

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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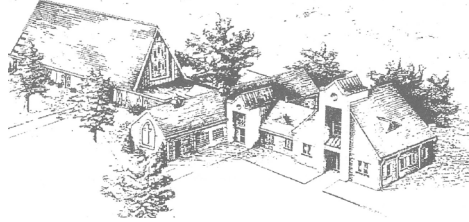
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Dear Friends,

From
the
Pastor

A delegation of American pastors once asked Charles Spurgeon the secret of his success. In response, Spurgeon led them to the lower level of the church and quietly opened the door, revealing over 400 people praying for God’s blessings and power to rest upon him as he led that night’s

service. “There, gentlemen,” said Spurgeon, “is the secret for God’s blessing at work here.”

The Apostle Paul knew the unrivaled effectiveness of prayer in the ministry. He asked the church to pray for him: “I urge you brothers and sisters that you join me in my struggle by praying to God for me” (Romans 15:30).

Every pastor knows that only through prayer will they be an effective minister. Therefore, I urge you to keep me and all pastors in your prayers. Pray for our personal needs, beginning with humility. Pray that we will have a teachable spirit and a servant’s heart. Pray that we will depend on God for fruitful ministry and not on methods or personalities.

Pray for our stability. Pray that we keep our eyes on God and serve him with singleness of heart, not yielding to pride in success or depression in failure. Pray that we will not be caught up in external pressures. Pray for us to know joy in our ministry. Help us to find the joy and peace that comes from being filled with the Holy Spirit and is experienced in all circumstances.

Pray for our health. Pray that we maintain time for Sabbath and recreation in in our lives. Pray that in times of sickness, we let others minister to us and rest in the Lord until we are able to resume activities.

Pray for our priorities. Pray that the Lord will show us how to prioritize our time for our family and the church and ourselves. Prioritizing means that pastors have to say “no” at times.

Please keep us in prayer. Think about it and I will see you in church.

God Bless, Pastor Kevin

**9:30a Coffee with Pastor at
Café Quetzal on Oct. 9th!**



The encouragement of a friend can make all the difference. Acts 9:27

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

Bank Balance: \$ 78,692.55
 Designated Funds: \$ 70,650.41
 General Funds: \$ 8,042.14
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 15,888.48



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

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2025 (\$5,820.52)

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

Concerns: Carol Weaver, Charlie & Janell McKinney, Terresa Mountain



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!



I want to thank my Crestview family for all the cards and birthday wishes. Debra Foreman



Pat Gorton would like to thank everyone for the many lovely cards for her 90th birthday. She had a good time celebrating two weekends in a row with her family.

Oct. 25 from 11a-3p in the Fellowship Hall, Julia Strobel is hosting a surprise celebration for Roy Condley's birthday. Friends are asked to bring a dish to share.

Birthdays in October



Rachella Briggs	October 01
Pat Ripper	October 03
Kevin Rea	October 03
Norma Vandevord	October 07
Joyce Corbin	October 08
Tom Miller	October 12
JoAnn Montgomery	October 12
Dixie Smith	October 12
Amber Schmidt	October 13
Bert Kossler	October 14
Ned Nusbaum	October 14
Joleen Nusbaum	October 14
Chuck Forman	October 14
Julia Strobel	October 15
Ellie Davis	October 17
Rick Anderson	October 17
Roy Condley	October 25
Greg Slocum	October 28
Doris Henderson	October 30

happy birthday



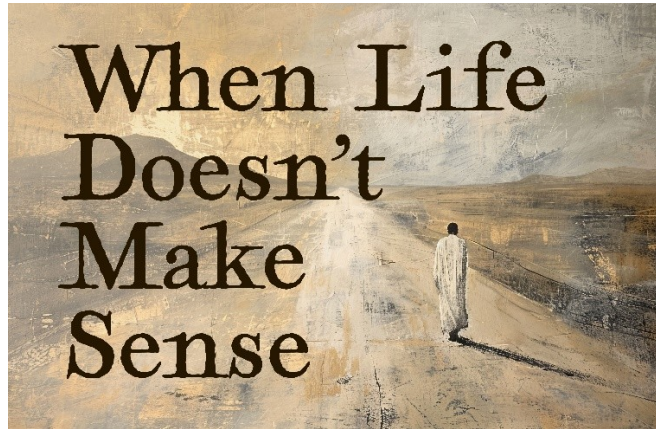
Bert Kossler will be 96 on Oct. 14th!

His kids would love to have card shower for him please.

Address c/o:
CO: Susan Kossler-Drew
24 Rawley Dr.,
Hampden, ME 04444



Upcoming Worship Series



“When Life Doesn’t Make Sense”

October 12 – November 2

*“Indeed we called blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”
(James 5:11 NRSV)*

You have probably heard the phrase “the patience of Job.” It is derived in part from the verse in James 5:11. But Job did not suffer patiently. He rebelled. He demanded answers for his pain. He questioned why honest, hardworking, innocent people had to suffer. Are we victims of fate, as some would suggest? Or are we caught in a battle between good and evil, God and Satan?

The story of Job is the story of a broken man trying to make sense of a life that no longer made sense. How does a broken person approach life? Is it to seek healing and restoration? Is it to seek an explanation and justification? Is it even possible to make sense of life?

Beginning on Sunday, October 12, we will take a closer look at Job’s story. We will not attempt to understand the relationship of God, life, and ourselves through pat answers but by addressing life’s greatest questions and struggles. Every person has life’s troubles to deal with. There is support to be found in the Scriptures and in the body of Christ, the Church. If you’re looking for answers, come and discover them with us. This series will conclude on Sunday, November 2nd with our annual Remembrance Service.

“Kingdom Economics”

November 9 – November 23

Matthew 6:24, “You cannot serve God and wealth,” is a classic statement that may have been said to us, or we may have said it to others. Some of us might remember it said as, “You can’t serve God and mammon.” Mammon, which means bread, came to represent money and wealth. Much like the hoarding of manna in the wilderness during the Exodus was directly disobedient to God, hoarding money for our own purposes is equally disobedient. With the system we live in and greed in the air we breathe, we must wake up to how God views money and wealth and recognize the very real spiritual battle waging in our hearts about who we will serve, God or mammon. We have all fallen into the trap of selfishly desiring things we not only don’t need but are contrary to what God would have for us. But we can wake up from this and move in the direction of kingdom principles with our finances. This series will conclude on November 23rd with Commitment Sunday.

Doorstep Newsletter Article – October 2025

In 2025, the increased need for food assistance continues and is nearly equal to last year's. The difference this year is the many changes and canceled programs and services that have begun and are still to come. Our neighbors continue to struggle to make ends meet, and we know it can get worse in the future. Below, you can see our numbers are not that different this year compared to 2024. Keeping food on our shelves is still a challenge as we purchase food nearly every 2 months, spending on average \$6,000 to \$8,000 each time. In 2025, Project Topeka awarded Doorstep \$9,000 to purchase food at Seabrook Applemarket, and we have used those funds in addition to the \$39K+. Our neighbors are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities paid, and dealing with the crisis that life throws at them... having money to keep food on the table and personal hygiene items continues to be a challenge. In the first eight months of 2025, we spent over \$171k on rent, utilities, dental vouchers, prescriptions, Topeka Metro passes, gas vouchers, hygiene products, auto services, phone bills, and more.

Food Assistance:

Jan – August 2024

Food Orders: 2,032

Individuals: 5,158

Pounds Given: 113,708

\$ Spent on Food: \$43,168

Jan – August 2025

Food Orders: 1,998

Individuals: 4,993

Pounds Given: 110,814

\$ Spent on Food: \$39,612

Our Faith Community Mission Members and Partners are the reason we can provide for our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet or are experiencing a crisis in their lives. Doorstep truly is 'neighbors helping neighbors', and we are grateful for every donation that furthers our mission! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.



Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New) Donations Accepted: Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm 1119 SW 10th Ave (10th & Buchanan) Use the South Door

Men's Shorts ~ All Sizes, Men's Underwear ~ All Sizes, Men's Jeans ~ Sizes 32 & 34 waist, Men's Belts ~ All Sizes, Men's Sweatpants ~ All Sizes (Reg & Plus), Men's T-Shirts & Collared Shirts ~ Sizes Small & Medium, Men's Shoes ~ All Sizes

Men's & Women's Tennis Shoes – ALL Sizes

Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes, Women's Sweatpants ~ All Sizes (Reg & Plus), Women's Leggings & Jeggings ~ All Sizes, Women's Purses, Women's Underwear, Camisoles & Bras (Reg & Sports) ~ All Sizes, Boys Jeans & Shorts ~ All Sizes, Boys Shirts ~ Sizes 5 – 16 Diapers – Sizes 4, 5 & 6, Boys Socks ~ Sizes for Teens Boys & Girls Shoes ~ All Sizes / Especially for School Age, Girls & Teens Jeans & Leggings ~ All Sizes.

Bed Sheets & Comforters ~ Twin & Queen, Toasters & Manual Can Openers, Blankets ~ All Sizes

Food Room Needs:

Pancake Syrup, Vegetable, Cream Mushroom & Tomato Soups, Ramen Noodles, Canned Milk, Baked Beans, Tuna Helper, Mixed Canned Vegetables, Corn & Peas, Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili), Boxed Potatoes ~ Scalloped, Saltine Crackers, Canned Fruit ~ Peaches, Cocktail, Pears

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AND FROM JULIA MARSH:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Spiral Notebooks, Wide and College Ruled; Loose Leaf Paper Wide Rule; Loose Leaf Paper College Rule; Markers, Back Packs, Blue Pens, Scissors, Glue, Rulers, Colored Pencils These are needed by the end of September.

Crestview will donate a GIFT BASKET to be raffled at the Golf Fundraiser. The Basket will be "Grill Chef" If you play Golf, Sign up to play in groups of 4. Flier in the Narthex. The Event is Friday, October 3rd at Shawnee Country Club.

June 2026 will be the 60th Anniversary of Doorstep Plans are ongoing to have a special EVENT. Crestview has been a Doorstep Member Church since 1973.

CRESTVIEW DONATION IN AUGUST \$350.00

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
 <h1>OCTOBER</h1>			1 7:00p Solutions Grp (f. hall)	2 Fellowship Hall reserved? 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	3 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor) 9:00a "Putt Out Hunger" fundraiser for DOORSTEP	4  6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
5 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	6  7:00p Coin Club (fel. hall)	7 Fellowship Hall reserved?	8 5:30p FAITH Circle (parlor) 7:00p Solutions Grp (f. hall)	9 9:00a Coffee with Pastor at Café Quetzal  Fellowship Hall reserved? 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel	10 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	11 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
12 BLESSING BOX SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 	13 <i>Indigenous People's / Columbus Day</i> 5:30 S.P.R.C. Mtg. (parlor)	14 6:00p AA Leadership Meeting (f. hall)	15 7:00p Solutions Grp (f. hall)	16 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir 7:00p Stamp Club parlor	17 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	18  6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
19 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	20  5:30p Ad. Council Mtg. (parlor)	21 10:15a-Noon Parlor reserved	22 7:00p Solutions Grp (f. hall)	23 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	24 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	25 11:00a-3:00p Fellowship hall reserved 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
26 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School HALLOWEEN FEST (time TBD) 	27	28	29 7:00p Solutions Grp (f. hall)	30 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	31 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	 Watch out for Daylight Saving Time, ending on Sunday Nov. 2 at 2:00am! Set your clocks back 1 hour before bed!

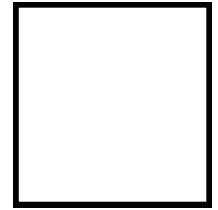
Our earthly families may fail us, but our heavenly Father never will. Matthew 18:10

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



To our E-Readers!

When we love Christ, we love others. John 15: 12

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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

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.