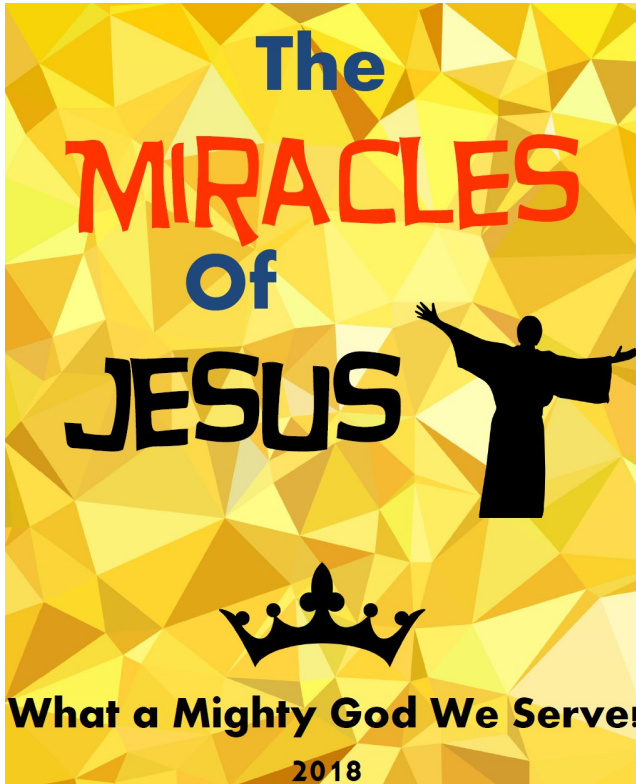


**SPECIAL
EDITION**

July 13, 2018

Poke Run Presbyterian Church



**Get Ready for
Poke Run Church
Vacation Bible School
2018**

"The Miracles of Jesus"

July 22nd—26th,

Free Family Dinner every night at 5:30pm.

VBS Helpers and Volunteers Needed

The apostle Paul wrote, "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith." Philemon 1:6. Vacation Bible School is a great opportunity to show and share your faith! We are in need of many teachers, helpers, and volunteers to allow our program to run smoothly. Please consider how you are willing to help. Contact the Church office or Linda Chicka (724-422-3688.) You can also email your information to Linda at lgchicka@gmail.com. Thank you!

(If you do not have your necessary clearances yet—contact Amy in the office and she will be happy to set up a time to help you get them—they are FREE.)

And MOST IMPORTANTLY, consider who you might invite to attend Vacation Bible School—forms will be available in the Narthex or again, call the office to register. (724-327-5563.)

FUN for Everyone during VBS Week

The kids shouldn't have ALL THE FUN during Bible School week. Consider coming out **Tuesday (July 24th RAIN DAY WEDNESDAY JULY 25TH)** evening from 6:30-8pm for a campfire, s'mores and hotdogs, maybe some fun playing cornhole—a time for fun and community. We'll gather at the fire circle in the clearing above the cemetery gazebo—look for directions. Bring your chair if you wish, and come up for a relaxing evening. (DRIVE all the way up to the clearing, parking is available there.)

Invite a friend!



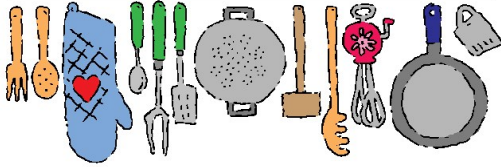
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No changes: two Sunday Services,
8:30am & 11am.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE THROUGH
THE SUMMER—10AM
SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 7PM**

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



News from the Kitchen Committee and Kitchen Upgrade Team

Poke Run's kitchen is getting a facelift! More than a year ago a kitchen committee of Doug Ross-chairperson, Bob Wilson, Sandy Chappell and Laurie Martin was formed to investigate and recommend suggestions for updating the church kitchen. The creation of this committee was prompted by the need to replace the commercial stove and in response to the changing needs for the use of our kitchen. The stove is over 50 years old and is unreliable. It has only worked for the last five years thanks to numerous "fixes" by Bob Wilson. Thank you, Bob!!!

Since the creation of the committee several events have occurred. One is the steep price increase of appliances; approximately 10% in less than a year. The most notable event is the deteriorating condition of the floor in the storage room adjacent to the kitchen. The floor in the kitchen is also showing wear; both floors are almost 60 years old. These floors are problematic and need to be replaced or contained. A major project like floor replacement gives a nudge to consider a more comprehensive plan for improving our kitchen.

In May the Kitchen Committee recommended and Session approved Bob Wilson, Ron Hileman and Tim Martin to form a Kitchen Upgrade Team to meet with contractors to do an assessment of the kitchen and storage area, receive suggestions on upgrading our kitchen/storage area and determine pricing for improvements. A list of suggested improvements from the Kitchen Committee was presented:

- New floor in kitchen and storage room
- Alternate use of storage room as kitchen annex and pantry
- Electrical updates
- Air condition kitchen and Fellowship Hall
- Beverage center in Fellowship Hall alcove
- Pass thru window for dishwasher sink
- Storage room access from kitchen
- Reconfigure the kitchen
- Refurbish kitchen cabinets
- New stove
- New dishwasher
- New refrigerator
- Lighting updates
- Painting
- Reorganize items in cabinets and mount shelving
- Lower washing sinks and replace faucets
- Redesign kitchen doors
- Purchase serving tables

Immediate purchase of a new commercial stove to replace our existing stove at a cost of approximately \$12,000 was approved at the June meeting of Session.

The Kitchen Upgrade Team has already met with several contractors and is currently gathering information for the improvement and consolidation of our kitchen and storage room.

Keep these volunteers in your prayers as they navigate all options for the Poke Run kitchen.



Pine Springs Sunday—July 22nd

Sunday, July 22, 2018 is officially proclaimed "***Pine Springs Sunday at Poke Run!!!***"

Please plan to join in worship at the 11AM service to hear about the "Vital Encounters" our campers experienced during their week at Pine Springs. This year's theme permeated the week at camp as campers heard the stories of people that had vital encounters with Jesus...the woman who touched Jesus' hem, Zaccheus, Thomas, and the woman that anointed Jesus' feet with her tears.

Poke Run is so blessed that 16, yes, 16 campers have attended or will attend Pine Springs Camp this summer camping season. Their attendance is made possible through the church's newly created Pine Springs Campership Fund. The fund was created through a one-time gift from the Mission and Stewardship Committee and will be supported through donations in the coming years.

Campers attending through the campership program were:

Adleigh Fulton
Evan Hileman
Logan Hileman
Kaylee Holzer
Laurie Martin
Logan McGarry
Morgan McGarry
Payton McGarry
Jessica Slaughaupt
Callie Spaulding
Ellie Spaulding
Miles Spaulding
Brea Stevenson
Paige Stevenson
Austin Weyel
Lucas Weyel



Again, mark July 22nd on your calendar and join us as our campers express their gratitude for the gifts of Poke Run and share songs and stories of the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus



Poke Run has "adopted" a 2018 Pine Springs staff member, to keep in prayer and encourage through the summer.

Isabel Fowler, Pine Springs Camp

P O Box 186, 371 Pine Springs Camp Road, Jennerstown PA 15547

ADDRESS LABELS FOR Isabel ARE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOUR USE SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND A CARD OR SMALL TOKEN.



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 "Justice in the New Testament"

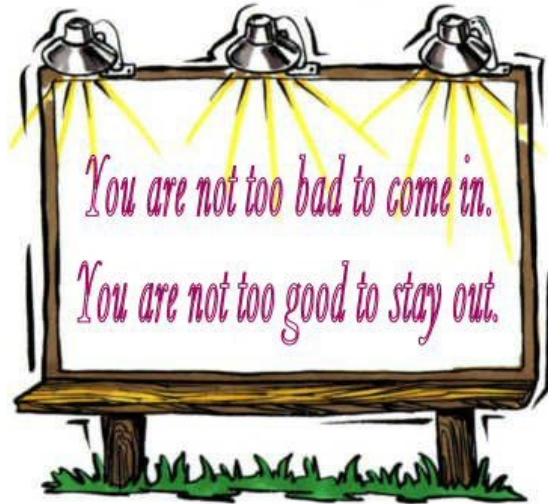
Join in the fellowship area for refreshment and conversation between the early service and Sunday School.

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

TODAY'S Christian LIVING



PHOTOS WANTED!!!!

The Office can use emailed photos from cameras or cell phones. Share your good news!!! We'd love to include more pics from church functions and from YOU!

AUGUST RANGER DEADLINE: July 25th .



You can find Poke Run Presbyterian Church on Facebook!
- featuring the "Daily Verse"

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