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## *The Pastor's Pen - Rev. Dr. Matthew A. Merrill*

### NEWARK, A PLACE OF HOPE

This past month, I met with the other Senior Pastors of churches in our new ECO Church Transformation Cohort. Of all of the places they could choose for us to meet - Newark, New Jersey. Let's just say, I don't generally have any affection for the Garden State. But, coming out of my two days with Dr. Paul Borden and these other pastors, I'm filled with optimism and hope around how God will use this group to further God's Kingdom in all nine churches.

The churches are from all over the Eastern and Midwestern United States. They even include, Westminster Presbyterian where Joel Brantner is pastor. Three times a year, for the next two years, we will gather together for learning and prayer around the principles of Paul Borden's method. Most of all, I have learned that Paul is dedicated to churches participating in Jesus' mission for the church of making disciples. He has worked with over 700 churches and brings a wealth of experience. If you want to read one of his books, may I suggest *Direct Hit*.

In speaking about the power of being on mission together, Dr. Borden reminded me of Crestwood's process to leave our former denomination to get to ECO. During that process, we were willing to pay whatever it took to accomplish our mission. We were even willing to sell a campus to fulfill the mission. There were countless meetings and prayer gatherings to discern the Lord's will and seek His empowerment. We were even willing to lose a few people in the process, if that's what it took to accomplish the mission. Rallying together, you did it.

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I believe that responding to the call of Jesus to make new disciples deserves at least as much energy, prayer and commitment. And because of the faith I know is here at Crestwood and your track record, I'm believing that God is about to call us to a great work together. The next big step for us will be the weekend that Dr. Borden spends with us in early June. Please join me in praying for the Holy Spirit's moving during that time together.

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*Loving and Leading People  
to the Life-Changing Jesus*

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## Coming in April... *A Historical Tour of Midlothian*

**Tuesday, April 23 & May 7**

**Depart Midlothian Campus - 10:00 a.m.; Return - 2:00 p.m.**

**Seating is limited to 14 - make your reservation now!**

**Cost: \$13 per person**

Did you know that some of Chesterfield County's oldest history can be found here in Midlothian? The area boasts the country's first industrial coal mines, the site of the settlement of the French Huguenots and the location of the first railroad in Virginia.



Join us on April 23 or May 7 to learn more as Mr. Bryan Truzzie from Chesterfield Parks & Recreation takes us on a exploration of historical sites in Midlothian. Our journey begins at Midlothian Mines Park and takes us to other sites including Trabue's Tavern, the Chesterfield Railroad site and historical churches including First Baptist Church, Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church, Winfree Memorial Baptist and Bethel Baptist Church (pictured below). At Bethel, we will be treated to a tour of the historical Sanctuary by our own Cathy Marshall who has served on the music staff there since 1997.

We will travel through Midlothian on a 15-passenger bus provided by Chesterfield County. At mid-day, we will return to the Midlothian Campus where lunch will be provided and then resume our tour.



Because we know this tour will be full, a second date has been set for Tuesday, May 7. Call Cathy at 320.2269 to make your reservation for the Midlothian Historical Tour!



# Crestwood FOR the World - FMSC Mobilepack 2019



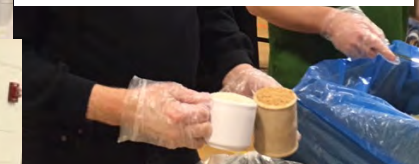
**1,000+ Volunteers**



**\$56,000 Donation Goal EXCEEDED!**



**256,392 meals packed that will feed over 700 children for one year!**



**Thank You CRESTWOOD!**

# NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

**Midlothian Campus, Room 202**  
**March 31 - May 19**



Prayer is meant to be the conversation where your life and your God meet. It's hard to pray. Come learn what good it does and how good it is!



Many thanks to all who donated food, prepared meals, and gave their time to make our Midlothian Campus welcoming for our CARITAS guests. Hebrews 13:2: *Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.*



**Saturday, May 4th**

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Come participate in the fun with residents of our Richmond Campus community at the Westover Hills Elementary School Spring Festival. Volunteers are needed to help with:

- ✓ set up
- ✓ games
- ✓ serve at the food table
- ✓ grill/wrap hot dogs & hamburgers

Volunteer sign up will begin around mid-April. If you have questions, please contact Carol Carr.





# Join the Navajo Nation Mission Trip

Sat. June 15 — Fri. June 21  
NW Arizona



Join with other mission-minded Christians from Houston, TX; Baton Rouge, LA; and Crestwood to:

- **build a church**
- **train leaders**
- **conduct a Vacation Bible School**
- **work with students in sports camps**



This will be the 6th time Crestwood has teamed up with University Baptist Church of Houston to serve our Christian brothers and sisters on the Navajo reservation.

**Registration deadline is April 15, 2019.**

**Location:** NW corner of Arizona (We'll be lodging in Gallop, New Mexico)

**Cost:** \$1,200 (Scholarships available)

(children 18 & younger who room with parent are free)

**Contact:** Gilda or Rec Stanbery, [gildanrec@gmail.com](mailto:gildanrec@gmail.com), 804-794-3736

## CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER AROUND A TABLE

As we did last year, on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week you are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper in a home, similar to what Jesus and the disciples did centuries ago. Various members are hosting gatherings in their homes on Thursday, April 18th, to enter into the experience of the disciples who celebrated the Passover meal with Jesus just prior to his betrayal and arrest. Times and locations vary, so look for what works well for you.

More hosts are needed as we anticipate over 150 Crestwood friends gathering on this night (contact Rob Burns). Many hosts are providing a meal, but that is not required to host. To participate, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a9af2fa2f49-2019> or by calling 320.2269. Children are welcome. Don't wait, as space may be limited. See you at the Table!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Meet *Hand in Hand*, our NEWEST Congregational Care Ministry, headed up by Heather Anderson. *Hand in Hand* is designed for anyone in the congregation who is taking care of someone with a long-term illness or a permanent condition. This could be a child caring for a parent, a spouse caring for a spouse and even a parent caring for a child with particular mental or physical challenges.

As Heather says, *"We go through seasons in our lives, and some of us are in a long season of care giving to someone close to us. We may need to have a place to share frustrations and fears with others in similar situations and hopefully get some encouragement."* The gatherings will provide a safe place for those who need *"time out"* to pray, talk and share together. The hope behind *Hand in Hand* is to encourage each other and be reminded that we are not alone, and thus make each other stronger.

Caregivers (or anyone) can come just once or as often as they have need. The group is open to anyone, anytime. We will meet at Crestwood's Midlothian Campus once a month on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. This month we will meet on April 20.

The Congregational Care Team is pleased with Heather's outreach and encourage you to follow up with her with any questions: [grizzwood@gmail.com](mailto:grizzwood@gmail.com). As we read in 1 Peter 4:10: *"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

In addition to *Hand in Hand*, the Congregational Care Team facilitates a number of other ministries we hope you will celebrate. We love the words of Acts 20:28: *"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood."*

Meal Ministry	Terry Lautzenheiser / Pam Armes
Correspondence Ministry	Susan Walker
Home Touch Ministry	Sandy Konopky / Susan Weigly
Bereavement Ministry	Mary Sollog
Prayer Ministry	Anne Faszewski

Preston Winn, Chair, Congregational Care



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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 John Strachan           | 16 Art Tapper         |
| 02 John Walker             | 17 Judy West          |
| 02 Emily Cumbea            | 19 Nadia Vugteveen *  |
| 03 Jacob Shaffer           | 21 Genevieve Young    |
| 05 Joanne Peters           | 22 Esther Nelson      |
| 05 Lisa Long               | 22 David Wild         |
| 06 Tim Hughes              | 22 Matthias Kozusko * |
| 06 Ainsley Foca *          | 23 Dallas Wampler     |
| 07 Scott Barto             | 23 Ray Cargill        |
| 09 Brad Barto              | 23 Jessica Craig      |
| 11 Simon Shepherd          | 24 Zach Fee *         |
| 12 Mark Fines              | 26 Tami Sober         |
| 13 Russell Lewis           | 26 Baylor Cumbea      |
| 13 David Gibson            | 27 Marla Bachman      |
| 14 John Bachman            | 28 Lewis Campbell     |
| 14 James Springer          | 28 Cindy Foust        |
| 15 Al Coram                | 29 Pascal Cromer      |
| 15 Ken Konopky             | 30 David Pegram       |
| 15 Kelly Letourneau        | 30 Rebekah Faszewski  |
| 15 Clarisse Obendje McCall |                       |
| 16 Woody Woodson           | * child / youth       |

## PARISH NEWS

### HOSPITALIZED / ELSEWHERE:

- Joanne Peters, Morningside (Parham & Skipwith)
- Frances Trenka, Westport Rehab

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

- Rob Heath on the death of his mother.
- Bryan Smith on the death of his mother.

### ACTIVE MILITARY:

- Stephen Johnson, Ft. Benning, GA  
(son of Mary Johnson)
- John Kennedy, Virginia Beach, VA  
(son of John & Betty Kennedy)
- Navy Lt. Ruth Cook, Newport, RI  
(granddaughter of Priscilla Cook)
- Air Force Lt. Samantha Cook, F.E. Warren  
AFB, WY (granddaughter of Priscilla Cook)
- Air Force 2nd Lt. William Cook, III, Columbus  
AFB, MS (grandson of Priscilla Cook)
- Brian Swenk, Ft. Story, VA  
(son of Rob & Trisha Barton)




**EGYPT MISSION TRIP**  
March 26 – April 5

Thank you for Keeping our mission team in your prayers – Matt Merrill, Brian Regrut and David Dunaway. Please pray for smooth and safe travel and safety while in Egypt.

Richmond Campus Nursery Schedule April 2019		
07	Bonnie Dorwin Emerine Ndiragkura	741.1310 594.5509
14	Gerry Nixon Judy West	240.4037 233.7175
21	Cathy Davenport Rozine Hafashimana	233.0641 433.0542
28	Catherine Earnest Rozine Hafashimana	272.5424 433.0542





## MIDLOTHIAN CAMPUS

1200 Charter Colony Parkway  
 Midlothian, VA 23114 Phone: 897.3458

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

DATE	TIME	Event
07	8:30a & 11:00a	Worship & Communion
14	8:30a & 11:00a	Palm Sunday Worship
14	4:00pm	A Journey to the Cross (Grade 4/below)
18		Maundy Thursday Worship (in homes)
21	9:15a & 11:00a	Easter Sunday Worship
22		Church Offices Closed



Tuesday, April 2  
 and  
 Thursday, April 4

K - Grade 2 / 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grades 3 - 4 / 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Midlothian Campus

Parents - please register your child/children  
 with Peg: [peg@CrestwoodRVA.org](mailto:peg@CrestwoodRVA.org)



## RICHMOND CAMPUS

6627 Jahnke Road  
 Richmond, VA 23225 Phone: 320.2269

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.

DATE	TIME	Event
07	10:30a	Worship & Communion
14	10:30a	Palm Sunday Worship
18		Maundy Thursday Worship (in homes)
19	7:00p	Good Friday Worship
21	10:30a	Easter Sunday Worship
22		Church Offices Closed



## A Journey to the Cross

(Grade 4 / Below)

On Sunday, April 14. Crestwood families with children in Grade 4 and below are invited to *A Journey to the Cross* at the Midlothian Campus at 4:00 p.m. Children will participate in stations of the cross with their families.