# January 2022



# **The Voice** Of Crestwood United Methodist Church



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# **From the Church Office**

As we close 2021, we want to thank everyone who has helped the church this year spiritually, financially and physically. Thank you to all of our leaders and volunteers who have helped guide us through the many challenges this year has presented to our church. We wish you all a happy and healthy 2022.

### 2021 Giving Update:

### Giving for 2021: \$687,940

### **January Meetings & Events**

SPRC Meeting—January 10th Finance Team Meeting—January 17th—7PM—Library Preschool Snow-day Makeup—Jan 14th & 28th Trustees Meeting—January 27th Costa Rica Mission Trip—January 29—February 6

## Uh, what is Text To Give?

**Did you know you can automate your giving each week through online giving?** —In 2010, we introduced online giving. In 2022 we continue to use this as a method for secure giving online via credit cards and checking transfers (ACH).

Have you seen "Text To Give" in the bulletin? —It's a new way to give online to the church and for special offerings.

What is Text To Give? — It's a new way to give to Crestwood UMC via text messaging on your cellular phones. It works on all cell phone platforms. It is the same provider as, and an extension of, our current online giving system.

**Do you already give online?** - If you already have an online giving account setup, you can use Text To Give anytime. You need to verify the phone number of your cell phone is associated with your current online giving account.

**Do I need to setup another account to use Text To Give?** - No. If you have an account setup with our online giving system, you are already setup. You need to double check the phone number on your online giving account to make sure it matches the phone number of the cell phone doing the texting.

I don't have an online giving account. Can I still use Text To Give? - Yes. You will need to create an account via the online giving system. After you send the text, you will be prompted by the system to setup the account and it can be done from your phone. You only need to do the setup once. After your account is created, all you have to do is "Text To Give".

**How do I Text To Give?** - We have our own dedicated phone number. <u>The phone number is (502) 236-9447</u>. Type that number into your message as the destination number. In the body of your text type the amount you wish to give and the word "offering". It will default to the general fund offering. We have and will on occasion setup text codes for special offerings. For example, we used "tornado" to allow for donations to be made to the recovery efforts in Western Kentucky.

Contact Delores in the church office for more information or assistance.



### One Team. One Purpose. Many Gifts.

First Corinthians 13 is a famous chapter of scripture. Most of the time you hear it in weddings. Many times people can recite it from memory. It is noted as the "love chapter." This passage of scripture flows from First Corinthians 12. This chapter talks about the body of Christ and the gifts of the spirit that produce love in our world. An overarching theme in chapter twelve is that though we are many and though we have different talents and strengths we make up one body. The body of Christ. Each of us has a role to play and each role is immensely important.

So it is with the church. We are ONE TEAM with ONE PURPOSE and we have MANY GIFTS that help our Crestwood UMC become a totally devoted people called to give, act and serve as Jesus.

**ONE TEAM**: Our church is made up of many parts, but we are one team with Christ as our leader. We are made up of committees and ministries. We are made up of unique people with a unique calling on their lives. That makes us a unique church. Crestwood United Methodist Church has to act as one team in order to function at the highest level. The youth team can't say to the children's council, "we don't need you!" The staff parish team can't say to the trustees, "your work is not important." No, each part of the body is needed and each part must work together to live into the possibilities God has for us. Our staff and administrative leaders have been working hard to work as one team. A great example of this is that our trustees, finance and preschool worked together as a team to replace 300 LED lights on our campus that are having an immediate impact on our utilities cost! It is amazing what we can accomplish as ONE TEAM! Another example is our hospitality, communications and trustees teams have come together to work on signage that will go up around our campus welcoming people to our church. ONE TEAM!

**ONE PURPOSE**: Crestwood UMC is a caring church that invites, connects, equips and serves through Jesus Christ. Our mission helps us live into our VISION that Crestwood UMC will be a totally devoted people called to give, act and serve as Jesus. Our vision and mission were adopted in June of 2018. We live into our vision by using our

**MANY GIFTS:** From all parts of the body to invite, connect, equip and serve through Jesus Christ. In other words, your gifts matter and you are a vital part of Crestwood UMC! Over the next couple months you will be encouraged to learn your spiritual gifts and fill out an interest survey on how you would like to serve at Crestwood UMC. Our Lay Leadership Team will use this information to help you serve in areas of your giftedness and passions. We want to make sure that people are serving in the ways that God has designed them to produce fruit! Fruit that will last.

Throughout 2022 you will hear over and over that we are ONE TEAM with ONE PURPOSE and we have MANY GIFTS that help Crestwood UMC become a totally devoted people called to give, act and serve as Jesus. My hope is that we can see God do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine and I'm so excited to see what God does in your life and in the life of the church.

ONE TEAM. ONE PURPOSE. MANY GIFTS.

In Christ,

Pastor Derek



### **Worship Corner**

### Looking over the past year, one word quickly comes to mind: BLUR!!

Not only did it fly by with warp speed, but many of you know that in December I had eye surgery for a detached retina....in December...one of the busiest seasons of the church AND just two weeks before our big Christmas program with sister churches Covenant and Mt. Tabor UMC! Successful recovery was heavily dependent upon face down positioning for 45 minutes of each waking hour, for 7 days to keep the gas bubble in place. While blessed with overwhelming help and support from my family, the Lord surrounded me with prayers, goodness, and mercy from our church family! Joan Bryant located a face down/massage chair that made all the difference. There were wonderful phone calls from folks who knew experientially how much a good conversation can feed the soul; and Facebook posts of people praying for me. For the first few days, my mind was racing and stressing over all the things I could/should/would be doing. Let me tell you how good God is! In retrospect, there were decisions made about the Christmas program that worked together for His purpose. We had decided that Covenant's director would choose and direct the Canticles, Mt. Tabor's director would choose and direct an unaccompanied spiritual, and that I would play with the chamber orchestra that Crestwood UMC hosted. Early on we had our separate rehearsals but came together here for several Saturday morning sessions. Covenant's accompanist had also learned the music and therefore was able to cover when I couldn't be there; plus, they scheduled an extra Wednesday night run through at Covenant. Thanks be to God I was cleared by the ophthalmologist to resume most normal activities and was able to play for the dress rehearsal and performance. From the very first opening "Gloria in excelsis Deo" which means, Glory to God in the Highest, it felt like Heaven on earth! Everyone could just feel the electricity in the sanctuary, which held over 550 people that evening, including the families of CUMC Preschool children who sang with our children's choir: Joyful Noize. A very special thanks to the Preschool's music teacher, Ms. Mary M. for her special coordination along with our Heather Spoonamore and Carol Blair. And a very BIG thank you to our anonymous donor, who covered the cost of the chamber orchestra!

Thank you church for your prayers and support throughout 2021 and all the complexities of life during a pandemic. A very special thank you to those that make music happen at CUMC: Adult Choir, Praise Band, Ruth Ann Beard, Brandi Lavrich, Steve Rudy, and some of our youth who provide special solos: Kayli and Connor Adams, Shaan Shabeer, Clara Lavrich, and Luke Davidson.

Lastly, we are so blessed with an amazing Tech Team that has worked very hard to make sure everything is running smoothly on Sundays. They've put in extra volunteer time to adjust for network and other issues that have occurred. Many Sundays some of these folks have worked BOTH services. Welcome to our two new Tech Team members in 2021, Ian Hall and John Slider! Here is a complete list of our team:

Connor Adams (sound tech), Kayli Adams (screens), Nick Bradley (head camera tech), Russ Broomell (consultant), David Bryant (screens), Eric Grubb (streaming computer), Ian Hall (cameras/streaming), Elias Lavrich (cameras), Brian Moore (sound tech), Carmen and Hunter (worship and tech support), Riley Moore (screens and stream sound) Brad Pabian (coordinator, sound tech), Emily Robinette (screens) and John Slider (cameras/streaming).

Happy and Blessed New Year! Valerie

# **Medical & Safety**

Happy New Year! Currently Kentucky finds itself in the middle of a COVID-19 surge at 14.46%. As of December 30, Oldham County is in the red with an incident rate of 67.4. [kycovid19.ky.gov (egov.com)]

The Crestwood UMC Medical and Safety Team feels it is best to follow the guidance of the state, Oldham County Health Department and Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (see guidance below). In hopes of loving God and our neighbor to our fullest ability and doing no harm beginning Sunday, January 2 we are implementing the following guidance. These guidelines will stay in effect through January 2022.

#### Crestwood UMC COVID-19 Guidelines

If you feel sick please worship from home and do not attend group gatherings at Crestwood UMC.

If you have tested positive for COVID or have been exposed please follow CDC Guidelines. CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population.

We **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** that all people wear a mask and socially distance at indoor group functions at Crestwood United Methodist Church. Masks will be available at the door if needed.

<u>All staff will be wearing a mask at indoor group functions.</u> <u>All volunteers working with children and youth are re-</u> <u>quired to wear a mask.</u> We are asking that all Sunday morning worship volunteers wear a mask.

Thank you for your spirit and understanding as we navigate recommendations and guidance during COVID-19. Please be in prayer for people who are sick, medical professionals, our school system, church and leaders. Our Medical and Safety Team are committed to safety, unity within our congregation, proactive decisions and communication while trying to continue to provide the ministries our church and community need.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact the church. In Christ, The Medical and Safety Team

### **Christian Companions**

# Christian Companions

Any adults wishing to volunteer as a "Christian Companion" will need to complete a Background Check and, attend Safe Sanctuary training January 27 from 6:00-7:00PM.

We are still accepting volunteers and sign-ups for those seniors needing us to visit.

Please contact Joy Tabler for more details. 417-6725 joytabler@gmail.com



# **Local Missions**

#### Laundry Love and Laundry Love Food Pantry Local Missions

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Laundry Love and the Laundry Love Food Pantry located at the Crestwood Coin Laundry. We have 6 shelves to fill with canned and boxed goods and personal care items. We also have a refrigerator and a freezer. Five local churches take turns filling it for a month year round. A **big thank you to Jan Hill and Little Bits of Love** for her continuous support of the Food Pantry as well as Donnie Jones who helps deliver food to the pantry.

Our months this year are April and September. We are responsible for Laundry Love which includes tide pods, fabric softener sheets and 25 \$20 gift cards to be used for washers and dryers. We hope to be able to go in person but have been doing laundry love bags during the pandemic. We are also responsible for the food pantry those two months. We are to keep it stocked with perishable and non-perishable food as well as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. Personal care items go quickly. We try to restock every Friday for the weekend and then again on a Monday. Donations can be taken to the Crestwood coin laundry any time or left in the church office or in the glass doors of the gym building (CLC). Thank you for Feeding our neighbors and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

### **Granny's Christmas Angels**

Thank you so much for supporting Granny's Christmas Angels again this year by adopting a child and for the cash donations and gift cards. We have been doing this program since 1985. We were able to help 50 local kids again this year with clothes, toys and gift cards for Christmas. Each year our church does Granny's Christmas Angels. Mary "Granny" Gardner loved helping children. She was always a cheerful giver!

Thank you to Methodist Women's Faith and Service Circle, Methodist Men, Heaven Bound Class, Joy Class and Upward Journey Class for adopting a family for Christmas each year. The receiving families really appreciate it.

### **Barry Stoess Christmas Food Baskets**

Thank you so much for making the Barry Stoess Christmas Food Baskets a huge success again this year. We were able to help over 300 local families with 4 boxes of food. It takes a village and a big gym to make it work. Thank you for the use of the CLC and gym. It is perfect for this project. A big thank you Pastor Derek, Pastor Kim and Delores for all of your love, help and support with this Christmas Food Basket project.

Thank you to everyone for the donations of cash, canned and boxed goods, and personal care items. Thank you to Jeff and friends for donating 300 board games. We appreciate the Crestwood Methodist Preschool for donating soup and Baby Jesus shoebox gifts every year. Thank you to Jeff Moody and our Boy Scouts for collecting food for scouting for food, physically putting the boxes together, filling the boxes and helping on delivery day. Thanks to your continued support of our church, the Mission Team also donated a \$2000 check for Christmas hams again this year. Thank you to Methodist Men and Methodist Women for your financial support each year. Thank you to all the Sunday School classes and to MOPS for the food and cash donations and for helping put the baskets together.

We all worked together to be the hands and feet of Jesus feeding our neighbors. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It was wonderful to have so many hands help fill the boxes in the gym and to see the boxes leave to go to 300 families on that Saturday. We are so glad to be a part of such a caring, sharing, loving church family. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Love, Bobbie Stoess and Bill Potts

### **New Faces**

# **Meet Our Newest Members**



**GRACE & BILE COLE** 



MARY GRACE POLLITT



**VICKI & JOHN SLIDER** 



THE KOCH FAMILY

# **Discipleship Opportunities for 2022**

Monday Nights, beginning January 3rd, a men's group will be studying the characters of I Samuel, including Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, Jonathan and others. This group meets at 7:00 pm in the CLC HeavenBound Classroom. Please come and join! If you have an interest, contact Andy Sears at <u>acsears5273@gmail.com</u> or 396-9426.

Monday Nights, beginning mid/late January, a women's study will be led by Laurel Crimm. The study will review the main truths and realities of Revelation. Themes of study will include God, worship, the Holy Spirit, our enemies, Jesus Christ, judgment, the new creation and perseverance. Contact Laurel Crimm at <u>laurelcrimm@gmail.com</u>.

Wednesday Nights, as GAFFA resumes (January 12), there will be at least two discipleship opportunities. Russ Broomell will be leading a chapter by chapter study of the a Gospel of John. Although this study is already underway, you are welcome and encouraged to join at any time. The group meets in the CLC Upward Journey classroom and on Zoom at 6:45 pm. Contact Russ at <u>russbroomell@gmail.com</u> for additional information.

Wednesday nights, beginning January 12, The Chosen video series will be viewed and discussed. This class will be lead by Torsten and Rachel Hopp. All are welcome. For questions, contact Torsten at <a href="https://tenantimetricol.com">thtps://tenantimetricol.com</a>.

Thursday mornings at 10:00 am, beginning January 6th, a women's study will be meeting in the CLC Open Door classroom. The booklet, entitled Woman of God will be used for ten weeks. It's a study of both a godly character and Bible characters who serve to teach us. Come join WOW (Women of the Well) and enjoy a fulfilling hour on Thursdays. Rose Sears will facilitate; contact her at <u>sears8108@att.net</u> to get registered.

Saturday mornings at 6:45, beginning January 8, a men's group will meet for coffee, donuts and Bible Study. Russ Broomell will be leading discussion in the Dot King Fellowship Hall. No homework and zero preparation required! Bring a friend. Bring a relative. Bring your teenage son (not younger children - no nursery available). Russ can be reached at <u>russbroomell@gmail.com</u>.

Your Discipleship Team encourages the entire CUMC Church Family to get involved in one or more of these new study opportunities in this new year! If you don't see a study that meets your time or interest needs, why not consider starting your own small group to study scripture. The Discipleship Team will happily assist you with a start-up effort. Feel free to contact any one of the team members: Andy Sears, Rose Sears, Tom Carter, Russ Broomell, Laurel Crimm, Beth Vaughn, Amy Logsdon, and Vernon Hodge.

# Women's Weekday Small Groups





# WOMENS BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY MORNINGS @10:00AM

BEGINS FEBRUARY 3RD IN THE SANCTUARY

Is faith-building one of your New Year's resolutions? WOW! The Women of the Well invite all ladies to come study the Bible with us in 2022.

We meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays in the Open Door Classroom of the CLC. We also meet on Zoom. This winter WOW will discuss ten lessons from the booklet entitled <u>Woman of God</u>. It's a study of both female Biblical characters and Biblical character qualities. Together we gain instruction and inspiration to be and to do what glorifies God, which leads to a life of fulfillment. Hope to see you soon: Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 10 o'clock!

Register now and/or direct questions to: Rose Sears (552-2027) sears8108@att.net

### **Bible Study Opportunities**

# **MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

# IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

**COFFEE AND DONUTS @6:45 STUDY BEGINS @7:00AM** 

# **MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

AT 7:00PM CONTACT: ANDY SEARS ACSEARS5272@GMAIL.COM

# **MEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:30PM

CONTACT: RUSS BROOMELL RUSSBROOMELL@GMAIL.COM



Wednesday Night Programming

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT GAFFA JANUARY 19

### THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY 6:30-7:45PM OPEN DOOR CLASSROOM #105

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

6:30-7:30PM UPWARD JOURNEY CLASSROOM #202/203

HOSPITALITY HOUR GYM - THE DINNER TABLES

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:30-7:45PM IN THE SANCTUARY

### CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL/EDUCATION BLDG. PRESCHOOL, K-2ND & TWEENERS (3RD-5TH) 6:00 - 6:30PM PLAYGROUND TIME 6:30 - 7:00PM CHILDREN'S CHOIRS 7:00 - 7:45PM SMALL GROUPS NURSERY AVAILABLE 5:30-8:00PM

YOUTH GROUP JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MEET IN THE SANCTUARY BASEMENT

DINNER: 5:30-7:00PM DISCIPLESHIP: 6:45-7:45PM WINTER PRICING: ADULTS \$5 CHILDREN UNDER 18 FREE

GROWTH

FELLOWSHIP

## **Youth Program Update**

### **JANUARY 2022**

# **YOUTH NEWS**

### AN UPDATE OF OUR MINISTRY

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Sunday morning, December 5th, our kiddos started working at the crack of dawn getting ready for our annual pancake breakfast. Everything was youth led from hosts, to servers, to pancake flippers, to bussing tables, to dishwashers... you name it, they were doing it! Many thanks to parents and volunteers who provided everything needed to make the breakfast possible.



We raised over \$1500 thanks to our generous congregation and all who supported this fundraiser. All donations went directly towards buying gifts for our Buechel UMC family!



### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND WRAPPING

We took a trip to Walmart and divided and conquered to buy gifts for 60 children and 20 teenagers. Many of the kids we shop for are from African refugee camps and Swahili communities as well as Hispanic communities. We bought gifts such as soccer balls, dolls, legos, card games, pop sockets, etc. Once all the gifts are individually wrapped, we separate them in labeled bags easy for transport to Buechel UMC. Our youth love doing this and its awesome to watch these young folks be so selfless and giving!

### Youth Program, cont.

### **JANUARY 2022**

### CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BUECHEL UMC

The Saturday before Christmas we took all the wrapped gifts down to Buechel UMC who hosted a Christmas party. In the group photo below you can see youth and adults both from Crestwood and Buechel! The kids played games together, had lunch, worship, cookie decorating and then we sent them home with Christmas presents!





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I WAS SO LUCKY TO HAVE MET ALL OF THE WONDERFUL FAMILIES AT **BUECHEL! THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS** PURE JOY WHILE GETTING TO PLAY WITH THE KIDS AND CELEBRATE THE SEASON. FOR ME, THEY SHOWED WHAT IT IS REALLY LIKE TO HAVE TRUE **CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND JESUS IN ONE'S HEART. I HAVE NEVER MET SUCH GRATEFUL AND KIND PEOPLE WHO** WELCOMED CRESTWOOD INTO THEIR FUN GAMES AND CONVERSATIONS. I CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR AND FEEL **TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE GOTTEN TO MEET BUECHEL AND ITS PEOPLE."** - SARAH RICHTER



# **January Birthdays & Anniversaries**

January 1 **Bill Davis** January 2 Patsy Stoess **David Vaughan** January 3 Mary Evans January 4 Adam Forseth Barbara Goodlett January 5 Gene Crady **Ralynn Haruff** Lois Vaughn January 6 Georgiana Doty **Richard loos** Will Norwood January 7 John Bowman Doris Jean Deibel Bill Potts, III **January 8** Nick Bradley **Rick Calvert** 

January 9 Zach Spoonamore January 11 **Klaus Mullinex** Milt Stoess **Trent Ulrich** January 14 Jennifer Johnson Eddie Turner Michaela Watts January 15 **Ralph Hart** Lydia Kiesewetter Andrew Spinks January 17 **Randall Potts** January 18 **Clay Carter** Sue Hart Linda Holder Linda Kimmel January 19 John Moberly II **Ginny Mullinex** January 21 Mindy Nakamura Joan Thompson Cayden Tiller



January 22 Sarah Rash January 23 Cathy Henney January 26 Michele Edling January 28 Buddy Kittle Joe Stoess Brenda Thompson Larry Wiegand January 31 Liz Bynum Riley Davis Nora Dunk

Fanuary Anniversaries

January 1– Mr. & Mrs. Todd Logsdon

January 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bullard

## Please remember in prayer

#### By Request:

Connie Armstrong, Sandy Ball, Madie Bohnlein, The Family of Liz Brosius, Bonnie Cruz, Stephanie Doring, Lindsey Doyen, Susanne Doyle, Sam Doyle, Kiera Dunk, Mike Ferrebee, Dee Foster, Rose Frazar, Ken Freeman, Jennifer Goodin, Atleah Grubb, Mike Heib, George Hemphill, Anna Hennings, Gordon Hettinger, Blanche Jernigan, Pat Johnson, John and Mona Jones, Joe Jones, Lewis Jones, Lisa Jones, Lydia Kiesewetter, Peggy LaMure, Joyce Lochner, Ruth Lockyer, The family of George Manning, Hugh McBurney, Katy McDaniel, Joyce Moberly, Tommy Moore, Tom Morgan, Robbie Mueller, Melanie Parrish, Tom & Carol Payne, Mike Potts, Basil Queen, Dolores Rawson, Andy Sears, Larry Stanley, Wilma Youngblood.

#### 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, Jason Davis, Nicolas Ferrera, Will Hanna, Dylan Hinson, Alex Hodges, Lisa Kiesewetter, Jenna Lacy, Mike Hieb, Michael Parker, William Scritchfield, Tyler Stewart, Trent Ulrich.



# Addresses for our Nursing Home/Rehab friends

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