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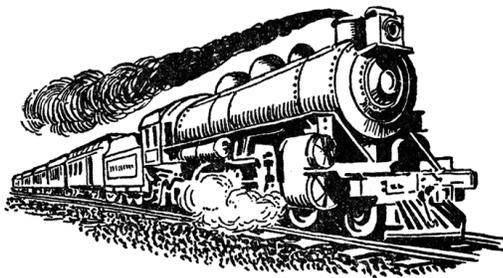
**Newsletter of the  
Crestview Community Church, PCUSA  
in Callery, PA**

Loving God ♦ Following Jesus ♦ Serving All

## **Pentecost Communion**

**Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m.**

Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter as we celebrate the fulfillment of Jesus' promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. This day is often referred to as the birthday of the church. As we celebrate communion we wear red to symbolize the tongues of fire that filled the room where the disciples had gathered in Jerusalem on that first Pentecost.



## **Callery Community Days**

**Friday, July 7, 4-10 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for a time of street fair fun! We'll be providing a selfie booth with a Callery Rail Road theme. If you can share props or items to help folks dress up like old time railroaders, please contact Claudia or ChrisAnn.

We'll also be needing volunteers for our booth and donations of homemade desserts to sell to our friends in the community. May we be a blessing to our neighbors through these days.

Another way you can volunteer is to contact Barb O'Barto to help with one of the food booths or other activities the community days team is coordinating. There are a plethora of opportunities!

## **Vacation Bible School**

**Wednesdays, June 21–July 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Preschool-6th grade. Toddlers with an adult.**

Mark your calendars for summertime fun with the Deep Blue Crew! Our theme will be "Following Jesus" as we learn about Jesus' disciples with an emphasis on Peter, the Rock. We'll also learn how we can be Jesus' disciples. There'll be singing, activities and small group time that support the lessons from the Bible. We'll finish with a snack and then an optional outside game and playtime.

Come for all or any of our evenings. Friends are always welcome! Registration will take place at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Parents and guardians will need to fill out a one time form for each child.

## **An Afternoon at the Lake**

**Sunday, June 25, 2-5:30 p.m.**

First Presby invites the congregation of Crestview to join us for an afternoon of kayaking, canoeing and picnicking at Moraine State Park. We will provide 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. First Presby will provide hot dogs, chips, drinks and the paper products. 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 2 would be a great addition. We so hope you can join us.



## Financial Secretary

Jenna Falkner will be assuming the duties of financial secretary. She will be verifying our offering counts, making deposits and keeping our giving records in good order. We thank Melanie Hoerner for carrying this mantle for the last few years. She will continue to help out as our assistant financial secretary.

## Pine Valley Camp

### Food Collection

#### Though June 11

Donations of #10 cans of fruit or vegetables, or money for these, will be collected at the rear of the sanctuary. Let's fill the wall with a gift that will allow full bellies to open hearts and minds to God's love.

### Summer Serve

#### July 31, 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 13 dozen cookies and 6-8 volunteers from each congregation. Denny Hasenflu is our contact for this event.

## Thank you

To the Deacons for the wonderful luncheon and celebration of the Christian Family. We honored Mothers, Fathers, and all God's children with a luncheon on May 21st. Thanks for the flowers and gifts that were shared and to all who brought food for the delicious meal.

## From the Pastor's Desk

***"For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you."—Psalm 86:5***

Niagara Falls is a wonderful place to visit. To stand at the edge of this cascade of water, to hear the roar and feel the mist rise on one's face on a warm summer day is deeply moving. When I stood in that place my mind raced off to my seventh or eighth grade earth science text book and a graphic of the perpetual cycle of water in God's loving creation of our earth. While the book didn't mention God, it explained God's design of water falling as rain, being warmed by the sun and evaporating into the atmosphere to form beautiful clouds. It illustrated how winds moved clouds and water vapor around the globe while rivers run endlessly to the sea.

In perpetuity, it's a phrase I first learned when working with a group reorganizing a cemetery's bi-laws. Funds were to be invested for the upkeep of the cemetery grounds forever; or as close to that as we finite humans could achieve. These are but two earthly examples of God's perpetual caring for those who have gone before us. Another phrase is found in the Psalms where God is described as "abounding in steadfast love."

One author describes our earthly journey as one in which we are being 'persistently pursued by a loving God.' I really like the idea of God's persistence and I'm sort of a sucker for alliteration, those runs of words that all begin with the same first letter. "Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers." When I hear the word persistent I hear action, stick-to-itiveness, perpetuity! When I hear the word pursue I sense both a negative and positive. It all depends upon the how, who and what of the pursuit and the pursuer. The negative would be of the criminal world, things of vice. The positive pursuit might include productive careers, answers to life's questions, a healthy lifestyle, and loving and blessed relationships.

To think of our loving God as one who persistently pursues us is a purely positive proposition! God desires the best for us. God strives to help us heal from the wounds and tragedies of life. God is patient, kind, and forgiving. God gives us new opportunities each day. And by the power of the Spirit brings us inspirations and insights that are continually surprising us. All in wave after wave of perpetual love.

So, may our summer be blessed as God dances with us each step of our journey's through.

Faithfully yours,

  
Pastor Bob

## Building Projects

The session reviewed several projects that have been under discussion for some time. The upcoming months will hopefully see us proceeding with the new retaining wall in the pit which was postponed from last year.

We also will be having repairs made to the ceiling in the conference room from a roof leak last winter. Final details of this project are still being worked through with the insurance company.

Our third project is some entryway spruce up which will include wall repairs and painting, woodwork details, and eventually new carpet and light fixtures. This project is being funded through memorial gifts.

Our final project is reresaling the parking lots, driveways, and basketball court. We thank you in advance, for patience and understanding, as we look towards a busy season ahead.

## New Wilmington Mission Conference

### July 22–29

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 [nwmcmision.org](http://nwmcmision.org).

## Workday Thanks

We've had two workdays this Spring to trim trees and shrubs, neaten up the beds, give the play set a going over, and tend to other small outside projects. A big thank you to Gary and Sharon Schwartz, Dave Jespersen, Denny Hasenflu, Wayne & Peggy Roccia, Tammy & Steve, Ashley, Samantha, Joe & Emily Kozar, and Bob & ChrisAnn Goossen.

## Summer 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. Enjoy your summer!

## Hymn Suggestion Box

With the choir taking a break from singing this summer, we will have an additional slot in our worship time for an extra hymn from time to time. We welcome your ideas for hymns—maybe your favorite or one we haven't sung for a while. 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.

## Summer 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
- 12 Nick & Jayne Hasenflu
- 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.*

**Thursday, June 1**

Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m.

**Sunday, June 4**

Pentecost with Communion  
Wings of Love Butterfly  
Release, 2 p.m. @  
Evans City Cemetery

**Wednesday, June 7**

Ministerium Meeting,  
8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 13—**

**Monday, June 19**

Pastor Bob will be on  
vacation.

**Sunday, June 18**

Rev. Andy Shaffer will be the  
guest minister.

**Wednesday, June 21**

Senior Center Bible Study,  
10:30 a.m. @ Riztert Hall in  
Evans City

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

**Sunday, June 25**

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

**Wednesday, June 28**

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

**Wednesday, July 5**

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

**Friday, July 7**

Callery Days, 4-10 p.m.

**Saturday, July 8**

Callery Days,  
10 a.m.-10 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 12**

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

**Sunday, July 16**

Rev. Tom Clyde will lead  
worship while Pastor Bob is  
at the FPC Picnic.

**Tuesday, July 18**

Presbytery Meeting, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 19**

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

**Wednesday, July 26**

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

**Monday, July 31**

Summer Serve, 5:30 p.m. @  
Pine Valley Camp