

Berean Presbyterian Church in America

Ellwood City, Pennsylvania

A group of believers had growing concerns about events happening in their local United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (UPCUSA). In August 1980, they began a Bible study in Acts convinced God's Word was inerrant. By May 1981, they began meeting in a private home as a new mission work in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) with around 70 people.

As the fledgling church grew, the members broke ground for their own building (May 1981), and they called Rev. Bruce Gardner (Sept. 1981) to lead them. By March 1982, they were meeting in the completed 2-story building and were particularized into the PCA in October 1982. Much of the construction and maintenance of the building had been accomplished by the congregation as the Lord provided.

The name, Berean Presbyterian Church in America, reminds the members to search the Scriptures daily, as is recommended in Acts 17:11, using the Bible as our standard. The growing congregation also undertook a second building campaign to house a new sanctuary (which can seat over 300) and a large fellowship hall.

This rural church draws attendees from a variety of local areas. The closest city, Ellwood City, PA, with a population of around 7,400 is a couple of miles from the church. Pittsburgh, PA, is about 40 miles away and Youngstown, OH, 35 miles away.

The church is composed of a warm, friendly group of people who love Jesus and desire to minister to one another as they serve the Lord. Our congregation excels at serving church families when a need arises. Typically, our members visit with one another long after the worship service ends. The church is united first through Christ. We welcome all to come and worship with us and learn about our wonderful Savior who is Jesus Christ our Lord.

More information can be found at our website: <http://www.bereanpca.org>.