

# Crestview

United Methodist Church

“Building disciples for Christ by making God’s love real to others.”

“Looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfection of our faith.” Hebrews 12: 2

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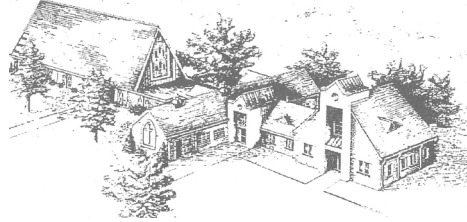
## Crestview United Methodist Church

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Lately, I have been thinking about the wilderness stories in scripture. In scripture, wilderness experiences are used as times of preparation. Moses spent years in the wilderness of Midian as preparation for being called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness preparing for the Promised Land. After Jesus was baptized, he went into the wilderness in preparation for his public ministry. Although not described in scripture as a wilderness, the time between Jesus’ ascension and the Holy Spirit’s arrival was a wilderness experience for the disciples. The truth is that Christians have always been a people living in the wilderness in between the first coming of Christ and the second coming of Christ.

The wilderness is a unique spiritual position where human beings hate to be, but where God is always leading them. The Israelites were always going to be in the wilderness. The only way to get to the Promised Land was through the wilderness. Christians were always going to live in the wilderness between the first and second coming of Christ. The return of Christ is in God’s time and not ours. The wilderness is where we leave the tried and true, forget the former things, and await the new thing God wants to do.

The length of time we spend in the wilderness is dependent on how well and how quickly we learn what is necessary to embrace the new thing God wants to do. The journey from Egypt to the Promised Land should have taken 35 days. It took the Israelites 40 years before they were prepared for God wanted to do. Personally, I don’t want to spend any more time than necessary in the wilderness. But what do we do with our time in the wilderness?

1. Be real. Acknowledge the reality of the situation. Also acknowledge the reality of how you feel about the situation. We must be careful not to let ourselves off the hook too easily, saying, “Oh well, there’s nothing I can do about it.” We can forget that God is in the wilderness with us. It is in wilderness experiences that God has a track record of doing incredible work.

2. Search your heart before God about it. If you feel conviction about an issue, pray as you feel led to. If it’s for healing, pray for it and ask others to agree with you on this. If it’s about a moral failing, pray that God would change the desires of your heart. If it’s for direction and purpose, pray that God would give you the courage to step out in faith and ask others to confirm the direction you are feeling led to go.

3. Don’t beat yourself up with “ought’s” and “should’s.” Sometimes we have to say to ourselves, “right now, this is just how it is...” Sometimes, the wilderness is exactly where God wants us to be.

Living in the wilderness means living with these tensions and the feeling of not being where we want to be yet. We need God and each other to help us recognize when to press on for change and when to accept things as they are for the time being.

Think about it. Pray about it. I look forward to traversing the wilderness with you and God.

Hope that has it's foundation in God will not crumble under the pressures of life. Hebrews 10:23

## It's Your Business: Our financial status through April 30, 2026

Bank Balance: \$ 70,717.71  
 Designated Funds: \$ 59,818.71  
 General Funds: \$ 10,899.00  
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 60.00



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

**Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2026 (\$23,132.00-\$60.00 = \$23,072.00)**

**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, John Roth, Julia Strobel & family



*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)*

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**  
 These Offerings go toward Community Outreach Events.

*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.*



Elisha Fulton - Washburn Rural High School (son of Ben) He is taking a gap year as he decides his career path. He is currently working for Shawnee County Parks and Recreation.

Sade' Dawson - Pepperdine University (great-granddaughter of Joyce Corbin)

Darren Christensen - Olathe South High School (son of Jason & Kristen, great-grandson of June Christensen) He will be attending KSU in the fall.

Jordan Felsburg - Topeka West High School (daughter of Rick & Amy) She will be attending Washburn University studying Occupational Therapy

## June Birthdays:



6th	Marilyn Marye	12th	Lori Hudson
8th	Connie Hardesty	18th	Lilly Fulton
	Connie Roth	22nd	Guy Bishop
9th	Lindsey Freel	24th	Janet Kelly
10th	Silas Guyer	26th	Bethany Weber
11th	Nicholas Weber		
	Red Turner		



*Coffee with the Pastor  
 At Café Quetzal. -  
 June 11th 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!*





# A Daycare Liquidation Sale

Formerly Topeka Day Care

Crestview United Methodist Church

2245 SW Eveningside Dr

Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> 9-6

Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> 9-1

Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> - 9-1

Compact Stackable  
Washer  
Dorm Fridge & Mini  
Fridge/Freezer  
Bookshelves, Office &  
Teaching Supplies

Lenovo Thinkpads  
Outdoor Play  
Indoor Games &  
Crafting Supplies



Lives rooted in God's unchanging grace can never be uprooted. *Romans 10:9*

If you look through the eyes of Jesus, you'll see a needy world. Matthew 9:36

**Doorstep Newsletter Article ~ June 2026**

This is an exciting month here at Doorstep! We are celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with our new event "NeighborFest"! We combined our annual Salk/5k Run with celebratory events and came up with a whole new fundraiser... Doorstep's NeighborFest!

Come out on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and celebrate with us! We will be on the grounds of Christ the King Catholic Church at 25<sup>th</sup> & Wanamaker Rd.

8am – 8:45am ~ Walk/5K Fun Run Check-in & Event Day Registration \$30/person

9am & 9:10am ~ The 5K and Walk Start with **WIBW Melissa Brunner** as Celebrity Starter

8am – 10am ~ Classic Car Show Registration \$20/car

10am – 2pm ~ NeighborFest is in full swing...

Food Trucks; Free Family Fun area with Bounce houses, face painting & balloon artist; Touch a Truck with a Fire Truck, Top City Storm Chaser vehicle, one of the original trucks from the movie *Twister*, ServiceMaster, and **KSNT Meteorologist Matt Miller** with their Storm Tracker vehicle; DJ from 10am-12pm; raffles; and a special announcement about the future of Doorstep!

**More information on our website: [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org)**

60 years of 'neighbors helping neighbors' is amazing and humbling to see how our services have been needed for all these years! In the beginning, Doorstep offered cooking and sewing classes, had a daycare, used to buy and renovate houses, offered food and other services.

Today, our focus is helping with basic needs and other supporting services. Topeka has so many wonderful non-profit organizations and services that we can refer people to other organizations who provide more specialized services.

The need for food has remained at the increased level, our clothing room stays busy, and other services such as rent, utilities, prescriptions, gas vouchers, Topeka Metro bus tickets, dental vouchers, auto services, phone bills, and daycare assistance are needed as people experience a crisis in their lives, endure the increased cost of living, are disabled, or live below the poverty level.

We cannot provide any of these services without YOU! Your willingness to help your neighbor whose face and name you may never know. Donating food, clothing, household items, hygiene products, and money! YOU are Doorstep... Neighbors Helping Neighbors!



**FOOD ROOM NEEDS:** Vegetable Soup, Egg Noodles, Baked or Pork and Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, boxed; Pancake Syrup, Powdered milk, Pancake Mix, regular size, Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, Chili) Canned Fruit, Canned Milk, Peas

Rolling Luggage, Hand can openers, Queen size sheets, Feminine Hygiene Products (Pads and Tampons)

**CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS:**

MEN'S Underwear, Jeans, Belts, Shorts, and shoes, ALL SIZES of each

Boys Shorts, all sizes; Boys ,Girls, and Teen JEANS - all sizes

**QUILT DRAWING at THE DOORSTEP VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER:**

\$920.00 from \$1.00 tickets and \$958 from \$2.00 quilt tickets = Total \$1,878.00. the LOVE Offering took in \$749.00. The Lasagna, salad, dessert dinner was very good. Thank you for your donations.

**DOORSTEP NEIGHBOR FEST:** Celebrate 60 Years of Service by DOORSTEP! See above for details!

Join the Walk thru the neighborhood. Sign up sheets in the Narthex. 8am Registration, The Walk begins at 9:00am. **JULIA MARSH WILL BE WALKING IF YOU WANT TO DONATE TO HER FOR THE WALK!**

Stick around for Neighborfest ———>JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6th!! <————

***JUNE IS CRESTVIEW CHURCH MONTH TO COLLECT FOOD FOR DOORSTEP; Join the 'College Challenge' to collect food in June to donate to Doorstep in July. Start bringing food on June 7th and each Sunday thru June. Place your food in the area for your college to win. Watch each week to see how your school is doing. Thank you in advance for your donations.***



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



Flag day, Sunday, June 14, is an annual observance commemorating the adoption of the U.S. flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777

**To Our  
E-readers**

God's hand of discipline is a hand of love. Psalm 51:8

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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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***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!**



***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.