



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Tech Volunteers Needed!

I had two people come to me to volunteer for the Tech team after my request last month. I am so thankful. After my article last month, we had two Sundays in a row where we almost did not have a stream for the 11 am service and scrambled at the last minute. So thank you again for our two volunteers.

One will be learning the cameras at 11am, the other learning sound at 9:45.

But there is still room for a few more additions to the team. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to me or Warren Caruso.



Special Auctions

We continue with our fundraising auctions this month. But the focus is shifting a bit. Our artisans have used up most of the stained glass, while there is still plenty of beautiful wood from old pews. So the stained glass in this auction represents some of the remaining pieces. Many are a great size for Christmas gifts.

As always, our artisans have done a wonderful job creating new pieces of art. Check them out here on our website.

<https://www.firstcrestview.com/pages/stained-glass>

All of the proceeds for this auction go to our Bereavement Committee for providing receptions for funerals.

And as a heads up, we have one full stained glass window still to auction off in the future. It is identical to the windows in the front hallway of the Main Sanctuary. It, and one other piece, will be auctioned off in the future.

The McLaughlin House

Remember that we have a Charge Conference which has been called for the next Community Dinner and Administrative Board Meeting on September 16 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of authorizing the Trustees to sell the property which, they feel, is no longer needed for the Church. This is the house on the corner of Texas Parkway and McLaughlin Ave.

The Trustees will explain their plan to the Conference and after discussion, we will then vote on whether to authorize them to move forward or not. Our District Presiding Elder has appointed me to be the Presiding Elder of this meeting. The only item of business is the McLaughlin House. I anticipate the Charge Conference may last about 10 minute depending on questions and discussion. Upon it's conclusion, we will then move to our regular bi-monthly Administrative Council Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

*My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness.*

-Pastor Ronnie

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closure

We will be closed on **Mon, Sept 7**
in observance of Labor Day.



Hand Bell Choir Begins

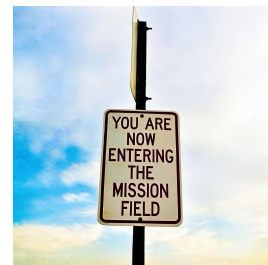
Our hand bells will be kicking off their new season with a rehearsal on **Tues, Sept 15** at 6:00PM. They meet weekly in the Bell Room behind the Main Sanctuary (pulpit side).
Join us- we'd love to have you!



Mission Fair

Come peruse the tables **Sun, Sept 13 & Wed, Sept 16** to find out how FMC reaches out to our community and the world and how YOU can get plugged in!
Our Yarnies will have their annual drawing, so make sure to put your name in the bowl. Winner will be announced at the CommUNITY Dinner.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8



Stained Glass Auction

Our next stained glass silent auction will be held from **Sun, Sept 13 - Wed, Sept 16**.

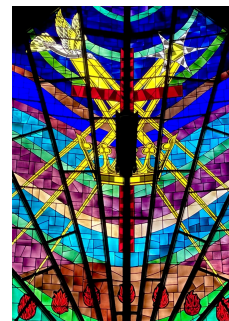
You can view the pieces on our FB page and

at firstcrestview.com/events.

All proceeds from this sale will go to our Bereavement Fund which provides families with receptions for funerals.

Winners will be announced at our Community Dinner.

Please contact the church office for more info.



Community Dinner

Our next CommUNITY Dinner will be **Wed, Sept 16** in the CRC at 5:30PM. Menu is spaghetti with veg & roll. Please bring a dessert to share if you are able. All proceeds from the meal will go to our Missions team.

We'll also have our Mission Fair wrap-up, stained glass auction, and the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due this night.

Make sure to stay for our Church Council meeting directly after the dinner to find out more about the life of our church! There will be a vote taken at our meeting directly after the Community Dinner that will decide the sale of the McLaughlin house.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

We are excited to announce that our Summer Mission Project has begun!

Shoe boxes are now available for pick up in front of the church office and the CRC and include the label, ideas on what to fill your shoebox with and a cute coloring page.

deadline to return your completed shoe box is **Sept 16, 2026** at our Community Dinner.



MINISTRY UPDATES

Wesleyan Child Care Center

Fall Fundraiser FUN!

Our **Fall Fundraiser** is coming to Wesleyan this month, and we are so excited! We invite all of our wonderful church and school families to join us and make this year's fundraiser our best one yet!

Every year, our Wesleyan families amaze us with their incredible support. Last year, we had 70% family participation, and because of your generosity, we were able to continue adding new and exciting playground equipment for our children!

We are so blessed to have a community that comes together to support our children. With God's blessings and a little teamwork, we can make a BIG difference.

Let's have some fun, get everyone involved, and see what amazing things we can accomplish together this year! **Thank you for always supporting Wesleyan and helping make our school a wonderful place for our children to learn, grow, and play!**

-Osa Bell / WCCC Director



Children's Ministry

Thank You for a Wonderful Summer!

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS and our End-of-Summer Celebration so much fun and meaningful for all who attended. Your time, creativity, and love for our children made these events truly special. We are grateful for every volunteer, every helping hand, and every prayer that supported these moments of ministry.



Kids Street Is Hiring

Kids Street is looking for a new childcare worker.

This is a paid position with hours available on Monday, Friday, and Sunday mornings, as well as Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Vicky at the church office.

Sunday Mornings on Kids Street

Join us on Kids Street each Sunday at 9:45 or 11:00 for Sunday School/Children's Church that includes kid friendly lessons, snacks, crafts, and games designed to help children grow in faith while building friendships.

Our current series are:

- 9:45 a.m. — Pet Squad

We are exploring the life of David and learning what it means to have a heart after God.

- 11:00 a.m. — The Neddy Show

We are discovering how the Bible helps us learn to trust God in everyday life.

Wednesday Nights Kids

Wednesdays from 6:00–7:30 p.m., we are starting a new science-themed series called Wonder Why, designed to help answer common questions children ask about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Later this month, we will also begin practicing for our **Christmas performance**, so it's a great time to join in.

Parents Night Out — Date Coming Soon

We will announce the date for our next Parents Night Out soon. This event is always a fun evening for both children and volunteers. If you would like to help serve during this event, please contact Vicky at the church office.

-Vicky Anchor - Children's Ministry Coordinator

Yarn Ministry

NEWS!!!

We are going to be switching to more Autumn & Winter friendly hours which means we will begin meeting from **4:30-6:00PM** in Rm 213. Different time, same place!

Our Yarnies have made and donated **3,114** items that have gone through our doors to the world. *Way to be the blessing, FMC Yarn Ministry!*

We are excited for our next Yarn Blessing will take place **Sun, Sept 13**. Our shelves are POPPING from all of the excitement and from how full they are! These items will be distributed to our Wesleyan Child Care Center & Soup Kitchen Ministry, our local Hospice, and Eglin's Fisher House.

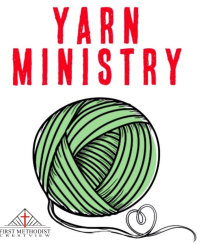
Our meetings in Sept will be **Tues, Sept 8 & 22 at 4:30PM in Rm 213** (aka Yarnia).

And because there are 5 Sunday's in Sept, we are meeting at Panera's, CRVW, on **Tues, Sept 29 at 4:30PM**. Bring your project! We're looking forward to connecting & reaching out to others to further God's kingdom through loads of yarn and love!

-Cathrin Owens

"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands."
Psalm 90:17

"We look for wool and linen, and work with our hands in delight." Proverbs 31:13



Soup Kitchen Ministry

BLESS YOU ALL for your continued support and generosity toward our Soup Kitchen.

Every Saturday, your donations help us serve delicious, hot homemade meals to those in need. Your kindness keeps our mission sustainable and allows us to offer nutritious food choices that truly make a difference in people's lives. Thanks to generous contributions, we can provide healthy meals that bring hope and comfort each week. Sixteen years strong, feeding our community in need.

Did you know that:

- 100% of your Soup Kitchen donations are aligned with that goal, and
- 100% of our Soup Kitchen team consist of loving volunteers.

We are grateful for your support along with the community and businesses generously donating pizzas, bread, and desserts that help our meals go farther. And once again this month, a farmer donated eggs which made a healthy meal combined with sausage, potatoes, carrots, and bread.

Our meals we prepare and serve bring joy and lift the spirits of those facing food insecurity. The people who come for a meal look forward to receiving it, as they brighten their day and remind them that their community cares about them. Thank you all for making a positive difference and for showing our guests that they are valued and supported. Your kindness truly makes an impact!

We wish to share how much our church and community greatly appreciate our Soup Kitchen volunteers and supporters for they are truly heaven sent and share a strong bond. We are so grateful for our volunteers who work together as servants of God providing food to people in need. We are all passionately committed to loving others through giving.

Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you welcomed me. This verse reminds us of the importance of caring for others, which is at the heart of our Soup Kitchen's mission. We are very sad to have lost one of dear volunteers, Eugenia Campbell. She started volunteering several years ago, for the 1 st and 4 th Saturdays with a smile for everyone. Eugenia was passionate about helping others, loved handing food to hungry families and brought groceries to share. She will be truly missed by the volunteers and the community.

We welcome volunteers of all ages to donate their time in the Soup Kitchen. Over the summer, we were blessed with five new volunteers who joined us. All our volunteers feel the gift of joy and love from helping others in need. We wish to emphasize how much our church and community greatly appreciate our Soup Kitchen volunteers and supporters for they are truly heaven sent and share a strong bond; they are all committed and passionate about loving others through giving. Some volunteers join us to earn community service credits, while others—parents, grandparents, church members, and Eglin Airforce Base personnel—help out to support those in need.

We welcome new volunteers; please contact Deb Lubas, Soup Kitchen Coordinator, to schedule your opportunity at 401-742-4898 or greenhalghdj@cox.net.

How to Support the Soup Kitchen:

- To volunteer with the First Methodist of Crestview Soup Kitchen Mission, email greenhalghdj@cox.net or text 401-742-4898.
- To donate food, place items in the Soup Kitchen refrigerator or on the counter.

For questions or to notify us, please contact Deb Lubas, Soup Kitchen Coordinator, at 401-742-4898.

- To donate socks or gloves, please text Deb Lubas at 401-742-4898.
- To donate funds, place a check in the Sunday's church offering; or mail or deliver a to the First Methodist of Crestview office; on the check indicate 'Soup Kitchen' on your envelope and in the NOTES section of the check.

We invite you to stay connected with us on Facebook @FirstCrestview or visit our website at <https://FirstCrestview.com>.

Respectfully, Deb Lubas, Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Crestview Prayer Network

Learn what is going on in the Crestview Christian community!

The Crestview Prayer Network meets the first Wednesday of each month to share fellowship and goings-on in the different churches in the North Okaloosa Area.



The next meeting for the Crestview Prayer Network will be **Sept 2** at noon, at Hideaway Pizza downtown.
Come pray for your hometown!



CALENDARS

September Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters

9/6. Kit Callahan
9/13. Debbie Watson
9/20. Peggy Harkness
9/27. John & Cynthia Leitschuck

Ushers

Lowell Scott & Mac McKinley

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: 1. Jan Lee 2. John & Marcy Pennell 3. Haley Smith 4. Keller family

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Melvin Candelario 2. Aimee Keller 3. Nell Sutherland 4. Jody Woodward 5. Kathy McKinley

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Greeters and Ushers

9/6. Steve and Kathy Fowler
9/13. Ed and Joan Guzowski
9/20. Eddie and Jayne Hager
9/27. Glenda McMasters and Judy Beard

Ushers

9/6. Eddie Hager and Tom Giovanini
9/13. Burt Colt and Dax Reeves
9/20. Phillip Mathis and Dax Reeves
9/27. Ed Guzowski and Burt Colt

Office Door

9/6 - 9/27 Jim Hight

Lights and lock Doors

9/6. Eddie Hager
9/13. Burt Colt
9/20. Dax Reeves
9/27. Mac McKinley

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Phil Estrem 2. Kathy McKinley 3. Mark Barfield 4. Sarah Fordyce 5. Margaret Larson

Looking Forward to September

Sept 2- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM Hideaway Pizza
Sept 4- Women's Service Group 11:30AM McAlisters/Crestview
Sept 7- Church Office Closed For Labor Day
Sept 8- Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Rm 213
Sept 13 & 16- Mission Fair CRC
Sept 14- 8th Ave Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
Sept 16- CommUNITY Dinner 5:30PM CRC
- Church Council 6:30PM CRC
Sept 19- Game Night for Grown Ups 4:30-7:00PM CRC (request nursery by 9/14)
Sept 21- October newsletter deadline
Sept 22- Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Rm 213
Sept 29- Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Panera's

*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room
Please see firstcrestview.com calendar for any updates or changes

Important Dates In October

Oct 2- Women's Service Group 11:30AM Fat Boys/Crestview
Oct 7- Crestview Prayer Network 10:00AM CRC
Oct 12- 8th Ave Methodist Men 6:00PM CRC
Oct 13- Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Rm 213
- Worship Committee 6:00PM Conf Rm
Oct 17- Game Night for Grown Ups 4:30-7:00PM CRC (request nursery by 10/12)
Oct 19- September Newsletter Deadline
Oct 20- Missions Committee 6:30PM Rm 213
Oct 27- Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Rm 213
Oct 28- Fall Festival 6:00PM on Kids St
Oct 29- FMC hosts Cluster Charge Conference CRC

*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room
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A MOMENT OF REFLECTION



Golden Leaves

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.

We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

- Author Unknown

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