

## **Poke Run Presbyterian Church— “The Ranger” December 2019**

Christmas comes and Christmas goes. Nothing exciting in that. For many the excitement of Christmas comes and goes in one great rush on Black Friday, a day that would have left our ancestors puzzled, or perhaps amused. For a few, especially children and the young at heart the excitement is Christmas morning or whatever time one unwraps presents, presents long held in suspense behind multi-colored paper. For a few more, and fewer each year, the excitement is the Christmas Eve service that slowly unfolds the mystery of God become flesh, the image of a newborn baby trying to see the world through blinded and blinking Divine eyes.

When we peel away the layers of tradition, our Christmas occurs just after the winter solstice and certainly bears the weight of myth and tradition surrounding the shortest day of the year, the time when winter begins and the time when the earth reverses itself to tip back towards the Sun; when pagans celebrated, and so it goes. More likely the divine birth happened in or around Passover balancing nicely Jesus' death at Passover thirty or so years later. It would fit would it not for the beginning and ending of Jesus' life to take place at Passover, the time celebrating the freeing of the Israelites from slavery being the time humanity is freed from sin and death.

However firmly this may tie the bow on the gift of Jesus Christ for us, the time is of secondary importance. So much is tied together here, and the mystery is so deep and full to overflowing, that we could explore many different aspects of the gift of the birth of Jesus Christ. We could jump, as we very nearly have, to sin and salvation and become lost in abstractions. Jesus though was about the practical. While from time to time he warned, he seldom if ever speculated, and his teaching was more by example than by words. The words came after the teaching, and the teaching was lived among the people of the time. Live like this was more prevalent than do these things.

There is though, an abstraction behind the life of



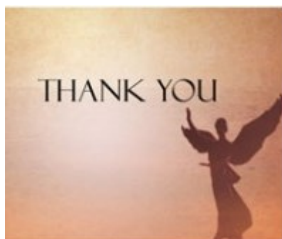
Jesus. Or should I say an abstraction for those who do not know Christ and an even more solid reality for those who do? One cannot live the life Jesus lived without being in a certain relationship with God. One cannot choose, of one's own volition to live a life of self-giving love on one's own. A person can be good and kind and gentle and any other number of positive things and still be tinged with selfishness. We are kind to receive kindness. Sometimes it is a way of learning to live in a difficult environment and we learn to manipulate others through offering gentleness for harshness. And so it goes. A little psychology goes a long way and leads to a rather critical view of one's companions. Quid quo pro rules the day in all life, not just politics. This is the human condition.

God in Christ is different. God offers love to all humanity knowing that there will be little return. Perhaps this is why some of our forefathers and mothers in the faith felt that some few of us were “elect” and changed so that at least some of God's love would not be lost. Perhaps. It seems to me that long before this Augustine had come a little closer. Augustine's insight was that what we most love we seek most to be like. Augustine believed that like all Christians before and after him that through the crucifixion God in Christ freed us from the power of sin and death. [long massive theological arguments here] ... and through Grace given we come to faith in God's saving power in and through the cross and resurrection. Understanding this brings us to love God most of all. Then, as God loved us unconditionally, shown in his death for us, in faith we are free to love unconditionally, friends, family, foes and enemies alike. This is a gift, pure and simple, a world changing gift, the true Christmas gift.

**From Pastor Pete**



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| <b>2—Thanks/Prayers</b>      | <b>7—Mission / Office</b>         |
| <b>3— 4 Session/ Church</b>  | <b>8—Presbyterian Women</b>       |
| <b>4—Soup</b>                | <b>8-9 - Happenings</b>           |
| <b>5—Deacons</b>             | <b>10— FunStuff &amp; History</b> |
| <b>6—Christian Education</b> | <b>11— Calendar</b>               |



**Thank you to our November Greeters:**

*Andy & Eva Bantroch, Debbie Delfavero, Connie Cauvel,  
Brian & Nancy Dombroske, Bob & Darlene Thompson*

**Thank you to our November Lectors:**

*Heidi Hileman, Brian Dombroske, Connie Cauvel, and Lizzy Wilkinson*

*Thank you to everyone who decorated the sanctuary for the Advent season. Our congregation grows and changes over the years; it is always wonderful to see the amazing things happen, the traditions passed on and new ways inspired.*



***Albert Moorhead** would like to thank the Poke Run Session for approving his family to have his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration here at Poke Run. He would also like to thank everyone who attended the party or sent Birthday greetings. It was a wonderful event and Albert was overwhelmed by all the love and kindness.*



*"I would like to thank everyone for their prayers. I am very touched and appreciate them all. Through your prayers and the grace of God the doctors are very pleased that I'm recovering so well. Thank you again to all! God Bless, Terrie O'Neil " ( sister of **Canise Wright**)*



**For Our Prayers:**

Georgia Alcorn, Ed Almes, Ali Ankney, Scott Ankney, Annette, baby Noah, Carol Bartachellei, Renee Bates, Matt Beacom, Meryl Berger, Ronda Bertelle, Jeannie Bowman, Lil Bowman, Ron & Carole Bowman, Tammy Bracco, Mike Brewer, Skye Brewer, Max Brooks, Ralph Brown, Carolyn Buckley, Bill Caldwell, Nora Jane Caporali, Dave Carroll, Ben Chicka, Irene Clark, Collin, Gary Copeland, Marie D, Kelly Daugherty Farley, Tommie DeSantis, Sharon DiBagno, Hannah Dixon, Dorothy Jean, Sara Dyer, Shirley Elwood, Terry Fairbanks, Elmer Foley, Laurel Frey, Lee & Linda Gardener, Joel George, Lou Gromley, Marnee Gormley, Helen Grayem,

Allison Grundy, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Rita Heinlein, Betty Henry, Don Henry, Donald Hill, Ruth Hill, Brenda Hughes, Leland Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Rob Kemerer, Kim, Jim Kitch, Joann Kole, Steve Kosinski, Joel Ladik and wife Katie, Becky Lange, Rhett LaRue and family, Dana, Allison Lengauer Jordan, Don & Pat Lengauer, Cliff Lightner, Heather Lynn, Irma McDivitt, Ronnie McDivitt, Jesse McDonnell, Mary Lou McKay, Amy McQuaide, Conrad McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, June & Roy Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sam Musmanno, Harry & Diane Notto, Leanne O'Connor, Thad Overly, Sandy Pajak, Sarah Parrish, Evelyn Pfeffer, Randy Pfeffer, Pam Poremski, Winifred Powers, Patricia Richman, Rafael Rincon, Jesse Riston, Steve Roman, Mary Ellen Ross, Sally, Debbie & Larry Seighman, Emma Shirey, Valerie Shondelmeyer, Joanne Smith, Dorothy Sottoriva, Carol Soule, Boyd "Buddy" Shupe, Mary Jane Staite, Dinah Staymates, Steve, Mildred Striner, Arlene Switzer, Bev & Mario Tagliati, Amy Teele, Tera, Jill Tocco, Larry Washabaugh, Sue Washburn, Linda Wengert, Jayne Wiester, Neale & June Wiester, Terry Wiester, Clay Wilabee, Bruce Wise, Kate Wolford, those gripped by addictions and those who serve in the military. Remember to Pray for Our country, and Our world.

*The Community of Poke Run Presbyterian Church is a community that knows and lives the POWER OF PRAYER. If you would like to be included on the Poke Run Prayer list, or just want to ask for prayer—contact the church office. If you want to be on the email Prayer Chain—also contact the office.*

*If you placed names on our "Prayer List," please contact the office to update us. Periodically names are removed from the list if the office has not been updated. Contact the office to update your prayer concern or to have a name added.*

**From the approved minutes of Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session October 8, 2019**

The stated meeting of the Session met in the Sunday school rooms. A quorum was present and Rev. Peter Goetschius, Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and devotions. Matthew 9:1-8

**Session Members present:** Rev. Peter Goetschius -Moderator, Connie Cauvel - Clerk, Tom Kimble, Nikki McQuaide, Bob Wilson, Laurie Martin, Valerie Hansen, Terry Wiester

**Excused:** Brett Stevenson    **Absent:** Nicole Goodiski    **Guests:** none

**MSC:** To approve the Session Minutes of September 10, 2019 as amended, Deacon Minutes of September 9, 2019, and Trustee minutes of August 22, 2019

**Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance:** Tom Kimble, Val Hansen - Committee met on September 3 and minutes were included. Valerie also discussed the October 1 meeting of Budget & Finance. We reviewed the Operating Budget, Mission Budget and our Pastor Terms of Call for 2020

**Christian Ed & Youth:** Laurie Martin - Committee met in September and minutes were included in Session Packet Laurie mentioned how "thankful" the committee is they are servants not just volunteers. They discussed how to increase Sunday School attendance - how do we make everyone feels welcome. The Ice Cream Social will be held on November 2, 2019 with more information to follow soon.

**Mission and Stewardship:** Bob Wilson - we need to pray for everyone including our Leaders and those in Authority.

**Personnel:** Did not meet - Office reports that there will be a large number of volunteers needing to update their clearances beginning in 2020. We need to alert people that need to get their clearances.

**Congregational Life:** Connie Cauvel - We met on September 30 to review the Roll of Poke Run and plan for our Pastor Appreciation Dinner after Congregational Meeting on October 20.

**Nominating:** Nicole Goodiski, Nikki McQuaide - 2020 Slate of Officers

**Session** Tom Kimble, Nikki McQuaide (Second Term) Valerie Hansen, Walt Lange

**Deacons:** Laurie Powers    Note: The Nominating Committee could only find one candidate

**Trustees:** Brian Dombroske and Doug Ross (second term) Andy Caldwell

**Trustee Representative:** Bob Wilson - Doug Ross was meeting with a plumber to discuss installation and placement of ice maker.

**Ad Hoc Committee**

**Fishing Team** - Tom Kimble - Team is working on developing a vision statement to put on our webpage. They are looking to modernize it. Pete suggested to start with the why we exist. They are preparing an updated bio of Pete. Team is considering an off-sight Trustee workday and perhaps an event that includes prayer and pizza.

**MP:** To approve slate of Session, Trustee and Deacon nominees from the Nominating Committee.  
    (Thanks to the committee for their work with this)

**MP:** To approve Operating and Mission Budget including Pastor's Terms of Call as submitted by Budget & Finance Committee

**Session meetings are open to all members of the church. Complete Session Minutes are available in the office for Church member review.**

**The next Session meeting will be held at 7pm on December 10, 2019. The December meeting will be the JOINT meeting including all Poke Run Boards.**

## ATTENTION ALL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES!

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm. We would like to have all the Committee and Board members gather together at this joint meeting to connect with the Session and each other to provide a brief review of your past year and look to the future. Everyone present will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas. It is our hope that those who have been elected to serve for 2020 will attend this meeting as well.



### *Advent* *A Season of Hope & Expectation*

**The season of Advent began on December 1st and continues through Christmas Eve.** "In Advent we expectantly wait for the One who has already come. We anticipate the promised justice of God's new world, yet we praise God who raised the "righteous branch" to rule with justice and righteousness. We hope for the restoration of the afflicted, the tormented, and the grieving, yet we delight that healing has come in Christ. We long for the beating of swords into plowshares, yet we rejoice that the Prince of Peace has appeared. We yearn for the barren deserts of our inner cities to flourish, yet we laud the desert Rose that has bloomed. We dream of the land where lions and lambs live in harmony, yet we acclaim the child born to lead us into the promised land. Christ has come! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! In Advent, we are living between the first and the second coming of the Lord. ...— placing us between memory and hope, past and future ..." from [PrebyterianMission.org](http://PrebyterianMission.org)

**Invite family and friends to worship at Poke Run – to hear the preached Word of hope and joy.**



Communion is shared during the 8:30am Early Worship service every Sunday morning. Additionally, Communion will be celebrated during both Worship services on December 24th—Christmas Eve



### AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX-

Invitations for YOU to invite people to celebrate and worship at Poke Run during this Christmas season– look for them near the "Flower Chart" .....

And "Yard Signs" to advertise Poke Run's Candlelight Christmas Eve services.



**"Soup for the Soul" - Next Soup is December 11th, doors open at 11:30am.**

Soup is served at noon. Soup, Sandwich and dessert! Mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of the month October through May. If you would like flyers to distribute, can help or donate a dessert please contact the Church office.

**DECEMBER SOUP: "Beef Barley Soup" Remember to invite a friend.**







## Deacon Ministry

**The Poke Run Deacons** - Please keep the Board of Deacons in your prayers as they minister God's love during this very busy time—which is especially hard on many in our community. If you are aware of someone who might benefit from the care of our Deacons, or a visit or call from Pastor Pete, do not hesitate to contact the Church Office. **Thank you Deacons for all that you do.**

### **From the Deacon Meeting Minutes: October 7, 2019**

Present: Pastor Pete, Nancy Kimble, Sandy Ballas, Nancy Dombroske, Shyrl Stange, Ruth O'Connor, Meghan Goodiski, Barbi Findley, Tammy Kelly and Diane Scott

Absent: Shelly Chappell-Vaia and Cindy Brooks,

Diane Scott opened with prayer.

The minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Old Business: There will be soup to give to the Poke Run friends from "Soup for the Soul". Pass requests to Ruth. Worldwide Communion Sunday was October 6th.

New Business: The group discussed the meaning of being a Poke Run Deacon.

1. Nancy Kimble will be mailing the College boxes.
2. Reviewed the Friends List
3. Thanksgiving baskets will be shopped for and distributed on November 21st,.
4. Deacons donated \$100 to the Pine Springs Ice Cream Social.



**The Deacon's Giving Tree** can be found in the Narthex, the UNWRAPPED gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 15th. Please stop by and pick up a name or a couple of name tags to help needy families have a wonderful Christmas. (Watch for boy tags—blue, and girl tags—pink.)

*All loose offerings on Christmas Eve will go to the work of the Poke Run Deacons.*



**Christmas Food Basket:** The Poke Run Deacons are collecting names for Christmas Food Baskets – contact the Poke Run Office or see a Deacon – please provide the name and phone number of who will be picking up the basket. **Names will be taken until Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** Basket pick-up is **Thursday December 12th at 7:15pm**  
**ALL BASKETS MUST BE SPONSORED BY A POKE RUN MEMBER.**



**Christmas Poinsettia** The Poke Run Deacons will be taking orders for Christmas poinsettias and Foodbank Donations— Cost is \$6.50 per flower. White and Red poinsettias will be available. Order forms can be found in the office, in the bulletin and will be emailed to the congregation. **Deadline is December 15th.**



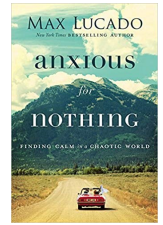
## Poke Run Sunday School!!

Classes meet each Sunday at 10am.

**FOR THE KIDS** Children's Class!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 2 classes**

- Meeting in the West Wayside room (on the left at the end of the hall)
  - using the David C. Cook series titled **"Covenant in God"**
- Meeting in the Session room (on the right at the end of the hall)
  - using the Max Lucado series, **Anxious for Nothing**



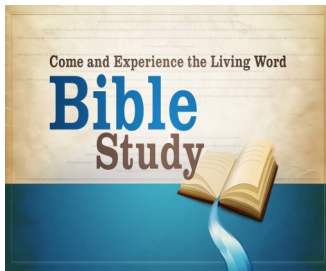
**Join in the fellowship area for refreshment and conversation between the early service and Sunday School.**

FREE—in the Narthex: copies of the two publications,

**The Upper Room** - daily devotional, and **Today's Christian Living** - magazine



**THE UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



## Sunday evening Bible Study 7pm

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study** All are welcome, the group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10am in the upstairs "Fellowship Area."

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study—@7pm**, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month—location varies, check the bulletin or call the office.

## Santa's Coming For Breakfast

*The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring their annual "Breakfast With Santa" on **Saturday, December 7th, from 8 to 11am.***

*A great breakfast at a great price with a special picture on Santa's knee. \$2*

*Tickets are available at the door. Adults and children ages 11 and over: \$5, children ages 3 to 10: \$3, and children ages 2 and under eat free!*

*Proceeds benefit the Christian Education Programs and Mission Work.*



**Set up/Decorating Night, Friday, December 6th, beginning at 6:00pm.**

**We start with a meal so bring a covered dish or dessert!**

## Calling All Elves!

Santa needs lots of helpers for his breakfast at Poke Run. If you can help him, contact **Linda Chicka** at [lgchicka@gmail.com](mailto:lgchicka@gmail.com), or at 724-422-3688, or call the church office.



Thank you to everyone who helped with, attended, contributed to and prayed for the **Ice Cream Social** benefitting the Poke Run Pine Springs Campership Fund. Almost \$1,500 was raised!



In Ezekiel 34:4, the prophet spoke against the leaders of Israel saying, “The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.” Jesus echoes this same message in Luke 15 when He tells us the story of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son. What efforts are we making to bring people back to God as Jesus instructed? Or are we like the leaders of Israel during the time of Ezekiel?



...will be received on Sunday, December 22nd. *Christmas Joy* giving is used to support current and retired church workers. Please prayerfully consider giving to this offering in addition to your regular giving.

### From the Poke Run Office

**Office Hours at the Church** 9:30am—2:30pm most days.

**Never hesitate to contact Pastor Pete at 724-454-2278.**

**Next Ranger Deadline: December 23rd**

► **A 2019 Phone Directory (yellow cover) is available in the Narthex** – please make the following corrections and let the office know of any other corrections or updates to your contact information.

The “FIRST FRUITS” offering is Poke Run’s commitment to the larger church. The Poke Run congregation has MET our 2019 pledge! Thank you for giving.

**Legacy Giving:** Did you know you can help take care of your church after you die? Remember to give to Poke Run Presbyterian Church in your estate planning.

**The 2020 Flower Calendar is available in the Narthex-**

\$44 for two arrangements. Contact the office with questions.



**“GIVING ENVELOPES”** for 2020 will soon be available in the Narthex. Using the “Giving Envelopes” greatly helps **Shyrl and Amy** process the weekly offering; thank you for using them. If you do not find one labeled for you, please feel free to take a blank box to use. If you need help getting your box of envelopes, please contact the Church Office.

You can find Poke Run Presbyterian Church on Facebook! - featuring the “Daily Verse”  
Find us on *Instagram* @poke\_run\_church



And on Twitter! @PokeRun1



Poke Run’s email address: pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net

Poke Run web site is [www.pokerunchurch.com](http://www.pokerunchurch.com)

**CHURCH OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: 724-327-5563**

**PASTOR PETE’S PHONENUMBER :724-454-2278**







# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Thank You to everyone who prayed for, contributed to or ATE at Circle 2's Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Over 200 people were served in only 2 hours. This event continues to provide a wonderful opportunity to gather in Christ centered community. **DON'T MISS IT NEXT YEAR!!!!**



## Poke Run Presbyterian Women PW

**Circle 2:** will meet on December 12th - 7pm— at the home of **Nancy Dombroske**(4723 Christy Road, Murrysville. **Nancy and Barbi Findley** will be the hostesses, **Linda Chicka** will be the leader. ALL ARE WELCOME—COME AND BRING A FRIEND!

The **Welcome Home** women's shelter of Greensburg is in desperate need of the following:

Windex	Bleach	Lysol	Disinfectant Wipes
Tissues	Brooms	Mops	All-Purpose Cleaners
Sponges	Toilet Paper	Baby Wipes	Paper Towels
Bedding	Blankets	Towels	Laundry Detergent

Washcloths

A bin has been placed in the Narthex- please donate if you can.



**PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!**

### HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

**Poke Run & Redstone Offices will be closed on Dec 24-26 & Dec 31-Jan 1**

Regular Redstone Office hours are M-Th 9am-4pm

Dec. 7-8—Salem Crossroads, Christmas, Delmont PA—reservations required

Dec. 10- Redstone Presbyterian SeniorCare Trip to Sight & Sound Christmas Show

### *A Living Nativity*

Advent through the Psalms



Presbytery of Redstone  
**DEVOTIONAL**  
2019

### **Advent Devotional**

Check out the Redstone Facebook page for a Daily Advent Devotional. You can also download a copy from the Redstone Presbytery website at <http://www.redstonepresbytery.org/> or contact the Church Office- Amy would be happy to make a hardcopy for you.



Presbytery  
of Redstone

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

## Stories of Redstone

*Christ at work in our midst*

### **"A Spirit Gift to the Community"**



For the 36<sup>th</sup> year, First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown will be offering a "gift" to their community. Initiating the season by steeping the community in the "sights and sounds" of the celebration of Christmas, it engages many members of the congregation.

They come together to bring nativities, greet guests, prepare and serve refreshments, work with children, sing in the three-day music program and to pray. It becomes a source of joy both to the congregation and to the community.

Along with the over 100 nativities on display, choirs from both schools and congregations will perform sacred songs of the season. The Festival concludes on the third day with a mass combined choir in the final performance, concluding with a rousing rendition of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus which always brings the audience to their feet to join in. Truly, this is a "Spirit Gift to the Community"

#### **2019 Festival of the Nativity Schedule**

--- Friday, December 6; 6:00-9:00

---Saturday, December 7; 6:00-9:00

---Sunday, December 8; 1:15-3:00; 6:00-9:00

**Communicate the Word... Carry on the Work... Change the World Together!**



### HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Overly's Country Christmas is OPEN NOW—at the Westmoreland County Fairgrounds  
Dec. 8—"Hometown Christmas" at Vandergrift Casino Theater  
Watch for Poke Run's **Jessica Slaughaupt!**



### *Seniors' Christmas Luncheon*



**December 17, 2019**  
**11:00 AM—1:00 PM**  
**FREE ALL SENIORS**  
**WELCOME**

**NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
319 North 2nd Street  
Apollo, PA 15613

Please RSVP by December 6, 2019 at:  
724-596-4032—leave message  
OR  
Email: [newlifebaptistchurch@comcast.net](mailto:newlifebaptistchurch@comcast.net)

*"For unto us a child is born, Unto us a son is given" Isaiah 9:6*



### *Annual Senior Citizen's Lunch*

Where: Apollo-Ridge High School  
When: Thursday, December 12, 2019

Time: Concert -12:30 PM to 1:15 PM  
Lunch -1:15 PM to 2:00 PM

For reservations, contact Kelly Shoop by phone:  
724-478-6000 ext. 1102

or by email at [shoopk@apolloridge.com](mailto:shoopk@apolloridge.com)

This luncheon is FREE to all Senior Citizen's  
in the Apollo-Ridge School District!

Sponsored by: CRHS Student Council  
Entertainment provided by: CRHS Band and Chorus!

*\*\*In the event of a school delay, the luncheon will take place as normal!*



### **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 551** **CHRISTMAS** **TREE SALE**

**Stanford Home Center** **1173 PA-356 Leechburg**

**Concolor Fir** **November 29—December 21 or Until Trees Sellout** **Canaan Fir**

**Blue Spruce** **Frasier Fir**

**White Pine** **Norway & Siberian Spruce** **Grand Fir**

**November 29—Black Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Monday—Friday: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Saturday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Prices Start @ \$25 / Tree**

Poke Run's **EthanWoodhall**  
is a member of Troop #551

**Join us for a**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**as we enter into 2020...**

## **Unified in Christ**

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"*  
~ Psalms 133:1 ~

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

**Guest Preacher:**  
**Pastor Raymond Galloway**  
Kings Deliverance Church

**ALL Are Welcome!**

**New Life Baptist Church**  
319 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Apollo, PA 15613

**Rev. June P. Jeffries,**  
Pastor

Karen Goetschius recently shared the following-

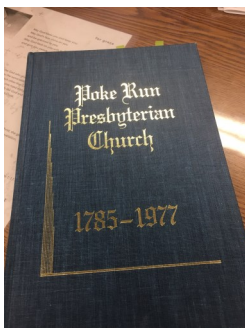
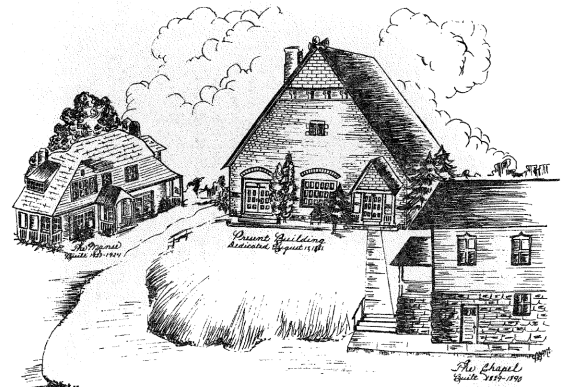
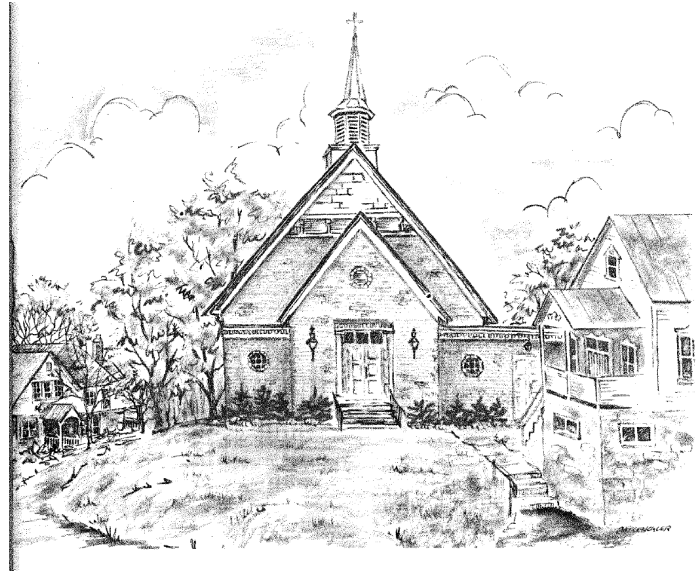
*A kindergarten student of one of Karen's student teachers recently reported that she "would not need the chicken pox vaccination because.....*

*SHE WAS BAPTIZED!!!!"*



## PHOTOS WANTED!!!!

The Office can use emailed photos from cameras or cell phones. We'd love to include more pics from church functions.



### FROM 1977-Copies STILL available-still \$5- contact the office 724-327-5563 **Poke Run Church History Books Available**

"Poke Run Presbyterian Church has a rich and fascinating history. Established almost 220 years ago, it has been the worship center for many generations of families that have moved into this area over the past two centuries. If you have been curious about the history of our church, you'll want to pick up a copy of "The History of Poke Run Presbyterian Church 1785-1977." This book is a much expanded revision of the original "Poke Run Presbyterian History 1785-1940." Copyrighted and released in 1977, it covers many fascinating facts and information on the development of Poke Run. Among other things it includes biographies of Poke Run's pastors, the history of many organizations associated with the church, pictures of many church group members and special events, information about the buildings and property, and much more. This book will be of particular interest to

genealogy buffs as it not only lists the Communicant members of Poke Run as recorded from August 1, 1940 through September 7 1977, but it also provides the names of many individuals involved in the activities and worship of the Church since its establishment in 1785. Copies of this book are still available for only \$5.00 and can be purchased in the church office. They make great gifts and keepsakes, and you will learn many fascinating facts about our church history."







# 2019

THE JOINT MEETING OF THE SESSION,  
DEACONS AND TRUSTEES WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7PM.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>1 Advent</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch 7pm Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7pm <b>Deacons</b>	<b>3</b> 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	<b>4</b> Choirs 7pm Mission & Stewardship	<b>5</b> 7pm Fishing Team	<b>6</b> 6pm Santa Set-Up	 <b>7</b> <u>Breakfast w Santa</u> <u>8am-11am</u>
<b>8 Advent</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch 7pm Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10am Bible Study 7pm <b>Session</b> JOINT MTG	 <b>11</b> <u>noon "Soup for the Soul"</u> Choirs	 <b>12</b> 7:15pm Basket Pick-up <u>Circle 2</u>	<b>13</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Advent</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch 7pm Bible Study	<b>16</b>	 <b>17</b> 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	<b>18</b> Choirs	<b>19</b> 7pm <b>Trustees</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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**December 13, 25-26, 31 and January 1.—**  
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### **In December:**

**December 7th, 8 am to 11 am**

**Breakfast with Santa**

**Adults & Children ages 11 years and over \$5.00**

**Children 3 years to 10 years \$3.00**

**Children 2 years and under eat Free!**



**December 24th Christmas Eve Candle Light**

**Service 5:00pm Informal Worship**

**7:30pm Formal Worship**