

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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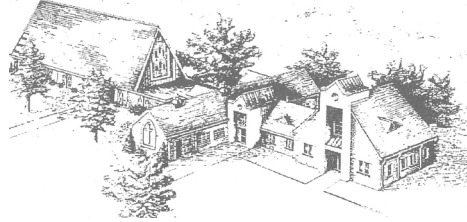
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One of the blessings of the church is that it reflects the stability found in God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It comforts people to know that the church is there and when they walk in on Sunday morning "things" are in their rightful places. People often sit in the same pew because it brings a sense of security. They can see better, hear better, feel better in that place in the sanctuary. They go to the same Sunday school class week after week, year after year because they've found comfort, care and companionship among those folks. We shouldn't underestimate the value in this.

God understands this about us. 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 in Holy Communion as often as possible in remembrance of him. God understands our need for stability and things known.

But what about the danger of becoming too comfortable? What about doing the same thing repeatedly because of our desire to be comfortable and perhaps to control the outcome? What happens when the result we're use to and look forward to is no longer the result God wants?

When the covenant God established first with Abraham and then with Moses had taken the relationship between God and God's people as far as it could, Jesus came along and proclaimed a new covenant, a new way of doing things. No longer were people bound by the rules and regulations of the Old Covenant. God said that all we you must do now is receive the gift of salvation offered through Christ's sacrifice and live our life reflecting this gift."

We who have only lived in the time of the new covenant can't understand why anyone would want to live under the old covenant and yet many did and do. I imagine that a popular song during Jesus' day might 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. He desired more from the relationship.

A definition of insanity is "to do the same thing over and over hoping for a different result." How many of us sit in church on Sunday and say, "This is good enough for me." Or do we sit in church doing the same thing each Sunday hoping for a different result? That perhaps somehow, we will feel different after this Sunday.

Is it good enough that we have Sunday School and worship every week, give monetary and material resources to address needs? Or is God trying to do something new with us to bring us more deeply into relationship with Him and to bring others into a new relationship with Him?

Think about it. Pray about it. I hope to worship with you soon.

Pastor Kevin

**9:30-11:30a Coffee with Pastor at
Café Quetzal on Feb. 12th!**



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

Bank Balance: \$ 70,757.38
 Designated Funds: \$ 65,160.75
 General Funds: \$ 5,596.63
 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 \$164,143.45 + Mission Shares \$23,132.00 = \$187,275.45 needed for 2026

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: Teresa Tuchscherer, Michele Turley, Ila Hewitt, Carol Weaver, Charlie 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> CRESTVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (41597)



From Janell McKinney:

A word of thank you to the following folks who stepped up when the plea went out for extra help at the Trinity Presbyterian Harvesters Food Distribution in January. I only reach out when they indicate a need for outside folks.



Pastor Kevin, Donna Waddle, Janet Beffort, Gregg Duguid, Kathy Duguid & Julia Marsh

5th

Sunday Special Offering

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:
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!



Staff Gifts

I wanted to say a very belated thank you for the staff gift. It is always a blessing to receive! Teresa Mountain

Julia Marsh reported receiving the following from the Charlie Brown Tree for Doorstep:



13 hats; 17 pairs of gloves, 2 hat/scarf sets, 1 hat/glove set, 1 scarf and 1 headband/ear muff.

Thank you for your contributions.

Please be watching for sales for NEXT year's tree!

A NEW ADDRESS FOR:

Ila Hewitt
280 E. Valley Springs Dr.
Auburn, KS 66402
And her phone number is 785-408-9481
She would love to hear from her Church family!

February Birthdays:

- 3rd Sherry Perry
- Amy Bitter
- 8th Kathy Singer
- 9th Susan Lienen
- 13th Michele Turley
- 19th Peggy Palmer
- Mickey Shannon
- 28 Cassie Slocum
- Vivian McCormick



2025 Mission Share Poinsettias

Debbie Basom

In honor of: My grandchildren

In memory of: Gary Basom

David & Amy Bitter

*In honor of: our friend Teresa Tuchscherer;
prayers for healing.*

In memory of: Josh McConnell

Cindy Brooks

*In honor of: my grandchildren Jackson,
Harrison & Abby Brooks*

In memory of: my parents Rex & Betty Brooks

Joyce Corbin

In memory of: my husband, Norman

Kathie Duguid

In memory of: my parents Galen & Elsie Kilhefner

In memory of: my sister, Audrey Kilhefner

Chuck & Debra Forman

In memory of: Christine Forman Canterbury

In memory of: Dolores Baldock

Julia Marsh

In honor of: Kendall Marsh

In honor of: Cale Marsh

In honor of: Taylor Marsh

Charlie & Janell McKinney

In memory of: Henry & Nellie Allen

Bill Nace

In memory of: Phyllis Nace

In memory of: family

Oleta Schafer

In honor of: my family

In memory of: Bob Schafer

Mike & Cheryl Schuster

In memory of: Bennett & Betty Berggren

Mickey Shannon

In honor of: Cody, Dustin & Sarah Shannon

In memory of: Randy Shannon

Red Turner

In memory of: Helen Marie Turner

2025 Live Poinsettias

June Christensen

*In memory of: Darrell Christensen,
Cherie Christensen & Kim Starbuck*

Elnora Davis

In memory of: my husband, Albert Davis

Charlie & Janell McKinney

In memory of: Charles & Dorothy McKinney

Michael & Vicki Wheat

In memory of: Vernon & Helen O'Trimble



**Thank you to all who contributed
to our poinsettias this Christmas!**

**We raised \$375.00 for Mission
Shares which will be sent in for**

January 2026

Registration open for Kansas LEAF, Feb. 15-16 in Topeka



Note: This is a photo of 2025 participants. See anyone you know?

Registration is open for Kansas Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith, or LEAF, scheduled for Feb. 15-16 at Topeka First UMC.

Workshops this year are focused on therapy dogs, Cafe Quetzal in Topeka, League of Women Voters, El Centro de Topeka, Agency on Aging, KVC Kansas and Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

The registration fee is \$15, which includes lunch and continental breakfast. Reach out to a UWF Officer for more information!

Please take note of two upcoming events in the East Central Kansas District in March.

East Central Kansas District Care Ministry Seminar

Are you satisfied with the way your church provides care? Do you engage your volunteers to live out their calling as Christians to care for one another? Attend this 2-day care ministry training with your care team hosted by the UMC East Central Kansas District to learn very practical skills on how to visit and care for those in your community.

Date: March 6-7, 2026

Friday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Countryside United Methodist Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka, Kansas

Cost: \$25/person

Books for the seminar will be provided, along with a meal on both days.

To register, please click on the following link:

<https://gp-reg.brtaapp.com/ECKDistrictCareMinistrySeminar>

Resisting Christian Nationalism Workshop

Join us for a FREE workshop focused on education surrounding the topic of Christian nationalism hosted by the Great Plains Justice and Mercy Team.

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Lawrence First West Campus, 867 US-40, Lawrence, Kansas

Lunch will be provided.

To register, please click on the following link:

<https://gp-reg.brtaapp.com/ResistingChristianNationalismWorkshops>

Doorstep News ~ February 2026

The need for food assistance increased again in 2025. We provided a total of 3,094 food orders last year, 130 more than 2024! The 169,464 pounds of food provided meals for 7,771 of our neighbors, and we could not have done it without our Mission Members... You! We want to thank each of our Mission Members (formerly congregations) for continuing to partner with and support Doorstep in our many endeavors throughout each year! Whether it is a special event, collection of food, blankets, hygiene products, school supplies, Christmas gifts or money, as a group you come through time and time again to help your neighbors coming to Doorstep. It is clear from the past few years that food will continue to be a great need in Shawnee County and the surrounding area.

One way to help in the first part of 2026 is by donating items for our annual SouperBowl Sunday collection of soup and crackers!

During the weekend of the Super Bowl (February 6th – 8th) we ask our faith communities and mission partners to collect soup, all varieties, and crackers to help stock our food shelves. A successful event will keep our pantry shelves stocked with soup for a few months, at least!

In 2025, we set a goal of 10,000 pounds, and unfortunately, we fell short of the goal... However, we still fed many of our neighbors with the 7,083 pounds we received!!!! With the need continuing to rise, we are shooting for 5 ton again this year!! Please help us reach our goal and provide a warm meal at home for our neighbors!

2026's Goal for SouperBowl Sunday weekend is... 5 tons = 10,000 pounds of soup and crackers!

Christmas Adoption Project Update: Doorstep adopted extra households in 2025 including 20 additional single men & women, and 5 households of 5. In total, with your help, we provided food, gift cards, blankets, health kits, toys, school supplies, household items, and gifts for 282 households involving 860 individuals. Thank you to EVERYONE who donated items, time and money to make 2025's Christmas Project a success!! With 55 Mission Members and the community working together we can make a big impact in assisting our neighbors who need a hand up! Thank you! ~ Lisa Cain



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REPORT FROM OUR CRESTVIEW COORDINATOR TO DOORSTEP:

FOOD ROOM NEEDS: Vegetable, Cream of Mushroom, Chicken Noodle, and Tomato soups; Peanut butter, mixed canned vegetables; canned fruit (peaches, cocktail, pears); corn, green beans, peas, Baked Beans, Ramen Noodles, Canned Milk, Tuna, Saltine Crackers
CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS: Men's gloves, jeans (all sizes); underwear; belts; pajamas; T-shirts (all sizes); Sweatpants and sweatshirts
Women's pajamas, underwear
Boys jeans, sweatpants and sweatshirts
Girls leggings; jeans; pajamas
Blankets and Comforters, all sizes

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: February 8th Bring soup and Cracker donations to stock the Doorstep food room. Last year we collected 178 cans of soup and 43 crackers. Lets try to beat our collection last year! Doorstep's Goal is 10,000 pounds of soup and crackers.

Thank you to EVERYONE for all of your donations for Christmas Adoption Project. Doorstep adopted 282 households, 860 individuals.

Julia Marsh, Doorstep Coordinator for Crestview

February 2026

When we face unanswered questions, we find help & hope in God's love. Job 23: 10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a UWF Exec. (north wing) 1:30p Joint Worship Committee at Crestview	2  10:15a Sanctuary 7:00p Coin Club	3	4 7:00p Solutions	5 6:15p Bells Prac.	6 8:30a T.O.P.S. 10:00a-4:00p Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved	7 6:00p Memorial Group
8 Blessing Box Sun. 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Soup collection for  Doorstep Ends Today! 	9 5:30p SPRC Mtg. (north wing)	10 6:00p AA Leaders Meeting (f. hall)	11 5:30p Faith Circle (north wing)	12 9:30a-11:30a Coffee with Pastor at Café Quetzal 6:15p Bells Prac. 7:00p Choir Prac.	13 8:30a T.O.P.S.	14  God demonstrates his own love for us... <small>ROMANS 5:10</small> 6:00p Memorial Group
15 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School L.E.A.F. @ Topeka 1st UMC	16 L.E.A.F. @ Topeka 1st UMC  5:30p Ad. Council Meeting	17 10:15a north wing reserved	18 ASH WEDNESDAY  6:00p Worship at Crestview UMC	19 6:15p Bells Prac. 7:00p Choir Prac.	20 8:30a T.O.P.S. 10:30a-3:30p Fellowship Hall reserved	21 6:00p Memorial Group
22 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	23	24 1:00p Lent Study at Grace UMC 6:00p Lent Study at Crestview UMC	25	26 6:15p Bells Prac. 7:00p Choir Prac.	27 8:30a T.O.P.S.	28 4:00p Memorial Group Anniversary 

God Looks Like Jesus



A Study of the Gospel of John

“God Looks Like Jesus” A Lent Study of the Gospel of John

This year’s Lenten study will explore the life, lessons, and stories of Jesus through the vivid imagery found in the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John is a different kind of gospel than Matthew, Mark and Luke. John wrote his Gospel to show who Jesus Christ really is and what his life really means. What we have in John’s gospel is a very detailed mural of Jesus in which John has selected specific events, actions and teachings of Jesus to include. Everything in John’s gospel has a specific purpose for being there. The reader’s job is to not only see the mural but to also look deeper to see the specific portraits of Jesus that make up the mural and to ask, “Why is this important for me to know?” In short, John wants us to see and understand that God looks like Jesus.

Each Sunday’s worship during Lent will focus on one aspect of the gospel. The weekly devotional will take us through the entire gospel. In addition, a small group study opportunity will be offered on Tuesdays beginning on February 24th with a 1 pm group at Grace and a 6 pm group at Crestview. No additional resources need to be purchased for the study, but registration is required. Please contact either church office to register for one of the groups.

Calendar Events

- Sunday, February 1, 1:30 pm – Combined Worship Team meeting at Crestview
- Thursday, February 12, 9:30-11:30 – Coffee with the Pastor at Café Quetzal
- Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday Service, 6 pm at Crestview
- Tuesday, February 24, Lent Small Groups – 1 pm at Grace, 6 pm at Crestview



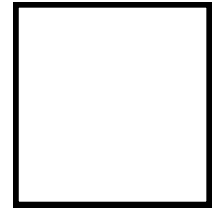
No one is more secure than the one who is held in God’s hand. Psalm 37: 24

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***Thank you to our
E-Readers!***

Love was when God became a man. 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

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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
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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.