



Crestwood UMC Financial Report

Period covered: January-Oct 2023
Prepared by: Finance Team



Third Quarter 2023

Dear Crestwood UMC,

Thank you for your generosity towards Crestwood UMC during 2023. God has done amazing things, and your generosity helps make that happen! We are in the middle of our stewardship campaign for 2024: "Together as One". And we know and believe that God is adding to our number daily those who are being saved!

Specifically, we are encouraging all of the congregation to:

- Finish strong in their giving for 2023! (See good news below!)
- Make a pledge for 2024 by November 30, 2023. Pledge cards are in the bulletin, online and available in the narthex. CrestwoodMethodist.com/Pledge
- Pray about taking a \$500 step forward in your annual pledge for 2024. If we do this "Together as One" we will have over \$50,000 more than we did in 2023! Is \$500 a stretch? Maybe a \$100 or \$250 step. Is \$500 not a stretch? What about a \$750 or \$1,000 step forward. See, "Together as One" we can reach this goal!

You can see the campaign's progress on page 2. We have exciting news about Finishing Strong in 2023. God moved in one of our members hearts and they have committed to match up to \$30,000 in "Finish Strong Giving." Here is what they had to say:

"I was very moved on October 29 during the stewardship challenge. Specifically, the first challenge that we finish strong in our giving and fulfilling our pledges for 2023. I've noticed since June that our actual giving has not kept up with our estimated giving. I've also noticed that our ministries to the church and the community have continued to thrive. Last week we were behind right at \$60,000 in giving for 2023 compared to budget needed. I know that there are multiple reasons for this, but when Pastor Derek was challenging us to "finish strong for 2023" I asked myself, "What can I do to help my church that I love." I felt lead to encourage the church to join me in closing that deficit so I told my pastor that I would match up to \$30,000 in "Finish Strong Giving." Specifically, giving to catch up in your pledge or giving above and beyond your pledge. Pastor Derek challenged us "Together as One" to "Finish Strong" and this is something I could do to help my church. I hope people will join me in making a "Finish Strong" donation in 2023. We are unbelievably blessed by our pastor, church staff and ministries of our church. Let's finish strong!"

To make a "Finish Strong Gift" you can make a donation above and beyond your pledge or to catch up on your 2023 pledge. Simply write "Finish Strong" on the envelope, memo line or if you give online make a note in your online gift. Up to \$30,000 of "Finish Strong" gifts will be matched! This will help us finish 2023 strong and start 2024 with momentum. Feel free to talk to me, Brad Bowman, Delores Eilrich or Pastor Derek for more info! Thank you for your generosity.

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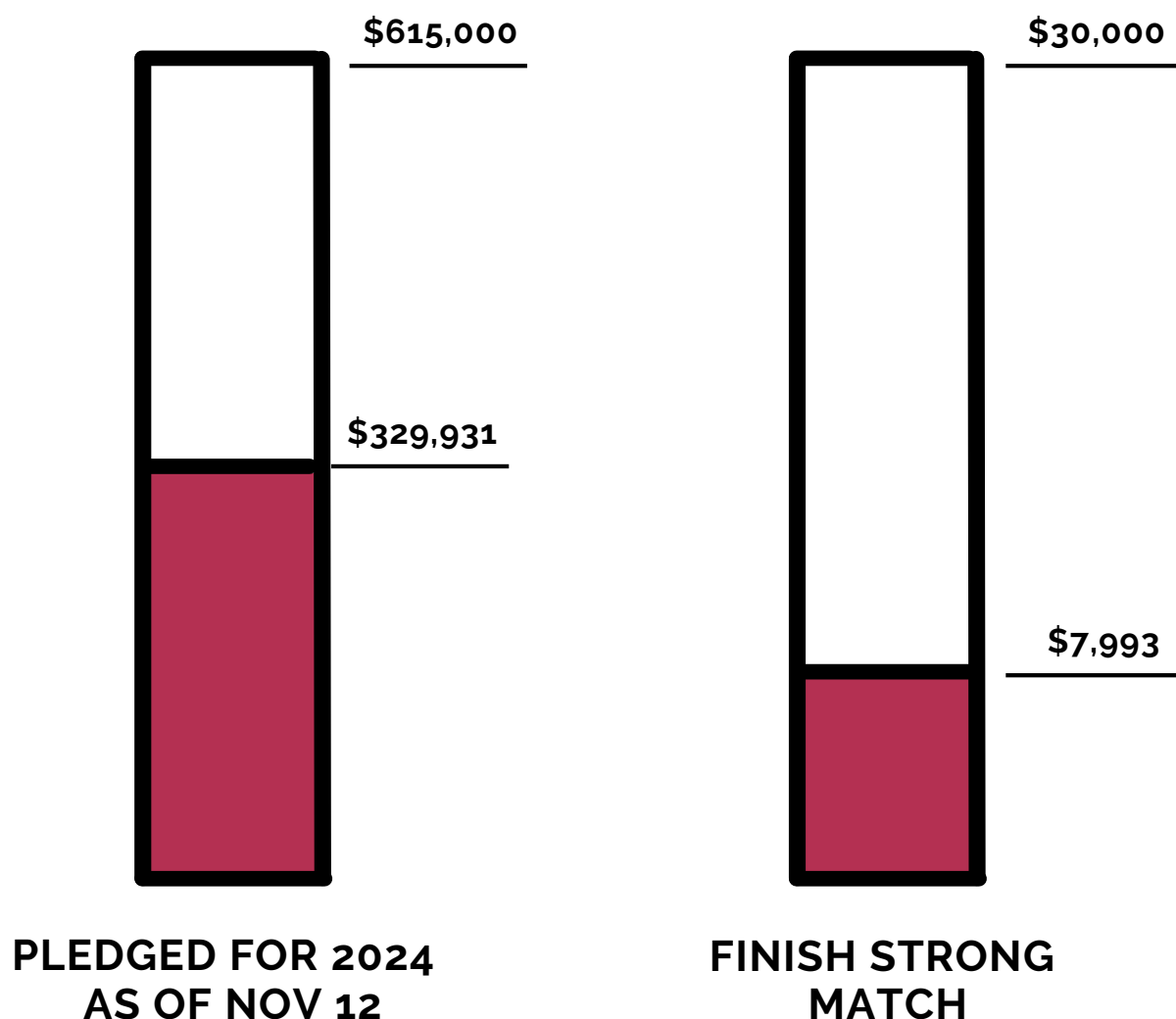
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TOGETHER AS ONE

1. Finish Strong in 2023! Total donations to catch up on pledges or above and beyond pledged will be matched up to \$30,000. Add "Finish Strong" to the memo line or make a note in online giving.
2. Make a pledge for 2024 by November 30, 2023. Our budget for 2024 relies on your pledges.
3. Pray about taking a \$500 per year step forward in your pledge for 2024.

Thank you for your generosity!



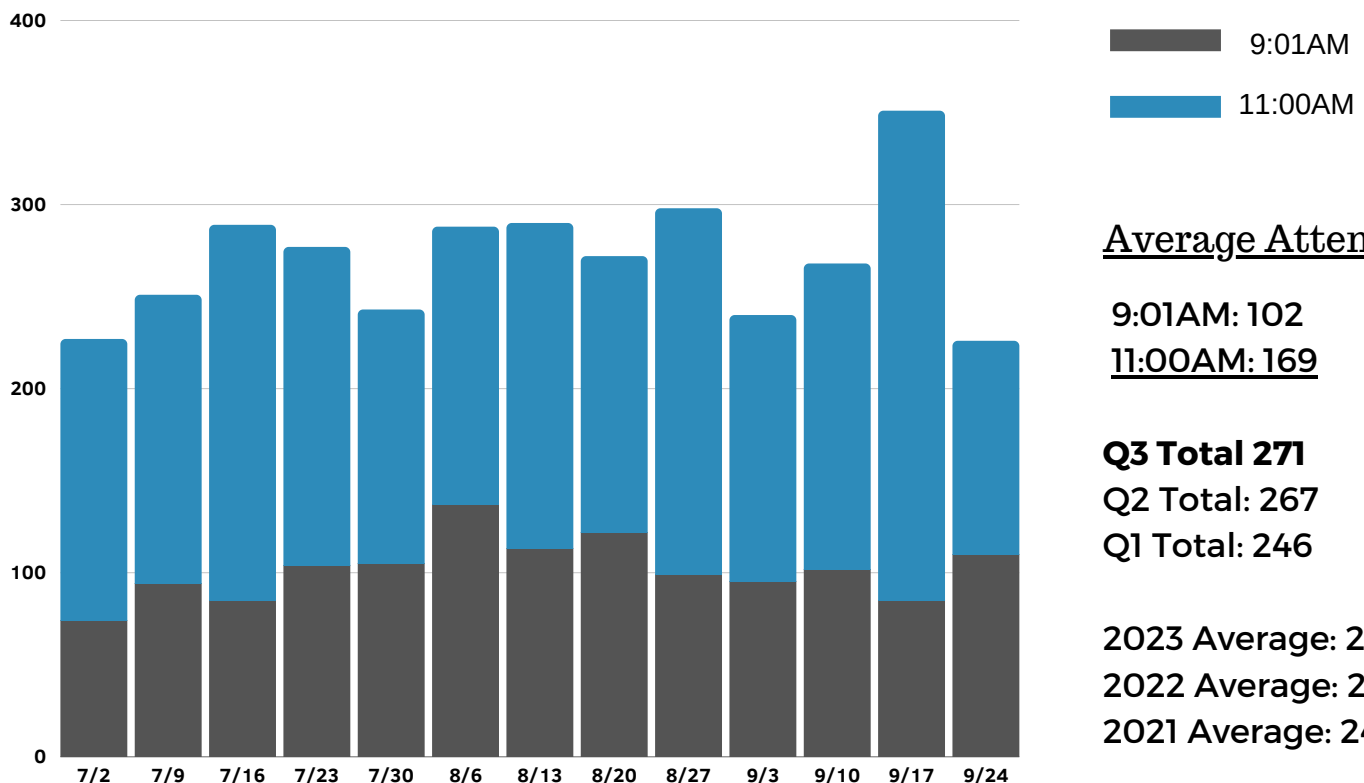
To use our online pledge card, visit CrestwoodMethodist.com/pledge



God Sightings

- 250 Kids at Vacation Bible School
- Youth Mission Road Trip!
- Boy Scouts trip to Philmont!
- Celebrating Ruth Anne Beard--65 years of ministry!
- Trunk and Treat
- Ongoing refurbishing of The Missions House
- Finish Strong Generosity & Pledges for 2024.
- Blessings in a back-pack serving 44 kids each weekend
- 575 cans of green beans for Highpoint Thanksgiving Baskets
- Tech team \$1,500 grant to improve sound quality in the sanctuary!
- Communion deliveries to homebound in our congregation.

Attendance



How to Setup Online Giving

Getting Started

- Make sure you have the following before you get started:
- Email Address & Password of your choice.
- Credit Card Number, Expiration Date, and CVV as well as the billing address OR
- Checking account number and routing number.
- The amount and frequency of your gift.



Finding online giving:

1. Open your computer's browser.
2. Type in CrestwoodMethodist.com/give.
3. Scroll down to the button that says online giving and click the box.

Create an Account:

1. At the top right of your screen click on the lighter purple box that says SIGN IN/CREATE ACCOUNT.
2. A new box will appear that says: "Sign In". If you are creating a brand-new account, click the box on the bottom that says: "CREATE NEW ACCOUNT".
3. Enter your information in the boxes. Passwords must be at least 7 characters with 1 upper & 1 lowercase letter and 1 special character. When completed, click the "CREATE ACCOUNT" button.
4. Two factor authentication is always a good idea to protect your account.

Setting up a Gift:

1. Once you have your account created, you can now add your gift. Gifts can be any of the following:
 - a. One Time Gift
 - b. Reoccurring Gift on any schedule (weekly, monthly, etc.)
 - c. Filling a predetermined pledge amount over any specified period of time.
2. Have your credit card information or bank information ready now.
3. In the Upcoming Gifts window, click the "ADD GIFT" button in the upper right corner of that window.
4. A new window will pop up, click the GIVE NOW button.
5. Enter the gift amount, frequency, start date and any notes about the gift if applicable. Click the green "CONTINUE" button.
6. Click "Select Payment Method" and they click "Add New Payment Method".
7. Enter your payment information and click "Submit".
8. You will need to verify your information is being entered by a human by following the instructions on the Captcha challenge. Captcha will ask you to click on the images that match the word in the blue box. Click verify and you are done!

Want to Make a Special Gift?

If you would like to make a gift above and beyond your tithe here are a few special opportunities:

Church Budget: This is currently our number one need The church budget is the heart and blood flow to the ministries of our church. All of your gifts to Crestwood UMC fund ministry.

Finish Strong in 2023: Make a donation above and beyond your pledge or to catch up on your pledge for 2023. Total donations up to \$30,000 will be matched as we finish strong in 2023.

Barry Stoess Christmas Baskets: Help provide 300 families with food, games, toiletries and basic essentials at Christmas!

Youth Pancake Breakfast: Make a donation for the youth that will go to their mission efforts as they serve refugees from Buechel UMC and go on a mission trip this summer!

Required Minimum Distribution: Talk to your accountant about ways to support CUMC with your required minimum distribution for 2023.

Online Giving:

www.CrestwoodMethodist.com/give

Text To Give:

Text "Offering" to (502) 236 9447
"OFFERING" - General Fund

Envelopes/Sunday Basket:

Regular giving through offering envelopes is tracked in our system. Contact the church office to get envelopes.

Facebook Giving:

Facebook.com/CrestwoodUMC - Click the Donate Button on our page.

You can make a tax-deductible donation and 100% of the donation goes to Crestwood UMC.

Endowment Fund:

The Crestwood UMC Endowment Fund, managed by the Endowment Committee through the KY UM Foundation, represents a long-lasting commitment to the life of this church and the lives of further generations. You can leave a legacy at Crestwood UMC.

Time & Talent:

Get involved with our ministry teams. We have many opportunities to serve our church and community. Not sure where to help? Take a spiritual gifts survey. Contact the church office to get plugged in! church@crestwoodmethodist.com

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About us

VISION:

Crestwood UMC will be a totally devoted people called to give, to act and to serve as Jesus.

MISSION:

Crestwood UMC is a caring church that invites, connects, equips and serves through Jesus Christ.

BASED OFF OUR 2021 LISTENING SESSIONS CRESTWOOD UMC WILL:

- develop a clear pathway for people to grow in their relationship with Christ by CONNECTING with a small group and being EQUIPPED to SERVE in a ministry.
- strategically use ministries and facilities to meet the spiritual and human need of the community surrounding the church.
- strategically reach out to young adults and families while honoring and caring for all who have led the church to where we are today.
- develop clear and relevant communication strategies that engage all people in the congregation and community.
- cast a clear and compelling 2030 vision that will unify and allow Crestwood UMC to faithfully respond rather than fearfully react to recommendations from General Conference of the UMC.

Sunday Service Times

9:01AM Contemporary Service

11:11AM Traditional Service

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