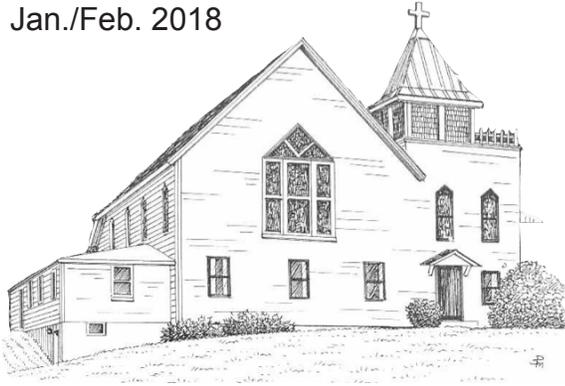


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Crestviews

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

Loving God ♦ Following Jesus ♦ Serving All

Teen Time

**Sundays January 28,
February 11 & 25,
7 p.m.**

Teens are delving into the life of Jesus as we look at his baptism and calling of the disciples. Do you have any teens in your neighborhood, friendship or family circles? Can you help us connect with them?

Kids' Club

**Wednesdays,
January 3-February 7,
4:30-6 p.m.**

Our kids began their winter session with the story of great friends Jonathan and David and the wonderful treat of perfect snow for a sledding party! Great fun was had by all. Our winter lessons continue with the life of Solomon. Our children grow in their faith each week as they go on exciting adventures with the Deep Blue crew to learn about life in Guatemala. Any Wednesday is a good day for a new friend to join the fun!

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, February 14–March 21

We will be listening for the heartbeat of God in and thru Celtic spiritual traditions this Lent. Our joint Lenten series will begin with a 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Plains Church. The following weeks we will alternate hosting the evenings with supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by our worship time. Crestview's adult Bible study group will be participating in the Lenten series in lieu of their February and March meetings.

'Soup'er Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 4, noon

Join us for Soup-n-Sides after worship. A sign-up sheet for food contributions is posted. We will receive financial donations or canned goods for the Evans City Food Cupboard. A simple prayer, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat," inspired this youth led movement in 1990. Together we can make a real difference.

Heart Felt Yearnings

**Small Group Discussions of Faith, Family
and Friendship**

What are the yearnings of your heart...for yourself, for your family, for your friends, for your faith? A team of elders and deacons is designing a series of small group discussions that we hope will touch each member of the Crestview family. These will be opportunities to share our lives as we listen deeply for the heartbeat of God's Spirit in and through each gathering. We expect that these discussions will shape how we are God's people in this particular time and place. Please consider the possibility hosting a conversation in your home.

News from Chiphoola

Pastor Wickson Mikondo has been transferred by the Synod of Blantyre to a new assignment. Their family left the parish in late 2017 and at this point the elders are leading the Chiphoola Church. In Malawi this is a fairly common occurrence. Pastors are usually re-assigned every four or five years. They pack up and await the moving truck to come whenever the weather and people power can make it happen.

Kid Bonda, who served as our translator, is one of those who is helping to lead in worship on Sundays. Please pray for Kid as he would like to attend seminary for pastor training.

He also reports that they have had some good early rains to get the crops started and are praying for the rains to continue as they are in need of a good harvest.

Celebrations

January Birthdays

- 1 Josh Beyer
- 4 Denny Hasenflu
- 9 Peggy Roccia
- 10 Kathy Brynda
- 15 Michelle Hartung
- 23 Laurie Rader

February Birthdays

- 1 Mason Beyer
- 2 Betty Roccia
- 6 Reita Lark
- 7 Lacey Beyer
Pam Merry
- 8 Bonnie Wolfe
- 21 Charles E. Cahall
- 23 Wayne Roccia
- 26 ChrisAnn Goossen
- 27 Barb Feldbauer
- 28 Mariella Falkner

January Anniversaries

- 29 Cody & Dana Alton

February Anniversaries

- 20 Lee & Ruth Nanna

Lenten Observances

Supper, 6:15 p.m.

Worship, 7 p.m.

February 14—Plains Church
(no supper)

February 21—Crestview Church

February 28—Plains Church

March 7—Crestview Church

March 14—Plains Church

March 21—Crestview Church

From the Pastor's Desk

Radical hope is not so much something you have but something you practice; it demands flexibility, openness, and imaginative excellence.—Junot Diaz

Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to honor him.—the Magi

Christmas celebrations are now fully concluded, even for those of us who stretched out the full twelve days of Christmas until marking Epiphany and the appearance of the magi—wise men. Then on the following Sunday, in a lesson for Crestview's Teens, we were focusing on gifts we bring in worship and the magi appeared again. Actually, it was our choice to have the lesson a week late as they had not met on January 7. Still, it got me to thinking, is Epiphany a day or a season? As followers of the lectionary some mark the time from Epiphany to Lent as a season, some mark it as ordinary time.

You might wonder, does anybody care? I don't have any strong feelings about this churchy nuance in the use of language. Especially since it is largely a 'clergy thing.' Let's leave it there just like we are quickly leaving Christmas memories and Epiphany in the rear view mirror. That said, let's hang onto the desire of the magi. The desire to find the child who their new star represented. Their willingness, their eagerness, to step out on a journey of discovery. The magi embody a radical hope that comes alive as they break camp each morning, getting the caravan of camels up and moving. Their hope fills the requirement that they be willing to alter course, be open to new possibilities, have inquiring minds and never close a door before its time. At the core of their adventure was their desire to honor the Christ Child. Some versions of Scripture translate honor as to pay him homage, others to worship him.

Our journey with the Messiah of radical hope is one in which we take the promises of Christmas and Easter into each and every morning. We arise to embrace the possibilities before us, not knowing where the Spirit will guide us on any particular day. Here at Crestview Community Church, we are about to engage in conversations about what we are yearning for in our lives (see article on 'Heartfelt Yearnings' for details). I dare not try to guess the longing of your hearts. I find it an exciting time to discuss and discern together how we can bring our best to the one who brought His best to our world. And along the way, I expect that we may have an epiphany or two! We need not wait for next January 6 for radical hope is never out of season!

Faithfully yours,



Pastor Bob Goossen

Summer Mission Trip

Are you interested in traveling to either Texas or Florida to do hurricane recovery work? Our friends at Old Union Church are beginning to put together a trip to one of these areas. A significant pledge has already been made to assist with the group's travel costs as they are planning to fly down. Location will be dependent upon a variety of factors that I'm happy to leave up to Pastor Peter DeVries to work out. What Peter needs now is a list of interested folks. This is not a commitment, but rather a way for him to be in touch and work out the best dates for the trip. If you are interested please contact me, so I can forward info and know of your interest. Thanks, Pastor Bob.

Apportionment

The Per Capita amounts for 2018 come to \$39.47 per member. It breaks down as Beaver Butler Presbytery-\$29.44, Synod of the Trinity-\$2.30, General Assembly-\$7.73. Our per capita goes to support the administrative functions of the larger church and we appreciate your contributions.

Financial Summary for 2017

General Fund income Jan.-Dec.	\$ 77,305.42
General Fund expense Jan.-Dec.	\$ 75,159.76
The Blessing	\$ 2,145.66
Secondary Acct. income Jan.-Dec.	\$ 17,295.30
Secondary Acct. expense Jan.-Dec.	\$ 27,690.43

The majority of the secondary account expenses, \$21,487.93, in 2017 were for the retaining wall project. We are grateful for all gifts toward this project in previous years and in 2017.

Ordination and Installation

On January 7 we installed and ordained deacons and elders for service in the leadership of the Crestview Congregation. We welcome Barb O'Barto and Wanda Balfour to new terms as Deacons and Tina Hartung and Bonnie Hoerner as Elders.

We give thanks to Dave Jespersen for his service as an Elder.

THE SESSION

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
ChrisAnn Goossen	Denny Hasenflu	Bonnie Hoerner
Kelly Schoeffel Rader	Gary Schwartz	Tina Hartung
Claudia Brueckman Ripper		

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Mark Norton	Barb Barnett	Wanda Balfour
Darla McKeever	Kim Fyock	Barb O'Barto
Clark Trauterman	Kim Hicks	

Howard Hartung Memorial

Saturday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.

A celebration of life service for Howard Hartung Jr., who died Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, will be held at Crestview Church on what would have been Howdy's 87th birthday. A luncheon for family and friends will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Tea and Bingo

This event, which had been scheduled for Sunday, January 21, has been postponed until a later date. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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❄ ❄ ❄ **JAN./FEB. CALENDAR** ❄ ❄ ❄

We worship each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 3

Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.
Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 4

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 11

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 14

Teen Time, 7-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 21

Tea & Bingo—POSTPONED

Monday, January 22

Session Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 28

Teen Time, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 4

'Soup'er Bowl Lunch, noon

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Worship,
7 p.m. @ Plains

Thursday, February 15

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 17

Howard Hartung Memorial
Service, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 21

Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. @ CCC

Thursday, February 22

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

Lenten Worship, 7 p.m.

@ Plains