

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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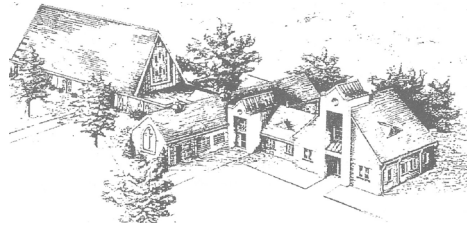
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From
the
Pastor

Hi Church,

You have probably heard the saying, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting different results." This saying begs the question, "Does doing the same thing over and over expecting the same results mean that you are sane?" These definitions came to mind when I overheard someone say, "I don't want my church to change."

It comforts people to know that when they walk into the church "things" are their rightful places. We sit in the same pews and go to the same Sunday school class because we have found comfort, care, and companionship in doing the same things. We shouldn't underestimate the value in that.

God understands our need for stability and things known. It is one reason God gave the ancient Israelites the Tabernacle and later the Temple. It is one of the reasons Jesus tells his followers to share Holy Communion as often as possible in remembrance of him.

What about the dangers of doing the same thing over and over? Can we become too comfortable? Is it a control issue? What if the result we're wanting is no longer the result God wants?

On Mt. Sinai, God established a covenant with Moses. In this covenant, God set forth commandments and laws and said, "If you do these things over and over, you will be my people and I will be your God." One of the reasons for the covenant was to shape a rag-tag group of Israelites into a people that understood how to live in relationship with God and each other. It wasn't easy. Sometimes the Israelites succeeded and sometimes they did not. When they were faithful, God blessed them. When they were unfaithful, God chastised them, even punished them.

When the old covenant had taken the relationship between God and God's people as far as it could, Jesus came along proclaiming a new covenant, a new way of doing things. No longer bound by rules, regulations, and offering the right sacrifice for sins, Jesus proclaimed salvation through grace and living lives that reflected that gift.

It is an understatement to say that many people in Jesus' day were not comfortable or receptive to Jesus' new way of doing things. I imagine a popular song in Jesus' day would have been, "Give me that old time religion." If it's good enough for my father, mother, sister, and brother it's good enough for me. Yet it was not good enough for God. God desired more from the relationship.

This leads me back to where I began. How many of us sit in church doing the same thing over and over thinking, "This is good enough for me"? Or how many of us sit in church doing the same thing over and over hoping that somehow, someday we will be different?

Scripture tells us that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, because God is perfect. Scripture describes human beings as being transformed, changed, and renewed because we are imperfect. If things are "good enough for you," it may be time to re-examine that assumption. If you are sensing a need for something different, that may very well be God stirring you to want a deeper relationship and purpose in him.

Think about it and I will see you in church.

Pastor Kevin

Café Quetzal gathering with Pastor will be September 14, 9:30a-11:30a!

Offering Christ's Healing to a Hurting World - Tuesday evenings beginning 9/19 @ 5:30 in parlor.

Worship Team Meeting - Sunday, September 24, 1 pm in the parlor.

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

Bank Balance: \$ 63,103.58
 Designated Funds: \$ 69,700.57
 General Funds: **\$ -6,596.99**
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 9,196.23



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

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2023 (\$11,073.77)

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



Prayer Requests

Concerns: Reva Hern (cancer); Sherry Perry (cancer); Tom & Peggy Palmer's niece (Stacy—breast cancer); Dave & Mary Manley (for their son & wife, Jason & Farrah, as he remains in severe pain); Kim Brooks; Ellie Davis (fell)



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)

I would like to thank so many folks for the cards, words of encouragement, and the countless hours of volunteer time worked on my behalf while I'm recovering from my stroke. This is a journey I'd not ever imagined I would be on, but I am grateful for each and every one of you. Please be patient, we'll get there!
 Terresa Mountain

Pastor Kevin's sermons are available on the Church Website (usually by Tuesday) and a link is shared on our Facebook. 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 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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 METHODIST CHURCH (41597)

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

Halloween Party - Saturday Oct. 28: 10:00a-11:30a - we'll do a mini Trunk or Treat at the north end of the parking lot and have games at the south end like we've done in years previous. This is fun for everyone!



We would like to thank everyone for the cards, well wishes and blessings that we received. They were all greatly appreciated!! Love and blessings to all! Michael and Vicki Wheat

Thanks to all for Birthday wishes and cards.
 June Christensen

Many, many thanks to all who helped make our Back to School Backpack Giveaway a success!! We gave away 130 backpacks and it took many hands, donations, and prayers to make that happen. Thanks, Crestview for stepping up and making a difference in our community!!
 Your Education Committee



A New Address for:
 Ellie Davis 785-940-5777
 3220 SW Albright Dr. # 326
 Topeka, KS 66614-4707

Doorstep News ~

FOOD ROOM NEEDS: dry beans, canned milk, oatmeal, rice, spaghetti O's, macaroni and Cheese, spaghetti, canned Fruit, hamburger helper, powdered milk, cold cereal, peas, ravioli, hand can openers, tomato and Vegetable soup, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, egg noodles, boxed pasta, canned beans, pork N beans, ramen noodles, pancake syrup

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS: men's shorts, men's jeans sizes 30-34 and 42, man's shoes, men's T shirts all sizes especially 2x and up, men's belts, Women 's shorts, kids shoes, boys jeans, slacks and shorts, boys shirts, sizes 4-10, boys infant size 18 Mo clothing, girls and teen girls shorts and jeans, teen girls tops, feminine products (tampons and pads) and hygiene products, small appliances, sheet sets, (twin, Queen and King)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES needed for Christmas: backpacks. Loose Leaf paper 150 ct WIDE and COLLEGE ruled, Spiral Notebooks, COLLEGE Ruled, Folders - 2 pocket. Markers for elementary kids, colored pencils, Highlighters, glue liquid and glue sticks.

GREAT TOPEKA DUCK RACE: 10 a.m. Sat. Sept 16, 2023 Lake Shawnee, south of the Adventure Cove. (parking at Tinman Circle) Visit www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams select DOORSTEP, INC and adopt one or more ducks (only \$5.00 each) You do not have to be present to win. Doorstep will receive proceeds from the duck purchases.

NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR WALK/5K FUN RUN: Sunday, October 1, 2023; 1:00 PM registration for 2:00 walk/run. Register for \$30.00 by Sept 13 and get T-SHIRT. Sponsor Julia Marsh - sign up on sponsor sheet for Julia Marsh to walk.

Crestview Donations in July: \$50.00 and 69.10 pounds of food

Julia Marsh, Doorstep Coordinator for Crestview

Doorstep Newsletter Article – September 2023



There are more of our neighbors in need of food assistance in 2023! We all know when we go to the store these days that we come out with less food for the same money as a year ago! For our neighbors who are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities paid, having kids out of school and home this summer, and dealing with the crisis that life can throw at us... keeping food on the table has become a bigger challenge than before. With all the 'extras' the pandemic provided gone, and the prices of everything having increased, people are seeking assistance for food more and more! Doorstep's numbers have doubled since this time last year, and we are struggling to keep enough food in stock to provide a full food order. We have already spent an additional \$15,000 purchasing food in 2023 just trying to meet the need, and keep our neighbors fed. In the first seven months of 2023, we have assisted almost as many households with food as we did for all of 2022.

Food Assistance:

Jan – July 2023

Jan – Dec 2022

(Doorstep)

Households: 1,182

Households: 1,225

Individuals: 2,938

Individuals: 3,006

Pounds Given: 71,234

Pounds Given: 81,013

Clearly, the need is greater for food than it has been in years. If you can, please give, and help stock our shelves. If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.

Join us for our **6th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** set for **Sunday, October 1st, at 2pm**, at Lake Shawnee. Get your family and friends together for some exercise, snacks, and fellowship at the lake while raising funds for Doorstep!



WALK/5K RUN

We have everything available online on our website under the Events Tab:

www.DoorstepTopeka.org. You can download the flyer and registration form to mail in, drop off at our office, or register online. To guarantee an event t-shirt you need to register by **September 13th**. However, we will continue to take late and event day registrations. One child age 10 & under can walk for free (t-shirt extra) with one paid adult. Registration is \$30 per person or get sponsors to cover your fee and donate to Doorstep (sponsor form is also on our website). Our pal, **Chris Fisher** with WIBW-TV will be our Celebrity Starter again this year!

New this year... **Ducks for Doorstep!** Doorstep has registered with the Great Topeka Duck Race, and you can buy your ducks through our link on their website to support Doorstep and try to win prizes!



The **Great Topeka Duck Race is Saturday, September 16th** at 10am, at Lake Shawnee. Visit www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams, select Doorstep, Inc. and adopt one Duck, a Family, Flock or an Oodle with a credit card payment. It's as easy as that!



The Lord speaks to His children, but we need to discern His voice. 1 Samuel 3:10	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 <h1>September 2023</h1>					1	2 
3	9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 5:00p F. Hall resv.	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	5	6	7 6:15p Handbell Choir 7:00p Choir Practice	8	9
10	BLESSING BOX SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 5:00p F. Hall resv.	11 5:30p Finance (par) 7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall)	12 6:00p Dist. 8 AA Leaders Mtg. (f. hall)	13 1:00p AGAPE CIR (parlor) 5:30p FAITH CIR (parlor)	14 9:30a-11:30a Pastor at  6:15p Handbell Choir 7:00p Choir Practice	15	16 FIRST DAY OF FALL 
17	9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 5:00p F. Hall resv.	18 5:30p SPRC Meeting (parlor)	19 10:15a Parlor resev. 5:30p Offering Christ to a Hurting World (parlor)	20	21 6:15p Handbell Choir 6:30p Stamp Club (parlor) 7:00p Choir Practice	22	23
24	9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 1:00p Worship Team (parlor) 5:00p F. Hall resv.	25  THE MOMENT WHEN YOU DISCOVER THE CHURCH'S COFFEE POT IS EMPTY	26 5:30p Offering Christ to a Hurting World (parlor) 7:00p C. N. O. (fellowship hall)	27	28 6:15p Handbell Choir 7:00p Choir Practice	29	30

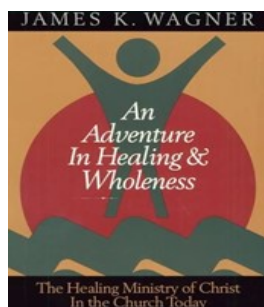
August Birthdays *(belated)*

2nd Linda Donovan
 6th Lenora Wonnell
 8th Ron Larison
 Amy Felsburg
 Karla Biber
 Preston Bahr
 9th June Christensen
 Dennis Perry
 10th Sheryl Usrey
 12th Kathy Munsell
 13th Donny Driver
 15th Marilyn Johnson
 Craig Smith
 17th Jackie Skirvin
 Janis Duran
 20th Janelle DiGennaro
 21st Jennifer Bahr-Slocum
 22nd Martha Williams
 Hunter Voorhees
 26th Fran Miller
 27th Tori Mason
 Mike Voorhees
 28th Janell McKinney
 Joyce Freel
 Carolyn Green
 29th Jane Long



September Birthdays

2nd Tom Palmer
 3rd Bill Nace
 6th Pat Gorton
 7th Larry Schneider
 Kathy Peterson
 9th Dusty Shannon
 10th David Hanley
 Vince DiGennaro
 11th Anthony Martin
 13th Sharon Wagoner
 14th Louella Fitchpatrick
 17th Debra Forman
 23rd Kerri Pelton
 25th Helen Brunker
 26th Morris Sykes
 David Bitter
 27th Alexander Raymond
 28th Jessica Driver
 29th Stacey James-Cooper
 30th Rachel Weber

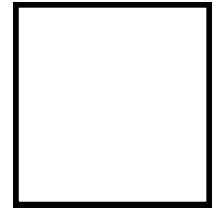


Offering Christ to a Hurting World – Pastor Kevin is offering a fall study of James Wagner's book, "An Adventure in Healing and Wholeness." This is a six-week study that will begin on Tuesday, September 19th in the Crestview Parlor at 5:30 pm or Wednesday, September 20th in the Grace Parlor at 1 pm. Each session will last no more than 2 hours. The study requires attending the weekly session, some work between sessions, and the purchase (if possible) of Wagner's book. If unable to purchase the book, please let Pastor Kevin know. You can register for the class through the Crestview website cumctopeka.org or by emailing Pastor Kevin at krea@greatplainsumc.org. The deadline for registering for the study is Sunday, September 10.

Dear Friends,

Wesley Campus Ministry at Kansas State University would like to invite the Flint Hills and Topeka District United Methodists to join us for a tailgate before the September 9th football game against Troy. We will be at College Ave UMC parking lot beginning two hours before the game. Join us for food, drinks, cornhole, and fun with students and other United Methodists. RSVP to Rev. Lora Andrews at kstatewesley@gmail.com and follow us on social media @wesleywildcats! We are so grateful for your support year-round. Go Cats!





TO OUR E-
READERS

Jesus is the sole source of living water. John 4: 14

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**Friday, Sept. 15th, is the deadline
for the October 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:

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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.