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

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Easter is such a grand experience in the life of the church and the individual believer. It pulls everything together into a loud proclamation, "Christ won!

Sin and death have been defeated!" Easter proves once and for all that God is gracious, forgiving and abounding in steadfast love. One can almost hear the collective sigh of relief when we once again acknowledge God's supreme presence and authority. However, Easter is not a "happily ever after" ending to God's story. It is a joyful beginning.

Jesus, you just defeated the power of sin and death. What are you going to do now? I don't think Jesus' answer would be, "I'm going sit back and relax." Rather, Jesus would respond, "I'm going to lead the way through life's rough seas, death's door and onto life eternal for every child of God." Pastor Kevin

## It's Your Business: Our financial status through Feb. 28, 2023

Bank Balance: \$ 128,675.38

Designated Funds: \$ 123,183.99

5,491.39 General Funds: Mission Shares {assigned \$20,270.00} paid to date: 2,951.16 \$

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

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2023 (\$17,318.84)

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



Concerns: for those we know who are battling another round of COVID-19; for Vicki Durr & family, Helen Lindemann's niece, Marla Rathburn (spinal surgery), Donna Reece, Tom & Peggy Palmer's niece (Stacy-breast cancer); Roy Condley & friends/family of Dennis Hower who was killed in an accident, Bruce Coleman (a friend of Dennis Perry), Dave & Mary Manley's son & wife (Jason & Farrah), Kim Brooks; Also, let's remember to 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 cylc@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 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/communityrewards

CRESTVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (41597)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR CALENDARS:**

Easter Egg Hunt: (we hope to have it on Topeka Collegiate grounds) - Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. We are accepting

WRAPPED candy donations for this event!

Vacation Bible School: Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 - Friday night will be a fellowship supper in the Church parking lot starting at 6:00 pm.



Vacation Bible School will be a one day event again this year and we'll invite the general public - we'll start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. The theme is "Food Truck Party!!"

**Back to School event** - Saturday, July 22 at 10:00a. We will have backpacks available by pre-registration only but we'll also have books and hygiene kits to give away. We'd like to ask the congregation for

help with hygiene items. We'd like to collect shampoo (men's, children's, and just general use) and toothbrush/toothpaste (adult & children's) during the month of April and we'll collect body wash/soap and deodorant during May. Please watch for sales!

Halloween Party - Saturday Oct. 28: 10:<del>00-11:30 - we'll do</del> a mini Trunk or Treat at the north end of the parking lot and have games at the south end like we've done previously.



## Doorstep News ~

#### **DOORSTEP BOARD MEMBER NEEDED:**

Here is an opportunity for you to be part of the Doorstep Board.

DUTIES: Attend full Board Meetings Quarterly and the Annual Banquet.

Must serve on one of (7) standing committees: Administrative, Building, Long Range Planning, Publicity, Congregational and Volunteer Development, Resource, and Special Projects.

Actively participate in Doorstep's annual functions such as the Annual Walk, Christmas Store, Operation Soup Line, and Annual Banquet

Work with and give support to the Doorstep Volunteer Coordinator from your church Assist in promoting effective involvement of the congregation in all Doorstep activities and financial obligations.

Work as a public relations person in promoting the goals and programs of Doorstep within the community and congregation.

Actively participate in fundraising in community and congregation as required by Doorstep.

\* Please note: each Doorstep Board Member is protected by liability insurance up to \$1,000,000.00

Description and Responsibilities of the Standing Committees are on the table in the NARTHEX.

IMPACT AVENUES NEEDS: 5 families have been placed in housing and are no longer homeless. Needs: gently used clean bed pillows, queen and twin sheets and comforters, bath towels, washcloths, small kitchen appliances: hand can openers, toasters, coffee pots, hand mixers, dinnerware (plates, bowls, cups and glasses).

SOUPERBOWL COLLECTION: 7,920 pounds. goal was 5,000#s

ANNUAL BANQUET: April. Date to be announced. Supper, awards, and quilt drawings.

Caldwell Banker collected and donated 6,000 pieces of socks and underwear.

CLOTHING NEEDS FOR CHRISTMAS: Look now for markdown HOODIES and PJ's. These are the only clothing to be given.

Monday, April 3: Doorstep will reopen for all services. Volunteer opportunities are available. Call Doorstep to sign up. 785-357-5341

CRESTVIEW DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY: \$886.00 and 347 pounds of soup and crackers.

Julia Marsh, Crestview Doorstep Coordinator

## **Doorstep News from Director Lisa Cain ~**

Doorstep News ~ April, 2023

Thank you again to everyone who donated towards Doorstep's SouperBowl Sunday collection of soup and crackers. A total of 7,920 pounds of soup, crackers & other items were donated from our member congregations, far exceeding our goal of 5,000 pounds!

We are excited to announce the date of our first Annual Banquet since 2019! We will be at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30pm. The Doorstep Annual Banquet is a celebration of the agency, our volunteers and supporters. We have dinner, entertainment, a program, volunteer awards, and the Quilt Drawing! Anyone is welcome to attend. We will take a 'Love Offering' to cover the costs, and provide a little extra for services. You need to reserve your spot by April 21st, by calling Doorstep, (785) 357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm). You can get your \$1 quilt chances in advance from your Doorstep Coordinator or Board member, in our office, or at the banquet, and you don't have to be present to win! We will have 12+ quilts in a variety of sizes and patterns this year.

More exciting news... we are finally returning to all in-person services beginning Monday, April 3rd. The staff will be able to work more one-on-one with the clients to provide services and information to best help the clients. Office hours are M-F from 8am – 3pm, Donations accepted M-F from 9am – 2pm, and client services provided on

Mondays from 10am - 2pm, Tues – Fri are 9am - 2pm. Clients must be in our office by 1:30pm for assistance.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		AP	RIL			10:00a Easter Egg Hunt
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9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Classes	7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall)			Maundy Thursday  MAUNDY THURSDAY  6:00p Worship @ Grace UMC	GOOD FRIDAY 6:00p Worship @ Crestview UMC	
PALM SUNDAY  9  Blessing Box Sun.  9:30a Worship  10:30a Sunday		11	12	2627 SW Western	14 11:00a-2:00p Fellowship Hall res.	15
School Classes  EASTER SUNDAY	5:30p SPRC Mtg. (parlor)	6p District AA Mtg. (fellowship hall)	1:00p Agape Cir. (Church parlor) 5:30p Faith Circle (Church parlor)	6:15p Carilloner Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	40,00	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Classes	5:30p Ad. Council (parlor)	10:15a-Noon (parlor reserved)		6:15p Carilloner Bell Choir 6:30p Stamp Club (parlor) 7:00p Chancel Choir		Early Day
9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Classes	24	25	26	27	28	9:00a Topeka District UWF Meeting (parlor)
	5:30p Education Comm. (parlor)	7:00p C. N. O. (fellowship hall)		6:15p Carilloner Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir		1:30p-4:30p Sanctuary / F. hall reserved
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14th	Helen Lindemann	30th	Lennox Ellen Basom	
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My dear friends at Crestview, I have no words that can truly express my gratitude for your kindness, your support, your gifts: food, money,

hugs, and prayers. We did not get the outcome we were hoping and praying for, but God was in charge.

I also want to thank Pastor Kevin for his special prayers during Gary's time in Omaha, Chuck Forman for putting together the Power-Point, and Terresa Mountain for designing the program for Gary's celebration. My Crestview Love. Debbie family is very special.

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

*April 6* Maundy Thursday

6:00p Worship @

= 2627 SW Western Grace UMC

Good Friday 6:00p Worship @

Crestview UMC



April 7

For UWF in April: NO Executive Meeting April 12 - Circles

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

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## Saturday, April 15th, is the deadline for the May 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.

# CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.cumctopeka.org

Our e-mail address is: crestviewumc@gmail.com

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.