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United Methodist Church

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

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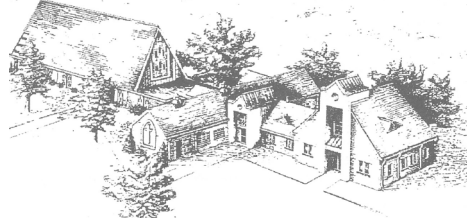
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A favorite maxim of John Wesley was: "The soul and the body make a person; the Spirit and discipline make a Christian." Wesley interpreted this to mean that we need both faith and work. He contended that the weakness of the church in his time resulted from two failures: a lack of understanding about faith and a failure to practice works.

Jesus warned of the dangers of reducing religion to pious platitudes such as, "Lord, Lord," and of failing to do the will of God. He said at the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand." On the other hand, those who hear and do, those who believe and practice, build a house on a firm foundation.

Notice how faith and works are connected in the Bible.

Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD." That is faith.

Deuteronomy 6:5, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." That is action.

The 10 Commandments are prefaced with these words. "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." That is faith.

In Mark's gospel, Jesus walks along the lakeside announcing, "The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near" (Mark 1:15a). That is faith.

The action is, "Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15b). "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. (Mark 1:17-18).

In Galatians 5:1a, Paul affirms, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." That is faith.

The action? "Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1b). "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5:13-14).

The lesson that I hope you take away from this is that faith and actions are held together by gratitude. Gratitude for God's belief in us, and God's gracious actions toward us and the world. Gratitude transforms obedience from dreaded duty to joyful expressions of love. We simply enjoy doing what we do out of gratitude and love.

Think about it. Pray about it. I look forward to growing in faith and discovering ways to put our faith into action together.

Pastor Kevin

**9:30a Coffee with Pastor at
Café Quetzal on Nov. 13th!**



It's Your Business: Our financial status through Sept. 30, 2025

Bank Balance: \$ 71,556.01
 Designated Funds: \$ 71,022.12
 General Funds: \$ 533.89
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 17,388.48

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

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2025 (\$4,320.52)

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



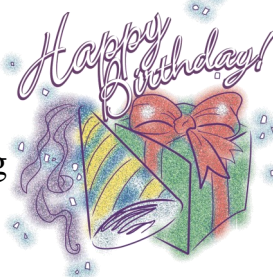
Our Men and Women currently serving in the Military: Matt Thompson; JoAnn Montgomery's Grandson & wife, (Jacob & Lexci Crawshaw); Rick & Laura Anderson's son (Matt Anderson); Oleta Schafer's grandsons (Matt Cavanaugh & Ben Tressler)

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>
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Birthdays in November

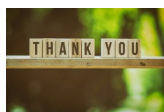
6th	Alex Willetts
8th	Terresa Mountain
10th	John Roth
11th	Teresa Tuchscherer
12th	Verne Dow
14th	Mary Absher
18th	Joanne Dow
19th	Laurie Pigg
21st	Shaun Schmidt
22nd	Thomas Schmidt
23rd	Jim Voelzke
24th	Keagan Downing
25th	James Pinger
27th	Jenna Felsburg
30th	Claudia Voelzke



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!



FOR THE MANY CARDS, NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND GIFTS RECEIVED FOR PASTOR APPRECIATION AND MY BIRTHDAY, I AM TRULY GRATEFUL.
 PASTOR KEVIN

Dear Crestview family: Thank you for joining us for Roy's surprise party celebrating both his 58th birthday and 38 years working for the State of Kansas.

The Strobel/Condley family



Monday, November 3: Topeka JUMP Community Problem Assembly, 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 4: Election Day

Sunday, November 9: Charge Conference at Suzanna Wesley at 4:30 pm

Thursday, November 13: Coffee with the Pastor at Cafe Quetzal, 9:30-11:30 am

Sunday, November 16: Congregation Meeting following Worship in the Fellowship hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 2025 						1  6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall) <i>Daylight Saving Time ends tonight!</i>
2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a UWF Exec. (north wing)	3 6:30-8:00p Topeka JUMP Community Problem Assembly 7:00 Coin Club (fellowship hall)	4 ELECTION DAY 	5 7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)	6 NO BELLS 7:00p Choir prac.	7 8:30a TOPS (north wing)	8 10:00a-3:00p Fall Festival at University UMC 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
9 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 4:30p Annual Charge Conference @ Susanna Wesley	10 5:30p Finance Mtg. North wing	11  6:00p City Wide AA Leaders (fellowship hall)	12 5:30p Faith Circle (north wing) 7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)	13 9:30-11:30a Coffee with the Pastor at Café Quetzal  6:15p Bell practice 7:00p Choir prac.	14 8:30a TOPS (north wing)	15 8:30a-Noon North wing reserved 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
16 9:30a Worship <i>Congregational Meeting following Worship today.</i> <i>(fellowship hall)</i>	17 	18 10:15a-Noon North Wing	19 7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)	20 6:15 Bell practice 7:00 Choir prac. 7:00p Stamp Club (north wing)	21 8:30a TOPS (north wing)	22 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
23 Commitment Sunday 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	24	25	26 8:30a TOPS (north wing) 7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	28	29 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
30 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	 <i>Have a Merry Christmas!</i>					

Doorstep Newsletter Article ~ November 2025

It is that time of year when we really start focusing on our Christmas Adoption Project. By now, the Christmas Bureau is taking applications from families & individuals who need help providing Christmas this year. We will receive our assigned households before Thanksgiving, and we'll be preparing their letters, schedules and compiling wish list items for the 822 individuals!

We provide each household Christmas gifts, food, blankets, hygiene items, household items, school supplies & toys for the children, a puzzle and game, and gift cards. This is a big project, and we cannot do all of this without the help of our Faith Community Mission Members, individuals, and community groups.

Hopefully you know by now, through our newsletter articles, how much need there is in our community. The increased need for food has remained a constant for a year and half now, and our neighbors are struggling to make ends meet, often needing a hand up with bills, or the very least with food to feed their families. In the first three quarters of 2025, Doorstep provided 2,297 food orders to make meals for 5,753 individuals with 126,686 pounds of food!

Items we currently need donated for Christmas are: (NEW)

Queen & King Size Blankets (New): Please NO THROWS.

We need a total of 260 to provide at least one to each household!

***Full-Size Hygiene Items:** Shampoo, Conditioner,

2-in-1 Shampoo + Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash,

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Brushes and Combs

***Towel Sets:** Bath, hand and washcloth to wrap around the hygiene products.

*** Please bring hygiene products and towel sets to Doorstep by mid-November, if possible.**

Household Items: Crockpots, Silverware Sets, Dish Sets, Cookware – Saucepans, Sheet Sets (Queen & King), Small Laundry Baskets with New cleaning supplies (All-purpose cleaner, laundry soap & softener, dish soap, rags, scrubbing pads, window cleaner), Food Storage Sets,

Gifts: Tool Sets, Wallets, Cologne & Perfume Sets, Body Care Sets (men/women), Ear Buds, Headphones, Candles, Nail Polish Sets

Toys & Games: Nerf Guns, Lego Sets, Action Figures, Dinosaur Toys, Family Board Games, Puzzles, Basketballs, Footballs, Learning Toys (ex: Vtech), Paw Patrol

Hoodies: Men/Women/Teens – Varying sizes (Medium – 4X), colors, designs, sports teams, or plain

Monetary Donations: to purchase food, gift cards and items we're lacking.

Christmas Distribution Volunteer Opportunities

(We will start scheduling volunteers in mid-November)

Tuesday, December 16th there will be several opportunities from

8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Wednesday, December 17th opportunities are available from:

8:30am – 1:30pm and 1:30pm – 7:30pm. (Lunch and dinner provided)

Thursday, December 18th opportunities are available from

8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

We need your monetary donations to purchase the gift cards, food, and any of the gift items that were not donated.

You can mail your tax-deductible donations to:

Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th, Topeka, Ks 66604 or go to our website (www.doorsteptopeka.org) to donate by credit card.

Please let us know if you attend one of Doorstep's Faith Community Mission Members (formerly member congregations) for credit



FOOD ROOM NEEDS: Vegetable, Cream of Mushroom and Tomato Soups; Mixed Canned Vegetables; Boxed Potatoes, Scalloped; Canned milk; Saltine Crackers; Corn and Peas, Ramen Noodles, Baked Beans; Tuna Helper, Canned Beans: Pinto, Black, Chili, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Peaches, Pears

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS: Men's Underwear - All sizes, Men's Jeans, sizes 30, 32, 34 waist, Men's Belts and Shoes, All sizes; Men's and Women's pajamas, all sizes; Boys, Girls & Teens Jeans, All Sizes; Larger Boys Socks

Bed Sheets, Blankets, and Comforters, all sizes; Hairbrushes, Toothbrushes and Razors

Diapers Sizes 4, 5, & 6

Rolling Luggage

DOORSTEP CHRISTMAS PROJECT: For 822 individuals.

Each household will receive a blanket, Hygiene items (Towels, hand towel, washrags, soap, toothpaste, combs, and brushes, deodorant, 2 in 1 shampoo conditioner), a toy for each child, puzzle and game per household, one gift or toy each, and a gift card each as well as a food order.



Donations of NEW ITEMS will be collected from now to Wednesday, Dec. 10. Monetary donations are accepted and will be used to purchase Food, gift Cards and items Doorstep is lacking.

SEE THE FLIER IN THE NARTHEX OR ANY BULLETIN BOARD. for gift needs.

Want to volunteer for the Christmas Distribution?

Call Doorstep in Mid November and sign up for any of these time slots.

Tuesday, Dec. 16th 8:30-12:30, 12:30-5:30 (Lunch Provided)

Wednesday, Dec 17th 8:30-1:30, and 1:30-7:30 (Lunch and Dinner provided)

Thurs. Dec. 18th: 8:30-12:30 and 12:30-5:30 (Lunch Provided)



Crestview Donations in September: 15.40 #s food

Julia Marsh, Crestview Doorstep Coordinator



In lieu of putting an envelope for Doorstep in each newsletter, if you wish to make a monetary donation, PLEASE mark it clearly for Doorstep in the memo line and mail it to the Church or drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning.

Thank you for your continued support of Doorstep during these difficult times. You are helping to bring hope to others.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Thanks to our
E-readers!

Our lives speak louder than our words. 1 Peter 2:12

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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.