

Crestview

United Methodist Church

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

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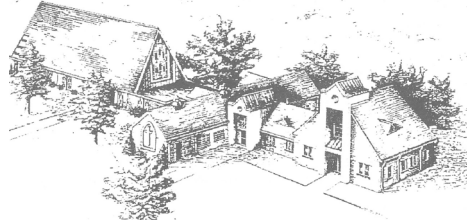
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We are also on Facebook; search for us by our name.



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A Guide to Church Etiquette

The following is adapted from Canon Tom Kennar's fictional writings about the parish life at St. Faithful Church. Although adapted and fictional, there is truth in these lessons.

1. Arrive early. Early enough to sit down, compose yourself, and locate the necessary items to engage in worship. Do not burst through the door during the prelude or first hymn.
2. If you ask, "Is this my seat?" it probably isn't. But if you've sat there for thirty-seven consecutive years, you may defend it gently, with dignity, and a well-placed hymn book.
3. Coffee exists. It is not a sacrament. You may survive without it.
4. The prelude is not background music. It is not the soundtrack to your catching-up session about your hip operation or the latest news. Our musicians did not spend time preparing for you to use it as background to your bunions story. Appreciate their act of worship, please.
5. Children are welcome. If they make a joyful noise, we rejoice. If they are about to damage themselves, someone else, or church property, we gently intercede.
6. Hymns are sung. Murmured reflections upon them are not the same thing. Imagine you're at Arrowhead or Kaufman Stadium and give similar enthusiasm to worship.
7. Announcements are brief. They are not an opportunity to recount the entire history or details of upcoming event.
8. Joys and concerns are to be concisely and clearly shared. This is not an opportunity to share forgotten announcements. Nor is it time to share every detail of a prayer request. God does not need that information nor do we.
9. Candles are devotional. They are not mood lighting. They are theology you can see.
10. Remain until the conclusion of the service. The closing hymn is not an opportunity to be the first one to coffee or the parking lot. You are not required to remain for any curtain calls the pastor may receive.

It's Your Business: Our financial status through Jan. 31, 2026

Bank Balance: \$ 66,083.73
 Designated Funds: \$ 62,280.54
 General Funds: \$ 3,803.19
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 0.00

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

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2026 (\$23,132.00)

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



Concerns: Teresa Tuchscherer, Ila Hewitt, Carol Weaver, Charlie McKinney,

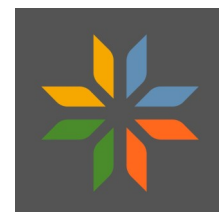
Debbie Basom, John Roth



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)

Soul Care

**Kansas East Central District United Women in Faith
 A Day To Celebrate And Refresh Our Souls**



March 21, 2026

Osage City United Methodist Church

Registration begins 8:45 am.

Meeting 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Cost \$15.00 includes light breakfast and lunch. Early registration starts February 6.

Three class sessions; 4 great choices! And much more!

Questions?? Contact Rose Souter: gmaw_13@yahoo.com

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



Pastor and Church Leader Impersonation Scams on the Rise

Across the country, churches and ministries are seeing a troubling rise in identity spoofing scams—particularly those that impersonate pastors or other trusted church leaders. These scams often arrive as emails or text messages that appear to come directly from a pastor and urgently request gift cards, financial assistance, or sensitive information. Cybersecurity experts note that churches are frequently targeted because of their culture of trust, publicly available contact information, and limited technical safeguards. Because these messages appear to come from familiar leaders, they can be especially convincing. Please note that Pastor Kevin or any individual connected with our church will **NOT** contact you requesting gift cards, financial assistance, or other information be sent to them personally. If you receive such a request, please do not respond to the request and immediately contact the church office.



10th Jason McConnell

Susan Ottman

14th Debbie Basom

16th Oleta Schafer

17th Mark Freel



20th Colene McConnell

21st Sam Slocum

23rd Elouise Miller

Shane Slocum

26th Elisha Fulton

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 CALENDAR:

March 29, May 31, August 30, Nov. 29

The second Sunday of each month, we promote a food drive to collect food for our volunteers to place in our Blessing 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 continuing support of this vital ministry.



Resisting Christian Nationalism Workshop

In 2025, the Great Plains Conference passed the resolution "Christian Nationalism: Mercy and Justice" both rejecting the tenets of Christian nationalism and committing to sponsor workshops "to provide education on understanding, recognizing, and eliminating the tenets of Christian Nationalism from worship and ministry in their congregation."

The Great Plains Mercy & Justice team will be hosting six practical workshops across the conference. Each workshop will be led by the Mercy & Justice team, as well as our speaker, Rev. Neal Christie, executive director of The Religious Nationalism Project. These workshops are open to all clergy (active and retired), lay leaders, worship leaders, youth ministers, and other church program staff. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

The March workshop will be held at Lawrence First UMC (West Campus) on Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 am to 4 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Kevin.

A new address for:

Galen & Shirley Postier
200 W. Cedar St. #1144
Hesston, KS 67062-8104

and for:

Elouise Miller
3124 SW Landsdown #71
Topeka, KS 66614-6005



Jesus carried the burden of our sin so He could give us the blessing of life. 1 Peter 2: 24

Doorstep News ~ March 2026

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** weekend collection! The need for food assistance continues to grow in our community, and it is truly through neighbor helping neighbor that we can continue feeding the people who need it.

This year we are trying a new version of our most popular fundraiser, Operation Soup Line, by splitting it into two events. The first, **Soup Line 2.0** was the same weekend as SouperBowl Sunday, and admittedly it did cause some confusion. This was a pre-order & pay event with pick up over Super Bowl weekend. We made over \$4,000 and we will be evaluating the whole event for 2027! Part two of Soup Line was the theme basket auction; and we are turning that into an online only auction in March! The **Starlight Auction for Doorstep will start on Sunday, March 14th @ at 10am and run until Saturday, March 21st at 10pm!** Please check out the items that were donated from our faith communities and local businesses to raise funds for Doorstep!

Doorstep's annual **Appreciation Banquet & Quilt Drawing** will take place on **Tuesday April 21st** at St. John's Lutheran. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate Doorstep and our volunteers and wait to see who wins quilts. A Love Offering will be taken, and we will hand out Volunteer of the Year awards.

This June marks Doorstep's 60th anniversary of helping our neighbors in need by providing a hand up! We are planning our **9th annual Neighbor Helping Neighbors Walk/5K fun Run**, AND a celebration at Lake Shawnee to kick off our 60th year, and a big announcement for future changes! So mark **Saturday, June 6th** on your calendars and plan to participate in our walk/run and stick around for some fun afterwards!



CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS: Men's Underwear, all sizes; Men's Jeans, esp. sizes 32-38 and 46; Men's Belts, Men's Pajamas, all sizes; Men's shoes
Women's Pajamas & Robes, all sizes
Kids Clothing - Boys and Girls all sizes, especially jeans; Teen Girls Jeans - all sizes
Gloves (Men, Women and Kids), Blankets and Comforters, All sizes
Coffee Pots, Coffee Makers, Kettles & Pots, Rolling Luggage
Hygiene Items: 2 in 1 Shampoo, Feminine Products

FOOD ROOM NEEDS; Vegetable Soup, Egg Noodles, Baked and Pork and Beans, Mixed Canned Vegetables, Powdered Milk, Canned Beans - Pinto, Black, Chili; Canned Fruit, Canned Milk, Peas



Souperbowl Collection for Doorstep:
209 canned soup-, 18 Beef Stew, 48 Ramen Noodle Soup Cups = 275 soup
41 Crackers for a total of 316 items weighing 262.6 pounds

STARLIGHT AUCTION: Begins March 15, 10:00 AM - ending March 21, 10:00 PM
This is an on-line fundraising event designed to support vital outreach programs that provide food, clothing, emergency assistance, and compassionate care to neighbors in need. Each Community Partner is asked to donate a raffle basket, gift card, merchandise, or service for this event.

Crestview End of 2025 donations: 1,445.60 # of food and \$8,545.00
Donations in January 2026: 5.5 # food.

Julia Marsh, Crestview Doorstep Coordinator

The world hopes for the best, but the Lord offer the best hope. *Jeremiah 31:25*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



MARCH 8TH

To our E-Readers!
Thank you!

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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.