

# 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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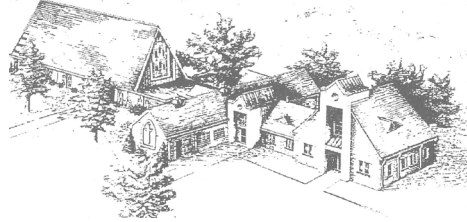
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We spent the last seven weeks reading through the Gospel of John. There is often a surprise or two when I devote myself to intentionally reading scripture. One of those surprises occurred in the readings of John's gospel during Holy Week.

In John 16, Jesus makes a promise. It occurred during a conversation between Jesus and his disciples. I suspect that it likely went in one ear and out the other of the disciples. At the time, there was no reason for the disciples to understand the profoundness of Jesus' words. I've read this verse hundreds of times. Each time it didn't cause me to pause. There hadn't been a personal reason to pause on the verse.

During the conversation between Jesus and his disciples, John 16:33 records Jesus says, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

There is nothing earth shaking about Jesus' statement that we will have trouble in this world. Having trouble in this world means a person was alive. But Jesus prefaces that statement by saying, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace"* and concludes with, *"But take heart! I have overcome the world."* From a twenty-century distance, we can recognize how crazy these words are. Only hours after saying this, Jesus is arrested, tortured, and killed. It certainly didn't look like Jesus overcame the world then, and it can be difficult to see how Jesus overcame the world in the last twenty centuries.

That's the thing. Outside of Christmas and Easter, it can feel like there are 363 Good Fridays a year. The world can look like doom, emptiness, and chaos. It can look like the world is overcoming Jesus. It can look like the last word is death. But this world does not get the last word. Jesus rising from the dead shows us that Jesus did overcome the world. Jesus rising from the dead shows us that Jesus did defeat evil, sinfulness, and death itself.

We don't always see that manifested in this world. There is nothing we can do to make it manifest faster than God's plan has designed it. We live in what's known as the "already-not yet paradox." Christ has overcome the world and has defeated all that is not of God's will, but it is not yet fully manifested.

Here's the thing. Throughout John's gospel, we are only asked to believe and trust in one thing. We are asked to believe and trust in Jesus the Christ, God in human flesh, the fullest revelation of God. The peace Jesus speaks about in John 16 comes from believing and trust in Jesus. It is *"in me you may have peace."* It comes from keeping our eyes fixed on the light that darkness could not overcome. When we can keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and trust in the long narrative of God's plan for this world, we can know peace, a peace that passes all understanding.

Think about it. Pray about it. I look forward to worshiping with you.

Pastor Kevin

## It's Your Business: Our financial status through Feb. 28, 2026

Bank Balance: \$ 66,821.36  
 Designated Funds: \$ 62,292.73  
 General Funds: \$ 4,528.63  
 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, Charlie McKinney, Debbie Basom, John Roth



*Our Men and Women currently serving in the Military: Keagan Downing's brother (Victor Downing, Jr.) Matt Thompson; JoAnn Montgomery's Grandson (Jacob Crawshaw); Rick & Laura Anderson's son (Matt Anderson); Oleta Schafer's grandsons (Matt Cavanaugh & Ben Tressler)*



|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 6th  | David Miller    |
| 7th  | Maxine Menish   |
| 10th | Jennifer Emery  |
|      | Cindy Brooks    |
| 13th | Jaron McConnell |
| 14th | Helen Lindemann |
| 20th | Gary Biber      |
| 24th | David Beukelman |
|      | Jack Pinger     |
| 26th | Mike Powell     |
| 27th | Chris Weber     |

*Kim Brooks wishes to thank the UWF for her Valentines Gift Bag and also to Kathy Singer for delivering it to her!*

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, food, flowers, and support as I navigated my recent unexpected journey. I am healing nicely and it is due to your support and the grace of God. Debbie Basom



## Maundy Thursday

**April 2nd: Maundy Thursday Worship**  
**6:00p at Grace United Methodist.**  
**2627 SW Western Ave.**



## Good Friday

**April 3rd: Good Friday Worship**  
**6:00p at Crestview United Methodist.**  
**2245 SW Eveningside Dr.**

**April 5th: Easter Sunday Worship**  
**9:30a at Crestview United Methodist**  
**10:45a at Grace United Methodist**



David Miller will be turning 70 on his birthday this month (April 6th). A card shower has been requested for him And his mailing address is:



David Miller  
 3690 N. Kenneth Rd.  
 Kingman, AZ 86409-3126



KEARNEY, NE  
 MAY 27 - 30, 2026

Please be in prayer on behalf of Pastor Kevin & Valinda Hailey (of Grace) as they will be attending Annual Conference in Kearney, NE May 27-May 30

GREAT PLAINS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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:

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.*



## SAVE THE DATE!

The JUMP Nehemiah Action will be on  
**Thursday, April 30, 2026, from 6:30-8pm at  
Washburn's Lee Arena (1901 SW Mulvane)**

Mark your calendars &  
share with your friends!



*Coffee with the Pastor  
At Café Quetzal.*

*April 9th from  
9:30a-11:30a.*

*There are plenty of  
other things available  
to enjoy, if you don't  
drink coffee!*

*Come out and join us!*



At the assembly some of Topeka's government officials will be asked to publicly express their support in specific ways for addressing homelessness, affordable housing, violence reduction, and food insecurity in Topeka and Shawnee County. The prayer is to have over 1,000 people from the faith-based communities that support Topeka JUMP, of which Crestview is one, present to witness the interactions and any promises made. Look for more information to come.

**WHAT:**

**SPAGHETTI  
DINNER**



**MENU:** Spaghetti Casserole,  
tossed salad, bread stick & ice  
cream sandwiches

**WHEN: SATURDAY,  
APRIL 25 11A-1P**

| April 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|            |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |    |
| 5          | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12         | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19         | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26         | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

**WHERE: Crestview UMC  
2245 SW Eveningside Dr.**

**WHY: A FUNDRAISER**

**FOR MISSIONS!  
A FREE WILL  
DONATION**



The one who died as our substitute now lives as our advocate. 1 John 2:1

## Doorstep News ~ =====

We have another busy month at Doorstep filled with celebrations, fundraisers, and helping our neighbors in the community!

April is Doorstep's month to receive proceeds from the sale of **Re-Imagined Jewelry sold at Café Quetzal** (2111 SW Belle). It is a great way to treat yourself or gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, graduations, etc. and help your neighbors at the same time!

Make plans to attend Doorstep's **Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing on Tuesday, April 21st** at 6:30pm. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be our hosts again this year, and their brass quartet will provide musical entertainment. We are still working on the program (at this writing), dinner will be lasagna, garlic bread, salad and desserts brought by our volunteers! Each year during our Banquet we take time to acknowledge all our volunteers and honor a few with awards for Outstanding Dedication! Anyone is welcome to attend, but we do **need your RSVP by April 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Call Doorstep @ 785-357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm).

In conjunction with the Banquet every year is the **Quilt Drawing!** We have four (4) full-size, themed quilts for K-State, Kansas City Royals, Washburn University & the Kansas City Chiefs. Thank you to **Brenda Strobel** for making these each year! Tickets for these quilts are \$2 and go towards a specific quilt! We also have another 15 wall hangings, throws and larger quilts you can take your chances on for \$1 a ticket. Winners will be drawn at the banquet, but **you do not have to be present to win**.

Do you enjoy **Classic Car Shows**? Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home at 10<sup>th</sup> & Lane is having one on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** as a benefit for Doorstep. They will have live music, craft vendors, a food truck, and of course cars, trucks & motorcycles will be on display. Are you interested in participating? Contact Misty @ 785-354-8558.

The **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run & 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** will be **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** @ Christ the King Catholic Church. With the walk/run through the neighborhood we will have our own Car Show, Bouncy Houses, Food Trucks and more... We will also announce Doorstep's plans for the future at the event. Save the date and join us for some exercise, good fun, classic cars, and family fun!



**CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS:** Men's Underwear - all sizes; Jeans - especially sizes 32-38 and 46, 48; Men's Belts; Men's Pajamas; Men's shoes \ Women's Pajamas - all sizes  
**Kids Clothing** - Boys and Girls - especially sizes 3-10; Boys and Girls Jeans, all sizes  
**Toasters, Coffee Makers, Pots and Pans**, especially sauce pans  
**Hygiene items:** Feminine Hygiene Products (Pads and Tampons)  
**FOOD ROOM NEEDS:** Vegetable Soup, Egg Noodles, Baked or Pork and Beans, Scalloped Potatoes in a box, Pancake Syrup, Powdered Milk, Peas, Canned Fruit, Canned Milk, Canned Beans - Pinto, Black, Chili  
**CRESTVIEW FEBRUARY DONATIONS:** \$644.00 and 269.3 pounds of food  
 Julia Marsh, Crestview Doorstep Coordinator

*The Great Plains Conference invites you to help improve the level of theological education outside the United States by making a donation to "Miracle Sunday." This event, scheduled for May 17, is meant to help pool funds from across The United Methodist Church to create an endowment to help a next generation of pastors receive the theological education needed to better spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. In a way, it's like helping train homegrown missionaries serve their communities. More information will be shared near the end of April. Envelopes will be available in May.*

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                                       | Tue                                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                    | Thu                                                                                      | Fri                                                                                                                               | Sat                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>April</b>                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                           |                                                                                                       | <b>1</b><br><br>7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)                                        | <b>2</b><br>Maundy Thursday<br><br>6:00p Worship at Grace UMC                            | <b>3</b><br>Good Friday<br>8:30a TOPS (north wing)<br><br>6:00p Worship at Crestview UMC                                          | <b>4</b><br><br>6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)                                                                                  |
| <b>5 EASTER</b><br><br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship At Grace | <b>6</b><br>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED<br><br>7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall) | <b>7</b><br><br>1:00p Lent Small Group @ Grace<br><br>6:00p Lent Small Group @ Crestview              | <b>8</b><br><br>5:30p Faith Circle (north wing)<br><br>7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall) | <b>9</b><br><br>9:30a-11:30a Coffee with Pastor at Café Quetzal<br><br>NO Bells or Choir | <b>10</b><br>8:30a TOPS (north wing)<br><br>11:00a-1:30p Fellowship Hall reserved<br><br>4:00p Fellowship Hall reserved           | <b>11</b><br><br>10:00a Memorial Service for Bert Kossler<br><br>6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)                                 |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Sunday School<br><br>                           | <b>13</b><br><br>5:30p SPRC mtg. (n. wing)                                | <b>14</b><br><br>6:00p AA Leaders (fellowship hall)                                                   | <b>15</b><br><br>7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)                                       | <b>16</b><br><br>6:15p Bell reh.<br>7:00p Choir reh.<br>7:00p Stamp Club (north wing)    | <b>17</b><br>8:30a TOPS (north wing)<br><br> | <b>18</b><br><br>12:30p-4:00p Sanctuary reserved<br><br>6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)                                          |
| <b>19</b><br>9:30a HYMN Sing/Worship<br>10:30a Sunday School                                                                                                           | <b>20</b><br><br>5:30p Ad. Council (n. wing)                              | <b>21</b><br>10:15a North Wing reserved<br><br>6:30p Doorstep Appreciation Banquet held @ 901 Filmore | <b>22</b><br><br>7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)                                       | <b>23</b><br><br>6:15p Bell reh.<br>7:00p Choir reh.                                     | <b>24</b><br>8:30a TOPS (north wing)                                                                                              | <b>25</b><br>11:00a—1:00p UWIF Spaghetti Fundraiser<br><br>2:00p-5:30p Sanctuary reserved<br><br>6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall) |
| <b>26</b><br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Sunday School                                                                                                                     | <b>27</b>                                                                 | <b>28</b>                                                                                             | <b>29</b><br><br>7:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)                                       | <b>30</b><br><br>6:30p-8:00p Topeka JUMP Nehemiah Action Assembly at Lee Arena           |                                              |                                                                                                                                 |

Choosing to love people well shows the world what God is like. 1 John 2:8

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Hallelujah! My Savior Lives!!!*



***TO OUR E-READERS***

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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:***

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**We do offer our newsletter via e-mail,  
if you prefer to receive it that way!**



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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.