

May 2018



Crestviews

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

Loving God ♦ Following Jesus ♦ Serving All

Kids' Club

**Wednesdays thru
May 16**

We're finishing up this session with Jesus' triumphant resurrection followed by Paul's calling and the beginning of the early church. Still time to jump into the fun!

Day at the Lake Sunday, July 1

Get ready for boating, swimming and picnicking at Moraine State Park with friends from First Presby of New Brighton. Watch for details as we get closer to the day.

Entry Update

In this Easter tide we've seen the old paint removed from the railings, spindles and newell posts in the entry revealing beautiful pine. Stain and poly are soon to follow. Thanks to Sharon Schwartz for leading this work, assisted by hubby Gary, along with Bev James, Linda Weinel and Claudia Brueckman.

Pentecost Communion

Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m.

It's the Feast of Pentecost! Scripture says, "There was a sound like a strong wind, gale force--no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks..." (Acts 2:1-2). Come with anticipation that the Spirit of God will be lively in our presence as we gather at the table on Pentecost Sunday. All are encouraged to wear red on this day when the Spirit blows surprises our way.

***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 this highly acclaimed animated movie 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.



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.

Community Music Festival Sunday, May 20, 7 p.m.

Crestview Church is hosting the Evans City Ministerium churches and their choirs for our annual Community Music Festival. Choirs will sing their favorite anthems. The audience will have opportunities to sing along and everyone will enjoy the mass choir finale.

We'll need helpers as greeters, servers and some donations of food. Each choir brings donations for the fellowship time. Carol Baker is our coordinator for this event, so contact her if you can help!

To the Church Triumphant

Karen Mueller
April 3, 2018

Easter Party Fun

Thank you to all who helped make our Easter party for the children a delightful afternoon. Many children and parents gathered on March 24 to hear the good news, play, eat together and join in the great Easter egg hunt. Much fun was had by all. Thanks to ChrisAnn Goossen for organizing, Claudia Brueckman for providing the delicious food, all who donated candy and our teen helpers for hiding the eggs.

Thank You

We thank Buck Hardt for plowing the snow this winter and salting the parking lots. We are deeply grateful!!

Teen Time

Sunday, May 6, 5:30-7 p.m.

Our group will join with the Westminster Presbyterian Youth Group. Transportation to Evans City will be provided if needed.

Callery

Community Day

Saturday, July 7

Mark your calendars for a time of street fair fun! May we be a blessing to our neighbors as we celebrate our community on this day. Contact Barb O'Barto if you'd like to help in any way. Opportunities abound!

From the Pastor's Desk

This month I would like to yield my space to portions of PCUSA mission co-worker Jenny Bent's recent letter from the Dominican Republic.

Hello Friends,

As many of you remember, Mark, Keila, Annika and I are serving with the Dominican Evangelical Church (IED) here in Barahona in the southwestern region of the Dominican Republic.

Bellanira and Andreina are two young women who live in Casandra and are members of the local IED congregation. Each Monday, I meet with Bella, Andreina and Pastora Belkis Santana. My work is to help facilitate the organization of the activities these three women decide to carry out in the community. There are days when I have a clear vision of the direction I would like the meeting to take, but it rarely goes the way I would like. What often happens is that the vision I bring to the meeting takes a backseat because Bella, Andreina and the pastor also bring their ideas and their unique energy. My obligation is to recognize their creativity and work to help it grow in the instant that it presents itself. It puts into practice a process in which all of us are simultaneously students and teachers.

This makes sense because the process happens within their own daily reality, their own context. This past Monday, Mark and I witnessed this process in action. A workshop was organized and directed mainly by Bella and Andreina. Pastora Belkis assisted by providing a biblical reflection. Two days before the activity, they invited ten women and asked them to bring a bedsheet to create their own baby carrier.

Bella demonstrated how to create the baby carrier, while Andreina facilitated conversation among the women about the carrier's advantages. In the Dominican mothers generally leave their babies on the bed or on the floor on some kind of cover so that they can attend to the household chores, even if the baby cries. The belief is that the baby will be "añonada," or "spoiled," if the mother carries the baby a lot.

The women came to the workshop with their babies, from the youngest who was a tender 11 days old up to a 3-year-old toddler. Each mother had the opportunity to use her sheet to put together the baby carrier and to try out its efficacy with their own babies. There was a lot of laughter and a deep sense of trust, contentment and sisterhood.

Our resources were minimal: some old sheets, a Bible, a humble community church, the participation of mothers and their babies, the interest and excitement of Andreina, Bella and Pastora Belkis, and the bits of knowledge and experiences that each of us brought with us. That is what CHE is about—using local resources to instruct and to create new options.

I hope this story encourages you as our Lord God calls us to be witnesses and co-participants in God's ongoing creation and re-creation. May you continue to be part of that process wherever you are.

Jenny Bent with Mark, Keila and Annika

Mission Points

Pine Valley Camp Food Collection

May 6-June 10

Donations of gallon cans of fruit or vegetables, or money for these, will be collected at the rear of the sanctuary. Our goal is to collect 50 cans at Crestview this year. Let's line the wall with a gift that will allow full bellies to open hearts and minds to God's love.

Summer Serve

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

Mark your calendars for summer serve at Pine Valley Camp. 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. Claudia Brueckman is our contact for this event—let her know if you would like to participate.

May Birthdays

- 3 Sandra Trauterman
- 6 David Cerra
- 12 Chuck Cahall
- 13 Gayle Beers
- 19 Sarah Statdfeld
- 23 Robert Feldbauer
- 24 Hunter Matthews
- 25 Hannah Lutz

May Anniversaries

- 25 Larry & Lynda Weinel
- 27 Sandy & Patty Marburger
- 30 Jim & Pat Dunbar

In the Mailbox

Hooray for Hollywood!

Saturday May 5, 7:30 p.m.—Fox

Chapel Presbyterian Church

Sunday May 6, 4 p.m.—Ingomar

United Methodist Church

The Pittsburgh Concert Chorale presents its Pops concert featuring music from movies of the Golden Era to the present—a great concert for the whole family. For more information and tickets call 412-635-7654 or go to www.PCCsings.org.

Circle of Friends

May 5, 2 p.m.

A benefit concert for Acorns2Oaks mission will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Mars.

Harmony Revival

May 5, 7 p.m.

A night of inspirational barbershop and gospel music at the Cardinal Wuerl High School, sponsored by the Cranberry Bog Meisters.

Tickets at www.bogmeisters.com or (412) 302-8665.

Wings of Love Butterfly Release

June 3, 2 p.m.

Evans City Cemetery

A butterfly release will be held at the Evans City Cemetery along with a ceremony of remembrance. To order a butterfly (\$20) contact Deanna at 724-290-1820 by May 3. Bring your blanket or lawn chair. Sponsored by our friends at Westminster UPC.

SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life)

Exercises Classes designed for people 60 years and over to help improve balance and mobility, reduce the risks of falls and improve quality of life.

To register, call Area Agency on Aging at 724-282-3008

Cranberry Township Senior Center

—2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp.

Mon., Weds., Fri.—9:15 a.m.

Tues.—10:30 a.m.

Westminster Church

North Main Street, Butler

Mon., Tues., Thurs.—11 a.m.

Healthy Steps for Older Adults Fall Prevention Program

Tuesday, June 26

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Presented by the Butler County Agency on Aging
Butler Family Library
218 N. McKean St., Butler

At this informative and interactive workshop, attendees will learn about steps to take to diminish the risk of a fall. To register call 724-282-3008.

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We worship each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

Tea & Bingo, 12 p.m.

Teen Time, 5:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9

Ministerium, 8:30 a.m.

Spiritual Formation & Worship

Meeting, 11 a.m.

Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 10

Yearnings Conversation at

Claudia Brueckman-Ripper's,
6 p.m.

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 16

Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 17

I & S Property Meeting, 7 p.m.

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Worship with
Communion

Community Choir Festival
at Crestview Community
Church, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 21

Session, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

Presbytery Meeting, 6 p.m.

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day

