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United Methodist Church

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

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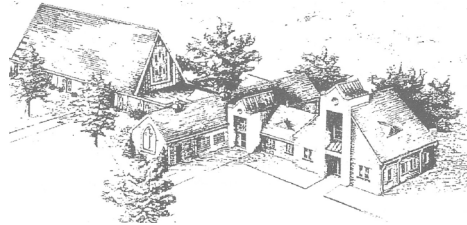
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In April, I took a study week to prepare possible options for our summer focus. You may recall that in May I presented 3 options for our summer focus and invited everyone to vote for the option they wanted to focus on. One of those options was Nehemiah. Nehemiah came in a distant third.

Although Nehemiah finished last in the voting, I could not shake the thought that there was something about Nehemiah that God wanted me to understand. So, I spent the summer reading and re-reading Nehemiah. Now, I am certain that there is something about Nehemiah that God not only wanted me to understand but also wants our churches to understand.

After the city of Jerusalem was conquered by the Babylonians, the wall of Jerusalem was broken down and its gates were destroyed by fire, and the people lived many years in squalor and disgrace. Years later, Nehemiah was stirred by faith and by his trust in God to be a part of God's instrument to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem.

To be successful and make a difference in the problems in Jerusalem, Nehemiah had to overcome deep frustration with the status quo, the courage to ask for the impossible, and the vision of what could be accomplished. With the cooperation of his fellow citizens and persistence in the face of opposition, Nehemiah led the people in building the walls of Jerusalem. Once the walls were finished, Nehemiah led the people in a parade of praise around the wall and together they celebrated God's faithfulness.

I was introduced to Nehemiah my senior year of college when I read Chuck Swindoll's book, "Hand Me Another Brick." Since then, I have been drawn to Nehemiah's story. But I have never led a worship series or a study of Nehemiah. That will change this Fall. From September until Thanksgiving, we will focus on Nehemiah in worship, through a study guide, and in a small group opportunity.

You can listen to my introduction to this series by going to your church's website and listening to my May 10th message, "Nehemiah: Remnant People, Faithful God."

Please join me in this opportunity to discover an amazing story of faith, perseverance, and accomplishment. I look forward to sharing this adventure with you.

Pastor Kevin

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

Bank Balance: \$ 84,509.63
 Designated Funds: \$ 74,624.07
 General Funds: \$ 9,885.56
 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



Our Men and Women currently serving in the Military: Matt Thompson; JoAnn Montgomery's Grandson (Jacob Crawshaw); Oleta Schafer's grandsons (Matt Cavanaugh & Ben Tressler)

You can join the 23 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: August 30, Nov. 29! These Offerings go toward Community Outreach Events such as Back to School & Halloween.



**Grace Women in Faith
Invite
Crestview Women**

**To a Salad Supper
On Tuesday, Sept. 1st
at 5:30 p.m.**



**Salads & Table Service
will be provided.**



**Linda Johnson will provide
the program on "Proverbs"**

**Please RSVP with approximate
Number of women who will attend
To Irma Boyer 785-633-1917
By August 28th**

September Birthdays!

2nd	Tom Palmer
3rd	Bill Nace
6th	Pat Gorton
7th	Larry Schneider
13th	Sharon Wagoner
14th	Louella Fitchpatrick
17th	Debra Forman
26th	Morris Sykes
	David Bitter
	Ireland Fulton
30th	Rachel Weber



FOOD ROOM NEEDS: Vegetable Soup, Egg Noodles, Canned Beans - pinto, black chili; Tomato soup, Progresso/Chunky style soup, Canned Fruit, Peas

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS: MEN'S Underwear, S, M, L, Men's slacks, especially smaller sizes; ALL sizes Men's Jeans, Belts, shoes, pajamas, T Shirts

WOMEN'S Pajamas

BOYS, GIRLS, TEENS: Shorts, and Jeans all sizes; Boys Shirts especially 5-10; Girls Tops sizes 6-10, Kids Shoes, School age sizes and up

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Queen Size Sheets, Full Size Bath and Hand Towels, Pillowcase sets; Outside Sleeping Bags; Blankets for winter months; Shampoo and Conditioner single-bottles

JULY MONTH TO VOLUNTEER AT DOORSTEP

and COLLEGE COLLECTION FOR JULY:

Thank you to Janell McKinney for volunteering alongside me in the clothing room in July.

Thank you to everyone for food donations during the college challenge. KU 422, WU 289; KSU 109 for a total of 820 items weighing 501#s. Thank you to Janell McKinney and Kathy Singer for delivering the food to Doorstep.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY/AUGUST: Thank you for all of your donations in July and August for the Christmas adoptions in December. A photo and number of gifts will be reported next month.

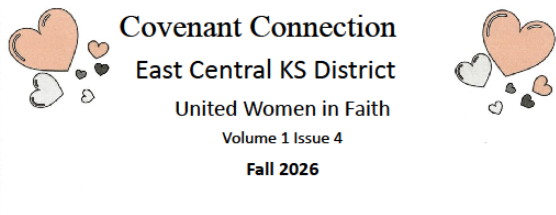
60 FOR 60 COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: Crestview Faith Community is participating in Doorstep's "60 for 60 Community Challenge" in September. We are collecting 60 shampoo and conditioner sets or 2 in 1 shampoo (to equal shampoo for 60) to support families and individuals in our community. Bring your donations to the collection area by Sun. Sept. 20th. Thank you for helping Doorstep celebrate 60 years of compassion in our community.

DUCKS FOR DOORSTEP: Sept 26, 2026 at 10:00 AM. All ducks are purchased ONLINE at www.duckrace.com/topek/teams/1300412 Prizes will be given. You can also use your phone on the square on the flier to buy tickets.

FALL STARLIGHT AUCTION: Watch for the announcement in September for a week long online Auction of items to purchase to help Doorstep with funds to provide services to help their patrons.

Crestview Donations in July: Total food donated 541.8 pounds.

Julia Marsh, Crestview Doorstep Coordinator



United Women in Faith

Fall Meeting 2026

Theme: Joy In The LORD

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Registration 8:15 to 8:45am

With

Light continental breakfast.

Business meeting

With music, worship and

Communion to follow.

***BE THE BLESSING:
CRESTVIEW IS A
PART OF THIS
COMMUNITY OF***

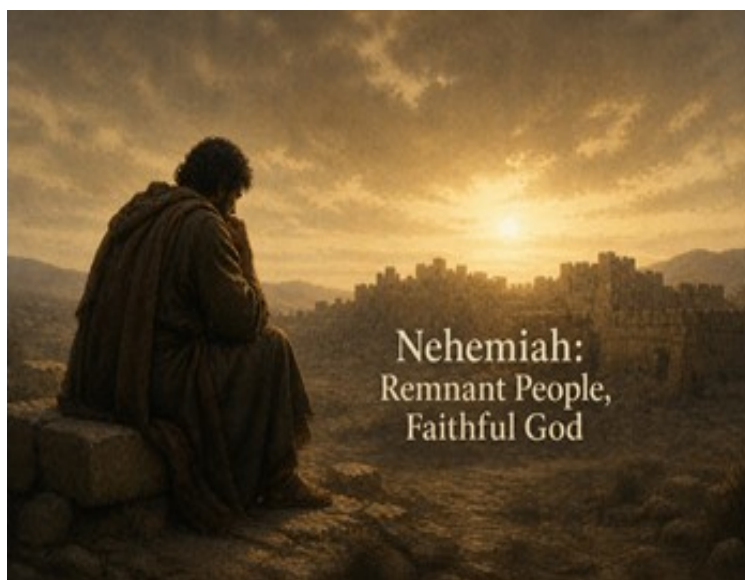


***FOLKS
WHO FILL
OUR
BLESSING BOX SO THAT
OTHERS MAY HAVE FOOD TO
EAT. WE COLLECT NON-
PERISHABLE FOOD & SOME
PAPER GOODS/TOILETRIES ON***

***THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH. IF THAT
DOESN'T WORK FOR YOU,
OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE
9A-NOON M-F, AND YOU
ARE WELCOME TO SWING
BY WITH YOUR DONATION.
TOGETHER WE CAN BE A
BLESSING!***



Feeding Topeka Through
Community Blessing Boxes



Fall Worship Series: Most complain about problems. Some fix them! In Nehemiah's day, the people of God rose up and turned their crumbled city into one of strength, health, and dignity. God wants to use each of us to make a difference in the problems around us. Join us for our new series, "Nehemiah: Remnant People, Faithful God" to learn how each of us can become an integral part

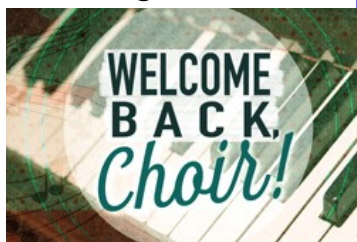
of bringing God's restoration to our broken world. The series begins on Sunday, September 6.

Fall Small Group Study: This year's fall group study focuses on Nehemiah and coincides with our Fall worship series. This is a 12-week study, a longer study than we usually have, and concludes before Thanksgiving. Small group opportunities will be offered on Tuesday afternoons at Grace and Tuesday evenings at Crestview. The study will begin on Tuesday, September 8. There is a study book required at no cost. Please contact Pastor Kevin or your church office to register for the course and to get a study book.



It is time to begin rehearsals for Bell Choir. We will meet beginning September 3rd in the Sanctuary at 6:15p.m. We would love to have new folks, but definitely appreciate the returning ringers!

Also, our Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on the 3rd of September. We will gather in the Choir room at 7:00pm. Again, we would love to have new voices join us as we sing praise to the Lord!



Faith Circle will meet September 9th at 5:30pm in the Church Parlor! Julia Marsh is hostess, Debra Forman has devotions, and Kathy Singer will present the Program. Please bring items for a light meal before the meeting.

If you are not a part of Circle, you are always welcome to join us! We hope you'll enjoy the fellowship & learn a little along the way!



I want to thank you for all the cards and wishes for my “landmark” birthday!
They are all appreciated!
June Christensen

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for all the visits, cards, prayers and encouraging words that you have shared with me over the last several months. Your support has been awesome. If you were able to stop by and see me on July 5, thank you so much for your time. I truly appreciate all of you. Our church family is amazing! Love, Teresa T.

Coffee with the Pastor
At Café Quetzal will
be Sept. 10 from
9:30a-11:30a



Julia Marsh gathered 79 unwrapped items for Christmas at Doorstep. She also took a check for \$325.00. Thank you for your generous giving so Doorstep can support the community this Christmas. Soon the stores will be filled with cold weather gear and we wanted to remind you of the Charlie

Brown tree, which will come out the end of November to collect hats & gloves for Doorstep. If you see items on sale, please get them and plan to bring them. Their Christmas Distribution begins Dec. 14th, so Julia will be gathering the items from the tree in the Narthex by Dec. 13th.



A LONG LOOK AHEAD AT OTHER UPCOMING **EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**



OCTOBER: PASTOR APPRECIATION
MONTH

OCTOBER 25: TRUNK OR TREAT
2:30PM-4:00PM



NOVEMBER: POINSETTIA'S FOR MISSION
SHARES

NOVEMBER 22: COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26: THANKSGIVING DAY =
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 27: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



Christmas Bazaar



DECEMBER 12: UWF ANNUAL BAZAAR

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP / SPECIAL OFFERING

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY = CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



Doorstep Newsletter Article ~ September 2026

Summer went by quickly... again this year! The kids are back in school; schedules start getting busy with activities again, and at Doorstep we are just trying to keep up with the increased demand for food assistance! Each year since 2022, the need has grown, the number of food orders has increased each year, and so has our budget trying to keep food on our shelves to feed our neighbors in need!

This month, to continue our 60th anniversary, we are asking each of our Mission Member Faith Communities to focus on collecting one, two or a variety of items to help stock our pantry, hygiene area, clothing room, etc. for our neighbors who are struggling seeking assistance at Doorstep. We're calling it **"60 for 60"**. Crestview UMC will be collecting 60 (sixty) bottles of shampoo with conditioner for this event!

Also happening this month is the **31st Annual Sertoma Duck Race** on September 26th. The virtual race will start at 10am, and we have a team again this year, "Ducks for Doorstep"! Our goal is to have 600 ducks adopted. Doorstep will receive half of each adoption, and the Sertoma Club will receive the other half to help charities in our community. You can adopt one duck, a family, a flock or an oodle. You have a chance to win one of the 10 prizes, all while helping our community! One of Doorstep's supporters won a prize last year... so you never know!!! Go to: www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams/13004 and support Doorstep in this year's Great Topeka Duck Race!

Mark your calendars for our 2nd **Starlight Online Auction** this year! The site will be live for bids October 18th @ 10am until October 24th @ 10pm.

Our 60th Anniversary Building a Better Doorstep Capital Campaign is underway, and we need your donations to help renovate our building to improve accessibility and dignity; create a safer and more efficient facility; and increase our capacity to serve.

Visit: www.DoorstepTopeka.org to donate.

DUCKS FOR DOORSTEP
Goal: 600 Ducks

31st Annual SERTOMA GREAT TOPEKA DUCK RACE

VIRTUAL RACE DATE: SEPT 26, 2026

Adopt a Duck Today!
Saturday, Sept. 26th 10am - ONLINE
<https://www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams/13004>

DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

DOORSTEP IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August ~ December 2026

- AUGUST 20TH**: 60 FOR 60 Collection Challenge Items & Tier Information due to Lisa. 785-357-5341 lisa@doorstepinc.com
- AUGUST 31ST**: Individualized Flyers for Mission Member's 60 FOR 60 collections emailed for use in September.
- SEPT 15TH**: A commitment to provide an auction item(s). Give Lisa donation information, 785-357-5341 or lisa@doorstepinc.com
- SEPT 18TH**: Paper Adoption Forms for the Duck Race due to Doorstep by 2:30pm.
- SEPT 26TH**: The Great Topeka Duck Race - 10am Virtual. Adoptions stop at 10am.
- OCTOBER 1ST**: Auction Items Due to Doorstep with Donation Form
- OCTOBER 18TH-24TH**: Doorstep's Starlight Online Auction LIVE! 10am on Oct 18th to 10pm on Oct 24th.
- NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS**: Doorstep will be Closed on: November 11th Veterans Day At Noon Nov 25th, Nov 26th & 27th
- DECEMBER 14TH-18TH**: Doorstep's Christmas Adoption Project Volunteer Opportunities Available!

www.DoorstepTopeka.org

Doorstep Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8am - 3pm

September 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  5:30p WoF at Grace Salad Supper Crestview ladies are invited!	2 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	3 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsals	4 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	5 6:30 Memorial (fellowship hall)
6 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 1:00p SPRC Mtg. (parlor)	7  Labor Day Office Closed Today	8 1:00p Nehemiah Study @ Grace 6:00p Nehemiah Study @ Crestview 6:00p AA Leaders (fellowship hall)	9 5:30p FAITH Circle (parlor) 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	10 9:30-11:30a Coffee with Pastor at Café Quetzal  6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsals	11 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	12 9:00a-4:00p Area TOPS Mtg. (fellowship hall) 6:30 Memorial (fellowship hall)
13 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	14 5:30p Finance Mtg. (parlor) 7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall)	15 1:00p Nehemiah Study @ Grace 6:00p Nehemiah Study @ Crestview	16 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	17 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsals 7:00p Stamp Club (parlor)	18 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	19  Gearing up for Autumn 6:30 Memorial (fellowship hall)
20 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School	21  FIRST DAY OF Autumn	22 10:15a parlor reserved 1:00p Nehemiah Study @ Grace 6:00p Nehemiah Study @ Crestview	23 7:00p Solutions (fellowship hall)	24 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsals	25 8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)	26 6:30 Memorial (fellowship hall)
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Sharing the gospel is one person telling another good news. Romans 5:8

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**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
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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.