

# Crestview

United Methodist Church

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

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

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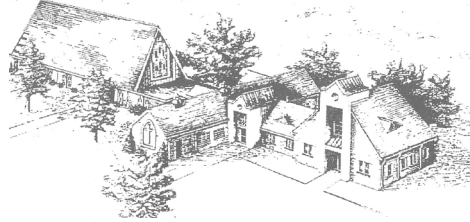
## Crestview United Methodist Church

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During our summer worship series on Moses, we noted the importance of Moses and the Israelites having a compelling and clear goal of experiencing a life of liberty in the promised land. Today, we would call this a vision statement. A vision statement focuses on what the result is meant to be. In the case of Moses and the Israelites, the vision (compelling and clear goal) is to experience freedom and liberty in the promised land.

Once a vision is understood, every decision and action should work toward fully experiencing and realizing the vision. In the case of Moses and the Israelites, there are the things that shape a rag-tag band of ex-slaves who have never known freedom into a people that can truly embrace the freedom and liberty of the promised land. For example, receiving the 10 Commandments and 603 additional commandments over a three-month period at Mt. Sinai is a practical step toward realizing the vision of the promised land.

During one of the services, I revered the statement on the front of Crestview's bulletin each week and newsletter each month. "Building disciples for Christ by making God's love real to others." That is a compelling and clear goal (vision statement) for Crestview.

The challenge before us is determining what are the practical, God-led steps decisions and actions that move us toward fully experiencing and realizing the vision of, "Building disciples for Christ by making God's love real to others." In other words, what is our mission statement? What are the practical and measurable steps that focus out church's efforts toward experiencing the vision before us.

Let me give you a couple examples of what I mean. Jesus had a compelling and clear goal to seek and save those who were lost. In today's language, that is his vision statement.

Jesus' mission statement can be found throughout the gospels. For this article, we will use Luke 7:22, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor." The things Jesus tells John's disciples to report are practical (at least for Jesus) and measurable actions that work toward the fulfillment of Jesus' compelling and clear vision to seek and save the lost.

The Apostle Paul had a compelling and clear goal, a vision statement, that all people, Jews and Gentiles, would know Christ as their Lord and Savior. Paul's practical and measurable steps (mission statement) was to go throughout the Roman Empire preaching the saving grace of Christ in synagogues and on street corners.

During the month of September, we will consider possible practical and measurable steps that focus our church on fulfilling the compelling and clear vision to "build disciples for Christ by making God's love real to others." I want to encourage you to me in this journey, to share any thoughts and ideas that you have prayerfully discerned concerning practical and measurable steps we might take, and to be in continual prayer for the church as we seek God's direction.

Think about it. Prayer about it. I hope you will join me for worship in September.

Pastor Kevin

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

Bank Balance: \$ 94,717.56  
 Designated Funds: \$ 90,584.33  
 General Funds: \$ 4,133.23  
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 14,288.48



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

**Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2025 (7,414.52)**

**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*



Prayer Requests

**Praise:** Debbie Basom's grandson, Parker Wayne Basom, born on 8/11 at 7lbs 2ozs. & 21".

**Concerns:** Carol Weaver, Gary & Sandy Biber & family, Charlie & Janell McKinney, Julia Strobel



*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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:  
 November 30, 2025  
 AND March 29, 2026

*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 on Sept. 11th!**



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! Cafe 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.

## Birthdays in September

- 2nd Tom Palmer
- 3rd Bill Nace
- 6th Pat Gorton
- 7th Larry Schneider
- 13th Sharon Wagoner
- 14th Lou Fitchpatrick
- 17th Debra Forman
- 26th Morris Sykes  
David Bitter  
Ireland Fulton
- 30th Rachel Weber



**Bill Nace is turning "95" on Sept. 3, 2025!**

**There is a Card Shower happening!  
 His mailing address is:**

**William G. Nace  
 2050 N. Webb Rd. Apt. 109  
 Wichita, KS 67206-3423**



**Pat Gorton is turning 90 on Sept. 6th and her family invites you to shower her with cards!**

**Happy Birthday!**

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**Pat Gorton  
 15700 W. 151st St. #220  
 Olathe, KS 66062-3059**

## Doorstep Newsletter Article – September 2025

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the need for food assistance is still high this year with totals nearly equal to last year’s amounts through July. With all of the changes happening in our country right now with programs and funding being cut that many of our neighbors need to survive, the need for our services is going to be greater and more important to help families and individuals stay afloat. 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 and will continue to be a challenge. We have already spent \$38,500 purchasing food to meet the need, and keep our neighbors fed. In the first seven months of 2025, we spent \$150,252 on rent, utilities, dental & prescription vouchers, Topeka Metro passes, gas vouchers, hygiene products, auto services, and more.

**Food Assistance:**  
(Doorstep)

**Jan – July 2024**

Households: 1,718  
Individuals: 4,369  
Pounds Given: 96,869  
\$ Spent on Food: \$38,210

**Jan – July 2025**

Households: 1,715  
Individuals: 4,290  
Pounds Given: 95,835  
\$ Spent on Food: \$38,500

Doorstep can provide this assistance because of our donors and funders who believe in neighbors helping neighbors and give where they can. We are grateful for every donation, large or small, and we appreciate our donors who join us in this 59-year mission! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.



Doorstep is participating in the **Great Topeka Duck Race** again this year! As we waddle towards our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have a goal this year of **600 ducks!** You can buy your ducks through our link on their website to support Doorstep and try to win prizes! Look for **Ducks for Doorstep!**

The “**Virtual Race**” is **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10am. Visit [www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams](http://www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams), select Doorstep, Inc. and adopt a Duck, a Family, Flock or an Oodle with a credit card payment. It’s as easy as that! We will also have paper forms this year, email [lisa@doorstepinc.com](mailto:lisa@doorstepinc.com).



2nd Annual

# PUTT OUT HUNGER

Golf Fundraiser and Food Drive

Shawnee Country Club  
Friday, Oct. 3rd 2025  
\$320/Team  
Sponsorship Packages Available

4-Person Scramble  
Shotgun Start @ 9 AM  
Light Breakfast & Lunch  
Raffle Prizes

There is still time to get your family, friends and golf buddies together and register for Doorstep’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>! Have fun doing what you love while helping your neighbors in need by supporting Doorstep!

**Dear Pastor Kevin and Our Church Family.**

**Greetings from Kingman Arizona the land of heat and cactus. It is good to be in our new home and finding places to put things. With 48 years of marriage and three children you can accumulate a lot of things. We have made many a trip to the senior citizens home to give them things for their Bingo prizes. That was a blessing. We have seen many Family members that live here this past week. Amanda starts her new job Monday the 18, She is very excited. A new beginning. Well God has been so good. He got us here with out any incident or accident and has been leading us all the way. He is wonderful and impeccable in all things. What a Savior perfect in every way! The one thing we are searching for is a church family and a church home to call ours. So far they have not mustard up. We miss you all and you will always be our family. Miss the Fellowship and the Pastor Kevin messages that always get you in the deep of your heart! Thank you for being a good Shepherd and the body of the church for accepting us as we are. God will lead us to a place that will be the right one for us. Continue being a blessing to all. With much gratefulness and love.**

**David, Amanda and Emily Miller. PS: our crazy dog Bosco sends you a high paw**

*From June Christensen: Thanks for the Birthday cards and many wishes for my birthday.*

### **Crestview's Doorstep Report**

**FOOD ROOM** Pancake mix and syrup, egg noodles, cream of Mushroom soup, canned beans - Pinto, black, chili; boxed potatoes - scalloped, vegetable soup, spaghetti sauce, pork n beans, canned fruit, oatmeal, baked beans, corn and peas

**CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS:** MEN'S pajamas -all sizes, men's shorts-all sizes, Men's Jeans and Casual / Dress pants- sizes 32 and 34, Men's shoes, especially 10 1/2 up, Men's and women's tennis shoes, Women's Pajamas - all sizes, Women's shorts, sweatpants, etc - all sizes, Women's shoes especially 9 and up; Boys Jeans and shorts, sizes 4-18, Boys shirts, sizes 2-10l Boys socks, sizes L and XL; Shoes for boys and girls, especially school age; Girls and Teen: Jeans, shorts and Leggins - sizes 5-14

**BED** Sheets and comforters, Twin and Queen; toasters, blenders, and coffee makers; feminine Hygiene products, Pads and Tampons, DIAPERS sizes 5 and 6, Hand Can Openers.

**RESULTS OF JULY CASH BASH:** \$31,000 from Congregations. \$24,000 from the community. and \$426.50 from Jewelry.

**CORE FIRST BETTY FAGER TRUST FUND:** \$340,000 to Doorstep. Possible purchase of a Cargo Van to use for Pick-ups.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS:** Back Packs; Spiral notebooks, college and wide lined; loose leaf college and wide lined paper; 2 pocket folders, highlighters, glue and glue sticks; rulers, color pencils and markers. **NO WOOD PENCILS OR CRAYONS ARE NEEDED.**

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRESTVIEW DONATIONS:** 46 items, Farberware Cook Sets, football, basketball, Lego Set, Towel Sets, Bath and Body Items, Arts and Crafts kits and items, books and Queen size Blanket. Thank you for all of your donations to Doorstep!

**DOORSTEP SEPTEMBER EVENT:** DUCKS for Doorstep This is a Virtual Race, Saturday, September 13th. Buy your ducks at [www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams](http://www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams), select Doorstep and pay with your credit card. Paper forms will be available, e-mail [lisa@doorstepinc.com](mailto:lisa@doorstepinc.com)



**PLAY GOLF??** Get a team of 4 together. Have Fun doing what you like!! Register your team NOW for PUTT OUT HUNGER at Shawnee Country club, Friday October 3rd, 2025

**CRESTVIEW DOORSTEP DONATIONS in JULY:** \$1,395.00 and 1,024.6 #s of Food (our collections for July donation-College Challenge)  
Julia Marsh,  
Crestview Doorstep Coordinator

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	2	3	4	5 830a T.O.P.S. (TBD)	6 11:00a-3:00p F. Hall reserved 6:00p Memorial Grp (fellowship hall)
	7 9:00a Worship 10:30a Sunday School (all ages) Noon: Lunch at Grace UMC for Freewill Donation	8 5:30p Finance Mtg. Location TBD 7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall)	9 6:00p AA Leadership (fellowship hall)	10 5:30p Faith Circle Location TBD 7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)	11 6:15p Bell Practice 7:00p Choir Practice	12 830a T.O.P.S. (TBD)
14 9:00a Worship 10:30a Sunday School (all ages)	15	16 10:15a Parlor Reser.	17 7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)	18 6:15p Bell Practice 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p Stamp Club (TBD)	19 830a T.O.P.S. (TBD)	20  6:00p Memorial Grp (fellowship hall)
21 9:00a Worship 10:30a Sunday School (all ages)	22	23	24 7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)	25 6:15p Bell Practice 7:00p Choir Practice	26 830a T.O.P.S. (TBD)	27 6:00p Memorial Grp (fellowship hall)
Terresa M. on Vacation (thanks to volunteers, the office will be open.)						
						
28 9:00a Worship 10:30a Sunday School (all ages)	29	30				

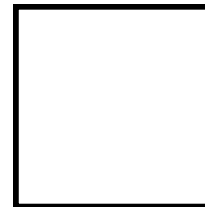
In every desert of despair God has an oasis of comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:4

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



Thank you to  
our E-readers!

Praise can lighten your heaviest burden. Psalm 103:2

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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.

## ***CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE***

***www.crestviewumc.org***

***Our e-mail address is:***

***[crestviewumc@gmail.com](mailto: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.