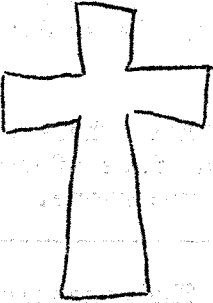


THE RANGER



POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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"THE RANGER" -- For several years, a News Letter has gone forth from Poke Run Church -- sponsored by the Rugh Group. This News Letter has gone forth to Armed Service personnel and to others in distant places. Beginning with this current issue, the News Letter is to bear a heading, namely: "The Ranger"; and circulation is to be extended to the entire congregation, with extra copies for new families, and others interested in the life and program of Poke Run Church. A real effort will be made to keep up to date on items of personal interest. It is hoped that all will share in the understanding that in such an undertaking important items of personal interest are often overlooked. Such items may be included in future issues, provided they are brought to the attention of those in charge of the gathering of material for THE RANGER.

Hopefully this publication will become a quarterly newsletter. In the meantime if anyone has any news items that might be of interest to the congregation as a whole, please contact Mrs. Robert Pfeffer R.D.2, Export, Pa. Tele. 327-4047; Mrs. Carl Schutzler, Steele Road, Murrysville, Pa. Tele. 327-3489 or Mrs. Blair Kiebler, R.D. 1, Apollo, Pa. Tele. 727-7176.

Why "The Ranger"?

Poke Run Church goes back to pioneer days and has always been a forward looking and advancing congregation. In response to The Great Commission - (Matthew 28:17-20; The Acts 1:8) the influence of Poke Run Church has gone forth to all the earth. Since the dictionary definition of "ranger" is "the keeper of a royal park or forest" - so "The Ranger" suggests the desire of Poke Run Church to maintain her evangelistic zeal over a wide area and to always hold a concern for people everywhere in the name of Christ.

On April 23rd, the Poke Run congregation worshipped in the newly remodeled Sanctuary for the first time. Truly, we "worshipped the Lord in the beauty of Holiness." For it was an inspiring setting - the mellowness of the old woods blending with the oak of the new pews, pulpits, communion table and other appointments - the red carpet throughout - the soft colors of the old windows so handsomely restored - the gold cushions in the pews - the colonial type chandeliers - all this the culmination of several years of planning, working, visualizing.

Even the choir had a new look that day, attired in their new robes of royal blue with reversible gold and white stoles. The choir members are grateful for the contributions that helped make this possible.

Then on Mother's Day our pastor, Mr. Roy S. Brice made his first appearance in a white pastoral robe, a gift by the Jack Blair family in memory of Mr. Blair's mother, Mrs. Dora Blair.

There have been several other generous gifts adding to the beauty of the Sanctuary that will be mentioned at a later date when we have time to "get it altogether".

The South end of the Narthex (where the old Session Room used to be) has been designated by the Session as a place of prayer at 9:45 A. M. each Sunday morning. The Men's Class is making plans to reconvene.

The formal dedication of The Sanctuary will take place on Sunday, June 25th, at 3:00 P. M. We hope that many former members and friends will plan to be with us on that day. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Other coming events are: HOLY COMMUNION on Sunday, July 23rd at 11:00 A.M. and the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM on Sunday, July 30th at 11:00 A.M.

As in our former Rugh Group news letters we make note of the "vital statistics" within our congregation for the recent months:
Weddings: November 13, 1971 -- Jimmietta Gayle McDivitt and Michael Lanfrankie, Jr.
February 10, 1972 -- Mamie E. McElroy and Roy C. Yockey.
March 24, 1972 -- Beverly D. (Emmert) Maxwell and Robert J. Matteo.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buchanan, former caretakers, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jocelyn Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Miller, is planning an August 5th wedding in Poke Run Church. Her fiance is Mr. Gary Laber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Laber of Newport, Vt. Jocelyn and Gary are students at Indiana Univ.

Births: February 24, 1972 -- Robert O'Neil Bryan son of Craig A. Bryan and Gail Elizabeth (Payne) Bryan.
November 13, 1971 -- Darlene Kaye Bush daughter of Harvey Paul Bush and Patricia Jane (Homan) Bush.
January 12, 1972 -- Roberta Louise Hesketh daughter of Marlin Duane Hesketh and Helen Elaine (Kiebler) Hesketh.
January 2, 1972 -- Marlene Nicole Elwood daughter of Bernard Deane Elwood and Mary Marcelline (Cindric) Elwood.
February 18, 1972 -- Melinda Jean Heinlein daughter of Frederick Roy Heinlein and Karen Loreen (Robinson) Heinlein.
March 27, 1972 -- Cathy Lynn Irwin daughter of Homer Marlin Irwin and Hannah Jean (Shondelmyer) Irwin.
December 16, 1971 -- Scott Thomas Jack son of Thomas Harvey Jack, Jr. and Pearl Laverne (Sample) Jack.
March 5, 1972 -- Stephen James Kistler son of Donald James Kistler and Mildred Ruth (Katterhenry) Kistler.
September 22, 1971 -- Brian Kendal Orr son of Timothy Carpenter Wilson and Janet Gail (Orr) Wilson.
May 13, 1972 -- Jennifer Rebecca daughter of Walter R. Lange and Rebecca Pfeffer Lange.

Deaths: January 31, 1972 -- Edna L. Walker
 March 27, 1972 -- Roy K. Brunner, Sr.
 March 21, 1972 -- Emma Barbara Clements
 March 30, 1972 -- Joseph P. Egloff, Jr.
 April 4, 1972 -- Logan Rugh - brother of DeWitt W. Rugh
 Mothers of Jack B. Blair, Francis M. Cain, Jr. and Mrs. Stella Elwood.

Children Baptized:

July 25, 1971: James Richard Bowman (born July 11, 1965) and Larry Lee Bowman, Jr. (born February 2, 1968) children of Larry Lee Bowman and Nancy Jayne (Smith) Bowman.

Debra Lynn Coleman (born January 16, 1971) and Ronald Vernon Coleman, Jr. (born December 7, 1967) children of Ronald Vernon Coleman, Sr. and Betty Jane (Wadeck) Coleman.

Marnie Jean McQuaide (born May 22, 1971) daughter of Curtis Bernard McQuaide and Lois Jean (Buckley) McQuaide.

October 10, 1971: William Bryan Egloff (born September 1, 1971) son of William Barry Egloff and Dorothy Ann (Hill) Egloff.

Harvey Louis Covey, Jr. (born August 13, 1960); Robert Eric Covey (born June 21, 1962); David Morgan Covey (born December 21, 1963); Daniel Paul Covey (born February 4, 1965); Michael Wayne Covey (born August 31, 1966); and John Franklin Covey (born May 28, 1971) children of Harvey Louis Covey, Sr. and Maureen Elizabeth (Reese) Covey.

April 26, 1972: Marlene Nicole Elwood (born January 2, 1972) daughter of Bernard Deane Elwood and Mary Marcelline (Cindric) Elwood.

Curtis Owen Emahiser (born November 21, 1970) son of Owen Edgar Emahiser and Helen Elaine (Kiebler) (Emahiser) Hesketh.

Roberta Louise Hesketh (born January 12, 1972) daughter of Marlin Duane Hesketh and Helen Elaine (Kiebler) Hesketh.

Scott Thomas Jack (born December 16, 1971) son of Thomas Harvey Jack, Jr. and Pearl LaVerne (Sample) Jack.

Adults Baptized: Robert William Broegee on March 26, 1972 son of Richard Allen Broegee and Jane Susan (Batdorf) Broegee.

New Members:

January 9, 1972: Mrs. Thomas Wayne (Joanne Elizabeth Westin) Fitzsimmons on profession of faith.

March 26, 1972: Mrs. Paul Edward Bowman, Robert William Broegee, Gregory Speer Buckley, Curtis Robert Clark, Ray Anton Gregg, Thad Eugene Haney, Mr. Marlin Duane Hesketh, Thomas William Lavrich, James Clarence Metzgar, Bonnie Ann Mondics, Benjamin Jay Mondics, Jodee Ann McQuaide, Douglas Jay Painter, David Glenn Ross, John Leslie Thompson, Wendy Susan Tomer, Jeffrey Harcourt Tremaine ----- all by profession of faith.

Mrs. Errol Clair DeFrances (by reaffirmation of faith).

March 31, 1972: Thomas Clair Beatty by profession of faith.

Transfers from other churches: March 26, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard John Ziegler from the Monroeville United Methodist Church, Monroeville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leonard Fink, Jr. from the Salem Lutheran Church of Delmont, Pa. Mr. Errol Clair DeFrances from the Salem Lutheran Church, Delmont, Pa.

Transfers from our membership:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. Whitcomb to the Methodist Church at Benezetta, Pa. The Whitcomb Family now live at Driftwood, Pa. -- not far from the parental homes of Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb.

Mr. Edward D. Kuckuck to the Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg, Pa. -- now living on a farm not far from Clarksburg. Mrs. Kuckuck, the former Sherrill Foradora of Union City, Pa. is assistant dean of women at Indiana University.

Poke Run was represented at the recent Commencement exercises in East Liberty Presbyterian Church when Mr. Lee Dinsel, husband of the former Elaine Schutzler, graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

A second-year student at the Seminary is John Bash, son of the Lysle Bashes in Delmont. He is married to the former Amy Richey, daughter of the Harry Penrods of Poke Run. Their wedding took place last August 14th at the East Grove Methodist Church in Franklin, Pa. They are now residing in New Alexandria and Amy is teaching second grade at the Newlonsburg school.

Following is a list of Poke Run young people graduating from local high schools this spring: From Franklin Area we have Linda Gearhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gearhard, who plans to enter Clarion State, and David Dively, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Dively, who will go to Grove City, and also Kathleen Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, who will enter Temple University, majoring in the medical field. From Greensburg - Salem is David Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Stiles. From Burrell Sr. High is Jane Beacom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lloyd Beacom. From Kiski Area - Kathleen Kistler, daughter of the Richard Kistlers, who plans a career in nursing; Marilyn Orr, daughter of the James Orrs, who will attend West Virginia University; majoring in Medical Technology, Cheryl Painter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Painter; Karen Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Thompson; Wenby Bossart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bossart and will enter Duquesne University and Sharlene Fitzsimmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzsimmons who will go to Grove City. Nancy Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Walker, Barbara Buckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Buckley, who will enter LaSalle College, Deborah Keibler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keibler and Denise Gregg Gamble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gregg. Jeffery Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hartman will enter Pitt as a pre-dental student; Joseph Lee Lynch, son of the Howard Lynches will attend Susquehanna University; Keith Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowman; Terry McDivitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Arthur McDivitt; Kerry McDivitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. McDivitt; and Douglas Emmert son of Mr. and Mrs. Senes Emmert.

In the field of higher education -- Emily Silvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silvis is graduating from Penn State University. Mrs. Hal Blankenship (Mary Jo Gebrosky) is getting her degree as an art major from Davis and Elkins. Mary Jo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gebrosky. From Penn State is Alan Painter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Painter, with a degree in Political Science. John Metzgar, son of the James Metzgars, is getting his Master's degree in Education from Indiana Univ. John has really been busy this past year! Besides teaching full-time in Greensburg Area and working toward his Master's, he raises cattle on his farm near Mamont and has served as chairman of the Building Committee! He is married to the former Judith McDivitt and they have two sons and a daughter.

Three Poke Run members are retiring from the teaching profession this year and were honored at a banquet at River Forest on May 26th by the Kiski Area Education Assn. They are: Miss Hazel McCutcheon with 46 years of service, Mrs. Ruth Christy with 45 years and Mrs. Ruth Speer with 35 years of teaching experience.

Mr. Wendell Bossart, a member of our Session has been the new Superintendent of Schools in the Punxsatawney Area School District since last fall. The family still resides in Mamont. Mrs. Bossart (Betty Branthoover) is a librarian at the North Washington Elementary School.

Several of our church family have suffered illnesses these last few months. Among those confined to their homes after hospitalization are Mrs. DeWitt Rugh and Mr. Dwight Buckley. Mr. James Walker (who is 94½ years old!) and his daughter Edna are convalescing at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Wilbur (Mary) Bowman. Mrs. Florence Clawson is able to be out after a long illness. At this writing Lawrence McDivitt is recuperating from surgery at West Penn Hospital and Mrs. Duella McDivitt is in Latrobe Hospital with a broken hip. Mrs. James Thompson is also hospitalized this week. Mrs. Grover Thompson is at the Shawley Rest Home and Mrs. Blanche Kuhns at the Bel-Air Nursing Home.

Mrs. Carl Fitzsimmons had the misfortune of falling and breaking her arm recently. Milton Brinker, Jr. suffered a broken collar bone and an appendectomy at about the same time, while Donald Brinker, Jr. injured his foot when a garden tractor upset on him.

We were sorry to hear of the automobile accident in which Ruth and Harriet Lesley were injured in Oceanport, New Jersey. Ruth's new car was demolished but luckily she escaped serious injury. At this writing, Harriet is still hospitalized.

The Roy Christys enjoyed a motor trip to Florida in March. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yockey visited in Arizona and surrounding area. Bill Kiebler of FortLauderdale visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Blair Kiebler, recently. Pat Long, son of the Bernard Longs, is on his way home from Germany where he has been teaching. He plans to return there.

Our Youth Group maintains its activities with excellent support from the older members of the congregation. The week-end of April 21st about forty of them traveled by bus to Pine Springs Camp for a Retreat. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dunmire and Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Kiebler accompanied them.

The women of the church have started their busy schedule of Community Dinners. These affairs have become a tradition in this area.

Our pastor, Roy S. Brice has had another busy year with many activities. During the remodeling of the Sanctuary, services were held in Fellowship Hall, and with his leadership and willingness to adapt and innovate, it became an interesting and memorable experience for the whole congregation. The 1971-72 bowling season for Poke Run Church just concluded. Rev. Roy S. Brice delights in the fact that he was fortunate enough to be a member of the 1971-72 winning team. Of course, he is also the first to admit that his good fortune was very largely due to the good playing of his fellow team-mates.

The spring season in the Poke Run area has been very rainy, so everyone is busy trying to keep up with the grass mowing! The wetness has held up the grading, seeding, and planting of the lawn in front of the church, but we are hoping, with some cooperation from the weather man, that this too will be taken care of soon.

We hope this new venture in communication will bind our church family closer together. Please help us make our next letter even more newsworthy by contributing information.

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in christian love."
____John Fawcett.

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THE SESSION

1972	1973	1974
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The Head Ushers	Mrs. W. Lloyd McQuaide, Mrs. Alice K. Herren and Mrs. Benjamin R. Keltz	
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FACTS AND DUTIES PERTAINING TO THE

- a. Membership, Spiritual Life, and Social Service Committee (Entire Session)
1. Spiritual care of membership in accordance with known needs, with endeavor to keep Pastor informed of special needs.
 2. One individual or new family each year by each member of the Session as a minimum membership-strengthening goal. (It is hoped that the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees will also view this as a reasonable membership-strengthening goal for each member of these bodies.)
 3. Direct personal renewal of interest in the educational program of our congregation -- this personal renewal of interest to include:
 - Personal enrollment in one of the classes of our Sunday Church School;
 - Endeavor to procure the enrollment of others of our congregation;
 - Outreach-enrollment and extension of the services and instruction of our Church School to the non-churched of our community;
 - Visitation from time to time by individual members of the Session to the various classes and departments of our Church School, thus giving evidence of interest and support of the work being done by our teaching staff;
 - Being on hand at 10:00 A. M. on Sundays to greet, welcome and help create an interesting and friendly atmosphere for those assembling for participation in the Christian Faith and Action program;
 - Being expressively grateful for the extensive educational program of our Women's Association, with readiness to give all possible assistance and cooperation to the members of the Association as they continue with their outstanding activities.
 4. Assist -- as needed -- with the Youth Program; with the general work of the Board of Deacons; with the projects of the Board of Trustees; and with the work of other groups and special committees.
 5. Encouragement of total commitment on the part of the membership to the cause of Christ -- in terms of time, talent, and financial resources.
 6. Deepening of spiritual life and fellowship and maintaining of Christian standards in total life of congregation -- including adjusting roll as may seem proper through suspension and erasure.
 7. Each Ruling Elder being faithful in his individual administrative committee assignments -- knowing that he is not alone, remembering that the Whole Church under the Headship of Christ is called to Ministry in: preaching, teaching, healing, and in loving concern for others. However, may the homes of Ruling Elders be especially marked by the practice of the devotional life, to the end that those who dwell there be resources of spiritual strength and guidance to others. Let intercessions be made for the Pastor before and during each Service of Worship and at all other needful times; and may the intercessions of the Pastor be united with those of the Ruling Eldership, to the end that under demonstrations of the Spirit all might embrace the knowledge of Christ crucified, that the faith of our congregation "Might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." (I Corinthians 2:5)

