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The Voice Of Crestwood United Methodist Church

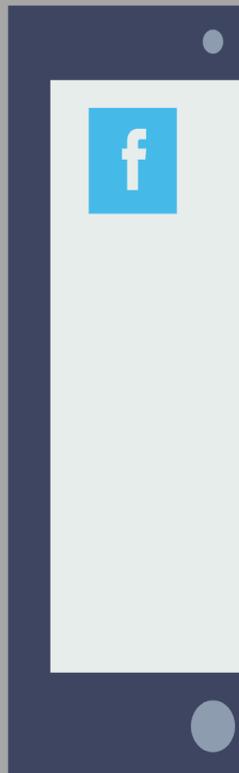
WATCH ONLINE

**LIVE STREAM
SERVICE
11:00AM**

11:00

LIVE ON FACEBOOK

[HTTP://FB.COM/CRESTWOODUMC](http://fb.com/crestwoodumc)



Our Campus is closed until further notice.

If you need help, prayer or anything else,
please contact the church office.

(502) 241-8984

We are still holding services every Sunday at
11:00 live on Facebook. If you can't make
Sunday at 11:00AM, the services will be
posted to our YouTube Channel on Mondays.

The links are available on our website:

www.CrestwoodMethodist.com

APRIL GAFFA

Cancelled until further notice.

From the Church Office

During the quarantine time, as recommended by the government, our office will be staffed in the mornings with one person from 9:00AM—12:00PM on Monday through Friday. One staff member will be present to take your calls and handle business needs. The doors on campus are locked. You will need to call the office when you arrive. (502) 241-8984.

Your church leadership is meeting remotely via Zoom.

The locks to all exterior buildings have been changed. When the campus opens again, please know you will need a new key to enter any building. This is being managed by our trustees.

We miss all of you!

2020 Giving Through March 31

Giving for 2020: \$180,803

Budget Needed: \$181,220

April Meetings & Events

At the time of publication, all events are cancelled. This includes the egg hunt and fish fry. Sunday Services online only at 11:00AM on Facebook.

Contact your Ministry Team or Sunday School leader for online meeting options.

Birth Announcements

Good News! Congratulations to the Holders! Dave and Linda Holder want you to know that they have an addition to their family. A new grandson, Brandt Waylon Holder was born March 18, 2020 in Davenport, Iowa. Brandt's parents are Trafton (Dave and Linda's son) and his wife, CJ. Brandt's great grandfather is Billy Potts.

Congratulations also to Krystal Knuth and her husband! On March 26th at 4:09 AM Krystal gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Olivia Marie Knuth was 18.5 inches long and weighed 6lbs. 4oz. Olivia's grandparents are Paul and Dee Knuth.

Let's celebrate with these families and thank God for these sweet babies. Please lift Brandt and Olivia and their families up in your prayers.



Letter From the Finance Committee

Members of Crestwood United Methodist Church,

Our community and our church family are living in an unprecedented time. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives in so many ways. The church leaders want you to know our first priority is the health and safety of our members, their families, and of our church staff. We would also like to acknowledge the physical, mental, and financial impact this crisis is having on the members of the church. The best way for us to get through this difficult time is to continue to lean on and support each other where possible.

The Finance team believes it is our duty to be good stewards of the church's finances. With that in mind, the finance team would like

to give you an update on our financial status amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Giving through March 2020 is \$180,800, which is very close to our first quarter budget of \$181,250.
- We want to thank you especially for your continued giving during the weeks we have been unable to congregate in person. During the last week of March alone, CUMC received \$28,932: about one sixth of all the contributions this year so far. Thank you to those that have given ahead!

The church is in sound financial shape currently and does not have any debt. With that said, we will only be able to continue to meet our financial obligations each month, with your support. The essential monthly expenses for the church are approximately \$42,000. This monthly total includes Staff Salaries/Benefits, Insurance, and Utilities. The Kentucky Conference is temporarily waiving some expenses that we usually pay to the conference, which will allow us to operate with fewer expenses. If giving continues to meet our essential monthly expenses, then very little will change. However, giving under this level will result in changes to the church's financial situation.

The finance team is communicating regularly with our Senior Pastor, Staff Parrish Relations Committee, The Council on Ministries, Trustees, and the Administrative Board to make sure we are taking the appropriate steps to reduce spending and keep the church financially stable for the short and long term.

The Church Leaders have decided on the following initial short-term measures to control our monthly expenses:

- 1) Trustees will not initiate any new projects (Note: The current roof repairs are being paid for by the Church's Property Insurance)
- 2) Trustees have made some adjustments to ensure we are keeping our energy expenses to a minimum
- 3) Council on Ministries is reviewing all new spending (Mission obligations are currently being met)
- 4) SPRC is assessing current payroll requirements and the potential need to reduce salary costs

We would like to encourage you to continue to consider Online Giving as your primary mode of giving to the church. Online Giving is the most efficient way to give during this difficult time. It is also safer than mailing or hand delivering to our church mailbox each week. Instructions for Online Giving can be found on the CUMC website and members of the church staff are more than happy to walk you through how to give online, if necessary. If you are able, please continue to meet your weekly or monthly pledges to the church.

If you are in need in this difficult time, please reach out to one of the church leaders or church staff, we are here to help. We are all in this TOGETHER and we will get through this difficult time for our church and our community TOGETHER! Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in person at church soon.

May God keep you in his warm and comforting embrace,

CUMC Finance Team

Worship Corner

Dear Church Family:

As we navigate through this time of COVID-19, please know that we are praying and working to bring us all together for a time of online Sunday morning worship. We're utilizing the technology available to us while keeping our distance and numbers below 10. It has been a blessing to hear Robby Grubb's phenomenal marimba playing and being able to make a joyful noise with Abby Keller! Having Pastor Rodney and choir director Robin Mozer from Mt. Tabor UMC along side us is an added blessing.

For a time, our worship will be different. It will not look, sound or feel familiar. But my hope and prayer are that during this time, we will all find new ways to seek God's face, voice, and touch in our lives. As worship takes place perhaps on the couch in your PJ's or maybe sharing Holy Communion with Cheerios and orange juice, know that you are not alone. Rom.15:5-6 *"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"*.

When our worship resumes, one of the pieces you will be hearing is "We Are Not Alone" by Pepper Choplin. Here's a link to previous performance with Lane Kindig singing the solo!

<https://youtu.be/aAQSQJ4DIpE>

1 John 4:12: No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

John 14:16: And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

Matthew 1:23: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Prayerfully yours, Valerie Keller

Faith & Service Circle Bake Sale

The Faith and Service Circle invites you to our annual bake sale, Mother's Day, May 10. Please come to the Dot King Fellowship Hall after each of the Sunday morning services to purchase some delicious baked goods.

This is our only fundraiser for the year. Money raised will be used to support our local missions.

Thank you for your help.

Discipleship—Know, Show, Grow

Know. Grow. Show. Discipleship Inspiration

The following devotion was written by Sarah Young and taken from her book, Jesus Always, pg. 81. As in all her devotional writing, Jesus Always is written from the perspective of Jesus speaking directly to you the reader, consistent with Biblical truth.

Strive to live more fully in the present, refusing to worry about tomorrow. Striving involves devoting serious effort and energy to something; it usually includes struggle. You must exert continual effort if you want to live present-tense in My Presence. I urge you to make Me the major pursuit of your everyday life.

It's essential to resist the temptation to worry. You live in a fallen world, full of sin and struggles – you will never run short of things that can provoke anxiety. However, remember that each day has enough trouble of its own. I carefully calibrate the amount of difficulty you will encounter on a given day. I know exactly how much you can handle with My help. And I'm always near – ready to strengthen, encourage, and comfort you.

Pursuing a close walk with Me is the best way to live in the present. Keep bringing your thoughts back to Me whenever they wander. Return to Me joyfully, beloved. I will take great delight in you and rejoice over you with singing.

Matthew 6:34 ***“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”***

Isaiah 41:10 ***“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”***

Zephaniah 3:17 ***“The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with his love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”***

Sewing Ministry Steps Up To Help

The members of our sewing ministry used the supplies they had on hand to make 50 masks for a local hospital.

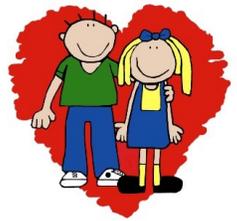
This past March they were donated to a hospital on Brownsboro Rd.



Preschool News

April is usually a very busy month at preschool. Due to the shutdown, like everyone else, we have been keeping in touch with each other in other ways. Teachers are sending “work” to their families, families are texting pictures and messages to their teachers, and Tina is posting websites offering preschool activities daily on our social media pages. We all miss each other and pray we are back at preschool before this school year is over.

CUMC Preschool hopes to offer a couple weeks of summer camp following preschool graduation for recent graduates and children enrolled for next year. What we will be able to offer will depend on when we get the all clear to open again. Please contact Tina for more information, email (Tina@CrestwoodMethodist.com) or call the preschool (553-9362).



Thank you for your support of our ministry, Tina

New Member Nell Graham

For the most part every member of this congregation feels fortunate for one reason or another. But about a month ago another thing happened at Crestwood UMC that we should all feel good about. That is that Nell Graham became a member of our church family. Nell, once lived in Nashville, Tennessee, then Louisville and now Pewee Valley. While those things may be of some interest to you the main thing you need to know is that Nell is 91 years old! Now how often do we have a person join our church at the age of ninety-one? We have others that age who are long time members, but seldom does anyone that age seek us out, and become a member. Nell says very openly “Being a Christian is my life. I have a brother who is a Methodist minister in Tennessee, I have great faith and have always been an active member of church.” She says that the warmth and good sermons she found at CUMC was the thing she needed to make her life in Pewee Valley complete. Nell is the mother of two, she plays bridge and has a good sense of humor. For instance her answer to where she was employed was jokingly answered with: “It was too long ago to remember.” You are encouraged to get acquainted with our Nell. You will be glad you did.

Triple L—Senior Ministry

During this time of isolation please do not forget to call each other, talk by phone and check on those who are homebound. Write letters, send note cards and use the old fashioned methods of communication. I am encouraging each of you to carve out time each day for prayer. I will resume my prayer walks at Maple Park in Crestwood. Anyone who would like to join me, please call to schedule a day/time. Any of you that would like to bring your children, and grandchildren for a visit to my farm in Pewee Valley, I'm offering some outdoor space to run and play, pet the horses and play outside. You can bring a sack lunch and spend a couple hours. Let me know if you plan to come by and I'll leave my gate open. We will get through this together and with God's grace. I am thankful for each of you and pray for your physical, mental and spiritual health.

I'll let you know when we will meet again.

Faithfully serving,

Joy Tabler Senior Adult Ministry Team Leader 417-6725

Blessings in a Backpack

Dear Friends,

We have 3 local south campus schools that are doing Blessings in a Backpack every Friday. They can use our help with food.

Crestwood 30 families
Camden Station 25 families
South Oldham Middle School 25 families

I put a box at the Kilgus House for donations. Bill and I shopped at Walmart and we were able to find peanut butter, soups, canned vegetables and fruit, mac and cheese, granola bars, oatmeal and peanut butter and crackers.

Please be the helpers. You can also make a check out to the church with Blessings in a Backpack in the memo line.

Thank you,
Bobbie And Bill

Men's Bible Study

Open to all guys - regardless of age or experience. Starting Wednesday April 8, Russ Broomell will lead an 8-week discussion through 8 of John Wesley's 21 questions. These are questions to ask yourself and each other as we walk this journey of faith together. We'll look at bible passages that surround them, and talk about why they matter today as much as they did all those years ago.

There is no formal curriculum or book to buy. Details of each lesson will go out by email and SMS weekly before each class. If you miss a week, you won't miss out.

We'll look at doing the study by online video meeting for now. And we will meet face to face at some point, God willing. We'll figure out what day/time works best to continue a longer term Men's Bible Study after we do the initial 8 weeks.

It's guaranteed that you'll laugh, you'll think, you'll learn, and maybe you'll even be challenged during our time together. There is something powerful that happens when the men of the Church gather together to pray and study. Join in and see!

Interested in getting more info? Maybe joining in? Please go to <https://bit.ly/crestwoodmbs> (all lower case) and leave Russ your contact info. Or text Russ at 502-418-5751.

No pressure :)

Children's Ministry



VBS

Crestwood UMC
July 13-17, 2020



Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School 2020

Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor!

Our noble castle adventures will take place from 9am to 12 noon, July 13 through 17. VBS is open for children age 4 through current 5th graders and includes daily snacks, crafts, science, games, songs, Bible stories, and more! Please register online through the VBS link on the church's website www.crestwoodmethodist.com/vbs

Team Members Needed for a Quest to Knights of North Castle

We're going on a quest this year and we need you to join us on our way to Knights of North Castle. Check out the volunteer online registration at www.crestwoodmethodist.com/vbs to sign up for opportunities to serve, lead, and most of all, HAVE FUN at the VBS adventures at Knights of North Castle.

Join us as we explore the quest for the King's Armor!



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 1

Pat Johnson

Dave Nuermberger

April 3

Carol Eisman

Dan Workman

April 6

Joe Spinks, Sr.

April 9

Jeff Hamilton

Vanessa Rawson

April 10

April Gresham

Billie Hicks

Dustin Jones

Mary Ellen Spencer

Bert Stoess

April 11

Evelyn Redfield

April 12

Gregory Hack

David Thompson

April 13

Severn Pollitt

April 14

Paula Burke

Collin Higgs

Kim Tribolet

April 16

Hope Forseth

Pat Steed

April 17

Katie Freeman

Hannah Kittle

April 19

Doris Bard

April 21

Madison Tiller

April 22

Lisa Kieseewetter

April 23

Taylor Nunn



April 25

Christy Baker

Josh Slone

Margaret Turner

April 27

Anthony Ferrera

April 28

Terri Rabbeth

April 30

Beverly Lewis

April Anniversaries



April 1- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Rabbeth

April 2- Mr. & Mrs. Alan Fryrear

April 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knuth

April 12 - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Hodge

April 15—Mr. & Mrs. Jay Youngblood

April 16—Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Howerton

April 22—Mr. & Mrs. John Ball

April 26—Rev. & Mrs. Steve Rudy

April 27—Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ensminger

April 28—Mr. & Mrs. Richie Rash

April 29—Mr. & Mrs. Joe Davis

Please remember in prayer

By Request:

Connie Armstrong, Sandy Ball, Carol Blair, Melva Blair, Madie Bohnlein, Paula Burke, Bob Bynum, Karen Carter and Family, Sydney Chapman, Bonnie Cruz, Betty Deibel, Renee, Tim & Jared Densler, Logan Dewitt (brain tumor,) Stephanie Doring, Lindsey Doyen, Susanne Doyle, Sam Doyle, John Eaves, Drew Esposito (4 yr. old with cancer), The Family of Dave Evans, Billy Fisher, Walter Forbey, Dee Foster, Rose Frazar, Alan Fryrear, Henry Gagnon (11 yr old with cancer), Sharon Ganslen, Jennifer Goodin, Bob and Lindy Graham, Atleah Grubb, Robbie Grubb, Roberta Hafele, Cathy Henney, Kim Hamilton, Cobbie Harrison, Addison Hasten, George and Barbara Hemphill, John Hendrickson, Michelle Hendrickson, Anna Hennings, Gordon Hettinger, Blanche Jernigan, Pat Johnson, John and Mona Jones, Lewis Jones, Lisa Jones, Mona Jones, Wayne Jones, Lydia Kieseewetter, Jackie and the family of Jim Little, Joyce Lochner, Ruth Lockyer, George Manning, Linda Martin, Bill Martin, Laura Mason, Hugh McBurney, Katy McDaniel, Heather Graham McLaughlin, Joyce Moberly, Patrick Moore, Tommy Moore, Tom Morgan, Bob Ogburn, Melanie Parrish, Tom & Carol Payne, Joanne & Larry Pitchford, Billy Potts and Family, Dolores Rawson, Hope Ray, Margaretta Roy, Lizzie Sheridan, Eleanor Shuster, Joe Slone, Connor Stewart, Brenda Thompson, The family of Hazel Trummer, Rita Vaught, Eddie Ward, Ryan Warner, Steve Weber, Sara Westerman, Dawson Whitaker, Sarah Williams, Jon Wisdom and family.

Our Missionaries:

Christian & Angelica Dickson, Stephen & Beth Dupree, Tim & Jennifer Goshorn, Debbie Kitchel, Jim & Mary Newman, Mark & Rebecca Smallwood, and all the people with whom they serve.

Our Military:

Adam Bullard, Alex Bullard, Dale Carter, Patrick Davis, Nicolas Ferrera, Will Hanna, Dylan Hinson, Alex Hodges, Lisa Kieseewetter, Mike Hieb, William Scritchfield, Tyler Stewart.



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