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Crestviews

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

Loving God ♦ Following Jesus ♦ Serving All

WV Mission Trip

Clark Trauterman and Pastor Bob spent August 6-12 in Greenbrier County, West Virginia with fourteen like minded folks from area churches. Thanks go out to Pastor Peter and the folks at Old Union for leading this trip and for all the support in both prayers and funds from the Crestview family. As always, there will be stories to tell of how God is at work in the lives of our neighbors and newest friends. Photos and Clark's excellent blog may be found at oldunion2017.blogspot.com.

Callery Community Days Booth

Thank you to everyone who helped with the church's booth during the street fair in July. We raised a bit of money with the bake sale and the free photo booth was a success. Folks enjoyed getting their pictures taken dressed up like the old days when trains were a part of the daily life in Callery. Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods, props, time and creativity to this outreach to our community.

Picnic with Plains

Sunday, August 27, 10:00 a.m.
North Boundary Park, Shelter 5

We'll gather for worship, fellowship and a picnic with our friends from Plains Church. Please note that we will have an early worship time for those of us who have grown accustomed to 11:00 a.m. The shelter is easy to find. Just bare to the right as you enter the park off North Boundary Road and go to the top of the hill. Bring a chair if you like. Crestview will be providing paper products, Ham Barbecue, buns, salads and desserts. Please indicate what you will contribute on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, talk to Barb O'Barto.

Entryway Renovations

Digging into any project in a 126-year-old building is always opportunity for a surprise. As we removed plywood wall coverings in the lower entry area, we discovered that the block wall holding back the dirt and roadway has failed. We don't have all the answers, but we know we will now be doing some excavating and additional retaining wall work. Eventually we will need to replace the porch and the ramp areas. All this is not a huge surprise, although it is unfortunate. If you would like to make a special donation to help with this please mark it for the building fund.

We also will be removing wallpaper from the walls and consulting with experts on the best way to refinish them. The interior work should be able to continue as we begin to build the new retaining wall and fix drainage concerns along the Kline Avenue side of the building this fall.

In the end it will all be beautiful, safe and set to serve the congregation well for the long term. If you would like to lend a hand with the project, please contact Pastor Bob or Dave Jespersen.

Community Worship

Sunday, September 17, 11:00 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. Yes, this is the third Sunday of September and we will worship outside by the Evans City fire hall. Last year's service was a delightful time with a wonderful crowd and a strong public witness to our faith. We shared communion as the gathered body of Christ. We are making plans for a similar time this year. In the event of rain we will gather at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Bob Away

Pastor Bob will be on vacation August 18-25. Gregg Hartung will lead worship on the 20th and Pastor Derek Marotta is available for pastoral needs at 724-221-4491.

Celebrations

August 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

August Anniversaries

- 5 Ryan & Carrie Wharrey
- 18 Wayne & Peggy Roccia
- 27 Bruce & Bonnie Wolfe

September Birthdays

- 1 Connie Simpson
- 2 Nathan Baker
- 6 Karen Mueller
- 10 Tammy Cerra
- 13 Maria Hartung
- 14 Bev James
Lee Nanna
- 15 Heather Belles
Bill DeHart
- 21 Rachel Manuel
- 25 Quinn Beyer
- 26 Kylie Baker
- 27 Henry Lutz

September Anniversaries

- 12 Josh & Lacey Beyer
- 20 Cheri & Monica Speer
- 30 Charles & Gayle Beers

From the Pastor's Desk

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

—Romans 5:5

A quick note to a friend might read, "Hope your interview goes well," or "Hope your surgery is successful." As we peer out on a rainy Pennsylvania Saturday we mutter under our breath, "Hope the sunshines later on." These phrases, yes, grammarians I know they have no subject, leave us in the vagaries of possibility. There is a sort of 'maybe, maybe not' quality about them. Who owns them? Me personally, we, as in ChrisAnn and I, we, as in a group of church folk? Nobody knows, at least until one gets to the signature line.

When we ramble on about hope with a vague sense of grayness we diminish its power and presence. And we also keep ourselves off the hook. It's really about as sentimental as wishing. Wishing is a venture that holds as much possibility as hoping you'll win the lottery, but not ever buying a ticket. I may wish for homemade ice cream, or a camper with an SUV to pull it. But without cranking the handle or getting serious about saving some money, it's just a lot of hot air.

However, when we say, "I hope your interview goes well." I begin to own something in a subtle but powerful way. I place myself in a position of not only offering hope but owning the hope myself, and maybe just doing something about it. I move from wishing upon a star to assuming some risk and walking alongside you in your venture. I begin to shine real and helpful God light into what may be a scary corner of your world.

Peter Marty in *The Christian Century* writes, "Hope has everything to do with what God wants in me; wishing has everything to do with what I want from other people and objects, and even from God." (p.3, July 18, 2017) Hope is that real and tangible gift from God that touches us and lifts us up. Hope often comes with the encouragement of another, when someone comes and walks alongside us with real commitment and offers a deep relationship. Offering hope on a flood recovery mission trip is such a tangible thing. The week, however, is not about the home repairs, it is about the people. It is about connecting to the people, sitting and listening to their story, accomplishing a little work alongside of them.

Marty goes on to say, "Those who live in abundant hope never worry about not knowing what's around the next corner. They're confident it will be good for one reason alone—God is good." Living in hope may we know our blessings and be a blessing to those whom we rub shoulders with in these days.

Faithfully yours,



Pastor Bob

July Financial Report

	Income		Expenses	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
General Fund:	\$ 6,169.85	\$ 42,843.50	\$ 5,007.05	\$ 40,625.98
Sec. Acct.:	522.25	3,782.30	0.00	751.47
Totals	\$ 6,692.10	\$ 46,625.80	\$ 5,007.05	\$ 41,375.45

Mission Notes

The mission committee allocated special gifts to support the ministry of Pine Valley Camp and the Lighthouse ministries.

Pine Valley primarily serves children from Pittsburgh who come from single parent homes. Their mission is to “rebuild broken lives through Jesus Christ.” Their vision is to “create camps where at risk youth will encounter God’s creation, loving community, and the gospel of Jesus Christ.” In addition to the financial support a group of members served supper and took cookies for the children’s snack on July 31. Thanks to all who helped.

The Lighthouse, located on Rt. 8 near Butler, serves people who are homeless and in transition, helping them to get re-established. They also host the largest food bank in Bulter County and provide training programs and support in a wide variety of areas. Micah, former resident said, “The Lighthouse Foundation is a diamond in a coal mine. You don’t just give food to the hungry or homes to the homeless, you give hope to the hopeless.”

Following Jesus at VBS

This summer 15 children enjoyed weekly sessions of learning about the Jesus’ disciples and Peter upon whom Jesus said he would build his church. Learning was enhanced with music, creative crafts and group games outside. The summer session concluded with a picnic under the big oak tree. The beautiful summer day was perfect for getting wet and taking many rides down the hill on the 100 foot water slide.

Thank you to leaders Claudia Brueckman Ripper, Sharon and Gary Schwartz, Bob and ChrisAnn Goossen, Patty Marburger, Clark Trauterman, Tammy Kozar, and Crystal Wilbert; and our teen helpers, Ashley and Samantha Kozar.

Dates for the fall session of Crestview Kids’ Club will be announced soon! Please keep this ongoing ministry in your prayers.

Choir Resumes

In preparation for the Fall season our choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday’s at 7:15 p.m. beginning September 14. If you’d like to join drop in or contact Jeannie Allen at 724-910-5132.

Hymn Suggestion Box

We continue to welcome your ideas for hymns to include in worship. Please write the name and number of the hymn as found in our *Celebration Hymnal* and place it in the suggestion box. If the hymn is not included in our hymnal, suggest it anyway. We may find a way to use it. The “Hymn Suggestion Box” is located in the upper entryway.

The Thanksgiving of Summer

Letter from Kay Day in Rwanda

Kay’s most recent prayer letter highlights end of school year farewells in the Rwandan tradition. It may be found online at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/the-thanksgiving-of-summer/

To the Church Triumphant

Robert Roccia

July 5, 2017

Bill Barnett

July 5, 2017

Nicholas Hasenflu

August 14, 2017

Baptism Celebrated

Lilliana Victoria Merry Marcinik, daughter of Matthew and Shana Marcinik received the sacrament of baptism on July 30. Delighted grandparents are Bob and Pam Merry.

Congratulations

...to Megan DeHart and DJ Wiles on the birth of Kiley Elaine Wiles on July 29. Proud grandpa is Bill DeHart.

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



We worship each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Sunday, August 6

Memorial Service for
Bill Barnett, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 13

Memorial Service for
Bob Roccia, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15

Worship & Arts/Spiritual
Formation Committee
Meeting, 3 p.m.
I & S Committee Meeting,
7 p.m.

Friday, August 18 through

Friday, August 25

Pastor Bob on vacation

Sunday, August 20

Gregg Hartung leading
church services

Sunday, August 27

Picnic with Plains Church
with worship, 10 a.m.

Monday, August 28

Session, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

Choir practice, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, September 18

Session, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

Choir practice, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26

Presbytery, 4 p.m. @
Mars UPC

Thursday, September 28

Choir practice, 7:15 p.m.