

Sunday, October 6

**Body Building  
Sermon Series  
Rough Knees  
James 5:13-16**

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

## 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IMAGINE TOGETHER

*“Look at the birds of the air, they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” - Matthew 6:26*



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In the Gospel of John, Nicodemus, a Pharisee, has many questions for Jesus about his teachings. Initially criticized by Jesus, Nicodemus gradually evolves into a vibrant follower. His narrative highlights the importance of spiritual curiosity in maintaining vitality and addressing the tendency to fear change. How could a commitment to curiosity be transformative for us? What if we did less worrying and more imagining?

Nicodemus encourages us to continue to question how our curiosity and willingness to grow and change can transform each of us, our church, our community, and the world. If we want not only to imagine but experience vitality, all we need to do is steward our natural God-given curiosity. Stewardship is not just about financial contributions. It’s about faith in action.

On September 29 Crestwood kicked off our fall Stewardship Campaign. This is the time of year we pledge our gifts that allow the leaders of Crestwood to plan for operating costs, programming, and ministry for the following year. It is a crucial part of the life of the church. Specifically for 2025, our goals include increasing our outreach giving, growing our community-focused ministries (Fellowship, Children, Youth, Senior Adults), and making sure our hard-working staff are adequately compensated. This is possible only through your generosity.

Pledge packets with additional information have been either picked up at church or mailed to you. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge and the important role each of you plays in our future. Consider how your commitment will allow you to put your faith into action and help us make real what we imagine together.

Let us embark on this Stewardship Campaign with hearts full of faith and hope, knowing that our collective efforts will help build a future where God’s love and grace shine brightly. For more information about Stewardship, why we give, and ways to give, go to [www.crestwoodchristian.org](http://www.crestwoodchristian.org) and click on “Give” at the right side of the home page.

For now, we ask you to be in prayer about how God has abundantly blessed you so that you can be a blessing to others. Let’s “Imagine Together,” Crestwood!

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## A WORD FROM KORY



What are you afraid of? When I was a kid, the answer to that question was simple: snakes, heights, homework. But as an adult living in today's world, that answer is much more complex, because there are many more things to be afraid of, and the fears are intensified by the culture around us.

In his book, The Witness of Religion in the Age of Fear, theologian Michael Kinnamon addresses the culture of fear that has taken over our collective psyche. He says that, historically, the mood of our country has been confidence, bordering on arrogance. But now, he says, the prevailing mood is fear. He quotes a reporter who wrote, "The country has regressed into an angry, defensive crouch." A quick perusal of a newspaper or any social media site would confirm this.

As you can guess, this goes against much of what the Bible has to say about fear. One of the most common refrains in scripture is, "Do not be afraid." To be fearful in the Bible was seen as a lack of faith and trust in God's provision and protection. To fear God was one thing; to be fearful of the circumstances as life was quite another. Our fears tend to make us turn inward for self-protection, while the Bible calls us to reach out beyond ourselves to care of others, including the stranger and the foreigner.

When we are fearful, we tend to worry more, because there appears to be more threats to our safety and security. But Jesus is clear when he says in Matthew 6, "Do not worry," citing that the God who takes care of the birds of the air and the lilies of the field also takes care of us. Worry and fear go hand-in-hand, and both go against our call to move forward in faith.

I believe the opposite of fear and worry is imagination. When we're afraid, we don't allow ourselves to dream about what might be because we're too busy worrying about what could happen. Worry and fear suppresses our God-ordained creativity to imagine what God is doing with us, through us, and in us.

Our 2024 stewardship theme is "Imagine Together." We are inviting you to imagine what God can do through Crestwood in 2025 as we seek to continue connecting people to God and each other. God is already at work here, doing amazing things as we open ourselves up to God's leading. We continue to wel-

come new members into our church family, we are seeing more children and youth each week, and our bonds of connection are growing stronger through our fellowship events and worship services. We are continuing to reach beyond our walls through our outreach work, both in dollars and in hands-on service. Lives are being changed through our commitment to serving God.

With everything going so well, imagine what more God can do through us! "Us" is the key word there. One person can imagine a lot of things, but when we combine our collective imaginations together, we can do so much more! When we give to support the work of Crestwood in 2025, we are imagining together our future and committing ourselves to make it happen.

This year more than ever, your pledge is crucial to Crestwood's ability to fulfill its mission. These are financially challenging times, and for many the future is uncertain. It's tempting to retreat to a posture of fear and worry. Will we have enough? It's so easy to let our minds be controlled by a mentality of scarcity.

But we serve a god of abundance! God has given us far more than we need, and God calls us to share our abundance with others to make God's kingdom real here on earth. One of the ways we do that is through our church family. Every single pledge is important to helping us meet our goal in 2025. Your pledge is a tangible way for you to put your faith in God into action.

Thank you, Crestwood, for your generosity. Through you, we have been able to accomplish far more than we ever thought. I know lives will continue to be changed, people will continue to be welcomed, children and youth will continue to grow in faith, and all of us will continue to be connected to God and each other. We have come so far together! What does God have in store for us in 2025? Just imagine!

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## OCTOBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our October Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, October 12, 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 not necessary but are always encouraged.

## Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Roberta Buckley, John Royse

**FAMILY:** **Robin Allen** (daughter of Fran Allen), **Janice Byers** (mother of Beth Cooper), **Patricia Finger** (mother of Joanne Brown)

**FRIENDS:** **Cristi family** (of Crestwood), **Judy Collins** (of Fran Allen), **Don Ralph** (of Libby Wachtel), **Lynn Saunders** (of Susan and Kendall Hart)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** **Joe Clark**, **Tyler Coultas** (son of Karen Coultas), **Frank Dickey**, **David Farmer** (friend of Kimberly Sparks), **Jo Fulkerson**, **Laurie Hart** (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), **John and Ginny Sue Hemphill**, **Barry Newton** (father of Laura Prather), **Henrietta Shores** (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), **Donnie Wakefield**, **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), **Ashlyn Marra-Sigler** and **Daniel Sigler** (daughter-in-law and son of Pam and David Sigler)

**HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS:** Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, 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 wars across the globe, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected by natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

## **JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF: THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE**

Please join us for a panel discussion on grief, sponsored by the Stephen Ministers. *Journeying through Grief: The Death of a Loved One* will meet on Sunday, October 13, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in the Bradford Room.

Panelists will share their experience with grief at the death of a loved one, as well as what was helpful and not helpful to them throughout the grieving process. In addition, information and resources will be provided to help family and friends in providing support.

Panel members include Rev. Kelly Hale, Rev. Bill McDonald, Patty Hollingsworth, and Paige Rae.

## **LOVE IN ACTION SPEAKER SERIES**

The Shalom Social Justice Team is excited to announce the start of a new speaker series called "Love in Action." This periodic event will feature community experts who will be speaking on a variety of issues that affect our Lexington community. Our goal is to be good listeners so that we can learn how Crestwood can be part of the solution to these challenges.

On Sunday, October 20, at 4:00 PM in Chalice Hall, we'll welcome Tiffany Brown. Ms. Brown is the Equity and Implementation Officer for the city of Lexington. She will be talking with us about how racism affects our community and how we can put our love into action to help bring into reality the Kin-dom of God. Everyone is invited to attend this important event!



## ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS WAS A HIT!

Our Fellowship team provided ice cream and goodies for sundaes, while Kory blessed and prayed over 31 different pets this year - including a snail! It was such a special and joyous event “fur” everyone! Thank you to all who so generously donated food and other items for the Lexington Humane Society. They were overjoyed to receive such a bounty!



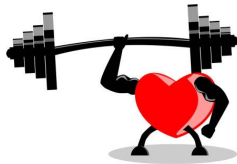
## CRESTWOOD'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Crestwood's Homecoming Celebration on September 8!



### “BODY BUILDING” FALL SERMON SERIES

You may not realize, but the Bible contains within its 66 books a letter devoted to helping us get into shape! The book of James gives us instructions on how we can use parts of our bodies to further God's kingdom and build community in a fractious world. For our fall sermon series we'll pump some spiritual iron as we strengthen ourselves to be good neighbors and faithful Christians.



October 6 - Pierced Tongue - James 3:1-12

October 13 - Rough Knees - James 5:13-16

### WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT...

As we get closer to the election, people are looking for guidance on how to use their faith to make wise decisions in the voting booth. For our sermons leading up to Nov. 5, we're going to straight to the source of our knowledge about and understanding of the God we know through Jesus Christ. People are claiming the Bible says a lot of things, but what does it REALLY say? Join us as we open our ears and our hearts to learn how scripture guides us.

October 20 - What the Bible Says about...Justice

October 27 - What the Bible Says about...Love

November 3 - What the Bible Says about...How to Vote

November 10 - What the Bible Says about...What's Next

## THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD

On behalf of Christian Care Communities and the older adults we serve, I want to thank you for your recent contribution to our *Unrestricted* initiative....thank you again for opening your heart to God's most senior children. You are part of the family in our Faith-Care-Family approach, and we are grateful.

James W. Patton, Vice-President

Thank you for your recent donation to Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) Lexington! As we continue to see a greater number of forcibly displaced people pursuing safety worldwide, we are so grateful to see your support in the work of welcome.

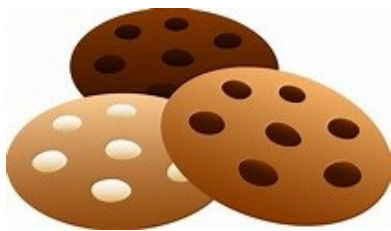
Mary Cobb, Director, KRM Lexington

## THANK YOU FROM THE CRISTI FAMILY

We appreciate the outpouring of support through cards, thoughts, and prayers, following our daughter's recent accident. Although the road to recovery is arduous, We are committed to taking it one day at a time. Encouragingly, each day brings increased strength and better healing. Thank you all again for your kindness.

Jim, Lauren, and Ashley

## FELLOWSHIP IN LAFFERTY



Our Lemonade in Lafferty fellowship series this summer was such a big hit, we're going to continue it!

Please join us for Fellowship in Lafferty on Sunday, October 6. Cookies and lemonade will be served in the courtyard following each service. The weather will determine whether we're inside or outside. Hope to see you there!

## SRO TRIP TO MAYSVILLE, KY!

We had a wonderful trip to Maysville and Old Washington on Friday, September 13. The weather was clear and enjoyable, as the rain ended once we left Lexington and the day warmed up by afternoon. We all enjoyed the trolley tour of downtown Maysville, the five-mile ride to Old Washington, and lunch afterward at a day-old restaurant sponsored by the local college and staffed by college students. The menu was different (no sandwiches and only one soup), but everyone enjoyed their food!

After lunch we went to the Gateway Museum, where we spent time browsing the collection of miniature houses, furnished rooms, street scenes, and scenes from Hans Christian Anderson stories and Walt Disney movies. Included was a large reproduction of the Catherine Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia, an example of a special building exhibited once every four years. The reproduction of the Spencer House in London, England, was on display, accompanied by a video describing the mansion in great detail. Spencer House was the childhood home of Princess Diana.

The history section of the Museum represented all the years in the development and growth of America. Included was a visit to Maysville by Lafayette in 1825 and a display of documents, records, and pictures of Rosemary Clooney, who was from Maysville. All the history exhibits were thoughtfully planned and displayed.

We are looking for suggestions for our November and December SRO trips... if you have ideas, please reach out to Patsy Anderson or Jeanette Knowles. We would love to have more people join us on these wonderful outings!



## NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board met on Wednesday, September 18. Here are some highlights of what was accomplished:

- The Board received the Treasurer's report, which included a continued reduction of the pledge deficit. The deficit that started the year at over \$45,000 is down to \$7,000, thanks to an increase in giving. In addition, we have collected over \$2000 more in loose offering (money put into the offering plate) than anticipated. Thank you, Crestwood, for your generosity!
- The Board appointed the members of the Strategic Planning process, which will begin soon. They are: Laura Bryan (chair,), Rebecca Anderson, Libby Wachtel, Bob Shanklin, John Hatfield, Connie Guilfoil, Karen Blakeman, and David Richard. Amy Wheeler (vice-moderator) and Kory will serve as ex-officio.
- The Board approved three distributions from the newly named Mildred F. Cox Memorial Fund. The recipients are Christian Church Communities (\$100,000), Lexington Rescue Mission (\$100,000), and New Life Day Center (\$24,000).

Thank you to all those who serve faithfully on our Administrative Board!

### MILDRED F. COX ENDOWMENT FUND

In June of 2022 Crestwood Christian Church received the first installment of what was ultimately a \$1,770,000 bequest from Mildred Farr Cox's estate. Mildred faithfully served Crestwood as church librarian and generously, albeit quietly, supported Crestwood financially during her lifetime. While Crestwood previously had a small endowment fund that supplemented the annual operating budget by about \$14,000 per year, the Administrative Board approved formation of an Endowment Committee to manage these new funds and develop policies around their use.

The Endowment Committee selected two financial management firms with which to invest these funds. The Administrative Board had previously approved retaining 10% of the bequest for use for some much-needed property repairs. In consideration of the impact a gift of this size could make in the community and with Crestwood Christian Church's self-identifying as a church with a strong focus on outreach, the Endowment Committee recommended a policy, approved by the Administrative Board in September of 2022, that would direct growth from this investment to be used for Outreach projects, specifically those in excess of \$20,000.

The reality of these decisions now brings us to the point where Crestwood Christian Church has the opportunity to be a difference maker in our community. The growth in the funds now exceeds \$500,000 above the initial investment. The Local and World Outreach Committees released a grant application to known Crestwood mission partners in late spring of 2024. Of those responding, three agencies met the grant application criteria and were recommended for funding. At the September 2024 Administrative Board meeting the Board approved the following:

1. Officially naming this fund the MILDRED F. COX ENDOWMENT FUND
2. Funding grants to:
  - a. Lexington Rescue Mission - \$100,000 towards constructing a kitchen and dining room in the new Community Center.
  - b. New Life Day Center - \$24,000 for construction of a new check-in area at the center.
  - c. Christian Care Communities - \$100,000 towards their capital campaign goal of \$2,000,000 for infrastructure for Phase II of The Homeplace at Midway, a senior living community.

Mildred F. Cox has given Crestwood a wonderful opportunity to build upon Crestwood's strong history of outreach. What a joy it is to be able to provide for the community in such a significant way! I look forward to the ways that Crestwood Christian Church can continue to live out our Vision and Mission by connecting People to God and Each Other and serving our community.

# Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace



Dear Crestwood Families,

It's hard to believe fall break is upon us. We've had an amazing September with our Homecoming celebrating 65 years of Crestwood history and our annual Blessing of the Pets. There's plenty of fur love and fellowship in the life of our church family.

The fun continues with a fellowship tailgate potluck lunch with pumpkin painting on October 20. We will decorate and deliver pumpkins to families recovering from loss or in need of encouragement. Mini pumpkins will be available for children to decorate and take home. Mark your calendars for our youth-sponsored Halloween Bash and soup/chili cookoff the following week on October 27 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

Our angel trees are a month away from going up, and early planning is underway for Universal Children's Sunday on November 17. We hope you can join us as we receive the precious gift of having our children lead worship. Before we know it, Advent will be around the corner.

What a blessing it is to connect as the body of Christ as we continue to watch our children grow in their faith journeys. Thank you for walking with children's ministry every step of the way.

Blessings,  
Missy

## CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please help us out and donate a bag of individually wrapped candy between now and October 20, 2024, to be used during our Halloween Bash trick-or-treating event! Leave candy in the donation bins in the glass breezeway or the children's wing. THANK YOU!



## SAVE THE DATES

**October 13** - Acolyte Training/Kids on a Mission: Operation Secret Santa

**October 20** - Church tailgate with potluck lunch and family pumpkin painting

**October 27** - Halloween Bash and Soup/Chili Cook-Off 4:00 - 6:00 PM; trick or treating at 5:30 PM

**November 3** - Angel Tree begins/Daylight Savings ends/ Turn clocks BACK

**November 17** - Universal Children's Sunday

Crestwood Christian Church Youth Groups  
invite you to our 2024  
**Halloween Bash  
and Soup/Chili Cook-off!**



Come in your favorite Halloween costume and play games, win prizes, and go trick-or-treating right in the church!

**4 - 6PM on Sunday, October 27th!**

**Hope to see you there!**

*If you are interested in entering your best soup/chili in the cook-off, please deliver your dish to Chalice Hall by 4:00 PM for judging!*

[Sign ups for food/kitchen helpers here](#)

*or by calling the church office*



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MISSION BUILDING TRIP TO WESTERN KENTUCKY!

Seven Lexington Disciples of Christ church members volunteered in a successful mission building trip to Western Kentucky September 8 through September 13, 2024. The trip's purpose was to help rebuild after the tornados of December 10, 2021, and May 26, 2024. Crestwood and its World Outreach Committee helped sponsor the trip. Crestwood's volunteers were John Brown and Steve Seithers. We stayed at a wonderful church, the First Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, Kentucky. Under the leadership of the Fuller Disaster Rebuilders, we were able to work on two houses, both near Earlington, Kentucky.

The first house we called the "Hummingbird House", as the owner had two hummingbird feeders, which we kept filled and with amazement watched the birds come and go! Mrs. Delong had lost a carport during the 2021 tornado. Instead of rebuilding the carport, she asked us to rebuild a bedroom floor that was falling in. We replaced the floor joists, glued and screwed down the OSB floor sheathing, and finished it off with laminate flooring and wooden baseboard. We also installed laminate flooring and baseboard in the living room, kitchen, and hallway.

The other house we called "The Millhouse", as, after the 2021 tornado, the owner, Mr. Sprallin, had bought a sawmill and, by trial and error, had learned to mill his own lumber! He has 330 acres of property and he used the trees that fell during the tornado to supply his sawmill. His dining room had been destroyed by the tornado. He rebuilt the dining room but was unable to finish it, as a couple of months ago he stepped into a mole hole and had to have a full right knee replacement. Mr. Sprallin asked us to install a laminate floor and cedar baseboard, with the cedar coming from his milled cedar tree lumber. The walls were covered in cedar lumber, making it feel as if you were in a cedar chest! It definitely had that wonderful cedar fragrance.

What joy and fun we had in fellowship and in working to help others! This was our group's fifth trip to this area. We plan to go back April 27 through May 2, 2025. Mark your calendars and consider going with us! It will take several years to rebuild Western Kentucky. But, thanks to Crestwood and other volunteers, we are making a start!



# OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR

## Tuesday, October 1

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

## Wednesday, October 2

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library  
7:00 PM - World Outreach - MC3

## Thursday, October 3

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

## Sunday, October 6 - Fellowship in Lafferty

8:30 AM - Worship Service  
9:15 AM - Fellowship in Lafferty  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:00 AM - Choir Practice  
10:45 AM - Worship Service  
11:45 AM - Fellowship in Lafferty  
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group Meeting  
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group Meeting

## Monday, October 7

6:00 PM - Bible/Ballot Book Study - Chapel

## Tuesday, October 8

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

## Wednesday, October 9

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC3  
2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee - MC5  
4:15 PM - Deadline for bringing food for:  
5:00 PM - Youth serve dinner, Lexington Rescue Mission, 444 Glen Arvin Rd.

## Thursday, October 10

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel  
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room  
6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

## Saturday, October 12

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room  
TBA - Car parking for UK football gamd

## Sunday, October 13

8:30 AM - Worship Service  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:00 AM - Choir Practice  
10:45 AM - Worship Service  
3:00 PM - Combined Youth Group CROP WALK! -  
Second Presbyterian Church  
4:00 PM - Journeying through Grief - Bradford Room  
4:00 PM - Kids on a Mission - Art Room, Children's Wing

## Monday, October 14

6:00 PM - Bible/Ballot Book Study - Chapel

## Tuesday, October 15

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

## Wednesday, October 16

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall  
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library  
7:00 PM - Ministry Council - Bradford Room

## Thursday, October 17

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

## Sunday, October 20

8:30 AM - Worship Service  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:00 AM - Choir Practice  
10:45 AM - Worship Service  
12:00 PM - Church-wide Tailgating Party  
12:30 PM - Combined Youth Project -  
Pumpkin Painting - Chalice Hall  
4:00 PM - Love in Action speaker series - Chalice Hall

## Monday, October 21

6:00 PM - Bible/Ballot Book Study - Chapel  
6:45 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room

## Wednesday, October 23 - SRO TRIP

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

## Thursday, October 24

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

## Friday, October 25

11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

## Saturday, October 26

TBA - Car parking for UK football game

## Sunday, October 27

8:30 AM - Worship Service  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
9:40 AM - Wake Up with Wallace - Panera  
10:00 AM - Choir Practice  
10:45 AM - Worship Service  
4:00 PM - HALLOWEEN BASH - Gym

## Monday, October 28

6:00 PM - Crestwood Book Club - Chi Rho Room

## Wednesday, October 30

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

## Thursday, October 31

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

## Youth Corner

### By Steph Wallace



Happy October! I hope, as we move deeper into fall, that you take a moment to notice the glorious riot of color in the trees and appreciate the blessing of living in a place so redolent with God's glory in nature. I am thankful every day to live here in Lexington, but not only because of the beauty here. Crestwood is here, and all of you are here... and you are what makes my ministry such a rewarding blessing... thank you all so much for your hard work and support of our Youth Groups.

The big news this month is our Halloween Bash on Sunday, October 27th from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Gym and Chalice Hall. There are going to be two bouncy houses and seven game stations in the Gym, along with 12 trick-or-treat stations around the Mission Center hallway. Chili judging will take place in Chalice Hall. We need ALL our youth and families to pitch in this day and help - it is a huge event for our church family and friends. [Click here](#) to sign up for supervising games, judging chili, decorating a door, handing out candy, and all the other help we need to make this event a success. Let me know if you have any questions!

**Wake up with Wallace** will take place on the last Sunday of each month! Instead of regular Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month, we meet at Panera Bread and enjoy breakfast and fellowship time together. Youth should be dropped off at Panera Bread (2300 Nicholasville Rd.) at 9:40 AM, and the church van will bring everyone back to Crestwood by 10:30 AM. You do not need to bring money; just come hungry!

Our first of THREE service projects for our youth is serving dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission on Wednesday, October 9. Please help us feed our hungry neighbors by signing up [here](#). Please consider providing a part of the meal or helping us serve that evening! Thank you!

Our second very important event this month is the annual Crop Walk, an event that raises money and brings increased awareness of hunger issues here in Lexington and around the world. Our goal is to raise \$500 this year - please help us get there by spreading the word! You can make a donation [here](#). As part of this wonderful event, all youth are invited to walk in solidarity with our community on Sunday, October 13, from 3:00-4:30 PM. Youth should be dropped off and picked up at Second Presbyterian Church, 460 E Main Street. Come walk with us and help spread awareness of food insecurity here in our own city.

Our final service project this month will be painting pumpkins and then delivering them to church members who could use a bit of autumn cheer on their doorstep. All youth are invited to come paint with us in Chalice Hall at 12:30 PM on October 20. Hope everyone can be there!

#### ***Calendar of events for October, 2024:***

**Sunday, October 6:** Regular Youth Groups

- Chi Rho meets from 4:00-5:00 PM in the Chi Rho room.
- CYF meets from 5:00-6:00 PM in the CYF Room.

**Wednesday, October 9:** Serve dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission

- All food should be dropped off at church by 4:15 PM that day.
- Serving is from 5:00-6:00 PM at the Rescue Mission, 444 Glen Arvin Rd.

**Sunday, October 13:** - ALL YOUTH are invited to join us for the Crop Walk!

- **CROP WALK!** Drop off/pick up at Second Presbyterian; 3:00 - 4:30 PM. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

**Sunday, October 20:** **Pumpkin Painting Project!** ALL youth welcome!

-- Meet in Chalice Hall at 12:30 PM; paint a pumpkin or two and take a few to deliver to our members (names and addresses provided).

**Sunday, October 27:** Wake up with Wallace & HALLOWEEN BASH

- Wake up with Wallace - 9:40 AM at Panera Bread
- HALLOWEEN BASH! All youth, please be at church by 3:00 PM for setting up and preparations. Wear a costume if you have one!

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!

Yours in Christ, Steph Wallace

## EVER WONDERED ABOUT THE BRIDGE FUND?

By Steph Wallace

Local Outreach allocates a portion of its monthly budget to the Bridge Fund, which is a fund used exclusively to assist our brothers and sisters in the community who need help paying their rent, electric bill, gas bill, or water bill. Here is how it works:

When a person calls asking for assistance, they either speak to me if I am in the office or I call them back the same day when they leave a message. When I speak with the person, I gather all the information I can about their situation, including why they need assistance, to whom they pay their bill or rent, and how much it is. I also obtain personal identifying information about the person.

Next, I send an email to Sheri Shaver, who checks this information against a database maintained by ROSM (Resource Office for Social Ministry). Everyone who has received assistance from a participating local church is entered into this database. Sheri checks to see whether the person has received assistance before, and, if so, when and which church provided it. The general rule is that a person can receive help from Crestwood only once in a six month period, because the Bridge Fund is designed to be a bridge to help a person or family get over a temporary situation that caused them to fall behind in their bills. After Sheri has checked the database, we contact the landlord or utility company to check everything the person told us about their account and the financial need, as well as their payment history. Once we have verified all their information, we use the money in our Bridge Fund account to pay the bill directly, never paying the individual person. A record of our assistance is then entered into the ROSM database. We generally limit Bridge payments to \$300 for any one person, unless there are special circumstances. Each case is considered very carefully and prayerfully, as we want to do the most good that we can with the limited resources we have.

Between January 1 and August 31 of 2024, our Bridge Fund has provided the following assistance:

- Rent: \$2,119 to help 9 different people
- Electric: \$2,767 to help 14 different people
- Gas: \$419 to help 3 different people
- Water: \$888 to help 8 different people

Your giving to Crestwood is making a huge difference to those who need it most in our community. Thank you so much for making these gifts of assistance possible. We are sharing the love of Christ with those who need to know that they are not forgotten and there is still hope. If you have questions, please reach out to me anytime.

## STAR WORDS STORIES

I am blessed. I am reminded each morning of it as I glance in my mirror and see the gold star stuck in the corner of my bedroom dresser mirror. I see it every day. Well, I don't actually SEE it every day, as I tend to overlook things when they become part of my personal landscape, but it comes into focus, especially on days when I am happy and so glad to be alive in this amazing world. And I focus on it on days when my body aches and burdens lie heavily on my shoulders. The star's reminder that I am blessed means different things to me on different days, but it always speaks to me.

The star is a remnant from a 2023 Christmas sermon by Steph Wallace. She prepared a tray of these stars, each with different inspirational words, and invited each of us to draw a star without looking at the words. She encouraged us to think and live by our word during the new year. I thank her for that. It has made my year richer.

I am blessed.

Submitted by a Crestwood Member on 9/9/2024

Barren River State Park

**DISCIPLES WOMEN**

*Fall Retreat*

**18-20 OCTOBER**

Start 6:30PM on the 18th  
\$40 Registration  
[www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net)

FELLOWSHIP  
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**BRING YOUR GAMES!  
BRING YOUR GENTLY  
USED BOOKS!**

# DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

### October Bible Study:

May Justice Roll

(Proverbs 31:8-9, Amos 5:20-27, Luke 4:18-19,  
Deuteronomy 16:20, Psalms 41:1)

### Naomi Circle

Tuesday, October 15, 9:45 AM in the Bradford Room  
Jeanne Jouett will lead the Bible study and Elaine Lollis  
will be our hostess.

### Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, October 16, 10:00 AM in Chalice Hall  
Gayle Hutcherson will present our Bible study pro-  
gram.

### Julia Circle

Monday, October 21, 6:45 PM in the Bradford Room  
Fran McKinney will lead the Bible study, and our host-  
ess will be Fran Allen.  
*Crestwood DWM invites all women to visit one or  
more of our Circles during September through May.*

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington



### Human Trafficking

Marissa Castellanos

9:30 a.m. Fellowship, 10:00 a.m. Program

*Join women from churches all around Lexington who:  
**Agree to differ, Resolve to love, are United to serve**  
In Christ's Name - ALL are invited!*

*Crestwood DWM is a participating organization with  
Church Women United.*

*\*Contact Pat Waggener at 859-266-6313  
or patwaggener@twc.com.*

## OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: CHRYSALIS HOUSE



The mission of Chrysalis House is to provide family-oriented support for women with substance use disorders. Established in 1978, Chrysalis House is Kentucky's oldest and largest licensed residential treatment program allowing women to keep their infants and toddlers with them during treatment. It is a comprehensive agency that provides mental health treatment, case management, domestic violence counseling, computer training, GED tutoring, vocational training, job placement assistance, and children's services. Their specialty is helping pregnant mothers become free from substance abuse. Chrysalis House has a high success rate, with graduates staying sober, working in jobs that support their families, earning their GEDs, living in their own housing, and giving back to the community that once supported them.

The following items may be left in the Giving Lane marked DWM, under the sign for Disciples Women's Ministries. This area is in the hallway leading to the Administrative wing of the church.

Diapers  
Diaper wipes  
Bath towels  
Baby bath soap  
New socks  
New underwear  
Adult winter coats  
Sweatpants and sweatshirts  
Nonperishable food items  
Personal care items such as body wash,  
shampoo, deodorant

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check, made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM, with the letters CH in the memo line. Please mail your check to DWM treasurer, Gayle Hutcherson, 1005 Firethorn Pl, Lexington, KY 40515. For more information, you may contact DWM service coordinator, Tracy Lovan, at 859-948-1955 (call or text) or by email at [thelovans@gmail.com](mailto:thelovans@gmail.com).

As always, donations will be collected and driven to the agency's location.

Chrysalis House website: [www.chrysalishouse.org](http://www.chrysalishouse.org)

1882 Bellefonte Drive  
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# THE CREST

Crestwood Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

*Return Service Requested*

## **FUNCH = FUN + LUNCH AND YOU ARE INVITED!**

Come be a part of the wonderful conversation, delicious food, and laughter! We enjoy fellowship time over a potluck lunch, then play BINGO for prizes!

Please plan to join us on  
Friday, October 25, at 11:30 AM in Chalice Hall  
for our next FUNCH gathering!



### **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  
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Cindy Abernathy, Pianist  
Amber Combs, Childcare Director

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