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Crestviews

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

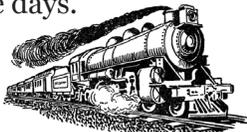
Loving God ♦ Following Jesus ♦ Serving All

Pine Valley Food Collection Though June 10

Donations of one gallon cans of fruit or vegetables, or money for these, will be collected at the rear of the sanctuary. Our goal is to gather 50 items. Let's fill the wall with a gift that will allow bellies to be filled so that hearts and minds may be opened to God's love.

Callery Community Day Saturday, July 7

Mark your calendars for a time of street fair fun! You can volunteer by contacting Barb O'Barto or Heather Belles about helping with one of the activities the community days team is coordinating. There are a plethora of opportunities! May we be a blessing to our neighbors through these days.



Miracle Maker, The Story of Jesus Vacation Bible School

June 18-22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Preschool-6th grade; Toddlers with an adult

Discover the life of Jesus through the eyes of Tamar, the young girl that Jesus brought miraculously back to life. The children will watch segments of the highly acclaimed animated movie, *Miracle Maker, The Story of Jesus* and study the Bible texts from which they are based.

They'll get to know Jesus as God's son, teacher, miracle maker, savior and friend. Crafts, music, games and snacks round out this exciting time. Registration will take place at 6:30 p.m. daily.



Rev. Alan Adams Retires

You are cordially invited to come "Celebrate" the ministry of Rev. Alan Adams as he retires after serving our Presbytery as Executive Presbyter for fourteen years. An Open House will be held from 3:30-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 22 at Blinn's Farm, 113 Ridge Road, New Brighton (near Brush Creek Park). There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person and your reservation and payment should be received by Barb Paff at the Beaver-Butler Presbytery Office, P.O. Box 279, Zelienople, PA 16063-0279, on or before June 15.

A Day at Lake Arthur

July 1, 2-5:30 p.m.

First Presby and Crestview will join together for an afternoon of Kayaking/Canoeing/Picnicking at Moraine State Park. The event will take place Sunday, July 1 from 2-5:30 (we will send maps in the coming weeks with the exact location to meet).

If you have a canoe or kayak that you can bring, that is great, but if not, we will have plenty to share. Sitting by the lake and visiting, playing games or going for a swim are all options for the day.

Hot dogs, chips, drinks and the paper products will be provided. If you are able to bring a snack, side dish or dessert to share, that would be great. We will have a few picnic tables available, but a lawn chair or two would be a great addition. We so hope you can join us.

New Railing!

We thank Sharon and Gary Schwartz, Bev James, Lynda Weinel and Claudia Brueckman Ripper for endless hours to bring the railing on our front stairs new life! Immediately following Easter they plunged in with heat guns blazing and began removing layers of paint. This was followed by paint stripper and picks, removing all the old residue. Finally sanding, staining and multiple coats of polyurethane! Our railing looks fantastic! Words cannot fully capture our gratitude.

Chancel Candles

We give thanks for the oil filled candles that now grace our communion table and chancel. The candles are a gift in memory of Lee Kummer. May they always remind us of the light of Christ, shining in our midst.

Ramp & Porch Update

In May we were blessed to have Randy Buzard form and pour the new porch and ramp. We give thanks for a special donation that allowed us to hire Randy for this work. We are also grateful for a special donation of the concrete for this project! What a blessing it is to have a safe and smooth entrance and exit. The next steps will be railings and porch roof with paving coming later.

August Notes

Sunday, August 19,
Kay Day will lead worship at both churches. She will share missionary stories from Rwanda.

Sunday, August 26,
Church Picnic with Plains Church. Worship at 10:00 a.m. at Pavilion 5 in North Boundary Park with picnic following.

From the Pastor's Desk

"I Call You Friends"—Conversations That Matter

We've shared in "Yearnings" conversations at both churches over the last few months. One of the ringing themes that arose was relationships. We simply want to be in relationships that matter. We want to know each other better and we have a deep desire to know the members of our neighborhoods. We hope that they also want to get to know us. When you enter Pine Valley Camp an engraved sign hangs on the gazebo: "It's all about relationships." Relationships matter!

Jesus was all about relationships. As the Son of God he came to show us a better way. Jesus called twelve disciples to follow him and he spent intense amounts of time with this group of followers. As he prepared for his last days with them he said, "I no longer call you servants, but I call you friends." Why? In part because he had shared everything with them. All that Jesus had he had poured into them and he had prepared them to carry on with the kingdom calling that was placed on their lives. He had chosen them, walked with them, taught them, and now he was sharing a conversation around table that would sustain them through his passion journey and beyond.

Conversations, just like relationships matter, for the core building blocks of our relationships are the conversations of our lives. Summer is upon us and some might think that there is less time for conversation, but I'd beg to differ. We spend hours at ball games, around camp fires, relaxing by the pool, hiking or traveling with family and friends. We have time for conversations that matter. Opportunities will abound to simply get to know the things about each other that truly make us tick. This applies to those who we count as newer friends and those we think we know too much about. And there will also be times when the conversation moves to the things that might make us uncomfortable—opioids, faith, social justice, race equality and the environment, to name a few. These are things of the news, things of our lives that matter to us and to our God. Questions will arise that have no easy answer. At times like these we may best cast our lot with Jesus and ask for a special touch of the Spirit to listen deeply and respond gently, leaning into his grace.

Together a genuine dialogue can lead us to a better place. Let us grow deeper relationships as we bless our world with God's love.

Faithfully yours,



Pastor Bob

April Financial Report

	Income	YTD	Expenses	YTD
General Fund:	6,140.38	20,819.85	6,174.02	23,137.67
Sec. Acct.:	2,153.47	3,276.47	279.06	837.54
Totals	8,293.85	24,096.32	6,453.08	23,975.21

We are deeply grateful to continue to have received special donations for the entry renovations. The hope is that memorial funds will be used to complete this project. As the summer arrives we ask that everyone please give faithfully and generously to the general fund.

Thank you, the session

Pine Valley Summer Serve

July 30, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for summer serve at Pine Valley. This will be a joint adventure with folks from First Presby of New Brighton. Together we'll serve supper, clean up and share a snack with the campers and staff. If you cannot attend we'd be happy to receive cookies to take along. We'll need about 12 dozen cookies and 6-8 volunteers from each congregation. Claudia Brueckman Ripper is our contact for this event.

Choir Break

We thank the choir for the blessings they have brought to our worship with many beautiful anthems. We are grateful to Jeannie Allen for sharing her musical talents with us at the piano each week and to Patty Marburger for being here whenever called upon. May everyone enjoy a well deserved break through the summer months.

Summer Schedule for Pastor Bob

Thanks to Derek Marotta, pastor at Plains, for providing emergency coverage. He may be reached at 724-221-4491.

June 7-13 Continuing Education Class: The Spirituality of Thomas Merton, at Pittsburgh Seminary. Rosalyn Kummer will lead worship on June 10.

July 5-17 Vacation, traveling to Italy with ChrisAnn and the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale. Gary Weston will be here on July 8 and Gregg Hartung will lead worship on July 15.

August 5 First Presby of New Brighton Church Picnic Sunday. David Allen leads worship at Crestview.

New Wilmington Mission Conference

July 20-27

The New Wilmington Mission Conference looks to deepen the missionary spirit and seeks to live out the Great Commission. Here mission interpretation meets the duty and ideal of proclaiming the gospel to all the world and making disciples of all peoples through worship, education, and hands-on service. Come for an evening or the whole week. For more information check them out at nwmmission.org.

Thank you

To Claudia, Kelly and Darla for all the coordination of the Bingo Brunch in May. The time was delightful, the food scrumptious and the gifts to the mission and ministry of Crestview a blessing. Together we raised \$340.

Community Music Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped make the community event on May 20 a success. Thank you to the Evans City Area Ministrium and especially to Carol Baker for coordinating the music and fellowship.

Faith Night at the Pirates

Friday, July 27, 7:05

Enjoy a Pirates game followed by players and coaches sharing their faith stories. Tickets will be about \$30. Sign up sheets will be posted or you can contact the office to be placed on the list. This will be a joint activity with First Presby.

Celebrations

June Birthdays

- 1 Kim Hicks
- 2 Janice Baker
- 3 Sierra Cramer
- 6 Charles Beers
- 11 Zack Cahall
- 12 Vanessa Brynda
- 16 Sharon Schwartz
- 18 Lynda Weinell
- 20 Bob Goossen
- 21 Duane Cerra
Pat Dunbar
- 28 Valerie Trauterman

July Birthdays

- 10 Bonnie Hoerner
Patty Marburger
- 18 Gregg Hartung
- 23 Barb Barnett
- 25 Clark Trauterman

June Anniversaries

- 7 Bob & Pam Merry
- 16 Duane & Liz Cerra

July Anniversaries

- 20 Charles E. & Sara Cahall
- 31 David & Tammy Cerra

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☼ ☼ ☼ ☼ **JUNE/JULY CALENDAR** ☼ ☼ ☼ ☼

We worship each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Sunday, June 3

Wings of Love Butterfly
Release at Evans City
Cemetery, 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 7 through

Wednesday, June 13

Pastor Bob on Study Leave

Sunday, June 10

Rev. Rosalyn Kummer
preaching, 11 a.m.

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day

Monday, June 18 through

Friday, June 22

Vacation Bible School,
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 1

Day at the Lake, 2-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 5 through

Monday, July 16

Pastor Bob in Italy

Sunday, July 8

Rev. Gary Weston preaching,
11 a.m.

Sunday, July 15

Gregg Hartung leading
worship, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 17

Pastor Bob is off

Sunday, July 22

Rev. Alan Adams retirement
Party, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 22 through

Saturday, July 28

Summer Mission trip for
Clark and Wayne

Tuesday, July 24

Presbytery Meeting at North
Sewickley, 6 p.m.

Friday, July 27

Faith Night at the Pirates,
7:05 p.m.

Sunday, July 29

Communion, 11 a.m.

Monday, July 31

Summer Serve at Pine
Valley, 5:30-8:30 p.m.