

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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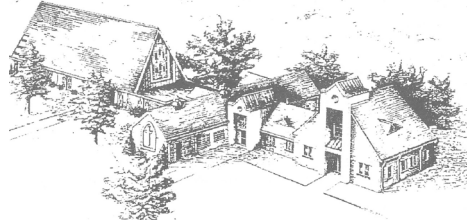
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Last month, the Southern Baptist Convention made headlines when they took the next step in officially banning women from serving as pastors, preachers, and leaders in the church. That has stirred up a lot of conversations among denominational and non-denominational churches.

Personally, women pastors and leaders have always been part of my life. The lineage of women in pastoral leadership on our church family tree dates to at least 1761 when John Wesley affirmed Mary Bosanquet Fletcher and Sarah Crosby because he saw the Spirit working powerfully through them.

As the Methodist movement grew and expanded into the new world of America, John Wesley came to be guided by a simple rule of thumb. If God is using someone to bring people to Christ, awaken hearts, and transform lives, then neither he nor anyone else should stand in their way.

Christian theology affirms that the Spirit acts with sovereign freedom, distributing gifts "as the Spirit wills. Peter's quote of Joel's prophecy at Pentecost: "your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" signals that the Spirit's outpouring is opened to women. Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly empowered women such as Deborah, Huldah, Priscilla, Phoebe, Junia to lead, teach, prophesy, and shepherd God's people. The Samaritan woman at the well brought her entire community to Christ. Mary Magdalene was the first to proclaim the message that Christ is alive. First century records note that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a prominent leader in the Ephesian church.

I was privileged to witness the Holy Spirit anoint Sharon Waltenbaugh as a leader and proclaimer of the good news of Jesus Christ. It was awesome to see the congregation of the Elderton UMC gather around her, pray for her, and affirm God's calling on her life. Sharon is but one of the many women pastors who have blessed my life as colleagues and mentors.

I have also been blessed by wonderful women of faith in leadership of the churches I have served. They were far more than my right hand during my times of service at their churches. They were/are definitely anointed by the Holy Spirit and called by God. They enriched my life with their depth of faith and passion for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. I am grateful to call them colleagues and mentors also.

When churches act to silence women, I feel sadness for the people and communities who will miss out on the witness and gifts God gave not only to sons but also to daughters. I've seen lives changed because a woman dared to say "yes" when God whispered her name. I feel sadness for the women who will fight unnecessary battles, or worse deny God's call, because others say, "God doesn't call women." I feel sadness for the young girls who might start to believe that God calls everyone except them.

Here's what I know and what gives me joy. The Spirit is still calling, gifting, and speaking through women with a clarity and authority that no human act can erase. And as a United Methodist, I'm grateful to be part of a tradition that says, "If God is in it, we're not going to stand in the way."

Think about it. Pray about it.

Pastor Kevin

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

Bank Balance: \$ 69,763.62
 Designated Funds: \$ 59,835.17
 General Funds: \$ 9,928.45
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 532.00



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

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2026 (\$23,132.00-\$532.00 = \$22,600.00)

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, Charlie McKinney, 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)

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)



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**Sunday
Special
Offering**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: August 30, Nov. 29! These Offerings go toward Community Outreach Events such as Back to School & Halloween.

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.



6th Donna Waddle
 8th Lynnsee Patrum
 9th Mary Manley
 11th David Manley
 17th Jim Banks
 24th John Green
 27th Tammy Schmidt

*Coffee with the Pastor
 At Café Quetzal
 is canceled for July 9,
 due to the Liquidation
 Sale. See you back on
 Aug. 13th*



A COUPLE OF THANK YOUS!

Thank you to Janell McKinney, who has stepped in and served as our Custodian in the absence of Al. He had knee surgery in early June and we want to give him plenty of time to heal. If you see her, please give her your thanks!



A thank you also goes out to Dixie Smith who stepped up in a HUGE WAY for organizing the Daycare Liquidation Sale. Also the countless hours Pastor Kevin has invested in it as well. Volunteers have been so appreciated as they continue in final preparations for the Sale, from driving a truck, moving furniture, labeling sacks, sorting toys, dressing baby dolls, washing up kids items & stuffed animals, sorting puzzles/games/crayons and organizing books & craft supplies. It has taken an army of volunteers, and we're not quite done yet! See Dixie to volunteer during the sale, it will require the same army to host the shoppers!



A Child Care Liquidation Sale

Formerly Topeka Day Care

Crestview United Methodist Church
2245 SW Eveningside Dr

Early Childhood Educators Only Pre-Shop
Tuesday, July 7th 6-8 pm

Public Sale

Thursday July 9th 9-6

Friday July 10th 9-1

Saturday July 11th - 9-1

Accu-Cut Machine with
Dies, Storage shelves,
Office & Teaching
Supplies, Classroom
furniture

Lenovo Thinkpads
Outdoor Play
Indoor Games &
Crafting Supplies

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT
THE DAYCARE LIQUIDATION SALE!

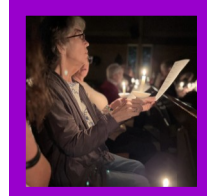
ALSO: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THE DAYS OF
THE SALE! PLEASE SEE DIXIE SMITH OR
PASTOR KEVIN TO VOLUNTEER!



*A "COME & GO" TIME OF FELLOWSHIP WITH
TERESA TUSCHERER, WILL BE HELD **THIS**
SUNDAY, JULY 5TH, FROM 1-4P IN
THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL.*



*WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE
ALL SHE HAS DONE
TO HELP SO MANY OTHERS!*



No gifts please, your presence will be enough.

K-State ended the June Food Drive with 109 items



Washburn ended the June Food Drive with 289 items



Kansas University ended the June Food Drive with 422 items!

AND THE WINNER IS
DOORSTEP WITH 820 ITEMS
FROM OUR JUNE FOOD DRIVE



Thank You

Christmas in July!
We will be collecting
New items, toys,
Bedding (all sizes),
Small kitchen
Appliances,
And clothing.
Please plan to
Grab an angel
And purchase
An item!



These will go to Doorstep to help
them provide for members of the
community at Christmas time.
Please watch for hats & gloves on
sale as well for our Charlie Brown
Tree. See Julia Marsh with questions!

Doorstep's Christmas in July

Donations Needed for this Christmas!



Help us collect items for our 2026 Christmas adoption of 285 households, with nearly 900 individuals!

Toys

Footballs & Basketballs ~ Pokemon
Hello Kitty ~ Toys for Ages 5 - 12
Educational Toys (all ages)
Spiderman ~ K-Pop ~ Lelo & Stitch
Sonic Hedge Hog ~ Jewelry
Make-Up & Nail Kits



Toys

Roblox Gift Cards (\$10-\$20)
Paw Patrol ~ Bluey ~
Minecraft ~ Puzzles ~ Legos
Sensory / Fidget ~
Board & Brain Teaser Games ~
Color Books for All Ages
Teen Board Games



Men's & Women's Gifts

Tool Sets ~ Flashlights
Fishing Items (Poles/Tacklebox/Etc)
Car Cleaning Items ~ Boots & Sneakers
Men & Women's Cologne Sets
Sweats (All Sizes, All Ages)
Pajamas ~ Teen/Men/Women(All Sizes)

Kitchen Items

Silverware ~ Glasses ~ Crockpots
Dish Sets ~ Pots & Pans ~ Air Fryers

Other Items

Towel Sets - (Bath, Hand & Washcloth)
Blankets - Queen & King Sizes
Full Size Hygiene Items: Deodorant
Shampoo + Conditioner ~ Bar Soap
Combs ~ Brushes ~ Toothpaste ~
Toothbrushes ~ **Cleaning Supplies**



School Supplies

Notebook Paper (College/Wide)
Spiral Notebooks (College/Wide)
Pens ~ Pencils ~ Glue ~ Erasers
Folders (2 Pocket) ~ Backpacks
Rulers ~ Markers ~ Scissors

Bring donations to your Faith Community during the month of July!
Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for your neighbors!
Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Ave - Donation Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm, South Door

Current Doorstep Needs ~ June 2026

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Underwear ~ Size Large; Men's Jeans ~ Esp. Sizes waist 30 - 36, 46 & 48; Men's Belts ~ All Sizes; Men's Shoes ~ All Sizes; Men's Shorts ~ All Sizes; Men's Shirts ~ Small & Medium

Boys & Girls: Shorts & Jeans ~ All Sizes

Household & Linen:

Sheets ~ All sizes	Bath Towels (Full Size)
Comforters ~ Full & Queen	Pots & Pans
Toasters	Hand Can openers Coffee Makers
Simple cleaning products: Dish soap, Comet, Fabuloso, etc.	
2-in-1 Shampoo & Conditioner	



Food Room Needs:

Vegetable Soup	Tomato Soup	Canned Fruit ~ Variety
Egg Noodles	Soup – Progresso/Chunky style	Peas
Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili)		

Doorstep's NeighborFest June 6 at Christ the King. The event went well in spite of many competing events. 50 cars registered; 93 walkers/runners preregistered; many bought raffle tickets and enjoyed the bounce houses, touch a truck and food trucks. There has not been time to sort through the financial impact yet. Special events chair Bonnie Goodwin will send a survey soon to get feedback from volunteers and participants.

60th Anniversary Fundraiser/Remodel - Bob Horton, Doorstep Board Member and Chair of the Infrastructure Committee showed the future plans for the 60th Anniversary Doorstep remodel with the fundraising goal of \$966,000. This is the first presentation to Doorstep volunteers. A future presentation is planned for the Ambassadors who will then be prepared with these coordinators to carry the message to congregations. An initial flyer was distributed at NeighborFest; another flyer will be released soon. The campaign will be multi-faceted – every gift, \$6 to \$6,000+... will be encouraged. Construction will not begin until there is assurance that funds will be available – no specific timeline at this time. The remodel and construction should be possible with minimum interruption to services – no significant closures are anticipated. There will be a campaign announcement in September suggesting '60 for 60' to encourage Mission Members give in units of 60.

Christmas in July/Christmas Cash Bash – Flyers for Christmas in July and Christmas Cash Bash were distributed. Cash Bash is combined with Christmas this year instead of regular Summer Cash Bash as we will be asking for donations towards the remodel.

Announcements

Jason Parker will be leaving Doorstep to work at Core First Bank. His last day will be June 30. He was thanked for his 3 years of service.

Doorstep has a new cargo van. The van was delivered in time to help with the set-up and take-down of the NeighborFest. It will be used to pick up donations from stores and restaurants, and other items as needed. Signage will be on it soon.

Doorstep's
Christmas Cash Bash

Donate to Doorstep during the month of July, and help us earn 'match money' from anonymous donors!

If we receive \$10,000 - We earn \$5,000!

If we receive \$15,000 - We earn \$7,500!

If we receive \$20,000 - We earn \$10,000!

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Ways to Donate:

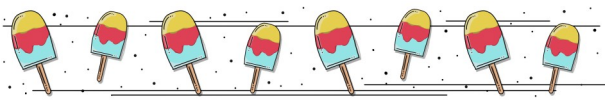
- Mail it to Doorstep
- Bring it to our office
- Online DoorstepTopeka.org

Let us know if you belong to one of our Mission Member Faith Communities

*Help us reach our goal of \$20,000+ for **Christmas Cash Bash**, and we will receive \$10,000 more to help your neighbors this holiday season!*

DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Doorstep, Inc.
1119 SW 10th Ave Topeka, KS 66604
Online: www.DoorstepTopeka.org
Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 3pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 			1 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	2	3	 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
5 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 1:00-4:00p A "Come & Go" time of fellowship with Teresa Tuchscherer (fellowship hall)	6  IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY 7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall)	7	8 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	9 DAYCARE LIQUIDATION SALE 9a-6p 9a-1p 9a-1p North end of building NO COFFEE with Pastor. See you Aug. 13th!	10	11 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
12 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	13 5:30p Finance Mtg (parlor)	14 6:00p AA Leaders Meeting (f. hall)	15 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	16 7:00p Stamp Club (parlor)	17 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor) 	18 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
19 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 	20	21 10:15a Parlor resv.	22 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	23	24 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	25 6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)
26 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	27	28	29 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	30	31 8:30a TO.P.S. (parlor) 	

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THANKS 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:

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.