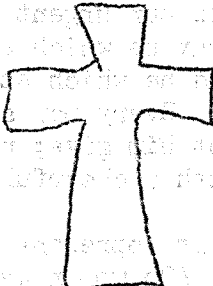


# THE RANGER



POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Acts 1:8

Matthew 28:17-20

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Dear Friends,

Poke Run hill will soon be ablaze with glowing colors of autumn, creating a glorious background for our historic old church. One familiar landmark is missing, however. The huge oak tree, just across the driveway from the West Door, had to be cut down recently. It was almost completely rotted away inside, so it was very fortunate that no damage had been done before it was removed. Many a car had been parked in the cool shade of that old oak - and countless men, women and children had visited under its spreading branches after church. It would be interesting to know how long it had actually been there.

Visitors on Poke Run hill this fall will be impressed by our newly re-surfaced driveways. They add greatly to the appearance of our church grounds.

The most important event in our recent church history was the Church Support Retreat held on August 4th and 5th in the Sanctuary and Educational Unit. Although the attendance was small, it was considered a success, especially since it was a "first", and desire was expressed for more. Wendell Bossart was general chairman, and he and his co-workers deserve a great deal of credit for working out such excellent plans.

At the Sunday morning service concluding the Retreat, the chairmen of the various committees made reports and recommendations on their respective areas. The action groups which gave consideration to the By-laws were under the leadership of F. Paul Kiebler and Donald S. Kiebler. In relation to the work of the Nominating Committee for Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees -- and in relation to the sale and care of lots in the Poke Run Presbyterian Church cemetery -- there may be very important policy changes in the By-laws in the near future. Specific proposals in these areas will be presented to the congregation.

The Education groups, led by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silvis, recommended that more Christian Education meetings be scheduled so that officers and members might have a place to express their opinions and ideas, hopefully resulting in an improved program. The second recommendation was that a Nursery be established at the 11:00 A. M. Worship Service for small children for those parents who wish to leave their children there.

The Finance Committee, under the leadership of Jack Blair, reported a desperate need for "Financial Awareness" on the part of church members. Our church has been modernized and grown and so has our need for financial support from all our members. For the first six months of 1973 our expenditures exceeded our receipts by \$7,151.87, which certainly indicates our urgent need. Reference was made to II Corinthians 9:6-7 : "But this I say he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

The Women's Association was represented by its president, Mrs. Florence Clawson. Her group stated that all 406 women members of Poke Run church are potential members of the Association, which currently has only around sixty enrolled members. Plans are being made to contact all women, inviting them, to join a circle, telling them of the associations work, aims and goals.

Lloyd McQuaide led the discussion on the Presbyterian periodical "A. D." currently being sent to every family in the Poke Run membership at an annual cost of \$762.50. A meeting will be held after the 11:00 A. M. church service on September 23rd to vote on whether or not to continue this policy - and several alternatives.

Looking ahead to the work of other committees, the Nominating Committee for Elders and Deacons will soon begin its job as will those responsible for the Every Member Canvass.

A goodly number of our young people attended and enjoyed our church camp at Pine Springs this summer. Those attending were: Janice, Joyce and Jean Striner, Erin Alcorn, Lynn Waltenbaugh, Susan and Robert Broege, and Elaine Kistler.

An apology to Doug Ross -- whose name was omitted in the June issue. As an Honorary Junior Member, Doug was in the list of enthusiastic participants in the Youth Fellowship Retreat. Sorry, Doug!

Several church members have spent some time in hospitals during the summer months: Mrs. Minerva Keltz in West Penn, Pittsburgh, Mrs. Jane Zimmerman in Greensburg Hospital, Merle Riggle in Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington and Paul Kiebler, Columbia Hospital, Wilkinsburg, Mrs. Paul Fisher, Carl Ferguson in Allegheny Valley, Tarentum, LoDema Bowman, Monsour Hospital, Jeannette, Mrs. L. L. Branthoover, Citizens General Hospital, Marjorie Wiester, West Penn, James McQuaide, Westmoreland Hospital, Harold Wiester, Citizens General Hospital, DeWitt Rugh, Allegheny Valley, Sandra Wigle, Allegheny Valley, Tarentum. It is cause for rejoicing that our clerical secretary, Mrs. Leonard C. Hartman is fully recovered from her operation, at West Penn Hospital in July and is back on duty at the church office.

Mrs. Blanche Kuhns is still a resident of Bel-Air Nursing Home, Chester Drive, Lower Burrell, Room 211. She would enjoy cards from her old friends.

Mr. Brice enjoyed his annual August vacation, consisting of a relaxed schedule of activities in Armstrong, Westmoreland and adjoining counties -- these activities including: gardening at Poke Run, some farm and related work in association with relatives and neighbors in his old home community of Dayton and vicinity (with headquarters from the residence of his sister-in-law and nephew, Paulene and David Brice in Dayton), sharing in the Church Support Retreat & Community Dinner at

Poke Run Church, being a guest of the Rugh Group at the August Picnic meeting at the Home of Mrs. Mary Bortz, supply preaching at Pitcairn and Connellsville, a high school class reunion, a wedding, some hospital calling, a brief introductory visit to the Westmoreland County Fair, and essential office and administrative chores. On the morning of August 12th Mr. Brice worshiped at the first church of his remembrance, the Dayton Glade Run United Presbyterian Church; and in the afternoon he preached the sermon at the Worship Service at the Dayton Fair Grounds. This service constituted the opening of the 96th Annual Exhibition of the Dayton Agricultural and Mechanical Association. On the evening of August 12th Mr. Brice enjoyed dinner with relatives and friends at the William Aton Home at Dayton. On Thursday, August 16th, Mr. Brice had opportunity to be at the Dayton Fair in company with friends of the Dayton and Poke Run Communities. As a general rule Mr. Brice makes only short journeys during his vacations. His philosophy on the subject might be stated somewhat as follows: "I have traveled some, usually on business, sometimes just to take a trip to see something new. I have traveled on foot (even by thumb, a method I do not recommend today), and by a variety of other ways. Please understand that I have not a quarrel with people who go places just to see things. However, it is my opinion that all travel should be purposeful; and I do believe that during vacations more people ought to perhaps give more thought to spending more time with those they have known longest and best."

It is no secret that our Pastor gets a great deal of enjoyment from gardening, farming and associated activities. He does not regard the time he spends in this way as being extraneous to the spirit and effectiveness of his ministerial calling. Rather, he knows from experience that when he works in the soil with good motives God honors him with the gift of noble thoughts and constructive ideas.

Have you seen the floral display on the lawn just above the Manse? Mr. Brice admits that while he has cherished designs on the Church lawn relative to the floral possibilities there, he is hopeful that others more knowledgeable and skillful will give their hearts and hands to this project. Truly, flowers in a wonderful way somehow seem to say of God, "How Great Thou Art!"

August pulpit supplies were: Sunday, August 5th - Service in charge of the officers and others of the congregation; Sunday, August 12th - Guest minister Dr. William M. Aber, Executive of the Presbytery of Redstone. Sermon subject: "The Rolling Stone"; Sunday, August 19th - Guest Minister Dr. Charles S. MacKenzie, President of Grove City College. Sermon subject: "The Conquering Gospel"; and Sunday August 26th - Rev. D. Alan Martens, Tenth Pastor of Poke Run Presbyterian Church. Sermon subject: "Called to Be Alive Unto God".

The following babies were baptized on July 29th: Corina Lynn Kiebler, born July 6, 1973 at Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington. Daughter of Donald Shirley Kiebler and Cathleen Roberta (Schafer) Kiebler; Bradley Robert Matteo, born April 26, 1973 at Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington. Son of Robert John Matteo and Beverly Dianne (Emmert) Matteo; and Brian Earle Wiles, born September 27, 1972 at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Tarentum. Son of Garret Boyd Wiles and Janet Louise (Beighley) Wiles.

The following new members united with the Church: Mr. and Mrs. Garret Boyd Wiles from the Puckety United Presbyterian Church of Lower Burrell, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Alan Dawson from the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ohio.

A dismissal was granted to Miss Lou Ann Moorhead to the First Presbyterian Church of Avonmore, Pa.

Poke Run as usual had its share of weddings this past summer: June 29th - Mr. Jeffrey Adolfo Heller and Miss Linda Sue Emmert, a lawn ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Senes P. Emmert - R. D. 1 (Poke Run) Apollo, Pa.; June 30th - Mr. David Randall Dively and Miss Kathleen Ann Kistler, in the Sanctuary; July 20th - Mr. Albert Switzer and Mrs. Lois I. Carberry, in the Sanctuary; August 31st - Mr. Donald Roy Shirey and Miss Emma M. Dunmire, in the Sanctuary; July 21st - Mr. James Gibson Sharer to Miss Karen R. Schmidt, St. John's Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson have announced the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth to Mr. John Thomas Mahers, Jr. Elizabeth is an X-Ray technician in Nyack Hospital, Nyack, New York. A November wedding in Poke Run Church is planned.

Deaths since our last newsletter: Mrs. Carrie Mae Sloan - September 4, 1973; other deaths in relation to our church, such as Mrs. Edna M. Dickey, Mother of Mrs. Dale Rupert, Mrs. Arthur Rowe, Mrs. Carl Kochik, Mrs. Paul Huth, Mrs. Lisle Sheaffer (Member), Mrs. John Hepler, Mrs. Deemer Harkleroad (Member), Arthur A. Dickey, and James S. Dickey; Mrs. Nellie M. Porter, Mother of Mrs. Leila B. Keibler (Member).

The women of the church are back on the job with the next Community dinner scheduled for October 6th. To the great dismay of a lot of people, the September dinner was cancelled because of the meat shortage. At a recent meeting, the Womens' Association moved to give the General Fund of the church 10% of the profits from all dinners to help with current expenses.

Mrs. Ruth Christy and her sister Mrs. Alice Herren will tour the New England states the first part of October. Mrs. Vera Thomas returned recently from a visit to the same area.

Mrs. Stella Elwood has moved into a new home built recently on the Elwood farm. It is situated on Kiski Park road across from the John Ralston residence. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Alcorn moved to Atlanta, Georgia, this summer. Their daughter Gandy and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. Gary Curran) visited relatives in this area this summer and are now teaching in the Netherlands.

In the June issue we named the 1973 graduates. In the meantime we have tried to check on their plans for the future. Several are still at home, waiting for a job or planning to go to school soon. Barbara Painter, daughter of the Richard Painters, is enrolled in the nursing program at Citizens General Hospital. Lorraine Keltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Keltz is taking a course in Accounting at Community College. Cheryl Kiebler, daughter of the Leland Kieblers is also taking Accounting at Duff's Iron City College in Pittsburgh. The Eugene Kieblers daughter Doris is doing baby-sitting. Bonnie Mondics, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mondics is a secretary at the Catholic Diocese in Greensburg. Cheryl Tremaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Tremaine is at Penn State, University Park, majoring in Education. Her sister Karen is a senior at West Virginia University, specializing in English and Journalism. Mary Kathryn (Kitty) Alcorn, daughter of the Joe Alcorns, is attending the University of Kentucky. Tim Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Bowman, is attending Westmoreland Community College, taking training in Diesel Mechanics. Dianna Brinker, daughter of Mrs. Richard Brinker, is planning a September wedding. Brenda Edmiston, daughter of the Lawrence Edmistons, is in the School of Nursing at Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh. John Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Miller, is working at Claber's in Lower Burrell. Sharon Thompson, daughter of Mrs. W. Arnaud Thompson is attending Commercial Business College in New Kensington. Kim Haney son of Mr. and Mrs. James Haney is employed by the Peoples Gas Company. Susan Brinker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brinker,

is attending the School of Nursing at Mt. Aloysius Junior College, Cresson, Pa. David Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson is working in Rochelle Park, New Jersey for an optical firm. Gary Heinlein, whose name was omitted from the list of Kiski graduates in the June issue, is employed in a Motorcycle shop in Lower Burrell. His brother Ed graduated from Penn State with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Heinlein. James Wigle, son of the Donald Wigles, is working for an oil company in Export. Karen Joy Remaley, daughter of the Donald Remaleys, is working as a secretary for a Murrysville T. V. and Appliance Store. Jay McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McIntyre is attending Penn State at University Park.

Emily Silvis, after attending Indiana University Summer School and enjoying a short vacation at home, has resumed her teaching position in the Bellefonte Area School District. Emily is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silvis.

And so we see that Poke Run young people are very busy people and we say "God bless you, one and all!"

The Building Fund has received from July 11, 1973 (the beginning of the Third Quarter) to September 21, 1973 a total of \$2,111.07 from the following sources:

Contributions and Subscriptions .....	\$	430.00	
Memorials .....		240.00	
Bequests .....		500.00	
August Community Dinner .....		642.57	
Dividend - Alcoa .....		48.50	
Circle No. 4 .....		250.00	
		<u>2,111.07</u>	
Total receipts .....	\$	2,111.07	
Balance, July 10, 1973 .....		639.14	\$2,750.21

The following payments have been made:

Final payments to repair ceiling .....	\$	853.54	
Payments on loan .....		1,300.00	
		<u>2,153.54</u>	
Total payments .....	\$	2,153.54	
*Balance September 21, 1973 .....		596.67	\$2,750.21

\*To be held to complete the contract of the Delmont Electric \$320.00 and \$253.60 for a Raymond D. Young Memorial.

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The amount of the mortgage loan as of September 21, 1973 is \$17,500.00.

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Subscriptions to the Fourth Campaign which should be received by the end of 1973 amount to \$654.00. The Finance Committee hopes that unpaid subscriptions and contributions will be received to reduce the debt.

James H. Metzgar, Treasurer

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REMITTANCE INFORMATION:

Adult Contributions are payable to: Mrs. Mary Louise Moore, Financial Secretary  
R. D. 2, Box 200, Export, Pennsylvania 15632

Youth Contributions are payable to: Miss Amy Ross, Youth Budget Secretary  
R. D. 1, Box 149, Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613

Sanctuary Improvements Contributions are payable to: Mr. James H. Metzgar, Treasurer  
R. D. 2, Box 224  
Export, Pennsylvania 15632

Benevolence Contributions are payable to: Mr. Joseph R. Silvis, Treasurer  
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LIBRARY NOTES

Progress Report

Due to the overwhelming quantity of information with which educators and students must cope today, libraries have taken on even greater import in modern education. Churches, too, realize the need for well-stocked libraries to provide supplemental media for enhancing studies in the church-school curriculum as well as other church-related programs.

Bearing these facts in mind, the Session of Poke Run Church has appointed a certified librarian, Mrs. Wendell B. Bossart, to exercise local leadership for this project. Permission has been given by Mr. Francis M. Cain, Jr. to utilize invested funds designated for educational materials and equipment. A library desk to accommodate the card catalog and a two-drawer filing cabinet for pictures, pamphlets, study prints, catalogs, etc., have been procured. Mr. Timothy Troup has agreed to build shelves in Fellowship Hall around Christmas time for the central book and materials collection.

Mrs. Joseph Silvis, Church School Supt., has acquired a fine selection of books and teaching aids to supplement the church school lessons in Grades 1 through 10. These excellent materials have been placed in the appropriate classrooms for teachers, students, and anyone to check out and use.

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: The librarian needs assistant  
: librarians, typists, artists to prepare  
: posters, bulletin-board and book  
: displays for promoting new items, and  
: aides who generally enjoy good litera-  
: ture and talking about it to groups.  
: An effectual, functioning library  
: requires many workers. If you desire  
: to assist, let the librarian know of  
: your interest.

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MEMBERSHIP ROLL

For

NEW HISTORY OF POKE RUN CHURCH

: One feature of the New History of Poke  
: Run Church will be the inclusion of the  
: names of all persons who have been  
: members since the Year 1940. Plans call  
: for having this roll on spread-out  
: display in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to  
: 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 7th, and on  
: Sunday, October 14th. This will give  
: opportunity for the members, former  
: members and friends of Poke Run Presby-  
: terian Church to inspect the roll and  
: offer corrective suggestions as to the  
: spelling of names, etc.

CONFERENCE and COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS :

with the Pastor at the Church :  
Office may be arranged by phoning :  
327-5563. :

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"THE RANGER" :

Do you know of something which :  
should be included in the next issue? :  
Have you noticed errors or omissions in :  
this issue? If so, please contact the :  
church office relative to such informa- :  
tion. Phones 327-5563 or 327-5443. :

FEATURE ARTICLES

An invitation is extended to the :  
members and friends of Poke Run Church :  
to contribute feature articles which :  
may be included in future issues of :  
THE RANGER. Such articles should be :  
addressed to: :  
Poke Run Presbyterian Church :  
R. D. 1 -- Box 157 :  
Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613

SERMON SERIES - - - - - "Encompassed or Encumbered - Which?"

October 7th -- World Communion Service :  
No. I -- "Ground Holders" :

October 14th -- The Sacrament of Baptism :  
No. II -- "Law" :

October 21st :  
No. III -- "Prophecy" :

October 28th :  
No. IV -- "Constituted Government" :

November 4th -- (Thank Offering Service)

November 11th :  
No. V in the Sermon Series -- "Public :  
Institutions"

November 18th :  
No. VI -- "Revelation"

November 25th :  
No. VII -- "Looking Unto Jesus"

THE SACRAMENTS:

THE WORLD COMMUNION SERVICE - - - - - Sunday, October 7th, at 11:00 A. M.

Concerning the Sacrament, our Lord said: "This do in remembrance of Me."

Please remind others of Holy Communion

Meditation: "Ground Holders"

(New members are to be publicly received on October 7th.)

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM - - - - - Sunday, October 14th, at 11:00 A.M.

Sermon subject -- "Law"

Parents with children to be baptized are requested to please contact the :  
Pastor, if they have not already done so.

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