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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Building disciples for Christ by making God's love real to others."

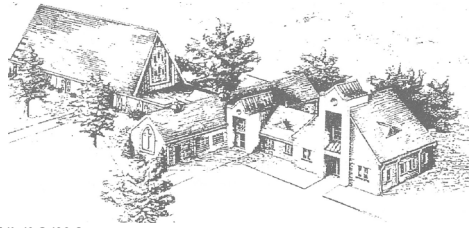
"Looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith." Hebrews 12: 2

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The outdoor sign at Crestview reads, "Whenever things sound easy, turns out there is a part you did not hear." I thought that was an appropriate quote for our Not a Fan worship and study series. We know and quote John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him will not die but have eternal life." Sounds easy, right? Less known and quoted is Luke 9:23, "Then he said to them all, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'" Not quite so easy, right?

As I have mentioned several times, this series doesn't offer many new ideas for most of us. Rather, the series is an invitation to have a "define the relationship" conversation with Christ. It is an invitation to evaluate whether we are still passionately pursuing our relationship with Christ or not. This does not mean that we were never passionate about our relationship with Christ. But as I hope we have been discovering becoming a fan and not follower of Christ can happen subtly without us realizing it. So, it is good and healthy to pause on occasion and remind ourselves what it means to call Christ Lord of our lives.

One Chicago youth minister planned a spring break mission trip for his youth group. He was afraid they might become distracted by Florida's balmy beaches, so he fashioned a cross from two pieces of lumber and just before they climbed on the bus, he showed it to the group.

"I want all of you to remember the whole purpose of our going is to glorify the name of Christ, to lift up the Cross - the message of the cross, the emphasis of the Cross, the Christ of the Cross. So, we're going to take this cross wherever we go."

The teenagers looked uneasily at one another, but they liked and respected this man so agreed to do it and promptly dragged the cross on the bus. It banged back and forth in the aisle all the way to Florida. It went with them into restaurants. It stayed overnight where they stayed overnight. It stood in the sand while the ministered on the beach.

At first, lugging the cross around embarrassed the kids. But later, it became a point of identification. That cross was a constant, silent reminder of who they were and why they had come. They eventually regarded carrying it as an honor and privilege.

The night before they went home, the youth leader handed out two nails to each of the kids. He told them that if they wanted to commit themselves to what the cross stood for, they could hammer one nail into it, and keep the other with them. One by one, the teens drove their nails into the cross.

About 15 years later, one of the youths that had gone on that trip - now a stockbroker - called the youth leader. He told him that he still keeps the nail with him in his desk drawer. Whenever he loses his sense of focus, he looks at the nail and remembers the cross on that beach in Florida. It reminds him of what is at the core of his life - he's been called to be a FOLLOWER of Jesus Christ and not a fan.

Think about it. Pray about it. I hope to see you in church.

Pastor Kevin

It's Your Business: Our financial status through Jan. 31, 2024

Bank Balance: \$ 67,363.55
 Designated Funds: \$ 62,363.55
 General Funds: \$ 5,000.00
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 1,744.08

Copies of the Monthly Finance Report are always available in the Church Office.

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2024 (\$ 18,344.92)

TOTAL: Budget \$158,494.89 + Mission Shares \$20,089.00 = \$178,583.89 needed for 2024



Please note: To keep prayer concerns refreshed in the weekly bulletin & newsletter, prayer requests will be renewed every 2 weeks with the exception of ongoing critical needs. We hope this keeps us updated and brings our attention to new requests. Thank you. Pastor Kevin Rea



Deaths: Reva Hern (1/27/24), Helen Turner (2/11/24)

Concerns: Red Turner (death of his wife), Jane Parks, David Strobel (friend Tony Meier), Teresa T. & Michele T. (for friends Dustin & Jennifer as they face his cancer), Donna Reece, Dave & Mary Manley (for their son & wife, Jason & Farrah, as he remains in severe pain); Kim Brooks

Our Men and Women currently serving in the Military: Matt Thompson; JoAnn Montgomery's Grandson & wife, (Jacob & Lexci Crawshaw); Rick & Laura Anderson's son (Matt Anderson); Oleta Schafer's grandsons (Matt Cavanaugh & Ben Tressler)



You can join the 24 other households that currently support Crestview UMC each time they shop at Dillon's! The website to sign up is:

<https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards>

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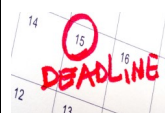
Thank you to Faith Circle for the nice Valentines Treats. I enjoyed all the things. God Bless
 Pat Gorton

Ruth Davis wants to say Thank You for the Valentines Day goodies. She also wanted to make certain you have her correct phone number: 785-640-0002

Julia Strobel wanted to thank everyone who came out for Jennifer's birthday celebration recently.

I would like to thank the ladies of the circle for the Valentine Bag. It was so thoughtful of you to remember me. I do appreciate it. And thank you to Sherry and Dennis Perry for delivering it and visiting with me for a little while.

Blessings and love from Mary Lou Irwin



March 15th is the deadline for the April 2024 Crestviewer!

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Tuesday, March 5:

Not a Fan Study, 1 pm @ Grace

Not a Fan Study, 6 pm @ Crestview

Saturday, March 9:

Pancake Feed, 8:00-11:00 @ Grace



Tuesday, March 12:

Not a Fan Study, 1 pm @ Grace

Not A Fan Study, 6 pm @ Grace

Thursday, March 14: Coffee with the Pastor
 9:30 am @ Cafe Quetzal



Saturday, March 16: Crestview Old Fashion
 Breakfast 8:30-11:30



Tuesday, March 19:

Not A Fan Study, 1 pm @ Grace

Not A Fan Study, 6 pm @ Crestview

Saturday, March 23: Crestview
 Community Easter Egg Hunt @ 1 pm



Tuesday, March 26:

Not a Fan Study, 1 pm @ Grace

Not a Fan Study, 6 pm @ Crestview

Thursday, March 28:

Maundy Thursday Service, 6 pm @ Grace

Friday, March 29:

Good Friday Service, 6 pm @ Crestview

Doorstep News ~ March 2024

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our Souper Bowl Sunday collection! At this writing we have received 3 days of donations from the event from 16 member congregations for a total of 3,545 pounds!! We know more will be coming, but we are more than halfway to our goal for the event! And, how exciting that our local team, the Kansas City Chiefs, won back-to-back Super Bowls!! We know that a can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need!

Upcoming Events in 2024 for Doorstep include:

The Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing to be held in April, where we have dinner, honor our volunteers, and celebrate Doorstep! We already have some nice quilts collected so far! Date and location are TBD.

Friday, June 28th is the date set for our inaugural Golf Tournament for Doorstep! Materials will be made available soon, but all our golfers get it on your calendars!

Doorstep's annual Christmas in July to get a jumpstart on collecting some of items needed for adopted families in December, and running concurrently we will have Summer Cash Bash with at least \$10,000 matching funds available.

Our 7th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run is moving back to a Saturday morning in the hopes of growing the event more... Mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, October 12th for this year's event!

Each member congregation should have volunteers from their congregation serving as their Doorstep board member, and coordinator. Some of our congregations have openings in those positions right now, and our Congregation & Volunteer Development Committee has started making contact with those members. If you are interested in filling one of these positions for your congregation, contact Doorstep (785-357-5341), and ask for Jim or Lisa.



Crestview Collection of Soup & Saltines 312 LBS OF SOUP & CRACKERS

Cans of Soup = 261

Boxes of Saltines = 57 Packages of Ramen = 36

Count from Julia Marsh

FOOD ROOM NEEDS: Soup, big and regular size cans, crackers, corn, green beans, peas, all canned beans, canned milk and canned tomatoes

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS: Men's jeans and slacks all sizes, Men's Shoes, Underwear and Pajamas; Women's Sweatpants all sizes; Boys jeans, Slacks, Sweatpants all sizes, shirts sizes 5-18; Girls & Teens Jeans all sizes and Clothing sizes 3-14; Blankets, Comforters, & Quilts all sizes; Sheet Sets - Twin and Queen; Pots and Pans and small appliances.

Doorstep has purchased food from Apple Market and this Tuesday will go to KC to pick up \$5,000 of donated food from LDS Bishop's Storehouse and Wednesday Harvesters will deliver an order of food purchased with \$5,000 donated from the Greater Topeka Fund.

\$12,000 #s of food is distributed to those in need monthly.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April: Annual Banquet & Quilt drawing,

Friday June 28: Golf Tournament for Doorstep @ Western Hills

Christmas in July and Summer Cash Bash in July with \$10,000 matching money

October 5th, Saturday - Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run

Doorstep received coats leftover from Salvation Army coat assistance

Caldwell Bankers donated socks and underwear.

CRESTVIEW DONATIONS for January: \$1,000 and 17.7 #s food

Julia Marsh, Crestview Doorstep Coordinator

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March					1 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 	2 6:00p AA (f. hall)
3 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday Schools 11:30a UWF Exec. (parlor)	4 7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall)	5 1:00p "Not A Fan" Study @ Grace 6:00p "Not A Fan" Study @ Crestview	6 6:15p Bells 7:00p Choir	7 6:15p Bells 7:00p Choir	8 	9  9:00a-11:00a Pancake Feed at Grace UMC 6:00p AA (f. hall)
10 <i>Blessing Box Sunday</i> 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday Schools	11 	12 1:00p "Not A Fan" Study @ Grace 6:00p "Not A Fan" Study @ Crestview 6:00p Leaders AA (fellowship hall)	13 5:30p Faith Circle (parlor)	14 9:30a Coffee with Pastor at Cafe Quetzal  6:15p Bells 7:00p Choir	15 Fellowship Hall Reserved for set up For Sat.	16  UWF MISSION FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST 8:30A-11:30A @ Crestview 6:00p AA (f. hall)
17 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday Schools 	18 	19 10:15 Parlor res. 1:00p "Not A Fan" Study @ Grace 6:00p "Not A Fan" Study @ Crestview	20 11:30a UWF Unit Meeting (f. hall)	21 6:15p Bells 7:00p Choir 7:00p Stamp Club (parlor)	22 	23 Noon-4:00p Sanctuary Re- served 1:00p Location TBD  6:00p AA (f. hall)
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday Schools 	25 	26 1:00p "Not A Fan" Study @ Grace 6:00p "Not A Fan" Study @ Crestview 7:00p CNO (f. hall)	27 	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:00p Worship @ Grace UMC 6:15p Bells 7:00p Choir	29 <i>Good Friday</i> 6:00p Worship @ Crestview UMC	30 6:00p AA (f. hall)
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday Schools 	 	 	 	 	 	

March Birthdays

10th Jason McConnell
 Susan Ottman
14th Debbie Basom
16th Oleta Schafer
17th Mark Freel
20th Colene McConnell
21st Sam Slocum
23rd Elouise Miller
 Shane Slocum



Greeting cards for Sale! Janell and the women from the Topeka Correctional Facility create greeting cards by recycling old cards and making them new! The cards are a fundraiser for the women at TCF and the money raised helps them pay their UWF pledge. The cards will be located on the table in the Narthex - there are cards for multiple occasions. They are \$2.00 - please put your donation in the envelope in the card box and thanks for your support of the UWF Prison Ministry!



UWF Events:

March 3 at 11:30a UWF Exec. (parlor)
March 13 at 5:30p Faith Circle (parlor)
March 20 at 11:30a UWF Unit Meeting (f. hall)

From your Education committee:

We met on Feb. 17th and began planning and scheduling events for 2024. We hope you'll put these dates on your calendar and plan to participate however you might be able to!! And please invite your families and neighbors to join us as well!!

Easter Egg Hunt for the community - Saturday, March 23 at 1:00 to be held at Collegiate.

Vacation Bible School - Friday, July 12 at 6pm and Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 - 2:00

Back to School event - Saturday, Aug. 3 from 10:00 - 11:30

Halloween Fest - Sunday, Oct. 27 from 4:30 - 6:00

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5th Sunday Community Event offerings - March 31, June 30, Sept 29 and Dec 29.

The Ad Council voted on a motion presented by the Education committee Feb. 19th to designate these 4 Sundays for special offerings to be used for our community events. Donations received on these 4 Sunday would be used only

for our Easter Egg Hunt, VBS, Back to School and Halloween Fest. The hope is that we would receive enough monetary donations on those days to minimize the need to ask for further donations.

For 2024 these offerings would help us:

** ***purchase food and supplies for VBS***
 ** ***purchase school supplies to fill 150 backpacks and for hygiene items It costs approximately \$20 per backpack to fill it with needed supplies. (We found a great bargain on backpacks and received donations to cover the cost to purchase 150 and it's done!!)***

***** purchase food and candy for Halloween Fest***

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 We are having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 1:00pm. We need some help! We need donations of candy to put in the eggs and we need some helping hands to hide eggs and greet our visitors starting at 12:00 on March 23. If you are able to donate candy please have it to the church by Sunday, March 17th. Thanks so much!!



## **EASTER LILIES FOR MISSION:**

Time is coming once again, to offer you the opportunity to donate \$10 for Mission in memory / honor of someone instead of purchasing a live lily for the altar. The Mission Committee will provide lilies for the altar on Easter morning, representing all those we honor and remember and a list of names will be in the Easter bulletin, on March 31st. The money will given for Mission Shares. The deadline to turn this form in, with your money, will be Monday, March 18th.

Name of Donor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

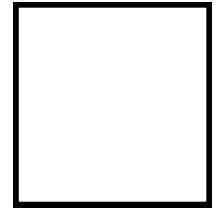
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Holy Week Worship Services:**

**Thursday, March 28:**

**Maundy Thursday Service, 6 pm @ Grace**

**Friday, March 29:**

**Good Friday Service, 6 pm @ Crestview**

**Sunday, March 31:**

**Easter Sunday Worship:**

**9:30a @ Crestview**

**10:30a @ Grace**

*To our E-Readers*

To stretch your soul, reach out with Jesus' love. Romans 12:13

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**Thursday, February 15, is the deadline for the March 2024 Crestviewer.**

If you know that someone is in the hospital, if they approve, please contact Pastor Kevin, so he can lift them up in prayer and possibly visit them.

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**We do offer our newsletter via e-mail, if you prefer to receive it that way!**



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If you would like to be notified by e-mail when there are new prayer concerns, or if you have a prayer concern you would like others to know about, please call the Church Office at 272-3676 or e-mail your information to the Church at the above address.



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