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Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Celebrating a Fifty-Year Journey of Faith

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

Worship

8:30 & 10:45am

9:30am Church School

Scripture

Genesis 11:1~9

Sermon

"The Tower"

By Mike McColl

UK/UL of Car Park

This Saturday invite your Neighbors, Family and Friends to come and Park their cars at Crestwood. We will start Parking at 9:30 AM in the Mission Center Lot. This is a great Fund Raiser and the Price has stayed the same for four years now, \$5 a car. Support our Youth and the Church!

THE NEXT CHAPTER... NEW VISIONS, NEW HORIZONS, NEW GROWTH

The trend is set. We are on our way to realizing all of the visions, horizons, and growth that God has set before us at Crestwood. Response to Commitment Sunday indicates that thus far we have received 183 Estimates of Giving for a total of \$583,000.00. Nearly 50% of the giving units are new pledges or families that have increased their pledge over last year by an average of 15%. We are gaining momentum as we look to the budget preparation for 2010, which begins on October 10th. The budget is prepared using the Estimates of Giving that we have received and your pledge is very important in determining an accurate budget. If you intend to pledge



and have not yet had the opportunity, please mail or bring your card to the church office or place it in the offering tray next Sunday. The challenge is before us. Together we can begin the next chapter at Crestwood knowing that Crestwood's ministry continues to be sustained by faithful stewardship of time, talent, and resources. We have indeed been blessed in our first fifty years and the future lies before us. "God is doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it?" (Data is still being collated on interest in specific ministries. If you have signed up, someone will contact you in the upcoming weeks to prepare for 2010. Thanks for your interest.)

A MESSAGE FROM KORY

I have heard nothing but great things about last Sunday's worship service. As people have reported to me the excitement and energy of your time together, I have found myself longing more and more to be with you. I look forward to the day when we can celebrate the good news of Commitment Sunday together.

I have to admit to chuckling a bit at "Commitment Sunday." I love the name and what it signifies, but to a non-church person it could have a double meaning. "Today is the Sunday when we assign all the church members to their straitjackets and padded cells. Come on in and be committed!"

When you think about it, maybe we ARE a bit crazy. We give up our Sunday mornings to gather in front a huge instrument of torture, sing and pray to an unseen deity and eat and drink someone's body and blood. Then, on this one special Sunday, we pledge to give part of our hard-earned money to support the work of the largely volunteer organization that tries, rather imperfectly, to live out that deity's call to fill the world with love and grace. Maybe we should be committed!

But we know something awesome, don't we? The author of Hebrews puts it best: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (11:1). We do these crazy things because we believe, against all worldly evidence, that there is a God at work in this world, and by giving our time, talents and treasures, we are committing ourselves to being co-laborers with God in making God's kingdom real here on earth. Individually we can only do so much, but when we pool our resources and harness our collective energy, we can change the world in Jesus' name.

To those of you who have committed yourselves this year, I say, "Thank you." You are enabling Crestwood Christian Church to embark on this new journey with billowing sails full of divine wind power. If you have not yet pledged, it's not too late! Your offering, no matter the size, is a statement that you are crazy enough to believe that God is at work at Crestwood, bringing forth new vision, new horizons and new growth. If you have not yet given, I invite you to join the team! God has great things in store for us.

As my time to come to Crestwood approaches, my spirit is growing restless to begin our work together. When I think of you, God stirs something within my soul that only heightens my eagerness. Patience, Kory, patience! Until I can greet you in person, let me simply say I am honored to be called to join you at Crestwood, and I am committed to being your pastor (which is a lot better than being committed FOR being your pastor!).

Parish News

BIRTHDAYS

SEPT 21—JANE BESHEAR, CHRIS WALTON, TREY MOORE, PATRICK COLEMAN, CAMERON WALTON 22—BENJAMIN BUCKLEY, TOM ARNOLD 23—MIRA SIMIC, SUE MAHONEY, LIBBY REECE, LAURA CHILDERS, WHITNEY SPARKS, KATHERINE WHEELER, NEBOJSA SIMIC 24—BESS GOTT, BETSY MAY 25—CAL GRAYSON, SCOTT JENKINS 26—MORGAN MCCAHERN, MATTHEW WAKEFIELD

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Members- LaVonne Caudill, Jim Havens & family, Berkeley & Patty Hollingsworth & family, Laura Seithers, family of Barbara Leet Teeter

Family of Members- Louis Carson, Mike DeVore, Family of Glenn English, *Patrick Golden, William Johnson Sr., Mark, Judith & Jeremy Lund, *George Schoeder, *Michael & Stephanie Schoeder and family, Christine Wheeler

Friends of Members- family of Wilbur Ashcraft, Don Brumley, Joaquin Canizal, Jill Fritz, *Geoff Hampton, Matthew Henderson, Colleen Hull & family, Shaun Kern, family of Jenny Maggard, Par Mattern, Beth Mercer, Hildreth Roe, Connie Sawyer, family of Chris Showalter, Nancy Burnett Shropshire, Jillian Smalley, *Valerie Uebelhor

Armed Forces- Austin Cheek, Jack Friend, Patrick Ritter, Michael Robinson, Rocky Shapla, Stewart Spragens

Our Global Mission Partners- Carla Giger, Johannesburg, South Africa

Our World Community- The conflict in Afghanistan



Commitment in action. That's how I described Crestwood to my Virginia family last week - as a church that acts on the commitments it has made. And the things that Crestwood is committed to! An evening class for adults that had 33 in attendance the first night; a flu shot clinic that will be held on September 27; a sensitive, responsive caregiving ministry; a new year of youth and children's activities; and many other ministries too numerous to name in this column.

I also saw your commitment to worship this past Sunday, as well as your commitment to God's future as it is lived through us. Faith calls for a response, and as we go into the next chapter of our life together, I pray that the responses you make to Crestwood's opportunities will reflect your love for God, and your call to serve God's people. *That's* a joy-filled commitment!

See you Sunday, Cyd

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Cyd Cowgill at the death of her uncle, Glenn English. And also to Mark, Judith & Jeremy Lund at the death of their brother Dan. Our prayers are with you

MISSION CENTER LOAN

Original construction loan	\$1,150,000.00
Loan balance as of 09/14/2009:	\$642,818.56

ACOLYTE

September 20: Tyler Guilfoil
September 27: Keeley Chaffin
October 4: Charlie Henry

WORSHIP VISITORS

Vernon & Beth Azevedo, Karen Curry, Jeff & Ella Franklin, Lames Hamoodi, CW Hatfield, Carl Hensley, B.G. Hibbard, Madox Jerringer, Jasmine Maher, Madison Martin, Kevin & Sharon Miller, Charles Murphy, Mary Murphy, Victoria Perkins, Mollye & Ellie Raney, Hayder Saeed, Jeff & Michelle Sames, Jace Stamper, Amber Tongate, Carolyn Troha, Ted Tudor, Libby Whalen

If you know someone who visited this week, please give them a call and invite them back to Crestwood.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Deacons

8:30 Service: Natalee Feese, Sylvia Griffin

10:45 Service: Casey & Melissa McDonald, Brad Rister, Brooks Richardson, Diana Forbess, Daniel Shaw, Laura Derrickson, Bill Johnson, Monte LaFrana

Saturday Set-Up: Marian Keesy

Sunday Clean-Up: Daniel Shaw, Melissa McDonald, Brooks Richardson

Elders

8:30 Service: Alice Hays

10:45 Service: John & Susan Brown

Ushers

8:30 Service: Ward & Linda Ransdell

10:45 Service: Libby Reece, Eddie Napier, Carol Rogers, Faye Porter

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

September 13, 2009

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering \$16,136.86

Attendance:

Church School 73

Worship & Wonder 26

8:30 am Worship 81

10:45 am Worship 270

Total Worship 351

Mission NOT Impossible?

Several folks have expressed interest in considering a mission trip for 2010....something regional or international. Debbie and Dabney had a great first meeting on July 20 – *all by ourselves!* (see note below)

“Do you have suggestions or ideas for future Crestwood mission trips, whether regional or international? If you are interested in helping explore opportunities for Crestwood adults to become involved in mission trips, please join us for a planning meeting on Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in the church library. If you can't join us, feel free to e-mail suggestions to Dabney Parker at dabney@windstream.com or to Debbie LaBoone at dlaboone@gmail.com. You may also call Dabney at 266-2704, or Debbie at 278-7961. This planning group will investigate ways in which we might be the hands and feet of Christ for those in need. Please join us!”

Now that things have settled into more of a routine...we would like to invite folks who are interested in this topic to come together for a brainstorming session on Sunday, September 20th, at 4:00pm, in the Library. Questions? Comments? Please let one of us know! We look forward to seeing you in person.

KRM NEEDS YOU

KY Refugee Ministries is in need of folks who are willing to help set up apartments next week for newly arriving refugees. If you can help, please call 226-5661. Let them know you are from Crestwood and are willing to work in an apartment to get it ready. KRM also needs transportation for folks to various appointments. Please let them know if you are able to assist in that as well. Questions? Please call Dabney Parker (266-2704 or 608-4655). There are many ways that we can “welcome the stranger.” Thanks for giving this consideration!

KENTUCKY'S NEWEST CONGREGATION

The Disciples of Christ have established a congregation in the Luther Luckett Prison. The Christian Church in Kentucky is supporting this adventure by inviting members from other Disciple congregations in Kentucky to visit Luther Luckett Christian Church. Crestwood has been invited to worship with Luther Luckett Christian Church on Friday evening, October 16. Four people: Garth Lehman, Kelly Hainsworth, LaVece & Glen Hughes--have already signed up and there is room for two more people. Call Ellen Frost if you would like to join this adventure.

Jail Ministry Could Use More Volunteers

Almost 3 years ago, Crestwood's Shalom committee started a communion service ministry to the Fayette County Detention Center and twice a month Crestwood members go to the Detention Center to share a communion service with the inmates. The inmates are mainly young men and women who have made mistakes. Most of the detainees are in the detention center awaiting trials, primarily for offenses such as drug charges or failure to pay child support. They have made mistakes, as we all have, but they are still God's children, our brothers and sisters. We remind them that God and the Church still love them and have not forgotten them, and that tomorrow is going to be a better day. We sing together, read scripture and responsive readings and share the Lord's communion together as God's family. As we prepare to leave each unit, most of the inmates line up to thank us for coming and to give us a hug.

I have personally been touched by this ministry as I have met many former students that are now inmates. I also recently had a participant that recognized me and came up to me in the community to say how much he appreciated our coming to the detention center.

We have expanded our ministry so that we now cover all of the non-serious units once a month. This is an excellent opportunity to serve the Lord's family, but we sure could use more folks to help us. If you would like to help us with this important ministry, just notify the church office (266-0459) or Ellen Frost at Eannief327@cs.com.

DWM SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

DWM groups will be collecting donations in our September meetings to benefit the Florence Crittenton Home. The service chair will provide additional information at your meeting.

DWM YEARBOOKS

The 2009-2010 DWM Yearbooks are available and can be picked up in the Church Office.

DWM MEETINGS

Mary Martha - Monday, September 21, 6:30pm, Potluck in Chalice Hall. *Voices from Ecuador* by Mary Taylor

Hannah - Wednesday, September 23, 10am in the Library.

Missing Something?

Are you missing a paddle, fishing pole, or boots? If you dropped them off for Vacation Bible School this Summer and you have not gotten them back, they are sitting in Mike's Office. Please feel free to drop by and pick them up. Thanks, Mike

Caregivers Meeting

The Caregivers Ministry Team will be meeting on Friday, September 25th, at 10:00am in the Conference Room

Children's Happenings

CCF

(5 year old - Kindergarten)
12:15 pm

- September 20: Meet Josh & Sarah, play games, do a craft & devotion
- October 4: Crafts, Devotions, Games
- October 18: Cards for shut-ins & Games
- October 25: Halloween Party & Chili Cook Off

PJYF

(1st - 2nd grade)
12:15 pm

- September 20: Bring a swimsuit and play some amazing water games
- September 27: GAME DAY & Devotion; CROP Walk in the afternoon!

JYF

(3rd - 5th grade)
12:15 pm

- September 20: Bring a swimsuit and play some amazing water games
- September 27: GAME DAY & Devotion; CROP Walk in the afternoon!

CHERUB CHOIR

Sunday Mornings 9:30-9:50 AM
For all 3 years old through Kindergartners

Youth Happenings

Chi-Rho:

(6th-8th Grade)
12:15-2:00pm

- September 19: Car Park 9:45am - 12pm at the Church
- September 20: Boating, Pool, and Fun at Herrington Lake, 12:00pm-5:30pm
- September 27: Game Day; CROP Walk
- October 2: Lock-In with Woodland Christian Church!
More details to come!

CYF:

(9th-12th Grade)
12:15-2:00 pm

- September 19: Car Park 9:45am - 12pm at the Church
- September 20: Boating, Pool, and Fun at Herrington Lake, 12:00pm-5:30pm
- September 27: Game Day; CROP Walk
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SNACK LUNCH

Every Sunday starting at 12:15pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Cost is \$2.00 a person and families are invited to come and eat together. Please Make Reservations by Friday with Mike McColl.

September 20: CCF/PJYF/JYF/Chi-Rho/CYF

September 27: PJYF/JYF/Chi-Rho/CYF

October 4: CCF/PJYF/JYF/Chi-Rho/CYF



CELL PHONE AND INK JET PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING FUND RAISER:

The Youth are collecting used cell phones and empty ink jet printer cartridges. A collection box is in the Narthex or feel free to leave them outside of Mike's Office.

BILL CARMAN TO SPEAK AT WEDNESDAY EVENT

On Wednesday, September 23, Bill Carman, Crestwood member whose work is with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, will present a program entitled, *The Other Side of Coal: The Appalachian Wildlife Initiative*. This will be a DVD presentation about land reclamation following mountaintop removal. This Wednesday Event is sponsored by our Shalom/Social Justice team. Last year, Dave Cooper, with his "Mountaintop Removal Road Show," provided one side of the mountaintop removal discussion. On September 23, Bill Carman will present the other side. The program will be at 7:00pm in the Administration Wing, rather than Chalice Hall. Decaf coffee and cookies will be served. All Crestwood members and visitors are invited.

Crop Walk – Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

The CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) walk will be taking place on Sunday Sept 27th with registration beginning at 3:00pm; walk to start at 3:20pm. The walk is 2.4 miles downtown starting and ending at Second Presbyterian Church on Main Street. This is an experiential walk. The goal is to raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger needs. 25% of funds raised go to God's Pantry, while the other 75% are donated to Church World Service.

If you are interested in walking and/or donating funds please go to <http://www.cropwalkonline.org/> and register under Crestwood Christian Church.

If you have free time on Sunday come down and walk with other Crestwood members. If you are busy but would still like to assist those in need, you can pledge money for members who are participating in the walk.

For more information or questions, contact Megan Bacon at meganannbacon@yahoo.com, or 859-264-9187. You can also go to <http://lexingtoncropwalk.blogspot.com/> for more information.

College Age Weekend For College Age Students!

You are invited to attend a College Age Weekend at Christmount, Oct. 2-4, in Black Mountain, NC. Mike McColl is Keynoting and we will be sending a van down from Crestwood. The cost is \$45 a person and registration deadline is Sunday, September 27. More information available at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/event.php?eid=113661892962&ref=ts>

Class on Paul is Underway

Thirty-three people were in attendance Sunday evening for Dr. Jerry Sumney's first session on the Apostle Paul. Jerry is Professor of Biblical Studies at Lexington Theological Seminary, and is teaching a three-part class which is this year's September Sunday Series for Adults. Session two will be this Sunday, September 20th, and will focus on Paul's thoughts about women. You may prepare by reading I Corinthians, chapters 11 and 14, as well as Galatians 3. Dr. Sumney will focus on a different area of Paul's thought each week, so if you missed the first class, please attend the second. We'll meet at 7:00pm in the Bradford room. Bring your Bible. All Crestwood adults, members and visitors, are welcome.

Goodwill Donation Reminder

Remember to ask for a voucher for KY Refugee Ministries credit when you take donations to Goodwill! Place in the KRM box located in the church office. This allows refugees to shop at Goodwill to pick-up clothes/items they need. Thanks for the many ways you continue to *welcome the stranger*.

Disciple Women's Ministry Board Hosting Beth Moore Bible Study at Crestwood

Study: Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit – by Beth Moore, noted Bible teacher and author

When: 11 week study, beginning Thursday, October 1, at 10:00 AM, Bradford Classroom

The DWM Board is happy to announce that Lynn Reece has accepted our invitation to introduce Crestwood women to a Beth Moore bible study. Some of you will remember Lynn as she gave a wonderful program at the DWM Spring Conference last year. She has led many Beth Moore bible studies for her own church in Louisville and Lynn will get us started on Thursday morning, Oct. 1. Cyd Cowgill will then lead us through the following weeks.

All Crestwood women, members and friends, are invited to participate. If you are interested, please call the church office (266-0459) or Fran McKinney (296-2582) to register. There will be a small cost for a study book.

SIGNUPS AND DONATIONS

You can signup to walk (or run) in the Susan G. Komen, Race For the Cure, on Saturday, September 26th, and/or the Cropwalk on Sunday, September 27th. A signup table will be in the Narthex before and after both services this Sunday. You can also make monetary donations to support these two worthy causes.

Eight Core Stories Class

Core Story #6: Jesus' Family Tree. This Sunday, September 20, we'll learn about the Exile to Babylon, one of the most faith-shattering crises in Israel's history. To prepare, read Isaiah 40. This is a familiar Advent passage, but for this week, read it from the immediate contextual perspective of those who have been removed from their home, and exiled to a faraway land. See you in the Bradford room at 9:30am.

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Thank You

The Property Department would like to extend a big thank you to Doug Damm, Ellen Frost, Walt Forester, David & Diane McCall, Tim Murtaugh, and Wayne Shaver who came to help with the cleaning and work-day this past weekend. The Sanctuary got a much-needed scrubbing and polishing and several minor repairs were done. Thanks again to everyone for making this a successful day. Your service to our Church is very much appreciated by all. ~John Royse and John Gretz

YOU'RE INVITED

To the Ordination of Dikiea Elery. It will take place on Saturday, September 26 at 3pm. The Ordination will be held at East Second Street Christian Church. All are invited to attend and support Dikiea in this wonderful next step.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, September 19
8:30am ~ Chalice Hall**

Topic: "What do you think of the proposed government health reform?"

Breakfast will be brown bag

CAR PARKS FOR UK FOOTBALL GAMES

Remind your family and friends that we will be parking cars for all Home UK Football games.

September 19: Louisville @ 12pm

September 26: Florida TBA

October 3: Alabama TBA

October 24: Louisiana-Monroe TBA

FLU SHOT CLINIC

On Sunday, September 27th, 9:00am-1:00pm, there will be a Flu Shot Clinic held in the Arts & Crafts Room. There is no cost to Medicare Part B participants (please bring your card), for all others the cost is \$25 (cash or check). Please note that anyone under 18 will not be able to participate due to the fact that the dosages are different. We hope to have a great turnout!

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church School — 9:30 AM
Worship — 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Youth Programs — 12:15PM

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Tim Murtaugh, Senior Minister
Rev. Cyd Cowgill, Minister of Adult Ministries
Rev. Colette Hensley, Minister of Nurture
Rev. Mike McColl, Minister
of Children & Youth
Kelli Whalen, Administrative Asst.
Laura Kaczmarek, Administrative Asst.
Martha Duttlinger, Cherub Choir Director
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
Letitia Knapp, Pianist
Michelle Mayes, Child Care Director
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