

April 2018



# Crestviews

**Newsletter of the  
Crestview Community Church, PCUSA  
in Callery, PA**

Loving God ♦ Following Jesus ♦ Serving All

## Children's Easter Party

**Saturday, March 24**

**1-2:30 p.m.**

All the children are invited to join us for an Easter Celebration. Children will hear the story of Holy Week and Easter, enjoy some yummy snacks and join in fun activities culminating in the great Easter Egg Hunt.



## Kids' Club Spring Session

**Wednesdays,  
April 11–May 16;  
4:30-6 p.m.**

Kids' Club resumes this April. Our sessions will focus on Jesus' last days and his triumphant resurrection followed by Paul's calling and the beginnings of the early church.

## Yearnings Conversations

What are the yearnings of your heart...of our hearts? Opportunities will be offered to join in small group conversations with Crestview family and friends. We'll consider yearnings for our family, our community, our faith journeys and our church. As we hear each others voices, we will hear the whisper of the Holy Spirit! Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Tina Hartung or Liz Cerra. The dates for conversations are April 19, 6:30 p.m. at Dave Jespersen's; April 23, 7 p.m. at the Hartung's; and May 10, 6 p.m. at Claudia Brueckman-Ripper's. Thanks in advance for your participation.

## Prayer Concerns

Have a prayer concern for yourself or someone in your family or friendship circle? Have a joy to celebrate? Our prayer chain would be honored to pray with and for you. To initiate a prayer request please contact Barb O'Barto 724-766-7270 or Pastor Bob 724-464-4032.

## Holy Week & Easter

**Palm Sunday Worship—  
March 25, 11 a.m.**

Food and Fellowship following  
worship

**Maundy Thursday Communion  
with Tenebrae—March 29, 7 p.m.**

Worship around table in the  
Fellowship Hall

**Good Friday Community Cross Walk—March 30**

Begins at noon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in  
Evans City and concludes with worship at  
St. John's UCC at 12:30-1 p.m.

**Easter Morning Alleluias—April 1, 11 a.m.**



## Tea & Bingo

**Sunday, May 6, noon**

All are welcome to come enjoy a wide variety of gourmet teas, sweets, fellowship, bingo and prizes. \$10 per person, children under 10 are free. All proceeds benefit Crestview Church.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Sunday

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work to serve individuals and communities in need. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The OGHS gifts received during Lent and on Easter Sunday allow our congregation to help people in challenging situations.

## April Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 1 Jayne Hasenflu
- 3 Kaydence Rader
- 6 Donna Cahall
- 13 Matt Hartung
- 24 Melanie Hoerner
- 25 Sandy Marburger  
Ned Marburger
- 30 Will Davison

### Anniversaries

- 12 Bob & Barb Feldbauer

## Community Music Festival

**Sunday, May 20, 7 p.m.**

Crestview is hosting this year's festival. Five church choirs will perform anthems with the audience joining to sing hymns and praise songs. You won't want to miss this wonderful time of fellowship with friends and praising God in our music.



## Summer Mission Trip Week of July 22-28

Clark Trauterman and Wayne Rocchia will be traveling to Texas with a group of friends from several area Presbyterian congregations. They will be doing clean-up and home repairs following the devastation from Hurricane Harvey. If you'd like to provide financial support for this trip, your donations will be appreciated. Please mark your check or include a note with your gift.

## From the Pastor's Desk

When we sit down with someone for tea, or stand in the back of the sanctuary and chat, and we aren't sure just what to ask about we turn to a safe subject—the weather. We can delight in the sunshine, moan about the prolonged winter, give thanks we don't live in Boston, and smile about the freshness of the spring rains. While talking about the weather gives us safe cover, it often only feels skin deep. As far as conversations go, I think there is more. For God has set, deep within our weather, patterns of rest, darkness, renewing light and new growth. These are times of dying and rising. And so as we approach Holy Week and Easter, deep within those chit chats about Mother Nature we find a very real, and somewhat comforting, parallel to Jesus' journey.

Still, Jesus' journey is quite discomfoting. To recognize the significance of his ministry on earth, to make the claim that he is the Son of God and that that claim brought him to the cross weighs heavy on our sinful souls. With grateful hearts we know that the coldness of death does not bring an end to our faith on Friday but leads us to the cusp of Easter morning.

So this Holy week, I encourage us to walk towards Easter noting the parallels in our lives to Jesus' journey. On Thursday and Friday we may notice those particular places where we feel the pain of grief and loss. As we give attention to our experiences we may well dip deeper into those of Jesus and his disciples. Give attention to the remarkable detail that Jesus invited his disciples to walk into that loss with him.

The Good Friday experience is one in which we go deeply into the loss so well known in the life of the church. While we know Easter is coming, we need not rush there. Linger in the reality of Jesus death, ever cloaked in hope. Fill Holy Saturday with hope-filled prayer. In this there can be no defeat—faith carries the day.

Out of the depth of this journey we rise on Easter morning filled with excitement for the celebration of the great and glorious day. We come together to claim yet again the promise that sin no longer has a hold on us. That forgiveness reigns. The grass is wet with the dew, the new shoots are pushing upwards, the promise of the resurrection is emerging for the world to hear.

Our lives, our faith is refreshed. Walter Brueggeman puts it this way—we are on the “glad receiving end of the power of God that transforms both the history of God's people and the world in which we live.”

Some of us say we want to skip from the prettiest of fall days to the emergence of spring—no dreary November, no bone chilling cold, no March mud. We want to vault over winter. As this year's winter seems to be dragging on, most of us are especially eager for spring to emerge... may it be the same with our faith as we lean into Holy Week.

Blessings dear family of God,

*Bob*  
Pastor Bob

## A Celtic Thought

On our Lenten journey we've been 'Listening for the Heartbeat of God.' The closeness of heaven, the full intertwining of God and humankind is represented in this verse of St. Patrick's hymn. May it speak to us in our Easter season as well.

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me,  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

## Caring for God's House

Work continues to move along on our interior entry renovations as the extreme early winter cold brought out some additional wall cracks. They have been repaired and the drywall completed. Crown molding is being installed and painting is ongoing. Thanks to Denny, Gary and Sandy for their diligent efforts.

As the weather warms we will return to the outside portion of the project and pour the ramp and porch deck and all the other pieces of the outside portion of the project—porch roof, railings, steps, paving and landscaping. If you'd like to help in a small or more significant way, please contact Gary Schwartz.

## Teen Time

**Sundays, April 8 & 22,  
 7-8:30 p.m.**

Our teens are digging into what it means to be a faithful disciple. The door is always open for others to join the circle.

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*We worship each Sunday at 11 a.m.*

### MARCH

**Sunday, March 25**  
 Palm Sunday Service,  
 11 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**  
 Communion with Tenebrae in  
 the Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

**Good Friday, March 30**  
 Cross walk begins at  
 St. Peter's Lutheran  
 Church, noon; concludes  
 with worship at St. John's  
 UCC, 12:30-1 p.m.

### APRIL

**Sunday, April 1**  
 Easter Sunday Service,  
 11 a.m.

**Sunday, April 8**  
 Teen Time, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 11**  
 Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 18**  
 Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Thursday, April 19**  
 Yearnings Conversation @  
 Dave Jespersen's,  
 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 22**  
 Teen Time, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 23**  
 Yearnings Conversation @  
 Hartung's, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 25**  
 Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Thursday, April 26-30**  
 Pastor Bob on Vacation

**Sunday, April 29**  
 Alan Adams Preaching

### MAY

**Sunday, May 6**  
 Tea and Bingo, noon

**Thursday, May 10**  
 Yearnings Conversation @  
 Claudia Brueckman  
 Ripper's, 6 p.m.

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