

Sunday, July 7

**The Gospel According to
Disney sermon series**

Frozen/Frozen 2

Steph Wallace

In This Issue...

A Word from Kory	2
July Men's Breakfast	2
VBS Thank Yous	3
School Supply Drive	3
Save the Date	3
Church Calendar	4
Youth Corner	5
Mission Trip Pics	6
VBS Pics	7
Prayer List	8
Regional Assembly	8
LTS Presentation	9
Thank Yous	9
Outreach Giving	10

NEXT CREST
AUGUST 1

Articles are due by Noon
Friday, July 26

Send articles to:
office@crestwoodchristian.org

SUMMER FUN FELLOWSHIP AT CRESTWOOD!



LEMONADE IN LAFFERTY!

Each Sunday in July, we will have lemonade and cookies in the Lafferty Garden following the 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM service. Head out the doors from the narthex and catch up with an old friend or say hello to a new member. We look forward to gathering together in the garden!



HYMN SING ALONG

Who loves when they see their favorite hymn in the bulletin? Here is your chance to make sure everyone gets a chance to sing it. On Wednesday, July 17, at 6:00 PM, bring a chair and your best singing voice to Lafferty Garden to join in an old-fashioned sing along that is fun for all ages. Be on the lookout for an email with more information and the sign up to get your favorite song on the list.





A WORD FROM KORY

I'm still coming down off the high of being a small part of this year's Vacation Bible School! Once again, we had the privilege of hosting over 100 kids for our church and community for four days of fun, frolicking, and fruity goodness! It's amazing to me how this congregation comes together to pull

off such an enormous event. You can see the list of volunteers on the next page. It truly takes a village!

The theme this year was "Fruits of the Spirit," a home-grown curriculum we used about 10 years ago (written by Tara Wilkinson). The decorations helped create a fruit farm in our building, complete with fruit trees, hanging grapevines, and a barn with stuffed animals. Each day, the kids learned about the fruits of the Spirit and how the Bible show us to live them out.

VBS is simply one of the most joyous times in the life of the church because we get to see Christ's love in action. It brings me to tears to see how our volunteers love on these kids of all sizes and ages and abilities. No one is ever turned away. Every child is welcomed and treated as a VIP. For me, it's a small glimpse of what God's kin-dom really looks like.

And the kids LOVE it! Each night, Missy asked them about their favorite part of VBS. And each night, the kids mentioned every rotation, from music to snacks to games to art to story. These kids didn't just hear about the fruits of the Spirit, they saw them in action through the hands, feet, and hearts of our volunteers. The joy that filled the sanctuary at the end of each night was palpable. And seeing their faces on the last night when they threw confetti into the air? It can't be described, but I imagine it was like Mary Magdalene's face when she saw the risen Jesus.

This year, I was Farmer Kory. I shared a short lesson during the opening (with the help of Farmer Amy) about the fruits for that night, and I once again challenged the kids to bring in fruit snacks to help fill our blessing box. Last year, the kids brought in so much food that I lost the challenge and had to eat freeze-dried bugs. This year, keeping with the farm theme, I told the kids if they brought in 50 food items, I would bring in a live chicken. If they brought in 100 items, I would kiss that chicken. And if they brought in 200 items, I would let Farmer Amy crack on egg on my head. Did they do it? Let's just say my hair has an egg-white shine to it!

VBS is an important reminder to me that church is supposed to be fun! That can get lost when we get caught up in administrative details, congregational meetings, and conversations about staffing structure.

Those things are important for the life of the church, but they are not the source of life for the church. The love of God is that source, and it is meant to be joyful. There's a reason that Jesus welcomes a child and says in Matthew's gospel, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

Are you having fun? Where in your life have you built in time for joy? It's so easy for our schedules to fill up and our to-do lists to lengthen that we forget that it's OK to enjoy life. Sometimes, even our vacations can be stressful! But that's not what God wants for us. God wants us to live life and live it abundantly. The requirements and responsibilities will never go away. But we should never sacrifice our child-likeness in our efforts to be an adult.

That's what VBS reminds me each year. It's OK to be silly, to dance around to songs, to belly-laugh at a dog dressed like a chicken or a cow. Life is too short not to enjoy it. Every year, the kids of VBS remind me that being a kid doesn't have to end when we hit a certain age. In fact, according to Jesus, being a kid is a requirement to experience the blessing of God's kin-dom.

PASTOR'S CLASS SERVICE PROJECT

Dear Crestwood,

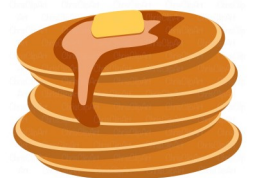
Thank you for supporting me in my Pastor's Class Service Project. We collected books for the International Book Project. Your generosity provided 240 books! When you donated your old books, they became new books for different people!



Thank you again, Callaway Nall

JULY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our July Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, July 13, in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to join us! A tasty breakfast and good conversation will be provided.



RSVPs to Kory are never necessary but are always encouraged.

Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace

Dear Crestwood Families,

Thank you for another AMAZING Vacation Bible School. It was a bushel of fun as 100 kids learned about the fruits of the Spirit. VBS wouldn't be possible without the love, support, and prayers of our entire congregation. We are incredibly grateful for our 80 volunteers who consistently went above and beyond to give our kids an unforgettable



Adrienne Strong	Ellen Williams	Kellie Derrickson	Monte LaFrana
Alice Williams	Emily Hobbs	Kelly Hale	Morgan Larkin
Allie Dishman	Erin Sarver	Kevin Wallace	Parker Guckenberger
Amy Knight	Fran Allen	Kimberly Blondell	Rebecca Anderson
Amy Treneff	Grant Wilkinson	Kory Wilcoxson	Renee Hobbs
Amy Wheeler	Harper Wells	Kristen Dixon	Roberta Buckley
Andrew Jefferson	Heidi Guckenberger	Laura Hatfield	Ruthie DeLacey
Angie Allen	Hiatt Allen	Laura Prather	Sarah Pergram
Becky Thompson	Jacob Wallace	Lauren Deerhake	Sarah Trimble
Beth Pickrell	Jeanette Knowles	Linda Ransdell	Saralyn Kingsolver
Brandon Foley	Jo Ann Mudd	Lindsey Whealton	Scott Wallace
Caitlin Reams	Joanne Brown	Lisa Faust	Shawn Caudill
Candace Brancato	Joey Kingsolver	Loraye Jones	Sherry Peace
Christian Richardson	Judy Rhodus	Lyndi Van Deursen	Stephanie Wallace
Clara Deerhake	Julie Blackburn	Maelee Thompson	Sue Ruddy
Collyns Dixon	Julie Lewis	Mandy Deerhake	Susie Jolliffe
Dabney Parker	Kara Wells	Matt Anderson	Tara Wilkinson
Dana Adamson	Karen Blakeman	Megan Bacon	Tempie Guckenberger
Donna Thor	Kathryn Rasnick	Mia Thor	Tyler Dishman
Doug Wilkinson	Kathy Gannoe	Michele DeLacey	Ward Ransdell
	Katie Neal		

KIDS ON A MISSION IS BACK!

Join us on July 30 as Crestwood kids serve dinner to the ESL families of Glendover Elementary during Summer Reading Night. If your child would like to help, please email missy@crestwoodchristian.org to RSVP. Kids on a Mission will return this fall with more projects so stay tuned.

SAVE THE DATES

August 11 – Back-to-school breakfast/Blessing of the Backpacks/Bridge and music resumes

August 18 – Third grade bible presentations at 10:45 AM worship

September 8 – Crestwood Homecoming Celebration

September 22 – Blessing of the pets with fellowship ice cream social

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR GLENDOVER ELEMENTARY

Donations can be brought to the children's wing through August 5th. Thank you for helping to support the children of our community.

- Backpacks
 - Crayola Markers
 - Crayola Colored Pencils
 - Glue Sticks
 - Crayola Crayons
 - Ticonderoga Pencils
 - Pencil Boxes
 - Fiskars Scissors
 - Wide Rule Notebooks
 - Composition Wide Rule Notebooks
 - Primary Writing Journal
 - Folders with 3 holes and pockets
 - Earbuds/Headphones
 - Clorox Wipes
 - Kleenex
 - Expo Markers
 - Ziplock Bags gallon and quart
- NO notebook filler paper

JULY CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, July 1

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Wednesday, July 3

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, July 4 - OFFICE CLOSED



Sunday, July 7

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Lemonade in Lafferty after both services

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, July 10

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC3

Thursday, July 11

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

Saturday, July 13

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room

Sunday, July 14

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Lemonade in Lafferty after both services

Tuesday, July 16

7:00 PM - World Outreach - Bradford Room

Wednesday, July 17

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

7:00 PM - Administrative Board - Bradford Room

Thursday, July 18

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, July 21

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:15 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall

Lemonade in Lafferty after both services

Wednesday, July 24

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, July 25

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, July 28

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Lemonade in Lafferty after both services

Wednesday, July 31

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

HELP KEEP THE CHURCH LOOKING GREAT!

On Saturday, July 6, the Property Team will be cutting shrubs and hedges. Bring your own shears and pruners. Come at 8:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts. We plan to work from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM, thus avoiding the heat of the day.



Youth Corner By Steph Wallace

Blessings and summer heat abound! I am so thankful to all the youth and adults who gave up a week of their summer break to serve and learn together in Asheville, NC on our Youth Mission Trip! We were blessed by learning about the struggles and injustice facing people of color in the city during a Black Asheville Learning Walk, where we saw firsthand all the ways people of color have been forced out of their homes and businesses over the years due to gentrification and revitalization projects in downtown Asheville. We got to see the beautiful murals and Black Lives Matter paintings throughout the downtown area, which serve as reminders of the struggle and the solidarity that can be found when we all stand together and work for a more hopeful future. We spent one whole day serving and enjoying meals at 12 Baskets, another day sorting tomatoes at Manna Food Bank, and another day helping build a split rail fence at Black Mountain Children's Home. But most of all, we spent time in community with others, building relationships and talking together. It was a perfect week and I hope you will make it a point to seek out one of the youth who went on this trip and ask them to share a bit about their experiences over the next few weeks!



Our only youth event in July will be serving dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. If you can help us out in any way - either by bringing part of the meal, or by joining us to serve that evening, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA9AF28AAF85-youth3#/>

Food needs to be at the church no later than 4:15 on July 10, ready to serve. If you are able to join us to go to the mission and serve, we will leave from church at 4:30 and return between 6:15-6:30 pm. Email Steph Wallace if you have questions!

Until I see you in church, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Countdown Games

1872 Plaudit Place

Lexington, KY 40509

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

12:40 - 2:00 PM

Join us for an hour of exciting and adventurous team building as we try to escape from Murder Mansion or The Scary One!

ALL youth are invited - especially our incoming 6th graders!

Please drop your youth off by 12:40 pm and bring \$25 cash.

Youth should be picked up by 2:00 pm from Countdown Games.

Hope to see you there!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP WAS A SUCCESS!

Pictures of our time in Asheville, NC on the Youth Mission Trip this June, 2024! What a wonderful serving and learning experience we had together! We worked in a community garden, sorted tomatoes at Manna Food Bank, stocked items at Episcopal Calvary Church Food Pantry, visited Haywood Street Congregation, served and ate meals at 12 Baskets Cafe, and spent much more time in fellowship with each other and with members of the local community. It was truly a week of blessings and abundance in all ways! Thanks be to God!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Diane Drown, the family of Brenda Jordan, the family of Pat Nielsen, Steve Seithers

FAMILY: the family of Preston Deerhake (nephew of Mandy Deerhake), Hallie Holcomb (grandmother of Susie Joliffe), the family of William G. Robbins (brother of Sylvia Griffin), Doreen Stockwell (mother of Summer Perry)

FRIENDS: the family of Larry Bishop (of Crestwood), Mandy Brajuha (of Lyndi Van Deursen), David Farmer (of Kimberly Sparks), Lee Ferguson (of Crestwood), Bennett Gauze (of Ashley Brown), Tony Huston (of Libby Wachtel), the family of Don Kincaid (of Harvey Thompson), Johnny Long (of Beverly Tucker)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Joe Clark, Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), Frank Dickey, Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), Barry Newton (father of Laura Prather), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

ARMED FORCES: Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Tristan Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Daniel Day (grandson of John & Carol Royse & son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Buzz Mattingly, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Lucy Wheeler

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, an end to the war in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected by COVID and natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

Please remember and hold the loved ones of these Crestwood friends in your prayers.

IN MEMORY OF
BRENDA JORDAN



IN MEMORY OF
PAT NIELSEN



IN MEMORY OF JOHN BROWNING



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2024 KENTUCKY REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The 2024 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky will be held August 1-3 in Mount Sterling. Our host churches are High Street Christian Church, Somerset Christian Church, and First Christian Church, Mount Sterling. This will be the first Regional Assembly hosted in Eastern Kentucky.

The assembly will feature:

- Rev. David Emery will be bringing the message at Friday worship.
- Music will range from a talented group of trad musicians to the Black Gospel Ensemble to hymns played on the pipe organ at FCC, Mount Sterling.
- Workshops on a variety of topics related to the life of the church

For more information or to register, go to <https://www.ccinky.net/resources/2024-regional-assembly/>

OPEN HOUSE

Join us for conversation!

Equipping Leaders for Ministry

Stephanie Wallace, Student Associate Minister, Crestwood Christian Church

Stephanie Moon, Director of Admissions, Lexington Theological Seminary

Charisse Gillett, President, Lexington Theological Seminary

July 19, 2024 - 5:00-7:00 pm

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY

RSVP to Brittanie Bryant, Admissions Assistant, LTS - bbryant@lextheo.edu

Refreshments will be served.



Lexington Theological Seminary offers:

Certificates in Pastoral Ministry and Continuing Education · Doctor of Ministry

Master of Divinity · Master of Pastoral Studies

Master of Theological Studies (in African American Ministry, Latinx Studies, and Catholic Studies)



You can apply at any time.
For more information, scan the
QR code at left or send an email
to admissions@lextheo.edu



THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

On behalf of the board of trustees, I want to thank you for your recent generous donation of \$748 to the Cane Ridge Shrine, Inc. We are grateful for all the support we receive from visitors and friends like you from around the country and the world. We are honored to maintain and preserve the history of these grounds and we hope you will continue to support our efforts in the future.

James H. Trader, II, Curator

Thank you very much for your generous hospitality. We appreciate being here with you in worship. Your kindness helps us start our journey of service. Thanks so much for the comfy rooms to stay tonight.

St. Luke UMC, Faith UMC, Bethel UMC, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

1882 Bellefonte Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40503-2046
(859) 266-0459

THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Return Service Requested

CRESTWOOD CARES

In June, our Local Outreach **Bridge Fund** was able to assist our brothers and sisters in need by making the following payments:

Water bill - \$77
KU - \$202 and \$169
Rent - \$150

Our **Disciples Women's Ministry** (DWM) generously donated \$1,000 to our Blessing Box fund and \$500 to the Bridge fund to help ensure that Local Outreach can continue to meet the ever-growing needs in our community.

World Outreach provided the following funds to nonprofits in Kentucky in June:

KY Refugees Ministries - \$480
Christian Care Communities - \$624
Week of Compassion - \$2,993

Thank you for your generosity and for caring for all our neighbors and sharing the love of God with others!

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship — 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Rev. Kelly Hale, Interim Pastoral Care Minister
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager
Mary Van Kesteren, Office Administrator
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
Amber Combs, Childcare Director

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Church Office	office@crestwoodchristian.org
Kory Wilcoxson	kory@crestwoodchristian.org
Kelly Hale	kelly@crestwoodchristian.org
Missy Wallace	missy@crestwoodchristian.org
Steph Wallace	steph@crestwoodchristian.org
Frank Spragens	fspragens@yahoo.com
Jim Cristi	facilitiesmgr@crestwoodchristian.org

WEBSITE

www.crestwoodchristian.org