

Crestview



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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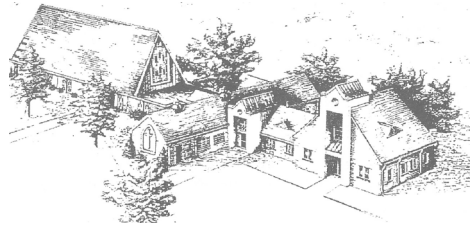
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From
the
Pastor

Hi Church,

When you read this, it will be Lent. Lent is a time when we can take a closer look at our relationship with God and recognize where we are not as close to God as we could be or as close as God wants us to be. In taking this closer look, we discover that the things separating us from that deeper relationship with God are things that we put there ourselves. They are things that we have invested our time, love, and energy like the idols of ancient Israel. They are fears, doubts, and insecurities that cause us to hide from God's presence like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They are the broken relationships, misguided love, and broken promises like the Pharisees, sinners and tax collectors Jesus encountered.

Lent is an opportunity to make changes in our lives for the purpose of having a deeper experience of God. Sometimes this opportunity involves physical changes like our diets and exercising so that we might be better able to do the work God's calling us to do. Sometimes this opportunity involves different sacrifices like turning the TV off and reading the Bible or praying more, giving up our protective guards and being more honest in our prayers and with others, or giving up resources for the benefit of and ministry to others.

The Apostle Paul puts it like this: *"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."* Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

Lent is an invitation to experience a personal resurrection to new life. It is an invitation to taste in a new and exciting way the life Christ offers in this world and promises in the world to come. I pray that each of us will accept God's invitation through the Lent to grow in love and grace with Him.

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

Pastor Kevin



Café Quetzal gathering will be Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.



It's Your Business: Our financial status through Jan. 31, 2023

Bank Balance: \$ 128,185.80
 Designated Funds: \$ 122,596.55
 General Funds: \$ 5,589.25

Mission Shares {assigned \$20,270.00} paid to date: \$ 966.71

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

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2023 (\$19,303.29)


TOTAL: Budget \$187,232.05 + Mission Shares \$20,270.00 = \$207,502.05 needed for 2023

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



Death: Gary Basom 2/6/2023

Concerns: For Debbie Basom and family at the passing of her husband Gary; Sandy & Gary Biber at the passing of her mother, Betty Moore; Donna Reece, Julia Strobel (a kidney infection); Tom & Peggy Palmer's niece (Stacy— breast cancer); Bruce Coleman (a friend of Dennis Perry), Dave & Mary Manley's son & wife (Jason & Farrah), Kim Brooks; Also, let's remember and pray for our Shut-Ins.

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

We do have a collection box in the library for items such as paper towels and tissues for the Daycare, as their budget remains extremely tight. ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

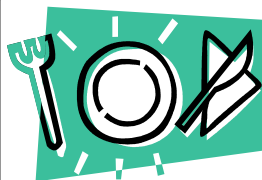
Liz Nelson, is the Director and can be reached at: 785-228-9216 or cvlc@learnplaygrow.org

Pastor Kevin's sermons are available on Facebook and on the Church Website (usually by Tuesday). AND you still have the option of listening to worship on the phone! You can call (785) 200-3223 and Pastor Kevin's sermon for the week will play over the phone. Crestview has several members who do not have computers or internet and are still unable to meet with their Crestview family. Please, let folks know this is an option!

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS OUR BLESSING BOX SUNDAY! YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ITEMS FROM A LIST THAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR BULLETIN ON THE FIRST SUNDAY! WE HAVE A CART IN THE HALL OUTSIDE THE OFFICE IF YOU'VE BEEN SHOPPING & JUST WANT TO DROP YOUR DONATION BY DURING THE WEEK! OFFICE HOURS ARE 9:00A-12:30P AND 1:00-2:30P. THANK YOU!

You can join the 26 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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OLD FASHIONED BREAKFAST

Sponsored by United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) on Saturday, March 18: from 8:30a-10:30a! Your freewill donations will help support UWF's missions that support women, children and youth.

UWF NEWS:



March 2 - deadline for registering for "Soul Retreat" (see Sandy Biber)

March 5 - Executive Meeting at 11:30 am in Parlor

March 8 - Circle Meetings (NO AGAPE)

March 11 - "Soul Retreat" (replaces District Spring Meeting) at First UMC in Topeka, 9 am to 2:30 pm, \$12 and that includes lunch.

March 15 - Unit Meeting at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall, lunch provided and great program on "Self Safety" by Janita Cornelius.



March 18 - UWFAITH "Old Fashioned Breakfast", 8:30-10:30 am, Fellowship Hall—All are welcome!

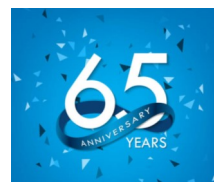




It's a Surprise!
Sshhh!!!

Elouise Miller's 88th birthday is March 23rd!!! Her family would love to have a card shower for her! Please send cards to:
7220 SW Asbury Dr W-222
Topeka KS 66614-6059

AND: Tom & Elouise will be celebrating their "Blue Sapphire 65th Wedding Anniversary" on April 5th. Not many couples are able to do that!! Cards would be most welcome then also!



Doorstep News ~

FOOD ROOM NEEDS: dry beans, canned milk, oatmeal, rice, spaghetti O's, Macaroni and Cheese, tuna, canned fruit, hamburger helper, powdered milk, cold cereal, peas, ravioli, Hand can openers, spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, egg noodles, boxed pastas, canned beans, pork n beans, and ramen noodles.

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS: small appliances, (toasters, coffee pots, hand mixers), hand can openers, Size 5 and 6 diapers, Men's Jeans especially 30-38, Men's gloves' men's sweatpants, men's T-shirts sizes 3X-6X ONLY, Women's sweatpants, women's gloves, Boys Jeans/pants, sizes 5-16, Boys shirts sizes 4-8, Boys infant pajamas Newborn to 18mos; Girls Jeans/Pants sizes 4-8, Girls tops, sizes 3 & 6,, Kids gloves Deodorant and conditioner.

ANNUAL BANQUET and Quilt Drawing: Watch for the Annual Banquet in April. The event is to celebrate Doorstep, Doorstep Volunteers and member congregations.

SouperBowl Sunday, soup and Crackers collection by Crestview: Crestview collected and donated 284 cans and packages of soup and 52 boxes of crackers and 20#s of rice. Total weight of the donation was 325#s. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection and to the soup preparers for "Soup to Go". What a wonderful selection available to take home. Monetary donations for February were \$886.00. January monetary donations: \$1,025.00 and no food.

Julia Marsh, Crestview Doorstep Coordinator

Doorstep News from Director Lisa Cain ~

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our Souper Bowl Sunday collection! And, how great was it that the Kansas City Chiefs won another Super Bowl!! 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!

Doorstep is trying to find our new normal since the pandemic began three years ago! We are working on a plan for returning to all in-person services instead of phone intakes and appointments.

We are planning to have our first Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing in four (4) years, and we are excited! Our Annual Banquet celebrates Doorstep, our volunteers and member congregations, and we have a lot to be grateful for and celebrate! We have several quilts for the drawing this year, so you don't want to miss out on the chance to win one!! We don't have a date set yet, but it will be in April, 2023!

With the HVAC system installed, we will also be having a 55th Anniversary Fund Wrap-Up reception thanking the businesses, individuals, member congregations, and foundations who donated the funds making this project possible. Once the date is set, likely in June, we will get the word out!

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.

Doorstep, Inc. is looking for a new Marketing Committee Chairperson. If you have an interest and some experience in this area, please contact Doorstep! This position is a member of the Executive Board, so you would need to be available for a Noon meeting once a month.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:15p Carilloner Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 
5 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Classes 11:30a UWF Exec. Meeting (parlor)	6 5:30p Education Comm. (parlor) 7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall)	7 5:30p-7:30p Pastor Kevin's study (par)	8 1:00p Sharing Circle (Aldersgate) 5:30p Faith Circle (Church parlor)	9 9:30a Coffee with Pastor at Café Quetzal  6:15p Carilloner Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 9:00a-2:30p UWF "Soul Retreat" Topeka First UMC Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before bedtime.
12 BLESSING BOX SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Classes DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 	13 5:30p Finance Mtg. (parlor)	14 5:30p-7:30p Pastor Kevin's study (par) 6:00p District 8 AA Leaders (f. hall)	15 11:30a UWF Unit Meeting (Potato Bar Luncheon & meeting) Grace UWF is invited to join us! (F. hall)	16 6:15p Carilloner Bell Choir 6:30p Stamp Club (parlor) 7:00p Chancel Choir	17 Pastor's Day Off Fellowship Hall reserved 	18 8:30a-10:30a U. W. F. sponsored Breakfast Fundraiser (f. hall)
19 UMCOR SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Classes 	20 5:30p SPRC Mtg. (parlor)	21 10:15a (parlor resv.) 5:30p-7:30p Pastor Kevin's study (par)	22	23 6:15p Carilloner Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 9a-Noon (parlor res.) 12:30-4:30p Sanctuary reserved
26 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Classes	27	28 5:30p-7:30p Pastor Kevin's study (par) 7:00p C.N.O. (f. hall)	29	30 6:15p Carilloner Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	31 Pastor's Day Off 	

March 2023

2nd **Lincoln Blankenship**
 3rd **Robert Martin**
 4th **Amy Perry**
 7th **Baron Blankenship**
 9th **Kay Usrey**
 10th **Jason McConnell**
 Susan Ottman

11th **Jason Cooper**
 14th **Debbie Basom**
 16th **Oleta Schafer**
 17th **Mark Freel**
 18th **Erik Blankenship**
 20th **Colene McConnell**
 Kolten Miller
 23rd **Elouise Miller**
 29th **Susan Martin**
 30th **William Peterson**



PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CARD BOX ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE TIME OF YOUR BIRTHDAY!!!!



Gary and I thank our Crestview family for all the expressions of sympathy; cards, calls, texts, flowers, food, etc., at the time of our loss of my mother, Betty Moore.

Friends and family are such comfort when one is experiencing the loss of a loved one. Mom is now with our Lord, and is reunited with my dad and sister. What joy! *With love,*
 Sandy Biber

Thank you to my Crestview friends for the cards and warm wishes as I head off to my full time job. It's been great here! *Alex Willetts*

Thank you to the ladies of Faith Circle for the pretty Valentine sack of special treats and useful items. What a nice surprise! I am also very glad to get the new directory, the 2023 United Methodist Women's Yearbook, The Upper Room, and especially the Lenten Study Book. A special thank you to Sherry Perry for delivering it on a chilly day. Thank you so much!

Love and blessings to all, Mary Lou Irwin



A REMINDER THAT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY MARCH 12 AT 2:00 A.M. Set those clocks forward before bed Saturday night!

Friends,

It has been our tradition at Crestview to honor and remember loved ones with a donation of \$10 for a "lily" during the Lenten Season. Traditionally the Mission Committee provides two live lilies on the altar on Easter. As we have in the past, we will list all those we are honoring and remembering in our bulletin and our May newsletter. The money received for "lilies" will go towards our Mission Share commitment. So if you are able to honor or remember loved ones this year that donation would be much appreciated!

Please fill out the form below indicating who you would like to remember or honor. We ask for \$10 per "lily/name" but if you are able to give more your donation will help us come closer to our Mission Share designated commitment. All donations are welcome and appreciated!! Please send or bring the form and your money to the church office by Monday, April 3rd - thanks so much!!

Your Mission Committee

Lilies For Mission Shares:

In honor of: _____

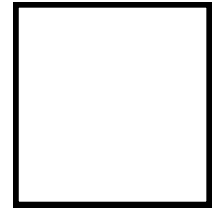
In memory of: _____

From: _____

Total Given \$ _____



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*To Our E-Readers!
Thank you!*

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**Wednesday, March 15th, is the deadline
for the April 2023 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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www.cumctopeka.org

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



***Crestview Church is also on
Facebook and found by searching
for Crestview United Methodist
Church, Topeka, KS***

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.



All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential.