



We are today, March 1, 2018, exactly one month away from Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. April 1 is April Fool's Day. I am sure that much will be said relating April Fool's Day with Christianity. Sermons will be preached, essays like this one written, discussions will abound, newscasters and political pundits and comedians of all sorts on the political left and right will have their say. Or perhaps not; Easter may still be too solemn and too precious a memory. Or, it may be that no one cares any more. Spring break seems to take precedence on college campuses and in the news media. Oh well!

Whatever may or may not be the case I want you to set aside your Bibles for a moment and imagine with me. Yes, I said imagine. The imagination is used far too little these days. We spend our time in front of screens, phones, tablets, laptops, desktops, TVs, and movies, Games, Virtual Reality in a variety of forms, heads up displays, and holographic images, and whatever is to come. All information comes to us pre-digested and intact. We do not have to think or analyze or ponder. We accept as is. This is dangerous to us and to the future, so imagine with me if you still can. Suppose we did not have the Bible.

The world would not erupt into chaos. It did not do so before the Bible was written and it will not do so if we continue to disregard and forget the Bible. The world will simply continue on as it is. There will be some periods of peace, some periods of war, some good governments and some bad governments. Some of the very best of moral philosophy comes to us from outside of the Jewish-Christian religion. Buddha and his noble way does not do badly. Neither do the stoics who are much appreciated these days. The world might look like China, or India, or any of a number of other regions that are little influenced, if at all, by Christianity or Judaism. In fact, there is much we can learn from these cultures. If my old seminary professor Charles Partee was right and my memory correct, Calvin read the stoic Seneca every day of his life; something to think about.

So what does Christianity offer us that we cannot find in say, Plato, or Cicero, or the Buddha, or the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, or Oprah, or ... Open your Bibles and read.

To begin I will quote the Dutch theologian Herman Bavinck: (Yes, you can groan) *"The essence of the Christian religion consists on the reality that the creation of the Father, ruined by sin, is restored in the death the Son of God, and re-created by the grace of the Holy Spirit. (in volume 1 of his Dogmatics, p. 38) A good summary – that does not answer our question, but defines its boundaries."*

What Christianity does and as far as I know other religions, faiths, or philosophies do not do, is define itself as love for the other person, God and neighbor, as prior to love for oneself. The Christian faith first points out the pernicious stubbornness of our own self-serving will, even if this selfishness is painful to others. It then offers us a solution by offering to us grace by connecting us to the most loving power invading the Universe. This power is God become and in Jesus of Nazareth who lives with us and suffers with us and dies at our – selfish – hands. Understanding this – that God loves us first – before Godself – frees us from our own total selfishness, a selfishness that isolates us from both our own selves and others. Now we can Love God totally, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.

When we live like this, in the divine and loving image of the God who created us, it forms a new world, a good world, a world in which our selfishness does not isolate from others. This isolation by the way is, biblically speaking, called "Death." Rather we enter into life, life defined by connection and relationship through love, not our love though, but God's love given to us through grace.

On this basis, Christianity is nothing to fool with, especially at Easter; it brings life where otherwise there is death.

by Pastor Pete

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THE POKE RUN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 30th				



The season of **Lent** is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness.



Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed. **Palm Sunday Worship, Sunday March 25th, and plan on attending a luncheon prepared by the Poke Run Deacons, immediately following the 11am worship.**



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days, remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. **Maundy Thursday Worship on March 29th Come and share a meal together. Dinner at 6pm, before Worship Service at 7:30pm.**



Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. It is an especially important time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life.



The festival of the Resurrection of the Lord, **Easter Sunday** is the center of the Christian year. On this occasion the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead....Easter Sunday is something like the keystone of an arch — the top and center stone upon which all the other stones lean and depend — both in terms of its theological significance and its relation to other events in the Christian year. Theologically speaking, the faith we claim and the life we live depend on the affirmation, celebration and proclamation of Christ's resurrection.

Come to Poke Run for Easter Worship: Services at 8:30am and 11am

Information provided above is from the website of:



Communion is shared during the Early 8:30am Worship service every Sunday. morning. Additionally, Communion will be celebrated during the following Worship services in 2018.

March 25th—Palm Sunday(11am)
March 29th—Maundy Thursday(7:30pm)
April 1st—Easter(11am)
May 20th—Pentecost (11am)
June 3rd(11am)
July 1st (11am)

August 5th(11am)
September 9th(11am)
October 7th(11am)
December 2nd—1st Sunday of Advent(11am)
December 24th—Christmas Eve (5pm & 7:30pm)



Thank you to everyone who participated in our February worship services.

Our February Lectors: Tom Kimble, Chad McCutcheon, Valerie Hansen, and Josh Porterfield

Our February Greeters: The Cub Scouts, Freda Bowman, Edyth Elwood, Walt Lange, Debbie Seighman, and Andy & Eva Bantroch

A special thank you to Boy Scout Pack 500 Cub Scouts for serving as greeters and ushers on "Scout Sunday", February 4th. Please keep these scouts in your prayers.

Scouts: Steven Fischel Bill Watt (leader) Daniel Grossheim (leader)
Garrett Tarsevitsch Logan Watt Jim Tarsevitsch (leader)



Barbi Findley would like to *".. Thank everyone for their cards, phone calls and prayers during her recent hospitalization.."* She continues to *"... feel blessed by all"* as she recovers.

*"We would like to let everyone know how grateful we are for all of the cards and prayers over the past 5 1/2 months. It is a blessing that we are part of such a faithful and loving congregation. Praying as a couple has become part of our daily life, and we know that God listens. He has answered our prayers, and Larry is cancer-free! With heartfelt thanks, **Debbie and Larry Seighman**"*



Poke Run's **Jeff Wilkinson** will be receiving his Eagle Scout award at a ceremony at Poke Run on Sunday March 11th at 2:30pm. All are welcome. Jeff is one of the last two Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout troop 552, which was formerly chartered to Poke Run Church.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate the "World Day of Prayer.(WDP)" on Friday, March 2nd. WDP has grown from small seeds into a global ecumenical movement, a tree that grows every year. "The trust that we have is in God who gives the seeds the strength to grow and the tree to bear fruit. "

From wdp-usa.org

Prayer *"God, source of our strength, we thank you. You transform the seed into fruit. You feed and sustain us. You are with us on easy and difficult paths. You enable us to walk with one another. We ask you, help us to trust your strength that cares for what is small and that can, create something marvelous from timid beginnings be near us, guide and move us. As the grains from many fields become bread so make out of us one community, a sign of hope in this world Amen"*



New Member Class



New Members Class—

Pastor Pete is putting together a class for anyone interested in joining the Poke Run congregation. If you would like to join or want more information, see Pastor Pete or contact the Church Office. 724-327-5563

From the Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session Minutes January 9, 2018

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.

Question to consider: Are we going to reestablish our Parents Church or establish a Church for our Children & Grandchildren?

2018 Theme: "How to bring God's Word to all people in this place and time"

Session Members present: Rev. Peter Goetschius -Moderator, Clerk – Connie Cauvel. Assistant Clerk – Chad McCutcheon, Sandy Chappell, Tom Kimble, Nikki McQuaide, Bob Wilson, Brett Stevenson, Laurie Martin, Caleigh Chappell **Guests:** Linda Chicka

2017 Officers: **MSC:** Connie Cauvel- Clerk of Session

MSC: Chad McCutcheon Assistant Clerk of Session

MSC: Amy Wilkinson to continue as Church Treasurer and Shyrl Stange Financial Administrator

MC: To approve the Church Giving Process Policy (Originates from Budget & Finance Committee)

MSC: To approve Communion and Offering Schedule

MSC: To approve the Session Minutes of: December 12, 2017

MSC: To accept the Deacon Minutes of: Did not meet

MSC: To accept the Trustee minutes of: Did not meet

MSC: To: accept Treasurer's Report – 12/31/18

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: We are very grateful that our "Giving" at the end of the year was exceptionally strong. Committee will meet on January 23 after the Financial Review. Session reviewed Poke Run's Giving Process Policy

Christian Ed & Youth: Sandy Chappell- did not meet

Mission and Stewardship: Bob Wilson -Food Bank will be August 18, 2018.

Personnel: Laurie Martin – did not meet

Congregational Life: Connie Cauvel -A sub committee met January 4, and scheduled the 2018 Communion and offering participants

Technology: Chad McCutcheon – did not meet

Nominating: Pete will meet with the Committee after Easter.

Ad Hoc Committees

Kitchen Committee – Waiting for a third bid on a stove. Storage Rooms were extensively cleaned.

Committee is trying to get things off the floor and counters to make more room.

Fishing Team – Tom Kimble - Information cards for the congregation are included in offering envelopes.

Old Business: Cemetery update –Tom Kimble, Bob Wilson -They installed a new gate at the top of Cemetery

New Business:

Linda Chicka presented the project "Hope in a Bag" from the Addiction Ministry Network.

MSC: To participate in the Redstone Addiction Ministry "Hope in a Bag" Ministry from February 25,through March 18.

Donated Items will be taken to the March 20 Presbytery Meeting

MSC: To approve Jeff Wilkinson request to use of the Session rooms for Vietnam presentation January 27th.

MSC: To appoint Connie Cauvel as Representative to Presbytery meetings (Unless another Session member wishes to attend)

Absent vs. excused for Session Meeting. Please notify Connie if you are unable to attend a Session meeting and you will be excused. Meetings that are simply missed with no notification or explanation will be considered an absence.

Committee Reports - please send to Connie before Session meeting if lengthy or involved.

Close with prayer: Sandy Chappell

Respectfully Submitted:



Connie Cauvel (Clerk of Session)

Adjourn: 8:15 PM

Approved: February 13, 2017

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 March 12, 2018.

For our prayers: Scott Ankney, BABY, Renee Bates, Kelly Bell, Ronda Bertelle, Lil Bowman, Sarah Brank, John Britz, Max Brooks, Ralph Brown, Carolyn Buckley, William Caldwell, Dave Carroll, Irene Clark, Collin, Jim Dunmire, Sara Dyer, Shirley Elwood, Terry Fairbanks, Jean Fanelli, Barbi Findley, Elmer Foley, Laurel Frey, Lee & Linda Gardener, Nancy Gearhard, Marnee Gormley, Sally Graham, Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Frank Hansen, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Joyce Hodges, Millie Horvath, Brenda Hughes, Leland & Berenice Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Kim, Joel Ladik and wife Katie, Rhett LaRue and family, Heather Lynn, Allison Lengauer Jordan, Pat Lengauer, Tammy Libengood, Cliff Lightner, Norm Linhart, Loretta, John Mango, Irma McDivitt, Mary Lou McKay, Conrad McQuaide, Amy McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, June & Roy Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sam Musmanno, Sandy Nemetz, Carol O'Malley, Thad Overly, the family of Harold Painter, Sarah Parrish, Evelyn Pfeffer, Randy Pfeffer, Winifred Powers, Rafael Rincon, Steve Roman, Glenn Ross, Mary Ellen Ross, Larry Seighman, Valerie Shondelmyer, Joanne Smith, JD Staite, Mary Jane Staite, Dinah Staymates, Jennifer Steiner, Mildred Striner, Ken Swank, Arlene Switzer, Bev & Mario Tagliati, Amy Teele, Craig Thompson, Jim Thompson, Jill Tocco, Terry Wiester, Clay Wilabee, Kate Wolford, Peter Yurtin, those gripped by addictions, those who serve in the military, our country and our world.



Occasionally names are removed from the prayer list when the office has not been updated, if you see one removed that should remain, please contact the office.

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

Sunday, March 18th—deadline to order **Easter Food Baskets**.

If you know of someone who would benefit by receiving a basket, please contact a Deacon or call the Poke Run Office.

You will need to provide the name and phone number of the person who will be picking up the basket. PICK-UP Thursday, March 22nd, 7:30pm.



Palm Sunday Luncheon

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

The Poke Run Congregation is invited to a Palm Sunday luncheon immediately following the 11am. worship service on Sunday,

March 25th. Please plan to stay for the luncheon and enjoy good food and fellowship. If you are available to help with the luncheon in any way, please contact a Deacon.

THE POKE RUN TRUSTEES

"Trustee Appreciation!" Thank you to our Trustees and everyone who regularly takes care of things around the church. Your efforts and help are not unnoticed!. **Please consider** coming out to the next scheduled Work Day on Saturday March 24th—9am at the church. There is always plenty to do for all skill levels.

. Put it on your calendar. Thank you IN ADVANCE for your help.

ATTENTION: The Trustees will be removing the front pews on each side of the sanctuary. If anyone is interested in them, contact the Church office or a Trustee.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS



Maundy
Thursday

PLEASE JOIN US:

Circle 2 would like to invite everyone to dinner before the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 29th at 6 pm. Join us for dinner and fellowship; We can worship together in commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus and the Apostles at the Maundy Thursday service that begins at 7:30pm.

FRIENDSHIP BRUNCH

Thank you to everyone who came out for the annual "Friendship Brunch" This has certainly become a time of celebrating community and the "LOVE" that brings us all together. If you missed it this year—DON'T MISS IT NEXT YEAR!!!! It's TOOOOOO much fun!!!

A very special thank you to **Barbi Findley, Nancy Dombroske, Meghan Goodiski, and Nicole Goodiski**— who TRULY made it a festive and beautiful event.



It's TGIF time!! And YOUR help is needed!

Poke Run's Good Friday, **TGIF** Program will be held on March 30th 8:30AM until 1:00PM for kids age 3 through Grade 12. Breakfast and lunch are provided. This year's theme is **"FEED MY SHEEP"**. Activities and classes will be held through sixth grade. Older kids will have a Youth Group Day; assisting with activities, learning, doing a service project and having fun together.



NEEDED: Volunteers to assist in the day's events and to help with clean-up. Or, if you're unable to help please come and join us for lunch to hear the exciting news the children have to share. Please contact Laurie Martin 724-433-2404 or the church office 724-327-5563 with questions or offers of help. *Most importantly, pray that what we do as a church may be pleasing to God, and then round up your friends, children, grandchildren and neighbors to attend.*

One of the ways we will "FEED SHEEP" at TGIF will be to put together 25 **Operation Christmas Child** boxes. A quality soccer ball and small pump will be included in each of the boxes. The cost for these two items is approximately \$20.00. Envelopes are provided in the Narthex if you wish to donate to the purchase of the soccer items. You may also donate suggested items from the following list:



SHOE BOXES

Toothbrush

Tote bag, small backpack

Picture book

Washcloth

Hair bows

Blank index cards

TOYS and TOOLS

Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Blunt scissors

Stickers

Compact mirror

Pens, Pencils, Erasers

Protractor

Skipping rope/Jump

Adhesive bandages

Small manual pencil

Glue stick (NO liquid glue.)

Puzzles

Reusable plastic containers:

sharpener

Small adhesive tape

Solar powered calculator

cup, water bottle, plate,

Colored pencils

Watercolor set

Binoculars

bowl, blunt-edged utensils

Pencil case

No food, liquids, weapons

Building Blocks

CLOTHING

Chalk and chalkboard

or articles of war

Small Tools

Underwear & socks

Crayons, Markers

Hand crank flashlight

Flip-flops

Ruler

HYGIENE ITEMS

Sunglasses

Small tablets, Notebooks

Comb, Hairbrush

Coloring books

Please contact Laurie Martin (724-727-3361) if you can help in any way! Thank you in advance for all that you can do!

Sunday School at Poke Run Church

Classes meet each Sunday at 10am.

FOR THE KIDS Children's Class! – for all ages



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Meeting in the West Wayside room (on the left at the end of the hall)
- using the David C. Cook series titled **"Acknowledging God"**

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

TODAY'S Christian LIVING



THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

FREE—in the Narthex:

copies of the two publications,

The Upper Room - daily devotional, and

Today's Christian Living - magazine



The Annual Virginia Mission Trip in conjunction with *ProjectCrossroads* is scheduled for June 24th through 29th. Linda Chicka plans to have applications ready soon, so see her or call the office if you are interested in attending. Also, please remember that you must have current Youth Protection clearances on file in the office to participate in this and many of our outreaches.

The next "Soup for the Soul" will be Wednesday, March 14th.

Turkey & Rice Soup this month— doors open at 11:30am, soup is served at noon. Come and bring a friend, help extend a Christian welcome and presence to those God brings to Poke Run!

If you care to contribute a dessert—please call Amy in the office.



Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst

Countless studies have shown that we all learn in different ways. Some learn best by listening to a lecture, others need to interact and experiment with the material. Gardner's multiple intelligences theory lists 8 ways in which people learn: visual, musical, kinesthetic, interpersonal, logical, verbal, & intrapersonal. It stands to reason that if we learn in different ways, then we each probably connect with our faith in different ways too.



A great way to tap into this variation on worship is to set up "prayer stations." Stations can be tactile, reflective, creative, and simple. Many prayer station tracks will have a particular focus, such as a Biblical theme (Waiting; Fruits of the Spirit) or a Bible Story (Advent/Birth of Jesus; Holy Week.) You can find loads of station ideas to incorporate into your worship services or special prayer room on Pinterest, websites such as engageworship.org, rethinkingyouthministry.com, and in books like "Creative Prayer" by Faith McCloud. Check out our newest blog post at redstonetogether.blogspot.com to view station ideas (and pictures) that allow you to walk through the last week of Jesus' life here on earth, put together by Rev. Niki Atkinson at First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg. May your creative worship experience reflect the One who has created each one of us!

REDSTONE ADDICTION MINISTRY &

HOPE IN A bag



Hope in a Bag started when Renah's Uncle Mike died from a drug overdose. The 12-year old from Smithton started collecting toiletries and other small items for people who want to go into recovery. Unfortunately, too many people tried to "get clean" without even the simple things like a soap or a toothbrush. The Redstone Addiction Ministry group is sponsoring a presbytery-wide collection in January and February for Hope in a Bag. Here are the items you can donate:

Small bible	Deodorant
Pens and pencils	Razors
Journals	Feminine hygiene products
Cards	Dental floss
Soap/Body wash	Nail clippers
Shampoo/Conditioner	Q-tips
Toothbrushes	Small blankets
Toothpaste	Hardtack candies

Poke Run is collecting items for "Hope in a Bag," leave your donations in the Narthex.

The "FIRST FRUITS" offering is Poke Run's commitment to the larger church. Please consider an offering beyond your local giving, of \$35 per member.



FOUR GUYS AT FOUR

FIVE GUYS®

A FUNDRAISING AND PROMOTIONAL EVENT
For Pine Springs Camp

WHEN
SUNDAY, MARCH 18
12PM-4PM

WHERE
Five Guys Locations in
Murrysville
Irwin
Greensburg

WHAT IS IT

Each **Five Guys** location will be open from 12-4 p.m. Anyone who comes to support Pine Springs Camp, will be greeted by a Pine Springs Staff member and 20% of their total bill will be given to Pine Springs Camp!

WHO

We are hoping everyone, young and old, youth groups, Sunday School Classes and families will come and enjoy some burgers and fries and at the same time support the ministry of Pine Springs Camp!

FUNDS RAISED

All funds generated will go to a cool Summer Camp program addition for this summer!

BRING OTHERS!

There will be promo stuff, giveaways, brochures and a PSC staff person will be available to answer any questions. This will be a great way to introduce new campers and families to the incredible summer camp ministry of Pine Springs Camp...

WOMEN IN THE WOODS

April 6-8, 2018

From his fullness we have all
received, grace upon grace.

John 1:16



*What comes to mind when
we think of God's grace?
Amazing, right!?*

Women in the Woods is a retreat designed to be physically and spiritually refreshing for women of all ages. The teaching will be incredible, and the retreat will be packed with great singing, fun, laughter and fellowship. The retreat will run from Friday evening and end Sunday morning, culminating with a special worship service. Consider a Women in the Woods retreat for you, your church, or just bring a friend and join us!

Grace upon grace is our theme for the Spring 2018 Women in the Woods retreat at Pine Springs Camp. We will contemplate grace at work in the life of Peter and discover how we can be inspired by his life and his grappling with grace. We will be reminded that we are saved by grace, need daily grace, are forgiven by grace and can only face tomorrow by grace! We are going to have a grace based weekend together... once again reflecting upon the beauty, sufficiency, and amazing nature of grace!

RETREAT DETAILS:

COST: Cost for the retreat is \$95.00 This fee includes all teaching sessions, 4 meals, accommodations and all activities.

****GROUP RATE:** \$85.00 per person This rate is for groups of 5 women or more.

****COMMUTER RATE:** \$65.00 per person This rate includes everything except overnight accommodations.

ARRIVAL TIME: Guests may arrive anytime after 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018. The retreat begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. the retreat concludes Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

SCIENCE!

Conversations and Community Series

October 2017 - April 2018

Science and faith have something in common – the capacity to invoke a sense of wonder by engaging the world around us! Engage in this series of conversations led by scientists working in some of the fascinating areas that affect our daily lives. No science background necessary!

Each session will include content provided by the presenter and discussion. On most dates, participants are invited to chapel and to have lunch together as a group so the conversation can continue. Come to one, two, or all dates!



This series is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is strongly recommended for the series and required for the Feb. and March events.



This series is underwritten by a generous grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

More information at
412-924-1345 or ConEd@pts.edu

March 21, 2018, 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Creation, Intelligent Design, and the Evolutionary Process
Stephen J. Tonsor, Director of Science and Research, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Pittsburgh

April 18, 2018, 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Genetic Engineering
Lisa Parker, Professor of Human Genetics and Director of Graduate Education, Center for Bioethics and Health Law, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh



Office Hours at the Church 9:30am—2:30pm most days. Call ahead to be sure

Amy is there! The office will be closed on **March 30th**.

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

Please share any contact information updates with the Church Office so that you do not miss out on any information.

Next Ranger Deadline: March 26th

Directory

A 2018 Directory update is Happening! - Check in the Narthex to verify and update your information. Contact the office to make corrections.

724-327-5563 or email your information to pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net

Hoping to publish by April. Thank you.



HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

March 2—*"World Day of Prayer"* breakfast 9am Delmont Presbyterian Church

March 4—*PSC JUMPS*—Flight Trampoline Park, Bridgeville PA 6-8pm, \$10

March 11-14 -*"Discipleship: The Inner and Outer Life of Faith"* www.pts.edu/Discipleship_2018

March 17—*PSC SKATES*—Center Ice, Delmont PA 3:30-5:30pm, FREE (\$1.50 skate rental)

March 20—Redstone Presbytery Meeting, 6pm First Presbyterian, Belle Vernon

Friendship Dinner—2nd Wednesday of every month, 5-6pm New Kensington United Presbyterian

Poke Run Offices will be closed on Friday, March 30th.

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday night, March 10th!

April 14—Redstone PW "Spring Gathering" call the office for more information or see the newsletter on the Redstone Website

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

March 1,8,15,22—Delmont Ministerial Lenten Luncheons, noon St John's Delmont (RSVP at 724-327-0647)

March 17—Kiski Area Track & Field *Shamrock Run*—Kunkle Park

March 21-24—Kiski Area High School musical production *"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"*



April 6, 2018, 7:00 PM
Salem Lutheran Church
Open to area students Grades 1-12

Applications available at
your school, or email
lions.talent@gmail.com

Deadline to sign up:
March 23, 2018
Call 724-668-7175 Or
724-468 6270 for more
information.

3 Divisions

- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School

Cash Awards

- Grand Prize*
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
Winners in each
Division
- * Grand Prize Winner
moves on to District
Talent Contest

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Congratulations!
Corey Kelley was
awarded the "Green Clock
Award" for excellence in
Calculus. Corey had the
highest pre-final average
in all of the Professor
Mike Weiner's Math 140
classes during the fall
semester of the the year
2017 at Penn State.

RECEIVED by Website EMAIL(per Sept 1973 Ranger):

"My wife and I were married on June 30, 1973 at Poke Run . We were both members, ...My wife and I have lived in Louisville KY since 1989. I have been a PCA pastor since 1979 but recently "retired"I now serve as stated supply pastor ...If the Lord allows, we will try and stop by and say "hello" next time we are there. Give the pastor my greeting in the Lord, Dave and Kathy (Kistler) Dively."





2018

PHOTOS WANTED!!!!

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 LENT 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am SunSch 7pm Bible Study	5 7pm Deacons	6 7pm Budget & Finance	7 6:30pm Bells 7pm Choir 7pm Mission & Stewardship	8	9	10
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25  8:30 & 11am Worship 10am SunSch 7pm Bible Study	26	27	28 6:30pm Bells 7pm Choir	29 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30pm  	30 OFFICE CLOSED 	31



Palm Sunday Luncheon
after 11am Worship

Dinner at 6pm



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Poke Run Presbyterian Church

1091 Poke Run Church Rd.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30am and 11am

Sundays 7pm Bible Study

Sunday School: 10am adults & kids

Tuesdays 10am Women's Bible Study

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Worship Together! Easter Services

March 25th Palm Sunday, Luncheon following 11am Service

March 29th, Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30pm, dinner at 6pm



Easter Sunday Services, April 1st

Worship at 8:30am and 11am

Sunday School at 10am