

Sunday, February 2

Modern-day Proverbs
sermon series

“Don’t Talk to People from
Other Rooms”

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HELP US DREAM ABOUT CRESTWOOD’S FUTURE!

The Faithful Planning Team is excited to invite you to give us your feedback on the direction of Crestwood by filling out the survey found in the link below. It’s only about 10 questions, but what you have to share with us will be essential to helping the team discern where God is calling us to go. Please take just a few moments to fill out the survey. If you’d like a paper copy, contact the church office.

[Faithful Planning Survey](#)

In addition, there will be three opportunities to share feedback in person:

- Sunday, February 9, after the 10:45 AM service in Chalice Hall
- Sunday, February 16, after the 8:30 AM service in Chalice Hall
- Sunday, February 23, after the 10:45 AM service in Chalice Hall

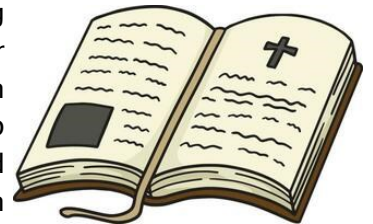
Let your voice be heard in one of these ways as we look to the future of our church family!

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2025 PASTOR’S CLASS

Do you have a youth who's interested in learning more about their faith and ready to consider baptism? This year's Pastor's Class will start on Sunday, March 2. The class is designed to help children learn about the basics of their faith and the church as they prepare to make their decision about baptism. Baptism Sunday will be April 27 this year. If your child is in the 5th grade or above and would like to take the class or if you have additional questions, please let Kory know.



LET’S MAKE A SOUPER DIFFERENCE



Whether you’re rooting for the Chiefs, rooting for the Eagles, or rooting for the commercials, we can all be winners as we serve the least of these in the community. Join us on Sunday, February 9, as we collect food for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring.

This year the food collected will go to Glendover Elementary School to support their Family Resource Center. **Along with soup, they are in need of rice and beans, peanut butter and jelly (no glass jars), and spaghetti sauce (no glass jars).** Donations can be brought to the narthex on Sunday morning or throughout the week. Thanks for your support as we cheer on our community!

NEXT CREST
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Articles are due by Noon
Monday, February 24

Send articles to:
office@crestwoodchristian.org

A WORD FROM KORY



As our country transitions in leadership, immigration is a front-and-center issue, as it was for the entire campaign. This hot-button topic is debated ad nauseum, and our new president is taking concrete action to fulfill his campaign promises not only to stop immigration, but to rid our country of anyone who is here illegally. This issue has consequences at the macro-level (e.g., how it impacts our economy and our workforce) and the micro-level (real stories of individuals and families negatively impacted by the executive orders). Regardless of what you believe about this issue, there is a lot of fear-mongering and mis-information driving much of the news about actions promised and taken and the people who are in the crosshairs.

I'm reminded of the most challenging class I took in my D.Min. program. It was called "Theology and Migration - Borderlands" and was taught by Dr. Emily Askew. The focus of the class was on the theological concepts that undergird the issue of immigration. While our culture wrestles with this issue on the political, social, and economic level, like any issue, there's always a deeper spiritual aspect to consider. This is certainly true with immigration.

For the class, we read [The Far Away Brothers](#), a non-fiction book about underage undocumented twins from El Salvador who migrate to the United States to try to make a life, and [Undocumented](#), a look at the evolution of immigration from Mexico and how the border "moved" in order to make such action criminal. I would highly recommend both books.

We also watched several interviews and documentaries to help us understand the issue more deeply. We watched an interview with a pastor in Lodi, CA, who works with undocumented migrants to help them navigate the complex judicial system, and an interview with a transgendered Mexican migrant, who shared her harrowing story of crossing the border.

There is so much I take for granted every day. My life is so relatively easy that I can't even imagine what an immigrant must go through. Dr. Askew encouraged us to let this issue "break our hearts" so that we could enter into the pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters who have no place to call home, who must

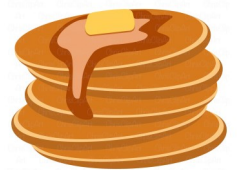
leave in order to find peace and safety in another country.

That happened for me while watching an Amazon film called "Human Flow." The movie gives a sweeping view of migrations across the world, putting a human face on the overwhelming numbers of people displaced from their homes. Several times during the movie, the filmmaker focused on children, and I imagined my own daughters being forced to flee their homes and the lengths to which I would go to protect them. No matter what we think of the issue of immigration, it's important to realize that the people involved are first and foremost human beings, just like us, doing their best to provide for their family and keep their kids safe.

Whatever you believe about immigration, the theological point that struck home for me is that everyone deserves to be treated as a human being. Immigrants are being labeled as rapists, murders, and overall bad people. While that may be true of a small number of them, what I learned in the class is that most immigrants are simply people looking for a safe home. The Bible has a few things to say about how we are to treat "the foreigner and the immigrant." My prayer is that we can live up to that call, as people and as a country.

MEN'S BREAKFAST IN FEBRUARY

Our February Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 8, in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to join us! A tasty breakfast and good conversation will be provided.



RESPONDING TO CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

How can we, as faithful disciples, help in horrific situations like the wildfires raging through southern California? STAY...PRAY...GIVE. Stay out of the affected area unless you are part of a specific disaster relief effort. Pray for all those affected and for the folks working hard to fight the fires. Give to Week of Compassion to help fund relief efforts. Go to weekofcompassion.org and help make a difference!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Brenda Crank, the family of Ellen Frost, the family of Bess Gott, Paige Rea, Steve Seithers

FAMILY: Carolyn Colliver (sister-in-law of Carolyn Clark), Mary Herald (sister of Kimberly Sparks), Lisa Jern (cousin of Libby Wachtel)

FRIENDS: Denise McGaughey (of Kay Thomas), Mary June Moseley (of Libby Wachtel)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Frank Dickey, David Farmer (friend of Kimberly Sparks), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan & Kendall Hart), Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Nathaniel Sligh (nephew of Kimberly Sparks), Donnie Wakefield, Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace), Carter Yates (nephew of Stephanie & Josh Moore)

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 & Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law & son of Pam & David Sigler)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Dick Featherston, Bonnie Flanery, 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.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to update our church directory and we need your help! We want to have information that is as up-to-date as possible for all members of our church family. There are a couple of ways to update your information. First, a paper copy of the directory will be available TOMORROW in the narthex. Please stop by before or after worship to update it. Second, if you'd like to review your entry electronically, email the church office and we'll send you a PDF to review. Thanks for your help on keeping our church family connected!



OUR BLESSING BOX NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

Crestwood has its own food pantry - the Blessing Box! We keep this cabinet (located outside the children's wing doors) stocked daily with nonperishable food items. Every day hungry folks come and are able to take the food they need to feed themselves and their families. We are so blessed to be able to offer this gift of love and care to our community!

How can you help? Next time you go shopping, consider picking up a few extra items to donate to our Blessing Box pantry! Items should be left outside Steph Wallace's office door in the admin wing. Here are the items we need most:

- Canned tuna
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned beans (refried beans and baked beans)
- Canned soups

Thank you for helping keep our Blessing Box filled for those who need it most. You are truly helping share the love of Christ in a very meaningful and tangible way!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Lexington Habitat for Humanity
700 East Loudon, Lexington

Ashley Moore, Habitat for Humanity

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

Program

Hosts: Pat Waggener & Dee Reynolds



*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!*

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



SAVE THE DATE!

2025 SPRING CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

**CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
LEXINGTON, KY**

More information is coming soon – please plan to attend & bring a friend!

MODERN-DAY PROVERBS SERMON SERIES

For our first sermon series in 2025, we're taking a look at some modern-day proverbs, sayings that probably would have made it into the Bible if they were around back then. Where do these words connect with God's word? And what do they tell us about how to be God's people in our world today?

February 2 – "Don't talk to people
from other rooms"

February 9 – "This, too, shall pass"

February 16 – "You can lead a horse to water..."

February 23 – "Don't Judge a book by its cover"

March 2 – "Win some, lose some"

THANK YOU, CRESTWOOD!

The Lexington Seminary is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.....On their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$1083.99 on 1/3/2025.

Sincerely yours, Mark V. Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement

GREETING CARDS NEEDED

We are in need of get-well cards, thinking-of-you cards, and sympathy cards for the table by the Giving Lane. Please bring your contributions to the church office or give them to Monte LaFrana. Thank you very much for your generosity.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE:

FEBRUARY SERVICE PROJECT: ARBOR YOUTH SERVICES

Arbor Youth Services is the only emergency shelter for unaccompanied youth under 18 in central Kentucky. It provides a supportive environment to youth who have suffered abuse or abandonment or have been victimized. Youth may request shelter themselves or they may be referred by a teacher, law enforcement personnel, counselors or other professionals. There is also an outreach program that assists those aged 18-24 who are at risk of violence or exploitation. Receiving timely intervention from Arbor Youth Services helps to place these young people on the path to safety, where they can focus on recovery, job training, and skill development for those who are older.

The following items are needed and may be placed in the Giving Lane (located in the hallway that leads to the Administrative Wing), under the sign for Disciples Women's Ministries:

- Hygiene supplies such as deodorant or body wash
- Individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars
- New towels and washcloths
- Socks and underwear (adult sizes M, L, XL, XXL)
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels and toilet paper
- Gift cards for grocery, fast food, and fuel
- Art supplies
- Non-perishable food items
- Activity-based gift cards such as movie theater, Malibu Jack
- Bus passes, single ride for 30 days

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the letters AYS 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. As always, donations will be collected and driven to the agency's location.

Arbor Youth Services website: www.arborky.org

CIRCLE MEETINGS

February Bible Study:

Women Lead as Mentors (Ruth 1)

Julia Circle

Monday, February 17, 6:45 PM, in the Bradford Room

Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, February 18, 9:45 AM, in the Bradford Room

Alice Hays will lead the Bible study, and Eleanor Congleton will be our hostess.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, February 19, 10:00 AM, in the Bradford Room

Becky Ernst will present the Bible study.

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

KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT



February 21-23, 2025

Madison Avenue Christian Church
Covington, KY

Madison Avenue Christian Church is so excited to be our host for the Kentucky Women's Choral Retreat! We hope you plan to join us - and invite others! We will begin on Friday evening and conclude with a performance in worship on Sunday morning.

Register on the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky website at www.ccinky.net. Contact Shari Caldarelli at shari.caldarelli@gmail.com, or call/text 859-322-5653 with any questions.

We are looking forward to once again singing together. All women who like to sing are invited (you don't have to be from a DOC congregation to join in!)

LOCAL OUTREACH

Crestwood has a history of generous giving in the community, and 2025 is no different. Every year the Local Outreach team makes decisions about how to use the monies allocated to us in the general operating budget. For 2025 we were allocated right at \$20,000. The agencies we selected for gifts of money are ones we have been supporting for many years. We also set aside money each month for the Blessing Box, which provides food to Crestwood's neighbors in need, and for the Bridge Fund, which allows us to help those in the community who need help with rent or utilities. Sheri Shaver and Steph Wallace work tirelessly to assess the needs of those who call in to see whether they fall within our ability to help them.

For 2025, our allocations are as follows:

- January, \$2000 to Step by Step
- February, \$3000 to Arbor Youth Services
- March, \$2000 to Natalie's Sisters
- May, \$1500 to New Life Day Center
- October, \$400 to Shop with a Cop
- December, \$1500 to Greenhouse17

Every month we allocate \$450 to the Bridge Fund (\$5400 per year) and \$350 (\$4200) to the Blessing Box.

In past years we have given money to the Lexington Rescue Mission and the Nest. In view of the \$100,000 gift from the endowment fund to the Mission in 2024, we decided we would not give a general support disbursement to them this year, and, because Crestwood supplies The Nest with \$8000 worth of food for food boxes, we have decided that will be our contribution to the agency this year.

Local Outreach is also working with DWM this year to send our contribution to a particular agency in the same month that DWM has a service project for that agency. We also hope to host leaders of each agency with which we work at Crestwood in the appropriate month, so the congregation can learn more about them.

As important as money is to each group we support, many also need hands-on volunteers. Crestwood serves a meal to Bible Study participants at the Lexington Rescue Mission on the second Wednesday of each month. We always need more people to provide food and/or to serve. Step by Step always needs people to play with the children who come with their moms on Thursday nights to their gatherings. New Life Day Center needs people to serve breakfast to the clients. There are many ways to be involved in the work that goes on in our community, to help people to flourish. I am so glad for the generous spirit at Crestwood, and I am grateful to serve with you.

FUNCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US!

FUNCH (FUN + LUNCH) is a monthly gathering for anyone interested in some fun fellowship and delicious food! We enjoy each other's company, catch up together, and enjoy yummy food at the same time. After lunch, we play BINGO for prizes! It is always an enjoyable time, so please join us if you can!

Our February FUNCH gathering will be on Friday, February 28, from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM in Chalice Hall. Bring a dish to share if you can. No RSVPs are needed!



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group - Chi Rho Room
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group - CYF Room

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, February 5

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 8

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room
1:00 PM - Youth meet at church for GreenHouse17 trip

Sunday, February 9

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service

Tuesday, February 11

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, February 12

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC3
2:00 PM - Safety & Security - Bradford Room

Thursday, February 13

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

Sunday, February 16

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall

Monday, February 17 - OFFICE CLOSED

ALL DAY - Youth and Families Ski Trip
6:45 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room

Tuesday, February 18

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 23

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 - Love in Action - Chalice Hall
4:00 PM - Combined Youth Groups - Chalice Hall

Monday, February 24

7:00 PM - Crestwood Book Club - Chi Rho Room

Wednesday, February 26

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

11:30 AM - FUNCH potluck - Chalice Hall

Children's Ministry

Missy Wallace



Dear Crestwood Families,

As we shake off the snowflakes of January, we are gearing up for an active season in the life of our church family. The kids are preparing valentines for school, and we continue to share the love of Christ throughout our community.

February kicks off with our "Souper Bowl of Caring" to help support families at Glendover Elementary and stock our blessing box. Pastor's Class for 5th graders and youth will begin in just a few short weeks. Lenten workshop is around the corner, and, believe it or not, it's time to announce this year's theme for Vacation Bible School!

Pack your bags and get ready as we dive into "The Secret Society of Disciples Explorers". Together, we will explore what it means to grow in our faith and follow the story of Moses. There will be adventures, games, stories, snacks, and of course...CONFETTI! Grab your passport and compass because you don't want to miss it! Pencil in June 23 - 26 in your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Whether you are traveling in the wilderness, marveling at miracles, or leaning into a new calling, know that you remain beloved children of God. It is a joy to serve with you as we walk this winding road together. Have a blessed February!

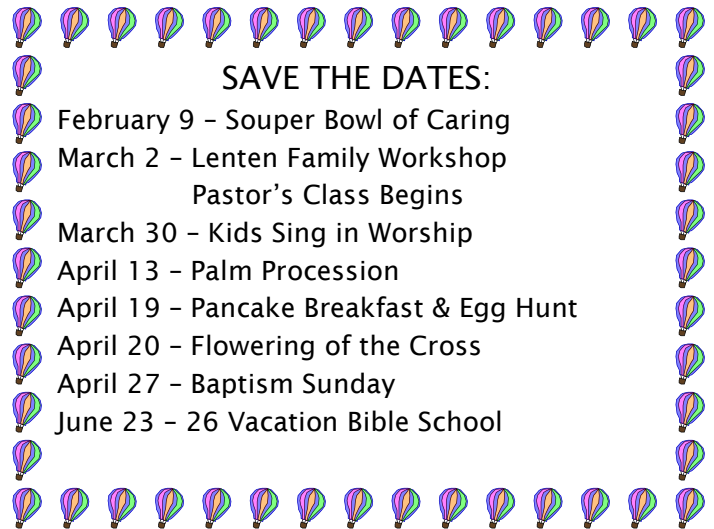
Cheers,
Missy

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us Sunday, February 2, for light refreshments and fellowship in the narthex after each service. Take a few moments to say hello and make a new friend.

HELP US RECYCLE!

Did you know that these little pre-packaged communion cups are meant to be recycled? There are blue recycling bins available at each exit from the sanctuary to encourage people to recycle these cups each week. Crestwood is committed to doing our part to care for God's creation and trying to be environmentally responsible. Now that we are back to enjoying fellowship events, we have purchased ceramic dishes and stainless steel cutlery to use, to limit the amount of plastic utensils and disposable plates we throw away. We know that we are called to be good stewards of God's creation, and we will continue to seek ways to be faithful to this call.



SAVE THE DATES:

- February 9 - Souper Bowl of Caring
- March 2 - Lenten Family Workshop
Pastor's Class Begins
- March 30 - Kids Sing in Worship
- April 13 - Palm Procession
- April 19 - Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt
- April 20 - Flowering of the Cross
- April 27 - Baptism Sunday
- June 23 - 26 Vacation Bible School

PICK-A-POTLUCK

In mid-February the Fellowship Team will be coordinating Pick-A-Potluck, where people will have the opportunity to host Crestwood attendees for dinner. Hosts will determine the date, time, menu, and capacity. Signups for hosts will begin in mid-February, and signups for potlucks will begin shortly thereafter. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other as our church family continues to grow. Be on the lookout for more information through our church communications.

Youth Corner

By Steph Wallace



Why did God create us? Certainly not out of need... God is not lacking in any way. God created us out of love, and, just as we were created by God's love, we were also created to love one another. Jesus taught us that the two greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. As a youth group we are always looking for ways to share our love with our neighbors, and in February we have two very special opportunities to do that through service projects.

The first is Greenhouse17's Shop & Share event! Greenhouse17 is a shelter for survivors of domestic violence and their children, located in rural Fayette County. We volunteer there every February for this special event. We will be working at Greenhouse17 from 1:30-4:00 PM on Saturday, February 8, stocking all the donations they take in that day. The van will leave from Crestwood at 1:00 PM and return by 4:30 PM. Please watch the weather and dress appropriately. Wear comfortable shoes, too! This is the day that Greenhouse17 takes in over 500,000 donated items for their shelter - there is so much work to be done, and we can make a difference through our love-led hard work!

The other special service project we have is to engage in a meaningful presentation from Love in Action speaker, Jeff Heron, who will be teaching us about homelessness in Lexington. The more we understand about the issue, the better equipped we will be to work for justice for our neighbors who are facing these struggles. We will finish this special Sunday by staying afterwards and making sack lunches for Hope Mobile. All youth are asked to help by bringing sandwich making supplies. Chi Rho youth, please bring a loaf of sliced bread. CYF youth, bring sliced American cheese. Please plan to join us that day to help share God's love with our neighbors!

Calendar of events for February, 2025:

Sunday, February 2: Regular Youth Group Meetings - Craft making/painting

- 4:00-5:00PM - Chi Rho meets in Chi Rho room
- 5:00-6:00PM - CYF meets in CYF room

We will be painting hinged, wooden heart boxes and wooden birdhouses suitable to give as a gift for Valentine's Day. Come join us for the fun, the creativity, and the fellowship!

Saturday, February 8: Combined Youth Service Project - Greenhouse17

- Meet at Crestwood at 1:00 PM to drive together in the van to the shelter. We will return to Crestwood by 4:30 PM. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water to drink.

Monday, February 17: Youth & Family Ski Trip to Perfect North!

- Van will leave Crestwood by 9:30 AM and return by about 6:30 PM. RSVP is necessary for this trip - Fill out the Google Form [HERE](#). Make checks payable to Crestwood Christian Church and indicate "ski trip" on the memo line, please. If you pay online, be sure to indicate "ski trip" in the description.

Sunday, February 23: Wake up with Wallace & Combined Youth Group

- 9:40 AM - Wake up with Wallace at Panera Bread (2300 Nicholasville Rd.)
- ALL youth meet from 4:00-5:30 PM in Chalice Hall. Love in Action speaker Jeff Heron teaching about homelessness in Lexington, followed by sandwich making for Hope Mobile
- Chi Rho - bring sliced bread
- CYF - bring sliced American Cheese

Please never hesitate to reach out to me if I can do anything for you or yours. 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!

IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORY OF BESS GOTT



IN MEMORY OF REV. ELLEN FROST

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



**RYAN BROWNING
(REAFFIRMING HIS MEMBERSHIP) AND
BRIANNA BROWNING (NEW MEMBER)**

Crestwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



OUR VISION

Connecting People to God and
Each Other

OUR MISSION

Crestwood Christian Church connects people to God and each other by being a community that welcomes and accepts all people; invites questions about how faith and life intersect; encourages people to take the next step in their spiritual journey; cares for each other and the stranger; and serves God through serving others.

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BOARD NOTES

At its January meeting the Administrative Board of the church discussed several agenda items:

- Our treasurer, Annetta Carter, reported that we finished 2024 over budget in pledges by \$7,281, which included being over budget \$26,332 in the month of December. In addition to that good news, we finished the year under budget in expenses by \$47,494.
- The Faithful Planning Committee gave an update on its work, which includes preparing to gather information from the congregation, organizations supported by our Local Outreach team, and outside groups that use the Mission Center. We'll use this data to evaluate our current vision and mission and to help us put together strategic goals for the future.
- Rick Tittmann reported on behalf of the Childcare Council that the administrative separation between the Childcare Center and the church is essentially complete. While this will in no way affect the day-to-day operation of the center or the relationship between the two entities, it does give the Center more freedom and authority as it moves forward as its own legal entity.

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.

Our first event will be on Sunday, February 23, at 4:00 PM in Chalice Hall. We'll welcome Jeff Herron, the manager of the LFUCG Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention. Jeff

will talk with us about the issue of homelessness in Lexington and how we can be part of the solution. We'll follow up Jeff's presentation with a sandwich-making service project for the HopeMobile. Please bring your big ears, your compassionate hearts, and your sandwich-making supplies as we learn how we can help "the least of these" in our community.



YOUTH SKI TRIP TO PERFECT NORTH

We are a youth group that believes in celebrating the joy we have as children of God - which means we like to have fun together! Every February we invite all our youth and their whole families to join us for the Perfect North Ski Trip! This year we will head up to the slopes on Monday, February 17. The cost is \$85 per person for skiing WITH equipment rental, or \$60 without equipment rental. If you prefer tubing, the cost is \$60 per person for four hours. If you want to join us that day, please fill out the Google form no later than February 7 by clicking [HERE](#). If you have questions, please reach out to Steph Wallace.



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THE CREST

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Return Service Requested

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, Pastoral Care Minister
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager
Mary Van Kesteren, Office Administrator
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist

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