



POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. D. 1, Apollo, Pa.

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Matthew 28:17-20

The Acts 1:8

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Dear Friends,

Winter is practically over and the Lenten season is already upon us. From the Lenten devotional booklet, "The Sanctuary", we learn that Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lengten" meaning spring, and suggesting the coming of more light over the world and the rebirth of nature. May it be so as we contemplate the true meaning of the approaching Easter season. Although we were fortunate in having an extremely mild winter, the worries over the fuel shortage and other results of the energy crisis caused apprehensions hitherto unknown to present generations. So it is good to look forward to Easter with a renewal of faith and hope.

"The Sanctuary", the devotional booklet mentioned earlier, was a gift from Mr. Brice to the members of the congregation. It was indeed a thoughtful and meaningful gesture.

The history and traditions of Poke Run Church are being perpetuated in the form of colored picture slides. Mrs. John Gearhard has compiled a pictorial history going back to 1950. The Youth Group is sponsoring a viewing of these slides entitled, "Progress of the Church since 1950" on three different evenings at seven in Fellowship Hall -- February 24th, March 24th, and April 21st. The Rugh Circle is serving refreshments at these meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

The ever-active Youth Group is also sponsoring a recycling project. They are requesting the congregation to save their newspapers. Details will be announced later. They are planning their annual car wash and bake sale at the church on April 13th from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

The Flower Committee has posted a calendar on the bulletin board in the Comfort Corner for the benefit of families who wish to give Memorial Flowers. The committee was pleased that the large white poinsettias in the pulpit planters retained their freshness and beauty for two whole months after Christmas.

The membership committee of the Women's Association has sent out questionnaires and invitations to all women in the church not at present involved in the W. A. At present there are only 65 active members out of over 365 potential members! The first quarterly meeting of 1974 was held March 12th with the new president, Alta Jean Ross (Mrs. Glenn) presiding. It began with a covered dish supper in Fellowship hall at 6:00 P. M. followed by an interesting and informative program at 7:30 P. M. Sue Dawson (Mrs. Merrill), a new member of our church, and program director of the United Cerebral Palsy of Western Pennsylvania, told about her work.

The first Community Dinner is scheduled for May 4th -- (Donations: \$3.50 for adults, and \$1.25 for children). Last year the Women's Association contributed \$3,654.00 to the Building Fund through their cooking and baking efforts. By the way, our debt has been reduced to \$10,200.00 as of March 15, 1974.

The Lenten season was marked in the Sanctuary by bringing out the violet paraments for the communion table, pulpits and minister's stole. Many people have expressed an interest in, and a desire to know, why the different colors were used at different times. Again Jane Gearhard did some research and came up with the following:

LITURGICAL COLOR SYMBOLISM OF THE PARAMENTS

The symbols of the colors and the seasons during which they are used in our church are as follows:

WHITE - purity and joy - Christmastide (Christmas Eve to January 5)
Epiphany - the period commemorating the showing of
the Infant Jesus to the Wise Men
(January 6 to Ash Wednesday)
Eastertide - (fifty day period beginning with Easter
Day)
Maunday Thursday, Trinity Sunday (first Sunday after
Pentecost)
Communion Services

VIOLET - penitence - Lent (Ash Wednesday through Wednesday of Holy Week)
Advent (period beginning the fourth Sunday before
Christmas to Christmas Eve)

GREEN - hope and peace - Trinity Season - (the longest season of the Church
Year which emphasizes the Christian
life and extends from the second
Sunday after Pentecost to Advent)

RED - fire and blood - Good Friday
Pentecost Sunday - (seventh Sunday after Easter commem-
orating the descent of the Holy
Spirit upon the disciples in the
form of cloven tongues of fire)

Although these are the colors generally designated for use at the above stated times, any one of them may be used appropriately at other seasons --- as all of them have symbolic meanings in relation to the Christian faith.

The vital statistics for the first quarter of 1974 at Poke Run are as follows:

- DEATHS -- Mr. James H. Walker, died January 6, 1974
-- Mrs. Mary Edna Branthoover, died January 16, 1974
-- Nonmembers: Mrs. Murray (Jennie) Thompson of Mamont, died February 5, 1974
Mrs. John George, mother of Marion George, died February 17, 1974
Mrs. Sadie Dora Crooks (Mrs. James Roy Crooks), died March 8, 1974
- BIRTHS -- Mr. and Mrs. Garret Boyd Wiles, a daughter, Jennifer Louise on February 1, 1974 at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, Pa.
-- Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lee Bowman, a son Christopher Allen, on January 26, 1974 at Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington, Pa.
-- Mr. and Mrs. William McElroy of Butler, a daughter Jennifer Lynn, on February 6, 1974 at Butler Memorial Hospital. William, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul McElroy, is a teacher of advanced Biology and also a Coach in Butler High School.
-- Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth LaVerne Ridenour, Jr., a son David Cary on March 1, 1974 in Florida, where Kenneth is stationed on military duty. Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Walker are the maternal grandparents.
-- Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rairigh (Nancy Ferguson) a son, Carl Robert, on March 1, 1974 at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, Pa.
- BAPTISM -- January 27th: Michael Anthony Tagliati, son of Mario Anthony Tagliati, Jr. and Beverly Ann (Thompson) Tagliati.
- WEDDINGS -- January 19, 1974 in the Sanctuary: Miss Ava Jean White to Mr. James Allen Wigle son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wigle.
-- Miss Lu Ann Moorhead to James Yockey on January 26, 1974 in Avonmore Presbyterian Church.
-- March 9, 1974, Michael Eric Grimm and Barbara Ann Hubert.

Engagement announcements have been made recently by church members; and plans are in process for several weddings which have been scheduled for the spring, summer and fall. Specific information concerning these weddings will appear in future issues of THE RANGER.

On December 31st, Lisa Helen Heinlein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Heinlein was in the Eye and Ear Hospital for treatment of tonsils and adenoids. The following have been patients in local hospitals since the beginning of the year. Mrs. Helen Shaffer and Mrs. Mary Louise Moore were both in Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, Pa., but are now home. Mrs. Esther Custer (mother of Mrs. Leonard Hartman) was a patient at the same hospital. Mr. Howard E. Lynch is making a good come back at home after having been hospitalized. Miss Connie Blair, a student at Edinboro College was hospitalized for a few days at Erie. In recent weeks, Mr. Cloyd Speer has had two stays at Columbia hospital. Mr. Lawrence L. Edmiston, who has had a long siege in the Shadyside Hospital, looks forward to returning home soon.

Mrs. Ruth Hartman Kipp was a recent patient in Fairmont Hospital, Fairmont, West Virginia. Ruth will receive her law degree in May from West Virginia University. She has accepted a position with the Monongahela Power Company in Fairmont. Her daughter and son-in-law - the James W. Orr's, also live in Fairmont, where "Bucky" is forester in charge of construction for the same company.

Others presently in Hospitals are: Mr. Allen H. Painter and Mrs. Raymond (Virginia) Hartman, Sr. in Westmoreland; Mrs. Donald E. Bowman at Monsour of Jeannette; and Mrs. Senes P. (Miriam) Emmert, Mrs. Deemer Harkleroad and Mr. L. L. Branthoover at Citizens General of New Kensington.

On January 14th Mrs. Harry Mower suffered a severely broken ankle from a fall. She is now, following extensive hospitalization, gradually recovering at home.

Mrs. Rena Stattenfield is recovering from a light stroke; and Mrs. Blanche Christy has been suffering from a pinched sciatic nerve.

May we all be grateful to God for good health and for His healing mercies; and may we remember before the throne of grace all who have special needs.

Mrs. Ruth Kistler is visiting her daughter Evelyn and family in Georgia. She sends word back that spring is in full swing down there with birds building their nests and Evelyn's husband busy making a garden! Other travelers are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yockey who are in Florida. The Boyd Speers have been there all winter.

Susan Beatty Unterwagner, daughter of Charles and Helen Beatty of R. D. 4, Apollo, is currently pursuing graduate work in guidance and counseling at Slippery Rock State College. In addition to her studies, she serves as president of the Association of Graduate Students, representative on the School of Education Graduate Council and All-College Graduate Council, and feminist speaker at college and community activities. Susan, a 1967 honor graduate of Kiski Area High School and 1971 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Slippery Rock State College, presently maintains a 4.0 grade average. She resides in Grove City, Pennsylvania, with her husband, James, associate professor of sociology at Slippery Rock State College and active officer in the United States Merchant Marines.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bowman will soon be moving to their new home located on the former Lesley property. The Donald Lengauers (Patty McElroy) have purchased the old Steele farmhouse from George Metzgar and are busy restoring and renovating. The house was built well over a hundred years ago. In the spacious old kitchen a big old fireplace was uncovered with the original hooks for hanging kettles over the fire. This will eventually be the family room. Right now they are busy sanding and restoring much of the original flooring and woodwork. Don is Art Coordinator in Gateway School District and Patty is also very talented along the same lines. So this large project will certainly bring their artistic abilities into full swing. An interesting coincidence -- another Poke Run family, the Kyle Lesleys, lived in this house from 1916 to 1930. It is ironic that 44 years later another Kyle will now be at home there. The Lengauers have a young son Kyle, and two daughters, Kelly and Allison.

Carol Gearhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gearhard, is working in Panama City, Florida.

John Zeigler, age 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zeigler, will be appearing on a weekly TV show over KDKA-TV, Channel 2 in Pittsburgh, beginning in April. The name of the show is "Right Now", shown on Saturday morning at 11:00 A. M.

NEW LIBRARY SHELVES INSTALLED

Special thanks are due Mr. Timothy Troup for the attractive unit of library shelves and cabinets that he built and installed. If you have not yet seen this splendid addition to Fellowship Hall, do make a special effort to view Mr. Troup's outstanding contribution to the church in time, materials, and skillful workmanship. Mr. Troup knew just what the library required when he designed this very practical unit that provides storage space for magazines and audiovisual equipment and materials.

The librarian is now ready to concentrate her efforts on developing a fine library for the members and friends of Poke Run Church and surrounding community. She will welcome contributions of appropriate literature for the church library in the form of books, magazines, pamphlets, pictures, etc., or money for the purchase of these items.

Mrs. Florence Young has contributed at least 40 of the very beautiful Ideals magazines, including 10 Easter editions. If you are looking for inspiring poetry, stories, or pictures, feel free to check out some of these Ideals publications.

In memory of their grandmother, Mary Edna Branthoover, these books have been given to the library by Wenby and Becky Bossart: TAYLOR'S BIBLE STORY BOOK by Kenneth N. Taylor and BIBLE STORIES told by Norman Vincent Peale.

The librarian would like to encourage others to place books in the library in memory of or in honor of loved ones; this is a recommended method of building a church-library collection. Everyone is urged to use the library materials that are available. All you need do is sign the charge card for the book and place it on the librarian's desk in Fellowship Hall. You may have most books for two weeks with renewal privilege. Magazines or other materials without charge cards should be returned within a reasonable time.

Mr. Troup, please keep your building plans. When these present shelves are filled, you will probably be called on again for another library unit.

VIOLA C. RUGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Members or sons and daughters of members of Poke Run Presbyterian Church are eligible to make application for this scholarship which is administered by The Board of Trustees of Kiskiminetas Springs School. Interested persons should contact: Mr. R. H. Curtiss, Administrator of the Rugh Scholarship
Kiskiminetas Springs School
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681
Telephone number: 639-3030

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES -- 1974

Persons interested in the 1974 Camp and Conference Program should get in touch with Mrs. Joseph R. Silvis, Church School Superintendent. The cost, per person, is \$1.00 less if registrations are paid by May 1st.

AMENDMENTS TO "BY-LAWS FOR CHARTER OF POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH"

By a two-thirds majority vote at the Stated January Congregational Meeting on January 14, 1974 two amendments were made to the By-Laws, as set forth below.

Amendment of ARTICLE II, Section 2, so as to read:

Beginning May 31, 1974, THE PRIVILEGE OF CEMETERY LOT PURCHASE shall be reserved to the Communicant Members of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church. Purchase shall be through the Board of Trustees or through the Caretaker or other Individual designated by action of the Board, upon a cash-receipt basis. The deed will be executed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees upon presentation of the purchaser's receipt in full.

THE PRICE OF LOTS shall be as follows:

- (Beginning
May 31, 1974
- \$225.00 per lot with Perpetual Care, with permission to the Board of Trustees to increase this price 10% annually (as of May 31st) in succeeding years.
 - \$175.00 per $\frac{1}{2}$ lot with Perpetual Care, with permission to the Board of Trustees to increase this price 10% annually (as of May 31st) in succeeding years.
- ANNUAL CARE PAYMENTS in the Old Cemetery shall be \$5.00 per lot, with permission to the Board of Trustees to increase this amount 50 cents annually (as of May 31st) in succeeding years.

Amendment of ARTICLE II, Section 6, so as to read:

All lots, whether full or half lots, shall be sold with PERPETUAL CARE. Beginning May 31, 1974 -- the sum of \$125.00 from the purchase payment for each lot sold shall be placed in THE POKE RUN CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND: and in a particular succeeding year (as of May 31st) the sum to be placed in THE POKE RUN CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND from the purchase payment for each lot sold shall be increased by 10% over the required endowment sum for the immediate preceding year, provided a 10% increase in purchase price was authorized by the Board of Trustees for said particular succeeding year. All interest from THE POKE RUN CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND shall be placed in The Poke Run Cemetery Fund.

"ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" OFFERING:

Poke Run Presbyterian Church
March 31st
11:00 A. M.

Investing in people is everybody's business; and in the Year 1974 the sum of \$6,000,000 is needed for World Relief and Emergency Service and for the self-Development of People.

For two thousand years Christians have been called upon to answer the stewardship summons of Christ in various ways; and in recent years the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering has been an outstanding experience for Christians during the Lenten Season. Poke Run Presbyterian Church is to participate in this very worthy cause on March 31st. Please use the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Envelope attached. Checks are to be made payable to Poke Run Presbyterian Church. May 11:00 A. M. on March 31st be a great hour of generous ingathering.

LIFE AND PROGRESS SLIDES

(Reminder)

The second of the three part series of Poke Run Church Life and Progress Slides will be shown on Sunday evening, March 24th at 7:30 P. M. in Fellowship Hall. This portion will cover the period of 1962 through 1971, including the Building Program and Church Activities, between the Cornerstone Layings of the Annex and the Narthex. Everyone welcome.

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A HOUSECLEANING HELPER

How many of you have stacks of old newspapers gathering dust in some corner of your basement? How many of you throw your newspapers away every day? The Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a recycling drive and would appreciate the help of other members of the congregation. All they need is old newspapers.

So, help ecology and bare a corner in your basement, and donate all your old newspapers to the Youth Fellowship. It will be deeply appreciated.

Members of the Youth Fellowship will be on hand after the Sunday services to collect them at the Academy Building. They may also be brought to the Car Wash and Bake Sale from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. on April 13th at the Academy Building.

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WOMEN And GIRLS -- REMINDER!

If you have not already, please return your W. A. Survey Sheets by March 31st. Thanks to those who have already responded.

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SESSION AND BOARD OFFICERS ARE:

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