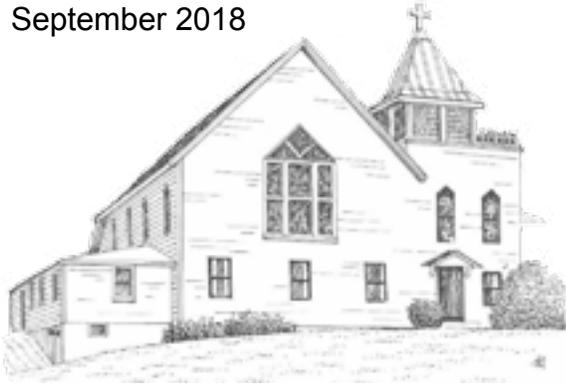


September 2018



Crestviews

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

Loving God ♦ Following Jesus ♦ Serving All

Mission Trip Report

Sunday, September 2

Wayne Roccia and Clark Trauterman will share some stories and pictures of their recent mission work trip to Texas where they did clean-up and rebuilding following last year's hurricane Harvey.

Entry Renovations

It's been a long year with a variety of starts and stops along the way. At this writing we are hearing that the remainder of the railing will be installed soon and then we can build the porch roof. Inside the final coats of paint will soon be on the ceiling and walls; and wainscoting and carpeting installed. We continue to give thanks for the gifts of time and generosity that are making this renovation possible.

Community Worship

Sunday, September 16, 11 a.m.

Churches of the Evans City Area Ministerium—Crestview, Westminster, St. John's and St. Peter's—will gather for a joint worship service the weekend of Oktoberfest. On this third Sunday of September we will worship outside by the Evans City Firehall. We'll have the opportunity for delightful worship with a wonderful crowd and a strong public witness to our faith. We will share communion as the gathered body of Christ.

In the event of rain we will gather at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Plenty of parking is available and it is easy to drop off folks close to the firehall.



Collaborative Youth Group

The youth of Crestview, Old Union and Plains Presbyterian churches will endeavor to join together in their youth events this fall. We will begin with the presbytery wide Scavenger Hunt (see article on page 3) on September 30. Meet at Crestview at 1 p.m.

Throughout the year we hope to alternate between Bible studies/group building/faith growing, the second Sunday of the month and a service/mission activity as the calendar allows. Interested youth should contact Pastor Bob or Clark Trauterman.

Sanctuary Ceiling Repaired

Thanks to the crew of Sandy, Gary, Denny & Pastor Bob who replaced the section of ceiling tile that gave way in the sanctuary. While the scaffold was here Gregg helped install and tune a speaker that we had received from a church that recently closed. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Chiphoola Visit

We are delighted that Blessings Sigoti, chair of the Chiphoola Church Partnership Committee, will be with us in the middle of October. Blessings will share in our faith life, tour our 'neck of the woods' and enjoy a retreat with Malawians and Pittsburgh area Presbyterians at Antiochian Village. We will be sharing more details of the visit as the time approaches.

Choir Resumes

In preparation for the Fall season our choir will begin rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. beginning September 20. If you'd like to join, drop in or contact Jeannie Allen at 724-910-5132.

Christmas Pageant and Advent Study

The Spiritual Formation Committee at Crestview Church is considering having Kids' Club present a Christmas Pageant this year. The children would present the Christmas Story with costumes, acting and singing. There would be weekly practices in November and into December.

As part of the weekly practice we are also considering having a meal together and an Advent Bible study. The meal and Advent Study would be open to the whole church and families of the children. In all it would be about 2 hours on either Monday or Wednesday starting at about 5 PM. The children would have their own Advent study separate from the adults and teens.

This activity would take the place of the fall session of Kids' Club which would resume in January with the usual format as the winter session.

Before we move ahead with these ideas, we are asking for feedback from the families. Please think and pray about how you and your family might participate in this program.

Pastor Bob Away

Pastor Bob will be on vacation September 11-17. Pastor Derek Marotta is available for pastoral needs at 724-221-4491.

From the Pastor's Desk

Every generous act of giving, with every precious gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.—James 1:17

Getting started is sometimes the biggest hurdle to doing the job. The dishes aren't insurmountable, it's just getting up from the table and starting. The same may be said of mowing the grass or folding the laundry. This month I've had a dickens of a time getting started with the newsletter. Sometimes this first hurdle challenge is mostly a mental game, at other times there are real reasons why we have a hard time moving into an action mode.

As the Fall season begins to take shape and we have various events in the planning stages at both churches, there is a new excitement in the air. Just like the kids taking off for school, the Steelers prognosticators finding much optimism, we too are lifted with hope. Through out our newsletter you will find a variety of things that may help you give your faith a little jump start this Fall. We have exciting mission opportunities and fellowship events along with some very special worship times. There are also some older items on our list, like finishing a building project or two.

All of this is part of our faith journey as we respond to the amazing love of God in our lives. As God pours out God's grace in generous acts of giving (James 1:17) we receive these precious gifts with humble and open hearts. Gifts of hope, joy, motivation, and inspiration come from the Father of lights! We receive, we respond. As God gives, we are enabled to also be generous givers. I encourage us all to take that first step in giving this Fall of our time, our talent and our treasure. Give a gift of time in worship, a gift of talent in service, a financial gift for the work of our church in our community—a step up in hope, a step out in faith, a skip of joy.

In the first chapter of James we are encouraged to be 'doers of the word.' How will you 'get it started' this month? Together we join in the toe tapping chorus, "Everything that is, is His!"

Faithfully yours,



Pastor Bob

Financial Report

July 31

	Income	YTD	Expenses	YTD
General Fund:	\$ 6,772.00	\$ 37,219.35	\$ 5,484.47	\$ 39,901.56
Sec. Acct.:	720.00	6,460.47	745.00	6,185.33
Totals:	\$ 7,495.00	\$ 43,679.82	\$ 6,229.42	\$ 46,086.89

Celebrations

August Belated Birthdays

- 1 Bill Williams
- 11 Anna Cerra
- 12 Carter Wharrey
- 17 Sara Cahall
Cheri Speer
- 19 Ed Reichhold
- 21 Jenna Falkner
- 23 Ruth Nanna
- 24 Liz Cerra
- 25 Ryan Wharrey
- 27 Wanda Balfour
- 28 Laura Trauterman
- 29 Gary Schwartz
- 31 Carrie Wharrey

September Birthdays

- 1 Connie Simpson
- 2 Nathan Baker
- 10 Tammy Cerra
- 13 Maria Hartung
- 14 Bev James
Lee Nanna
- 15 Heather Belles
Bill DeHart
- 21 Rachel Manuel
- 26 Kylie Baker

August Belated Anniversaries

- 5 Ryan & Carrie Wharrey
- 18 Wayne & Peggy Roccia
- 23 Cheri & Monica Speer
- 26 Jay & Sarah Stadtfeld
- 27 Bruce & Bonnie Wolfe

September Anniversary

- 30 Charles & Gayle Beers

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Events

Presbyterian Men

Saturday, September 29, 9 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Beaver Falls

Presbyterian Men’s Network invites all the guys to breakfast and a program about PM networking opportunities. \$10 for your meal! Questions contact Larry Ott at 724-630-5770.

The Welcoming Church: Hospitality in a New Age

Sunday, September 30, 2-5 p.m.

Calvin Presbyterian Church, Grandview Ave., Zelienople

All members are invited to our Presbytery-wide worship event. Our Keynote Speaker is Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber. She brings us her expertise in creating an environment of hospitality! In addition there will be lots of music, breakout sessions, and refreshments. This is a great opportunity for us to recharge our spiritual batteries. Contact the office if you would like to attend.

Youth Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, September 30, 2 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 320 Sixth Ave, downtown Pittsburgh

Put on your best walking shoes and bring your cell phones because we will be spending the afternoon exploring the weirder side of downtown Pittsburgh. You will be given time to figure out clues and then race around town with your youth group, and/or with youth from another church.

In The Mailbox

***Brokenness Restored:
A Retreat for Women***

October 26-28

**Pine Valley Camp and Chapel
Valley Estates**

Led by Susan Reichert and Sandy Joseph, this intimate event will provide opportunity for individuals to process and pray about ways in which they have been impacted by brokenness, how God is at work in the midst of pain and the suffering and what purpose God may have.

To learn more, go to recognizeandremember.com/retreat

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    **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**    

We worship each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Sunday, September 2
Mission Trip Report during
11 a.m. worship

Monday, September 3
Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, September 5
Evans City Senior Center Bible
Study, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 6
Session, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 11—
Monday, September 17**
Pastor Bob on vacation

Thursday, September 20
Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25
Joint Beaver-Butler and
Shenango Presbyteries
Meeting @ New Wilmington,
4 p.m.

Thursday, September 27
Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 29
Presbyterian Men, 9 a.m.

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