

May 2017



Crestviews

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

Loving God ♦ Following Jesus ♦ Serving All

Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday, May 17,
7 p.m.**

We'll gather here at the church to dig deeper into the Esther story. What is it that brings a person to take such a chance for her people? All are welcome!

Play Ground Workday

**Saturday, May 20,
9:30 a.m.**

We'll give the playset a spruce up, prepare to pour concrete pads for two new benches, trim trees and more. Bring your energy, enthusiasm and love.

Day at the Lake

Sunday, June 25

Canoeing and kayaking at Moraine State Park; swimming and picnicking with friends from First Presby of New Brighton. Plans are in the works. Watch for details as we get closer to the day.

Community Music Festival

Sunday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Choirs representing Evans City and Callery will sing their best anthems. The audience will have opportunities to sing along and enjoy a mass choir finale. There are promises of delicious food to follow! Come to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Evans City for an evening that will be filled with joy and harmony!



Pentecost Communion

Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m.

We'll celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Everyone is encouraged to wear red on this day when the Spirit blows surprises our way.

Callery Community Days

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

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

Mark your calendars for a time of street fair fun! We'll be needing volunteers for our booth and donations of baked goods to sell to our friends in the community. May we be a blessing to our neighbors through these days.

Mother/ Daughter Luncheon

Sunday, May 21, Noon

We'll gather after worship for a meal as we celebrate all Mothers and Daughters of our congregation. Meat, drinks and table service provided. Bring a dish to share.

Thank You

We thank Gregg Hartung for his patience and perseverance as we work with replacing some components of the sound system. We have received some items from the closing of the Knox Presbyterian Church in Elwood City. It has been a puzzle to fit things together and ferret out the problem spots. Thank you Gregg for sharing your talents.

Chiphoola Prayer Request

This May our sister church in Malawi, Africa will be electing Elders and Deacons for the next three years. They've requested we keep them in prayer during this important time of calling forth leadership for their congregation.

**Mission Point:
Pine Valley Camp**

**Food Collection
May 7-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 line 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 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. Denny Hasenflu is our contact for this event—let him know if you would like to participate.

From the Pastor's Desk

Spring Showers Bring May Flowers

A mild winter brings predictions of a delightful spring. Some of the extra warm days followed by quick cold snaps of mid winter did their number on the forsythia and weeping cherries but the dogwood and foreign crabapples have been sensational. One of the delights of a little extra driving this year has been to see more of God's beautiful creation unfolding into the blooming garb of Spring.

Easter filled our hearts with the Joy of the Resurrection and now we live in Easter tide until June 4 when we'll celebrate Pentecost and share in communion together. In these Fifty Days there is plenty to attend to in our faith lives and in our world. Here at Crestview Church we continue to enjoy a vibrant a busy group of youngsters each Wednesday for Kids' Club. We are beginning to gear up for summer VBS as well. The choir season begins to wind down, but not before the Community Choir Concert on the 7th (see details in article).

Families with children are regularly enjoying the play set and play ground area. We're preparing to build and install a set of benches that will be great for visiting and watching the little ones burn off all that energy of Spring. We'll have a work day for this and more on the 20th, so break out those gloves and drop by for awhile.

On all our life calendars are things like Mother's Day and the graduation season where parties and celebrations abound. The end of school year means lots of field trips, concerts and activity days for our families with children. What a privilege it is to share in these special moments. How will you celebrate Memorial Day? While there is a patriotic element to the origination of this holiday it has become a time to remember all who have been precious in our lives who no longer trod this good earth.

And peeking ahead, plans are being made for Callery Community Days on July 7 & 8. Be sure to mark your calendars and ask Barb O'Barto or Heather Belles how you can help out with that weekend. It'll be another wonderful opportunity to chat with folks in the community and share our lives together.

All this goes on without mentioning the gardens being planted, the yards needing mowing, the ball games and the list goes on. In the midst of this season that is filled with excitement and the new growth of Spring please take time to sniff the flowers. Sit a spell on the porch in the evening sun. Chat with the neighbor and share how God has blessed you. These are precious moments—glorious gifts from God.

Faithfully yours,


Pastor Bob

March Financial Report

	Income		Expenses	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,467.65	\$ 18,870.90	\$ 6,201.17	\$ 16,790.76
Secondary Acct.	1,290.00	2,509.00	0.00	57.97
Totals	\$ 6,757.65	\$ 21,373.90	\$ 6,201.17	\$ 16,848.73

Crestview Kids' Club

Spring Session

Wednesdays, April 19–May 24

Teen Time, 4; Kids Time 4:30-6 p.m.

In this Easter tide we are learning about all the events of Holy Week and the joyful resurrection of our Lord. We've been blessed with new friends on a regular basis and have over 20 children on the roll so far this year. Please keep our children covered with the grace of prayer.

Bible Rewards

We are thrilled to report that so far 14 Bibles have been presented to children who participate in Crestview Kids' Club. The younger children are receiving colorfully illustrated Deep Blue Story Bibles. The older children are receiving Deep Blue Bibles in the Common English version that are full of notes and other interactive elements to capture young minds.

As the children continue to earn points for attendance and Bible memory work, they will be able to earn a faith message T-shirt.

Thank you to everyone who supports this valuable ministry.

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. Friends are always welcome!

If you would like to help with preparations or leadership, please contact Claudia Brueckman Ripper.



May Celebrations

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

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✿ ✿ ✿ **MAY CALENDAR** ✿ ✿ ✿

We worship each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 3
Teen Time, 4 p.m.
Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 4
Choir, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 7
Community Music Fest,
7 p.m. @ Westminster

Tuesday, May 9
I&S and Property
Committees, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10
Teen Time, 4 p.m.
Kids' Club 4:30-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 11
Choir 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 14
Happy Mothers' Day

Wednesday, May 17
Teen Time, 4 p.m.
Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.
Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 18
Choir, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 20
Play Ground Work Day,
9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 21
Mother/Daughter Luncheon,
Noon

Monday, May 22
Session, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24
Teen Time, 4 p.m.
Kids' Club, 4:30-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 25
Choir 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 28
Baptism of Cooper White

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day

Looking Ahead

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Camp, 5:30 p.m.