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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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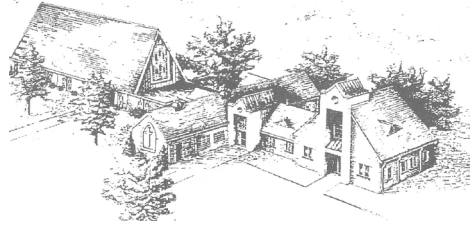
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My June devotional time had me in the Book of Lamentations. Credited to the Prophet Jeremiah, Lamentations is a funeral service for the death of a city, a nation. It is talking about Jerusalem and Israel. Jeremiah wants to help the people as they wrestle with how to mourn and grieve.

One part of Jeremiah's lament that connected with me is Lamentations 3:17, "I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is." Jeremiah's words describe my feelings now as the world becomes more unstable, fear, anger, and violence seem to increase daily, and our churches struggle. It's a feeling of exhaustion and being overwhelmed.

Lamentations was written in a form called acrostic. Every verse in Chapters 1, 2, and 4 begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet. There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet and 22 verses in each chapter. Jeremiah used this to help with memorization but also to guarantee that a lament is expressed completely. Using every letter of the alphabet forces a person to walk fully through their lament and pushes against the temptation to gloss over or oversimplify.

An interesting thing about using Jeremiah's acrostic idea is that at some point you get to the end of the alphabet. At some point, you must move on from your lament. It doesn't pretend that problems go away or that there are no more problems. It is a reminder that struggles and sufferings don't go on forever.

Using Jeremiah's idea is very difficult. One of the reasons I struggled with it was that I tend to want to put my hope in someplace or something where it doesn't belong. When we start placing our hope in the wrong places, we start to believe we can't hope anymore. This is what we read in Lamentations 4:17, "Moreover, our eyes failed, looking in vain for help; from our towers we watched for a nation that could not save us."

One of our tasks as kingdom people is to remember that our hope never comes from something in this world. Our hope never comes from the government, organizations, money, or might. Our hope comes from the person of Jesus Christ.

Our hope needs to be over the horizon of everything in this world and focused solely on the person of Jesus Christ. Nothing can touch or get in the way of the hope that Jesus brings because it is over the horizon of this broken, corrupt world.

Jeremiah says it this way in Lamentations 3:22-25, "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;"

This is faithfulness rooted in the character of God. It expresses fully the laments of our hearts and remembers that hope doesn't replace lament, hope follows lament. When our hope is there, it can't be touched by any of the external circumstances we are dealing with.

Think about it. Pray about it. I look forward to worshiping with you.

Pastor Kevin

It's Your Business: Our financial status through May 31, 2025

Bank Balance: \$ 103,514.51
 Designated Funds: \$ 90,864.40
 General Funds: \$ 12,650.11
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 10,979.40

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

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2025 (\$12,661.68)

TOTAL: Budget \$158,379.08 + Mission Shares \$21,709.00 = \$180,088.08 needed for 2025



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: Gary & Sandy Biber & family (passing of their grandson, Josh McConnell), Kathy Singer, Charlie & Janell McKinney, Carole McFarland, Dave & Mary Manley



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 22 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> CRESTVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (41597)



5th Sunday Special Offering

FOR YOUR 2025 CALENDAR:
June 29,
 August 31
 and November 30



The second Sunday of each month, we promote a food drive to collect food for our volunteers to place in the box. BUT you can drop off items during the week as well M-F from 9:00a-Noon! We fill it every day and it's emptied by nighttime.

Thank you for your continued support!

9:30a Coffee with Pastor at Café Quetzal in July 10th!



We are for coffee-lovers, change-makers, people seeking to connect their faith with life, or people seeking to be in community. In short, we are for everyone! Café Quetzal offers a space in which to be yourself and explore what it means to be present and alive. The journey starts here with a cup of coffee to rejuvenate (or wake up!) the soul.

thank you! I want to thank my Crestview family for the generous gift you gave me for leading special music this past year. It has been my pleasure and honor to be given this opportunity to serve the Lord and His Church.

With love, Debbie Basom



In Memory of Randy Shannon
 1956—2025

A celebration of life for Randy will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 11am at Crestview UMC. The family kindly requests casual attire.

In honor of Randy's love for sports, feel free to represent his favorite teams: The Kansas City Royals, The Kansas City Chiefs or the Green Bay Packers.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, 8001 Conser, Suite 240, Overland Park, KS 66402 or they may be given to Crestview UMC.



YOU'RE INVITED: TOPEKA JUMP CANDIDATE FORUM

With elections this fall for City Council Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and the Mayor's Office, Topeka's leadership could look very different after November. Topeka JUMP wants to ensure the community is informed on candidates' positions on our priority issues: Violence Reduction, Affordable Housing, and Homelessness. Our forum will feature candidates for the Mayor's Office and City Council District 1—offices with enough candidates for a competitive primary on August 5, 2025.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES CONFIRMED:

- Chad Fay
- Ed Patton
- Gabriel Killman
- James Bolden
- Spencer Duncan

DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES CONFIRMED:

- Eli Bohannon
- Jolie Lippit
- Karen Hiller
- Tyler Jagers
- William Naeger



JOIN US (and bring your friends!)

DATE: July 10, 2025

TIME: 6:30-8pm

**LOCATION: Asbury Mount Olive UMC
1196 SW Buchanan St, Topeka KS**

JULY BIRTH- DAYS



July 06:	Donna Waddle
July 08:	Lynnsee Patrum
July 09:	Mary Manley
July 11:	David Manley
July 17:	Jim Banks
July 24:	John Marye
July 24:	John Green
July 27:	Tammy Schmidt
July 28:	Joslyn Rangel



A note of "thank you so much" to Donna Waddle for using her beautiful handwriting and addressing the Church Birthday cards, so Pastor Kevin can fill them out. If you're not receiving a card on your birthday, chances are I don't have your birthdate in my records, so please let me know & I will be glad to add you!
Terresa Mountain



See you there! Wed. July 16

United Women in Faith Unit meeting, Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 in the Parlor. **ALL** are welcome! Please join us for our Salad supper followed by an awesome

program. We've invited Johnathan Sublet and Tricia McCourt of SENT (Strengthening and Equipping Neighborhoods Together) to come share about what they are doing in the Hi-Crest area of Topeka.

Johnathan has a great story to share and we hope we'll have a great turnout for our guests - PLEASE JOIN US!.

PEOPLE POWER WINS

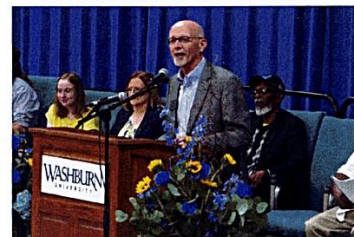


Topeka JUMP drives change by organizing large numbers of people to speak with one voice for justice. Together, our collective action creates real progress for the community. This work is powered by our network members, who inform others and engage them in the mission of doing justice. As you reflect on JUMP's progress this past year, know that your action made it all possible.

This year, because of Topeka JUMP...

Valeo will launch a 30-bed expansion of their crisis intervention services.

Topeka JUMP has advanced a solution to improve mental health crisis care by championing the Crisis Intervention Certification (CIC) program. This allows centers like Valeo Behavioral Health to offer services once limited to state hospitals. By organizing nearly 1,000 people at three consecutive Nehemiah Actions, we secured commitments from Valeo and the KS Dept. of Aging and Disability Services, including \$3 million in startup funds and \$1 million annually for ongoing support. At our most recent meeting, Valeo shared the CIC program will include 30 beds—more than expected—and launch by the end of 2025. As we wrap up active work on this campaign, we are grateful to all who shared their stories and took action to make this possible.



CIVIC is building a program that includes trained violence interrupters to decrease violence in our community.

Our research shows retaliation between groups is the main driver of violence in Topeka. To stop this cycle, we need a violence interruption team—trusted community members who de-escalate conflicts and work with those at highest risk to change behavior and address root causes. JUMP helped launch CIVIC (Community Inspired Violence Intervention Coalition), which received \$600,000 to start a local program that uses this strategy.



At this year's Nehemiah Action, Police Chief Chris Vallejo committed to supporting this effort by:

- ✓ Assigning a police liaison to CIVIC organization.
- ✓ Sharing robust, regular, and easily accessible data from law enforcement to inform the violence interruption program.

Since the Nehemiah Action, CIVIC has contracted with Trajectory Changing Solutions (TCS) to train violence interrupters and help inform our community violence intervention program. With this progress, CIVIC expects the program to be up and running by the end of this summer!

The City of Topeka is finally taking action on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

We started 2025 by holding a series of media events to raise awareness and urgency about using the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to address the growing affordable housing crisis. In response, the city of Topeka:

- ✓ Added activating the AHTF to the City Manager's strategic priorities for 2025
- ✓ Formed a review committee so the fund can be activated on April 1, 2025
- ✓ Had the first review committee meeting on June 4. This group meeting means that they can begin allocating initial \$1 million in the fund to build more affordable housing.

But we still needed **ongoing investment of public funds** to make this sustainable. So, on April 10, JUMP organized nearly 1,000 people at our Nehemiah Action to push for it—and it worked! Councilmembers Duncan and Miller committed to draft a plan to invest \$2 million annually into the trust fund, present it to the full council by October, and vote "yes." City Manager Perez also pledged to work with them, Topeka JUMP, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Review Committee to develop the proposal.



2025 NEHEMIAH POWER

A W A R D

This award is proudly presented to

Crestview UMC

Topeka JUMP changes our community through bringing together large numbers of organized people. We come together with one voice to press decision-makers to make changes at our annual Nehemiah Action. The Nehemiah Power Award is presented to congregations that met their goal for turnout at the Nehemiah Action.



Crestview's Doorstep Report from Julia Marsh

FOOD ROOM NEEDS: Pancake Mix and Syrup, Egg Noodles, Cream of Mushroom soup, Canned fruit, Canned tomatoes, Spaghetti sauce, Oatmeal, Powdered Milk, Peas and Corn, Canned Beans (pinto, black, chile); Boxed Potatoes (Scalloped), Baked Beans, Pork N Beans

CLOTHING ROOM: Men's Pajamas - all sizes, Men's Underwear - XL and up; Men's Shoes - sizes 11 and up; Men's and Women's Tennis shoes - ALL sizes; Women's Pajamas, Boys Jeans and Shorts - all sizes, Girls Jeans and Shorts - All sizes; Little Boys and girls shoes - ages 4 up; Bed Sheets and Comforters - Queen; Diapers - Sizes 5 & 6; Toothpaste (Full Size); Combs; 2 in 1 Shampoo/conditioner - Full size and non-gender specific

DOORSTEP FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE: Thank you for donating to Doorstep Food Challenge during June. Julia Marsh will deliver items the first of July. A full report will follow in the next newsletter.

CRESTVIEW JULY OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOORSTEP: July is Crestview's month to volunteer in the Clothing room. We can have 2 volunteers per shift on designated days. Look for the sign-up in the Narthex. Sign up for a time convenient to you. First Monday, July 7, Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Assist clients with clothing needs, sort and organize donated clothing, 9:00-2:00 ; 2 shifts.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: collection of items for families we will adopt this CHRISTMAS. Choose an item from the Christmas Angel's on the tree or from the Doorstep Flier and bring them in July to Crestview for collection. Monetary donations are always accepted.

CRESTVIEW DONATIONS IN MAY: \$480.00 and 38.3 pounds of food.

Doorstep Newsletter Article – July 2025

We started our “Kick-Off to 60” ~ Doorstep’s 60th Anniversary! 1966 – 2026
Doorstep has three events during the month of July.

First: we are collecting items for Christmas in July to help alleviate some of the strain of providing gifts during the holiday season for more than 800 of our neighbors in need in the 260 households Doorstep will adopt this December from the Christmas Bureau. See our flyer for items you can donate that are available year-round and help us get a jumpstart on Christmas 2025! Please bring your Christmas donations to your faith community services in July, or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

Second: Our 5th Summer Cash Bash is happening thanks to our generous, anonymous donor who is offering up to \$10,000 in match money if we receive donations of \$25,000 or more, during the month of July! All donations made during the month of July will go towards our tally, and hopefully we will exceed \$25,000 to earn us the extra \$10,000! Please note your Mission Member (formerly congregation) on your donations for proper credit! Donations typically drop during the summer months, and this will help Doorstep continue to operate, pay our bills, and help our neighbors in need pay theirs.

Our third event is a Re-Imagined Jewelry Benefit for Doorstep in July! Drop by Café Quetzal at 2111 SW Belle Ave and check out this jewelry made mostly from up-cycled popcorn tins! Doorstep, Inc. will receive 95% of the proceeds on all purchases of Re-Imagined Jewelry in July! Watch Doorstep’s Facebook page for photos of the earrings you could find at the Café in July. Most earrings range from \$10-\$15!! Support Doorstep and treat yourself!!

Café hours:

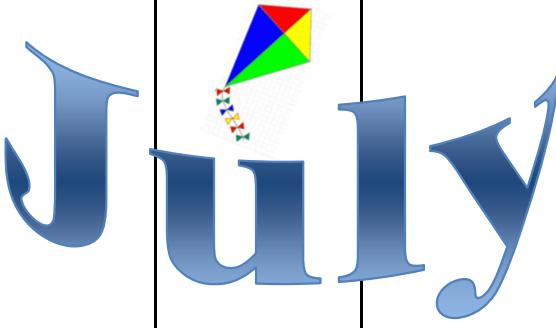
Monday – Thursday 6:45am - 4:00pm

Friday 6:45am - 9:00pm

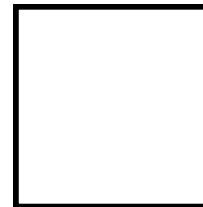
Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 1:00pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00p Solutions Grp (f. hall)	3 5:30p Tetra Belles	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:30a T.O.P.S. (par) 	5 6:00p Memorial Grp (f. hall)
6 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	7 7:00p Coin Club (f. hall)	8 6:00p AA Leaders (f. hall)	9 7:00p Solutions Grp (f. hall)	10 9:30a Coffee with Pastor at Café Quetzal 6:30p JUMP Mtg. Asbury Mt. Olive UMC 1196 SW Buchanan	11 8:30a T.O.P.S. (par)	12 11:00a Celebration of Life & Lunch for Randy Shannon 6:00p Memorial Grp (f. hall)
13 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	14 5:30p Finance Mtg. (parlor)	15 10:15a Parlor reserved	16  5:30p UW of Faith Salad Supper & Program (SENT) (parlor) 7:00p Solutions Grp (f. hall)	17 5:30p Tetra Belles 7:00p Stamp Club (parlor)	18 8:30a T.O.P.S. (par)	19 10:00a Tetra Belles 6:00p Memorial Grp (f. hall)
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Let God's Word fill your memory, rule your heart, and guide your steps. 2 Peter 1: 12



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FOR OUR E-READERS!

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**The 15th of the month is the deadline
for the next month's Crestviewer.**

If you know that someone from our congregation who 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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