

SATURDAY JUNE 8TH 3-6PM

Ham BBQ, Hotdogs, a variety of salads

and of course....

STRAWBERRY DESSERTS!!!!

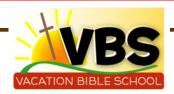
Adults \$9.00 Children \$4.00 (children under 3—FREE)

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The Ranger

Poke Run Presbyterian Church



Get Ready for Poke Run Church Vacation Bible School! July 21st—25th "Faith Champions!"

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.)





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

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

Weekly Office Hours: "most days" 9:30am-2:30pm, Call before coming out to the church



Thank you to our May Greeters:

Debbie Delfavero, Amy Wilkinson and Lizzy Wilkinson, Heidi, Evan and Logan Hileman, Bob & Iris Kiebler

Thank you to our May Lectors:

Bob Fitzgerald, Logan Hileman, Ethan Woodhall, and Shyrl Stange

Thank you to all "phantom weeders and planters" who help keep the church property looking so nice.





Thank you to everyone who came out and helped mark the Poke Run Cemetery graves of those who served in the US Armed Services. If you know of anyone who was missed, please contact **Linda Chicka** or the church office. 724-327-5563

Below is a shot of the scouts who came out to help—



In addition, Linda Chicka continues to maintain a database acknowledging all our church members and attendees, past and present, who have given service to our county. Please let her know if you or any of your family have served, and the time-frame and branch of the military in which they were active.





HUGE thanks and appreciation to the "Soup Crew" for another successful season of the "Soup for the Soul". This outreach originally inspired and created by *Ron and Carole Bowman* continues to feed the bodies and souls of the Poke Run Community. If you haven't attended, mark your calendar for next season! *Serving soup since 2012!* See you in the fall! (October 9, 2019)



Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Foodbank last month. Another important outreach that feeds body and soul. **August 17th is our next scheduled volunteer day.**



For our prayers:

Ali Ankney, Scott Ankney, Annette, baby Noah, Carol Bartachellei, Renee Bates, Matt Beacom, Ronda Bertelle, Jeannie Bowman, Lil Bowman, Rick Bowman, Ron & Carole Bowman, Mike Brewer, Skye Brewer, Max Brooks, Ralph Brown, Carolyn Buckley, Bill Caldwell, Nora Jane Caporali, Dave Carroll, Ben Chicka, Irene Clark, Collin, Carol Croff & family, Marie D, Kelly Daugherty Farley,

Tommie DeSantis, Sharon DiBagno, Hannah Dixon, Jim Dunmire, Sara Dyer, Shirley Elwood, Terry Fairbanks, Fran Ferragonio, Elmer Foley, Laurel Frey, Lee & Linda Gardener, Dolly George, Marnee Gormley, Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Betty Henry, Don Henry, Brenda Hughes, Leland Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Rob Kemerer, Kim, Joann Kole, Steve Kosinski, Joel Ladik and wife Katie, Rhett LaRue and family, Dana, Allison Lengauer Jordan, Pat Lengauer, Cliff Lightner, Heather Lynn, Freda Mahen, the McCutcheon family, Irma McDivitt, Ronnie McDivitt, Mary Lou McKay, Amy McQuaide, Conrad McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, June & Roy Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sam Musmanno, Sandy Nemetz, Leanne O'Connor, Ray O'Neil, Thad Overly, Sandy Pajak, Sarah Parrish, Evelyn Pfeffer, Randy Pfeffer, Pam Poremski, Winifred Powers, Reno, Rafael Rincon, Steve Roman, Debbie & Larry Seighman, Valerie Shondelmeyer, Linda Shoop, Joanne Smith, Dorothy Sottoriva, Carol Soule, Mary Jane Staite, Dinah Staymates, Steve, Mildred Striner, Arlene Switzer, Bev & Mario Tagliati, Amy Teele, Craig Thompson, the Thompson family, Jill Tocco, Sue Washburn, Linda Wengert, Jayne Wiester, Terry Wiester, Neale & June Weister, Clay Wilabee, Bruce Wise, Kate Wolford. Those gripped by addictions, Those who serve in the military, Pray for 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. 724-327-5563

Poke Run is sending 17 campers to Pine Springs Camp this summer – pray that this will be a safe and meaningful time for all of them.



"To the Poke Run Deacons, Knitters, Soup Deliverers, phone callers, prayer warriors and Pastor Pete – I am grateful for your love and support during my cancer journey. You have been the hands & feet of Christ in so many ways. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to be a blessing! In Christ, Sue Washburn"



Poke Run has "adopted" a 2019 Pine Springs staff member, to keep in prayer and encourage through the summer.

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

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









PENTECOST On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world.

In 2019, Pentecost is celebrated on Sunday, June 9th



TRINITY SUNDAY On Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

In 2019, Trinity Sunday is remembered on June 16th

Information provided here is from the website of:



FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE Poke Run Presbyterian Session meeting of April 9, 2019. NOTE: Session meetings are open to all members of the church. Complete Session Minutes are available in the office for Church member review.

A quorum was present and, Rev. Peter Goetschius, Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and devotions. All Session Members were present.

MSC: To approve the Session Minutes of: March 12, 2019, Deacon Minutes of: March 4, 2019, Trustee minutes of: February 28, 2019 and Treasurer's Report: March 31, 2019

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed & Youth: Laurie Martin - TGIF: April 19th, Theme - Jesus' Love is a Bubblin' Over

/ Love your neighbor as you love yourself. VBS: July 21st-25th FALL RALLY-Considering a Sunday School kick-off Sept 8. **Pine Spring Sunday** will celebrated August 4, 2019 after the late service with a Pot Luck Picnic. Next

Meeting – April 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM – CE meets on the 4th Monday of the month.

Mission and Stewardship: Bob Wilson - Committee is asking us to pray for different ways.

Technology: Brett Stevenson – Met on April 1 – new website

Nominating: Nicole Goodiski, Nikki McQuaide - Pete will meet with Committee after Easter.

Trustee Representative: Bob Wilson - Bob & Linda will review the Church By-laws

Ad Hoc Committee

Fishing Team – Tom Kimble - Investigating putting Pete's Sermons on our Website can be streamed on our Website. MP: Fishing team will begin streaming Pete's Sermons from the Late Service on Facebook. Old Business: Calendar Review & yearly reminders for Session

Manse Report to Presbytery is complete and submitted to Presbytery

Policies on Building usage, Chair & Table borrowing policies – originates from Trustees - in progress

New Business:

Discussion about Faith Night at PNC Park Suggestion from Linda Chicka. Session gave Linda permission to go forward to organize this.

MP: Pine Spring Sunday will celebrated August 4, 2019 after the late service with a Pot Luck Picnic.

MSP: To approve the use of Fellowship Hall by Sandy Chappell on Saturday, November 9th for a birthday party. The calendar is clear.

MSP: To change the date of the Strawberry Festival from Saturday June 1 to Saturday June 8 per Deacons

MSP: To approve Saturday October 19th Rummage Sale (week before prep) request from Circle 2

MSP: To approve Saturday November 23rd Dollar Spaghetti Dinner (Thursday prior prep)

MP: To investigate new secure Church Website design that will attract people to Poke Run.

MSP: To approve the Program: "Into the Light: Christian Responses to Addiction"

Linda Chicka and Valerie will lead this .



The Poke Run Nominating Committee has begun their work to prepare the slate of Elders, Trustees and Deacons for the 2020 year. Please keep this group and those who are called to serve the Poke Run Congregation

in your prayers. Also please prayerfully consider your calling at Poke Run.

Next meetings: May 29 and June 5.



Communion is shared during the Early 8:30am Worship service every Sunday. In addition, communion will be celebrated during the following Worship services in 2019.

June 9th– Pentecost July 7th 11am

August 4th 11am October 6th—World Communion
September 8th 11am December 1st—Advent

December 24th—Christmas Eve



In May, Poke Run Presbyterian Church celebrated and recognized those who share their musical talents. The Congregational Life committee prepared a brunch in their honor that was shared by many.

Organist & Choir Director

Sean O'Neil

Early Service Music Director

Linda Moorhead

Choir (pictured below)

Jan Fitzgerald
Nicole Goodiski
Valerie Hansen
Evan Hileman
Logan Hileman
Becky Lange
Don Lengauer
Patty Lengauer

Laurie Martin Cindy McQuaide

Nikki McQuaide Albert Moorhead

Jessica Slaugenhaupt

Handbell Choir

Freda Bowman Edyth Elwood Jan Fitzgerald Cindy McQuaide Sean O'Neil Amy Wilkinson

Vocal Soloists

Shelly Chappell-Vaia Karen Goetschius Don Lengauer Laurie Martin

Praise Band (pictured below)

Shelly Chappell-Vaia
Debbie Delfavero
Nancy Dombroske
Karen Goetschius
Cindy McQuaide
Nikki McQuaide
Sean O'Neil
Jessica Slaugenhaupt

Instrumentalists & Special Guests

Remedy

Debbie Delfavero—guitar Karen Goetschius - piano Linda Moorhead – piano Cindy McQuaide—cajon Elizabeth Schachte—voice Sean O'Neil – organ, piano Amy Wilkinson – piano

Sunday School Choir

Alivia Ankney
Francesca Chappell-Vaia
Adleigh Fulton
Addie Goetschius
Morgan McGarry
Peytan McGarry
Silas McIntyre
Jessica Slaugenhaupt
Bria Stevenson
Paige Stevenson

Austin Weyel Lucas Weyel

Director: Karen Goetschius







Poke Run Presbyterian Church Recognizes Graduates Graduates were recognized and honored during the May 12th 11am Worship Service

<u>Abbey Ballas</u> (pictured at right)— Poke Run member, graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. Abbey has accepted a 3rd grade teaching position in the Clarksville School District in Nashville, Tennessee.

<u>Cheyenne Fazi</u>— daughter of Bill Fazi, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Cheyenne graduated with highest honors and Dean's List recognition.

<u>Logan Hileman</u> (pictured at right)—Poke Run member, son of Ron & Heidi Hileman, grandson of Walt & Becky Lange, 2019 graduate of Kiski Area High School. Logan achieved High Honor Roll grades 9-12 and is a member of the National Honor Society. He will be attending Penn State – New Kensington campus to study mechanical engineering. He has been accepted to the G.R.E.A.T.



(Growing Regional Excellence through Academics & Training) program which matches promising students with local professional experiences.

Brenden Kelley—Poke Run member, son of Barry & Tammy Kelley, grandson of Karen Staymates, graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. **Colin Martin**—Poke Run member, son of Tim & Laurie Martin, graduated from the Community College of Philadelphia.

<u>Patrick Wilkinson</u>—Poke Run member, son of David & Amy Wilkinson, received his Doctorate of Pathology from the Cellular and Molecular Program of the University of Pittsburgh Medical School. Patrick has accepted a research position at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts.



Ryan Mitchell Elwood—great grandson of Edyth Elwood, son of Marlene Elwood, grandson of Deane & Mary Elwood, graduated, 2019 graduate of Blairsville-Saltsburg Senior High School.







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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Women of the Church/Circle 2 will meet again in the Fall.

The REDSTONE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSION TEA—
is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th —held at Congruity Presbyterian





Buccaneer Boutique -

If you care to donate, there is a collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you!



From the Poke Run Office

Office Hours at the Church 9:30am—2:30pm most days. Call ahead to be sure Amy is there! Never hesitate to contact Pastor Pete 724-454-2278. Next Ranger Deadline: June 24th

► Copies of the Poke Run 2018 Annual Report (green cover) and a 2019 Phone Directory (yellow cover) are available in the Narthex –



UPDATE:

Berger, Bill & Robin 724-727-3302 707 Pine Run Road 724-989-8813 Bill

please let the office know of any corrections or updates.

Apollo PA 15613



The "FIRST FRUITS" offering is Poke Run's commitment to the larger church. Please consider an offering beyond your local giving, of \$42.50 per member. We have collected about 70% to date.

The Budget & Finance committee is looking for an additional member to represent the congregation. Please contact Tim Martin if you are interested.

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

And we are in the process of updating our Website

—PUTTING OUR BEST ELECTRONIC PRESENCE OUT THERE!

If you have ideas about our website—contact someone on our "Technology Committee"

Brett Stevenson Doug Ross Connie Cauvel Linda Chicka Amy Wilkinson Laurie Martin Pastor Pete Bob Wilson

<u>From the Poke Run Trustees:</u> The Trustees are busy as always— Remember to report facility problems and needs to the office and or the Trustees. Thank you as always for your help and support - so many contribute in so many ways.

HELP NEEDED: With the good weather comes the growing green of "weeds." If you have any spare time, feel free to ATTACK a flower bed around the

church. And watch for opportunities to join others – Thank you in advance for all your help. The work of "phantom" planters and weeders has not gone unnoticed and is appreciated!



Into the Light: Christian Responses to Addiction

Tuesdays, April 23 - June 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.



Addiction touches almost every person in some way. The church can be instrumental in providing support for hope and healing to those affected. These sessions were created* to open the conversation to learn how we can confront the issue of substance use disorders in our communities and homes, explore how the Bible can help us to shape our response, and open up discussions about how churches and individuals can minister to those suffering from addiction. Attend one session or all of them!

> **Healing and Recovery** May 28

Engaging Our Congregation within the Community June 4

Registration is helpful for our planning. Call/email: 724-327-5563, pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net

*Developed by the Addiction Ministry Network of the Presbytery of Redstone.

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Webinar Into the Light: **Christian Responses to Opioids**

When: Four Thursdays in May, 7 p.m. (May 9, 16, 23, 30)

How: Zoom video conference allows you to join from your own home

Registration: Email Synod **Communications Coordinator** Mike Givler (mgivler@syntrinity.org)



Mission Challenge:

In John 14:16-17a, 26, Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the

Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative-that is, the Holy Spirit-he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."

Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and then watch your life.



Sunday School at Poke Run Church

Classes meet each Sunday at 10am.

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

Sunday School FOR THE KIDS Children's Class! – music and FUN!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The class meeting in the West Wayside room (on the left at the end of the hall) is using the David C. Cook series titled "Covenant in God"

The class meeting in the Session room (on the right at the end of the hall) is using the study "When God Doesn't Fix It" by Laura Story

FREE—in the Narthex: copies of the two publications, *The Upper* Room - daily devotional, and Today's Christian Living - magazine





Thank you – to everyone who helped clean out our Christian Ed supplies – as a result – we have a lot more storage room – and are in better shape for prepping for VBS. There are quite few things w are ready to get rid of

- Check out the FREE TO YOU items located in the "Grades 1 & 2" Sunday school classroom. Everything on the white table and the small metal bookshelf are free for the taking.

Check out too the plastic bin of books. In addition, the small metal bookshelf and the metal typewriter table are available for the taking.

NO OTHER FURNITURE IN THE ROOM IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

6/1 Strawberry Festival —Community United Presbyterian, New Alexandiria

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Farmer's Markets:

Tuesdays—3-6pm, Greensburg—Lynch Field April—November

Thursdays—3-5pm, Vandergrift—Columbia Avenue June—October

Thursdays—3-7pm, Murrysville—Sardis Road June—September

Saturdays—8-noon, Ligonier May—October

Saturdays—9-noon, Monroeville—Community Park March—November

Saturdays—9am –1pm Delmont PA

Saturdays—10am-2pm Lower Burrell City Hall

June 15 Amateur Astronomers—Kunkle Park

June 26—June 29 "Creation 2019" - Christian Music Festival—Mt. Union PA

PLEASE NOTE THE POKE RUN AND REDSTONE PRESBYTERY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4TH.





Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst

Mission Partners

Even though Trinity Church in New Florence and Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown are over 60 miles apart, the two churches have partnered for mission trips for the past four years. The congregations have worked together to rebuild homes and lives from New Jersey to Houston to the Carolinas.



Marilyn Fitzsimmons, an elder at Third, has a passion for planning mission trips that bring the churches together and also include students from local colleges like Penn State (Fayette), Clarion, Pitt and Robert Morris. She says that the mission partnership between the two congregations and college students has worked well.

"Our goal is to unite together with other people and denominations."
Bill Betz of Trinity says the mission partnership has brought the congregation together in new ways. The older folks often have the finances to support mission but not the energy to do the work of mission. The younger people have the energy, but not always the money. Working together, they are able to reach out and help others in Jesus' name.

Betz says going on mission trips has helped him to get a new perspective on his life and faith.

"I have way too many things. Material things used to be important. But, once you go on one of these trips and see what people don't have it makes you rethink what it is you 'need.' The congregation has seen that change in me and it's helped them to be more generous about mission."

Fitzsimmons and Betz both welcome anyone who is interested to join their mission work by calling the church. Trinity also has a mission Facebook page at facebook.com/thelightmissionteam/



NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Katie Ballas (pictured above with Aunt Laurie Powers, and mom, Sandy Ballas) ran the Pittsburgh Marathon! 26.2 miles!!!



Abbey Ballas graduated from Slippery Rock University - pictured above with proud parents Tim & Sandy Ballas.





Walt & Becky Lange (above) celebrated 50 years of wedded BLISS as did Pastor Pete and Karen Goetchius!





THE MCCUTCHEON FAMILY ADDS: Save money by ordering tickets through MEI. Pick the tickets up at MEI before Friday June 14 or at the track. In addition be our guest at the track pavilion for food and beverages. Pre-ordered tickets allow for hospitality planning.

MEI Night @ the Races 1st Annual Chad A. McCutcheon Memorial June 14, 2019

Join us @ Lernerville for a night of racing, charity, & to cheer on MEI's driver, Brian Swartzlander. We will be selling Memorial Race Tee-Shirts benefiting JDRF @ the track that night as well. \$20 for small to 2X \$25 for 3X+

Race Details: Adults \$12, Seniors (60+) \$10, Kids (11-17) \$10, Kids (10-U) Free

If you would like to upgrade your tickets to pit passes, upgrade additions: Adults (18-60) \$10, Seniors (60+) \$12, Kids (11-17) \$12

Tickets will be ordered in advance, to place your order, please contact Nina @ ext. 100 by June 7th.

Schedule for the night:

6 pm Brian Swartzlander Meet & Greet with Car @ Lernerville Pavilion w/ Food and Beverages

7 pm Hot Laps on the track 7:30 pm Races begin

Please come even if you can't make it until 7:30 or later!

We hope to see you there!



JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun- Sch 7pm Bible Study	3 7pm Christian Ed	4 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study 7pm Into the Light	5 7pm Nominating	6	7	8 <u>Strawberry</u> <u>Festival</u>
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23/30 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun- Sch 7pm Bible Study	24	25 10am Bible Study	26	27 Trustees TBD	28	29

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!

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Pastor
Rev. Peter M. Goetschius

Secretary/Treasurer Amy Wilkinson Financial Administrator Shyrl Stange

Choir & Musical Director
Sean O'Neil
Early Service Musical Director
Linda Moorhead

Cemetery Administrator
Tom Kimble
Poke Run Board of Trustees, President
Doug Ross
Poke Run Board of Deacons, Moderator
Ruth O'Connor

Clerk Of Session Connie Cauvel POKE RUN CHURCH DEACON'S ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Saturday, JUNE 8, 2019 3-6pm Ham BBQ, Hot Dogs,,salads,, and of course......

Strawberry Desserts!!!!!

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Tickets at the Door

Sundays:

8:30am Worship Service, 11am Worship Service Sunday School at 10am Sunday Bible Study: 7pm WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS—most days 9:30am-2:30pm