one connection is crucial when we can't gather as a community.

We're also going to do a weekly drive-in worship service starting September 16. You'll come to the North Parking Lot by the Mission Center a little before 7:00 PM and find a parking spot. We'll broadcast the service starting at 7:00 PM through your FM radio. We'll have prayer, scripture, a short devotional, and communion (please bring your own elements). We'll also have a Worship and Wonder story on the church lawn for the kids. While this isn't the same as meeting in the sanctuary, this does get us all back to church and in one place together. We hope you'll join us.

We will continue to look for ways for us to be back together in person in a safe and healthy manner. In the meantime, please know we miss you and are praying for you daily. If you need anything from us, we're right there, so don't hesitate to reach out. Despite how it may feel, you are not alone. God bless you!

## HOPE IN THE WILDERNESS FALL SERMON SERIES

Many times in scripture, biblical characters are forced to spend time in the wilderness. In the Bible, the wilderness signifies a place of testing, of struggle, of being lost and searching. That sounds a little bit like today's world, doesn't it? Our isolation and the fear of the unknown can feel like time spent in the wilderness. For our fall sermon series, we're looking at people in the Bible who spent time in the wilderness to see what we can learn from them about our own journeys. We can take heart that God is always with us, even in the wilderness, and therefore there is always reason to have hope.

**September 6**  
Manna in the Desert

**September 13**  
John the Baptist

**September 20**  
Hagar and Ishmael

## WOULD YOU LIKE A PORCH VISIT?

We miss you, Crestwood! Your ministerial staff is longing to see your face and hear your voice. While we may not be ready for in-person worship just yet, we're more than happy to visit with you at a safe social distance. If you'd like to schedule a "Porch Visit" with one of your ministers, just contact us and we'll find a time that works for all of us. We look forward to reconnecting with you and spending this time together. We hope to see you soon!

## OPEN SANCTUARY FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Now, more than ever, we understand the need for sacred space. The sanctuary is now open twice weekly for individuals or families to come to the church for a time of quiet reflection. During the posted times, you are welcome to come any time and stay as little or as long as you like. We will provide prayer guides and an atmosphere that helps move one from the secular to the sacred. Please enter at the north side glass breezeway. Masks and social distancing are required. There will be limited access to facilities. If you have questions, contact Trish.

**Wednesday Afternoons**  
2:00 - 4:00 PM

**Saturday Mornings**  
9:00 - 11:00 AM



## TRISH TALK

Dear Friends,

Last week, I took vacation. The idea seemed impossible to me during a pandemic. I usually enjoy traveling but that seems unsafe these days. I needed a nature fix and I needed to be with my family. I spent three days at Herrington Lake and four days in WV. I did not realize how much I needed the break until I unplugged. I knew it had been way too long since I was with my mom and family but I didn't realize just how much I missed them until I was in my childhood home and playing with my "grands."

Somehow that is how it is. It is when we unplug, take the break, or just take the time to be still, that we realize what we have been missing. I feel like I manage "self-care" well but during the days of pandemic, racial brokenness, political campaigns, and isolation, it is harder to do. Things are so "not normal" that just day-to-day life is more challenging and exhausting. Friends, as I talk to some of you, I know that is a shared experience. Most, if not all of us, are struggling in ways that are new to us--well new within the last six months. We are mourning the loss of the things we never thought would be an issue--inviting friends to visit, playing cards, even hugging our grandkids! It is frustrating. In our frustration we are at risk of being easily aggravated, less kind, or short-tempered. If you find yourself feeling anything like this, it is time for a break. We may not have the luxury for a vacation, but we can stop a bit, and be still. Take a deep breath. Focus on what we do know. In Psalm 46:10 we read the familiar words, "Be still and know that I am God..." In these crazy days, God is still the solid ground we need. God is at work during the storms. A quote that rings true to me: "Some days God calms the storm and some days God calms the child." In either situation, it is God that we need and seek.

So, today, take a break from the chaos as often as you need to. Focus on God. Start with the simple prayer: "God help me." And then let us go into what is next with our eyes and hearts open to encounter the help that will surely come. These are hard days. If I can lend an ear or a safely distanced visit, call. We are in this together. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

Blessed to share the journey,  
Trish

## Not Connected to Sunday Morning Worship or Daily Devotions? WE WANT TO HELP!

During these days of separation, staying connected in any way we can is vital. Our worship services and daily devotions are on YouTube to be experienced by all. If you do not have a computer, tablet, or smartphone to join in these experiences, we want to supply one. If you have any of these devices but don't know how to access Crestwood's worship or devotions, we want to help. Contact Trish at (859) 512-7899 or [trish@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:trish@crestwoodchristian.org) to get connected!

## JOIN US FOR MORNING LIGHT GATHERING

Want to start your day off with a reminder of God's presence? Join us on Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 AM, from September 22 – November 10 via ZOOM for **Morning Light**. The discussions will be based on the book *Forgotten God* and study guide *Remembering the Forgotten God* by Francis Chan. Following is an excerpt from the book.

*"It really is an astounding truth that the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. He lives in me. I do not know what the Spirit will do or where He'll lead me each time I invite Him to guide me. But I am tired of living in a way that looks exactly like people who do not have the Holy Spirit of God living in them. I want to consistently live with an awareness of His strength. I want to be different today from what I was yesterday as the fruit of the Spirit becomes more manifest in me.*

*"I want to live so that I am truly submitted to the Spirit's leading on a daily basis. Christ said it is better for us that the Spirit came, and I want to live like I know that is true. I don't want to keep crawling when I have the ability to fly.*

*"My prayer is that this book will draw you into a deeper communion with the Spirit and greater experience of His power and presence in your life." -- Francis Chan*

**RSVP** to Misti McMullen  
[misti@wpsllc.com](mailto:misti@wpsllc.com) or (859) 312-9697

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Greetings, families --

Here's what's happening in Children's Ministry in September!

### PARKING LOT PARABLES:

**3 Afternoons of Family Fun and Fellowship**

**Sept 13, 20 & 27**

**3:00 PM**

Load up your families, a blanket, and some lawn chairs, and join us for fun and games in the South Parking Lot!

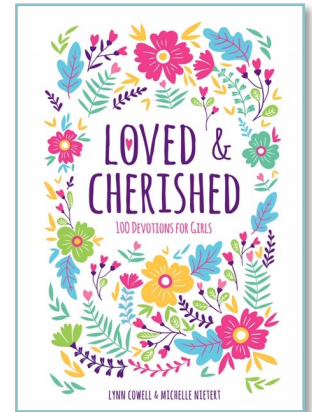
Sundays, September 13, 20 & 27 from 3:00-3:45 PM

Please RSVP to Peggy at [peggy@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:peggy@crestwoodchristian.org) if you think you'd like to attend.

### Loved and Cherished: Girls Reading Circle

For girls ages 8-12  
Beginning Mid-September  
Books will be provided

Please contact Peggy at [peggy@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:peggy@crestwoodchristian.org) if your daughter would like to participate or for more information.



### Children's Scripture Reading

Hey Parents! Once a month our kids participate in a scripture reading for our Sunday worship service. We would love to include your child of any age. If your child would like to participate please let Peggy know at [peggy@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:peggy@crestwoodchristian.org).

## AUGUST LOCAL OUTREACH GIVING

### Lexington Rescue Mission

Local Outreach made a \$1000 donation to Lexington Rescue Mission designated for furniture at Grace Place (a new women's center).

### Community Action Council - Help4Home

\$1500 - Help4Home is a new coalition formed to combat the housing crisis due to mass evictions. The goal is to help families, especially those with young and school age children stay in their homes using funds received from CARES act along with private contributions.

### Bridge Fund Assistance

Crestwood has assisted 4 families with rent.

*The Crestwood Bridge Fund assists 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.*

## HEALTHY CHURCH TASK FORCE

The Healthy Church Task Force met August 25 to talk about how we might begin to open the building for limited use in a safe and healthy manner. The group agreed to make the building available to church and outside groups of 10 or less.

If you would like to schedule a meeting of your group, please email Maureen at [office@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:office@crestwoodchristian.org). We hope this allows us to slowly start using our facilities again. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

# CRESTWOOD YOUTH

## WAYS TO CONNECT



6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Text @chirho1920 to 81010  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Text @cyf1920 to 81010



Follow us on Instagram at  
crestwood.youthministry



Join the CCC Youth page

[Crestwood Online Calendar](#)

September is here! We are excited to kick off Youth Ministry this fall with many new opportunities to connect with each other and meet new people as well! Our September calendar looks different than in past years and over the summer months.

### HOW IS IT DIFFERENT? Well...

- 1) Every 2nd Friday of the month, youth will join for a 2nd Friday Game Night @ 7 PM on Zoom.
- 2) Chi Rho will have a devotional on Zoom each Sunday at 4 PM, and CYF will have a devotional on Zoom on Sundays at 5 PM, unless there is another planned activity.
- 3) Every 3rd Sunday, we will participate in Youth Merge at 5 PM on Zoom. Youth Merge is a new group created by DoC leaders to give space for youth all over Kentucky to connect a supportive community throughout the state. There will be games, small breakout groups (divided by Chi Rho and CYF ages), and opportunity for deep discussion about different topics each month.

We are excited to welcome and encourage all our youth to participate in these youth activities! We miss seeing you all in person and are seeking ways to connect safely in person. Thank you for continuing to support our youth ministry. Please feel free to contact me via email, text, or call with your questions, concerns, or ideas.

Peace,  
Brian Miller

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR (CYF & Chi Rho)

- Sept 6** No Youth Gatherings
- Sept 11** 2nd Friday Game Night @ 7 PM  
(Chi Rho & CYF)
- Sept 13** Chi Rho Devotional @ 4 PM on Zoom  
CYF Devotional @ 5 PM on Zoom
- Sept 18** *Just Mercy* Movie Night @ 9 PM  
Please RSVP  
Location: South Elkhorn Christian Church
- Sept 20** Youth Merge @ 5 PM  
DoC Youth from all over Kentucky will meet on Zoom every 3rd Sunday of the month to play games, talk about different topics, and get to have deep conversations in small age-appropriate breakout groups.  
Please RSVP to Brian by Sept. 15.
- Sept 27** Chi Rho Devotional @ 4 PM on Zoom  
CYF Devotional @ 5 PM on Zoom

## CRESTWOOD CHILDCARE CENTER

Crestwood Childcare Center is currently seeking part-time teachers who have a passion for working with children. If you love working with children of all ages and would like to help build their learning skills and watch them grow, apply today! We are looking for highly motivated and experienced individuals who have the skills to interact with children and their parents to give the best care possible. Ideal candidates have experience working with children of all ages, must be able to pass a National Background Check, and have a High School Diploma. CDA or Degree in Early Childhood Education is always a plus!

Email Elizabeth Napier at [elizabeth@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:elizabeth@crestwoodchristian.org) if you are interested. Please share this with your family and friends!



## UK FOOTBALL PARKING

If you are planning on attending UK football games and need a place to park, Crestwood is still offering parking. You can help our youth by parking at the church for \$10 per game. Due to the uncertainty during this time, we will not sell season passes this year.

# 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

Thursdays @ 11:30 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 @ Noon

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](mailto:trish@crestwoodchristian.org).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 9:00 AM

All are welcome to Zoom Sunday School at 9:00 AM. Email Trish for the article being discussed and sign in at the link below at 9:00 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>

## PARENTS OF YOUNGSTERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 11:30 AM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83548975590>

# DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION

Lexington Rescue Mission works to restore hope and rebuild lives through food ministry, resource referrals, financial help, spiritual care, job training and placement, the Potter's House for recovering alcoholics, and the Breaking Chains ministry for those incarcerated.

**Needs:** body wash, shampoo and conditioner, adult diapers and underwear - medium and large for both men and women.

Please place all items in the designated container marked "DWM" in the glassed-in breezeway between Chalice Hall and the Administration Wing. If you prefer, monetary donations are also accepted - please make checks payable to Crestwood Christian DWM and write "LRM" on the memo line. Please send to the DWM Treasurer, Carol Rogers.

Anyone is welcome to donate. For further information on this service project, please contact Kathy Stone at 368-8327.

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

*Due to current COVID-19 restrictions on small groups, our circles are meeting virtually this month.\**

### Naomi Circle

**Tuesday, September 15, 10:00 AM on Zoom**

Jeanne Jouett will lead the Bible study, "God heard the voice of the boy: Rediscovering Hagar."

### Dorcus Circle

**Wednesday, September 16, 10:00 AM on Zoom**

Virginia Long will present the program, "God heard the voice of the boy: Rediscovering Hagar."

### Mary Martha Circle

**Monday, September 21, 6:30 PM on Zoom**

Pat Nielsen will lead the Bible study, "God heard the voice of the boy: Rediscovering Hagar."

*\*An email will be sent out before the Zoom meeting with a link to join in using your smartphone, PC, or any type of telephone.*

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Coming in October!

# PROPERTY UPDATE FROM YOUR PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM

## RECYCLING CHANGE

For church members (and neighbors) who have been properly recycling their paper items in our blue recycling dumpster, you might have noticed that it is no longer placed next to the trash dumpster in the south parking lot. The Property Team has been concerned about the appearance of the parking area around the dumpster and garage and has made a change concerning recycling. The paper recycling container is now located in the north parking lot next to the scout trailers.



For some time now, and especially since the pandemic began, there has been a dramatic increase in visitors to our dumpster and recycling bin. The dumpster, and regrettably the area around the dumpster, became a popular trash depository for unauthorized users, and it was often filled with house-cleaning throwaways and construction debris. There have even been days when there was no room in the dumpster for church and Childcare trash. For church use we decided to secure the dumpster with a chain. Regrettably this led to unauthorized trash simply left on the ground or being dumped in the recycling bin, which is a misuse of that container.

As a Green Chalice congregation we strive to focus on good stewardship and care of the creation. Thus, the Property Team decided to keep the recycling bin but move it away from the trash dumpster. If you have proper recycling material it is still available for that in this new location. We hope this will aid in keeping the south lot cleaner. Thank you for understanding.

## GARDEN COMMITTEE

If you have not visited the Lafferty Garden recently, please make a point of looking at it the next time you are in the sanctuary. Thanks to a generous donation and considerable effort by a church family, the courtyard has been cleaned up and is completely sodded and looks wonderful. The irrigation system is functioning to keep this new grass green and growing.

In order to keep the courtyard inviting and attractive, the Property Ministry Team is seeking interested church members to volunteer to maintain the garden. Our lawn care service will keep it mowed but we are asking for help with regular weeding, trimming, fallen limb removal, planting, and other tasks to assure that this area stays welcoming, vibrant, and thriving. Anyone interested should please contact the church office to be put in touch with the Property Team. Thank you.



## SCOUT PROJECT

Crestwood members will notice additional changes around the church when we are able to return. **Nathan Ainslie**, a prospective Eagle Scout with our church-sponsored Boy Scout Troop #382, provided improvements for his Eagle project to benefit the church and the congregation. Through Nathan's planning and supervision, the handicapped ramps at our entrances have been painted with bright yellow visibility paint, which also includes a gritty component for safety traction.



Nathan also designed and built a sturdy box to collect used American flags for proper and dignified disposal. This new container is located along the window wall in Chalice Hall where the American and Boy Scout flags are. If you have an old flag which needs to be discarded, please fold it and bring it to Chalice Hall and place it in the new flag box. The Scouts will make certain the disposal is handled properly.

Crestwood thanks Nathan for this worthy and beneficial endeavor as he seeks the rank of Eagle Scout.



# 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 is hosting a second session of 6-week book studies. You are welcome to join one or more of them. Here's the information you need to participate:

## WHITE FRAGILITY Led by Kory Wilcoxson

**Mondays @ 7:00 PM, August 17 - September 21**

*White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo

[Amazon link here](#)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753824754>

## BIASED Led by Trish Standifur

**Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM, August 25 - September 29**

*Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudices That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do* by Jennifer Eberhardt

[Amazon link here](#)

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

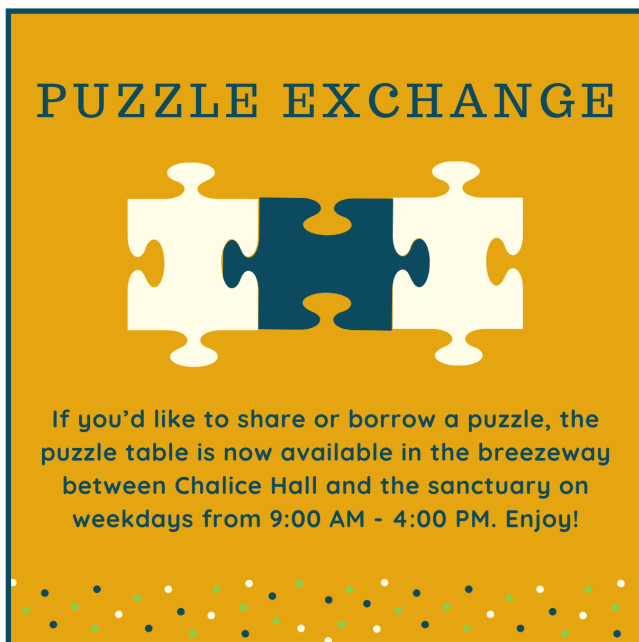
## THE NEW JIM CROW Led by Brian Miller

**Thursdays @ 7:00 PM, August 20 - September 24**

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander

[Amazon link here](#)

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



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

Dear Friends of The Well,

We are so grateful for your support. With your help, we are able to live free from sex trafficking, substance abuse, and homelessness. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,  
The Women of **The Well**

Dear Crestwood,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to **Lighthouse Ministries**. During this time of unprecedented challenge, we have been amazed at how God has blessed us as we continue to serve the homeless and under privileged in Lexington. During the three months ending June 30, 2020, we served 23,909 meals, an increase of over 59% over the same period in 2019. Lighthouse Ministries continues to not only provide meals, but also equips our community members in need with hygiene items, clothes, and blankets, as well as shoes through our Michael's Feet Ministry. Thank you for joining us in our mission to serve our beloved city! We greatly appreciate your support; it has a powerful impact on those that are in need, hurting, and lost.

God Bless,  
Valerie "Tay" Henderson, Executive Director

Dear Crestwood Family and Staff,

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, and especially in 2020, there have been immense changes 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 recent donations of \$587 to the general fund and \$1,800 earmarked for 3 months of rent for the Nirere family, which helps us provide the services, supports, and programs families need as they move forward into that future, building their lives here. 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





## WELCOME GRIFFIN ALLEN TO THE CRESTWOOD STAFF

Please join us in welcoming Griffin Allen to our staff as our communications intern! For several months now, Griffin has volunteered to put together our Sunday morning worship videos. In this staff role, he will continue to do this as well as take on additional responsibilities to help Crestwood stay connected and better serve our congregation.

**Thanks, Griffin, for all you've done!  
We're excited to continue working with you!**

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VIRTUAL HOME DEDICATION

Our home dedications may look a bit different, but we're still coming together (virtually!) to celebrate the end of construction and the beginning of homeownership for Noella and her family. To watch the virtual home dedication on YouTube, click [here](#).

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** Noella has had a difficult journey to stability. Originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, she had to flee her home as a refugee. "When I left Congo to go to the refugee camp, I was alone." Noella says. Her husband had passed away shortly before. "As a single woman, I wasn't sure I was going to make it in the camps. I begged God for help."

Noella is no stranger to struggle or loss. In addition to her husband's passing, Noella also lost a child and her sister before making it to a more stable life in the U.S. When she found out she was able to relocate to the U.S. for a better life, she was overwhelmed with relief and joy. "Coming to Kentucky felt like God answering my prayers."

Noella arrived in the U.S. in 2014 with her son, Keve (17) and her two daughters, Kevine (17) and Jackline (14). Noella's sister had planned to join her in the U.S., but passed away right before she was scheduled to come. Noella says it was a heart attack, brought on by PTSD. After their mother passed away, Noella's two nieces, Valance (16) and Fortunata (13), came to live with her. She is now raising them as her own and the six of them will share the home.



Being part of the Lexington Habitat Homebuyer Program is something Noella is very proud of. She knows that it will empower her to change her family's lives forever. "I'm proud of providing for my children. My goal is to attend all of my classes and buy the home my family deserves. Because of this program, I can move on from the pain and suffering that I've been through in the camps."

Noella feels very fortunate to now have a good job working in Environmental Services at UK with a schedule that allows her to spend the weekends with her children. In addition to hard work, she also values her children being involved in extracurricular activities. Her son plays football and her daughters enjoy learning life skills such as how to repair things and take care of the home. When Noella isn't working or supporting her children's hobbies, her favorite thing to do is read her Bible. The family says they are blessed to have a great church family at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The support from them means so much to her.

The family would also like to thank the sponsors, volunteers, and Lexington Habitat for this opportunity. "This is a great blessing. I will be able to give my kids a better life. May God bless all of you. I honestly don't know how to thank you enough."

# SEPTEMBER AT CRESTWOOD

## **Tuesday, September 1**

10:00 AM Biased Book Study - Zoom

## **Wednesday, September 2**

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

11:30 AM Heart-to-Heart Team - Zoom

2:00 PM Open Sanctuary

## **Thursday, September 3**

10:00 AM Stephen Ministers - Zoom

11:30 AM Bible Study - Zoom

7:00 PM New Jim Crow Book Study - Zoom

## **Friday, September 4**

Noon Fun Fridays - Zoom

## **Saturday, September 5**

9:00 AM Open Sanctuary

Noon Zoom Faith Group - Zoom

## **Sunday, September 6**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School - Zoom

9:15 AM 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom

7:00 PM Drive-Through Worship

## **Monday, September 7**

7:00 PM White Fragility Book Study - Zoom

## **Tuesday, September 8**

10:00 AM Biased Book Study - Zoom

6:30 PM Childcare Council - Zoom

## **Wednesday, September 9**

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

2:00 PM Open Sanctuary

## **Thursday, September 10**

11:30 AM Bible Study - Zoom

6:00 PM Finance Team - Zoom

7:00 PM New Jim Crow Book Study - Zoom

## **Friday, September 11**

Noon Fun Fridays - Zoom

7:00 PM Youth 2nd Friday Game Night

## **Saturday, September 12**

9:00 AM Open Sanctuary

Noon Zoom Faith Group - Zoom

## **Sunday, September 13**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School - Zoom

9:15 AM 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom

11:15 PM DWM Board Meeting - Zoom

3:00 PM Parking Lot Parables - South Parking Lot

4:00 PM Chi Rho Zoom Devotional

5:00 PM CYF Zoom Devotional

## **Monday, September 14**

7:00 PM Local Outreach - Zoom

7:00 PM Property Team - Chalice Hall

7:00 PM White Fragility Book Study - Zoom

## **Tuesday, September 15**

10:00 AM Naomi DWM - Zoom

10:00 AM Biased Book Study - Zoom

## **Wednesday, September 16**

10:00 AM Dorcas DWM - Zoom

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

## **Wednesday, September 16 (continued)**

2:00 PM Open Sanctuary

7:00 PM Drive-In Vespers Service - North Parking Lot

8:00 PM Administrative Board - Zoom

## **Thursday, September 17**

11:30 AM Bible Study - Zoom

7:00 PM New Jim Crow Book Study - Zoom

## **Friday, September 18**

Noon Fun Fridays - Zoom

TBD Just Mercy: Youth Drive-In Movie

## **Saturday, September 19**

UK Football Parking

9:00 AM Open Sanctuary

Noon Zoom Faith Group - Zoom

## **Sunday, September 20**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School - Zoom

9:15 AM 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom

Noon Elders Lunch - Zoom

3:00 PM Parking Lot Parables - South Parking Lot

5:00 PM Youth Merge - Zoom

## **Monday, September 21**

6:30 PM Mary Martha DWM - Zoom

7:00 PM White Fragility Book Study - Zoom

## **Tuesday, September 22**

6:30 AM Morning Light - Zoom

10:00 AM Biased Book Study - Zoom

## **Wednesday, September 23**

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

Noon Personnel Team - WebEx

2:00 PM Open Sanctuary

7:00 PM Drive-In Vespers Service - North Parking Lot

## **Thursday, September 24**

11:30 AM Bible Study - Zoom

7:00 PM New Jim Crow Book Study - Zoom

## **Friday, September 25**

Noon Fun Fridays - Zoom

## **Saturday, September 26**

UK Football Parking

9:00 AM Open Sanctuary

Noon Zoom Faith Group - Zoom

## **Sunday, September 27**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School - Zoom

9:15 AM 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Parents of Youngsters Sunday School - Zoom

3:00 PM Parking Lot Parables - South Parking Lot

4:00 PM Chi Rho Zoom Devotional

5:00 PM CYF Zoom Devotional

## **Tuesday, September 29**

6:30 AM Morning Light - Zoom

10:00 AM Biased Book Study - Zoom

## **Wednesday, September 30**

10:00 AM Soul Care Café - Zoom

2:00 PM Open Sanctuary

7:00 PM Drive-In Vespers Service - North Parking Lot

## GIVE ONLINE

Your support of Crestwood continues to be vital as we seek to serve this congregation and the community. Since we are not gathering in person, we encourage you to take advantage of online giving options.

Click [here](#) to learn more about how you can give online to help support the church's work.

Checks are also welcome.

Mail to:

**Crestwood Christian Church**  
**1882 Bellefonte Drive**  
**Lexington, KY 40503**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL “MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR” RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 13

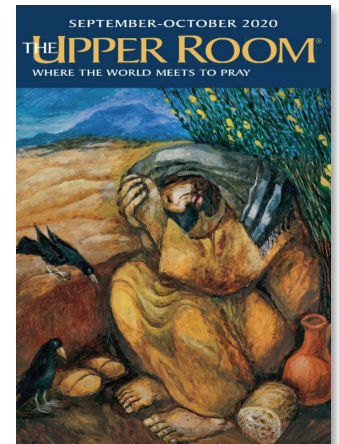
Guests from our community will join us to introduce us to our neighbors, including those who are homeless, in human trafficking, struggling with mental illness, battling substance abuse disorder, and others. This opportunity will give us an insight into those whom Jesus loves and calls us to love, expand our understanding, and strengthen our compassion.

More information to come!



## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The September-October issue of the Upper Room devotional guide is available in the breezeway between Chalice Hall and the sanctuary. That entrance is accessible on weekdays from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The Upper Room is now also available as a PDF document. If you would like to receive it in this form, please contact the church office at [office@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:office@crestwoodchristian.org).



Crestwood offers a **Blessing Box** to serve our community, located outside of the Children's Wing entrance. This supplement helps our neighbors when they need to stretch pantry items. When you have extra items on hand, please consider contributing to the box. Share with others that this box is available if they need something.

### Suggested items include...

...mac and cheese, canned/bag tuna, canned/bag chicken, peanut butter, rice, beans, canned pasta, pasta, canned spaghetti sauce, crackers, canned vegetables, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, muffin mix, cereal, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, lotion, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, and toilet paper.



## Blessing Box

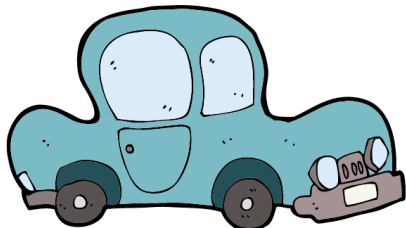
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## Drive-Through Worship



**SUNDAY**  
**SEPT 6**  
**7-8 PM**

**Blessing of Our Labors**  
**Popsicles for Kids of All Ages**

### **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  
Jane Johnson, Organist  
Elizabeth Napier, Childcare Director  
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