

THE RANGER July 2019

Poke Run Presbyterian Church



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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONTINUES—10AM**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONTINUES IN JULY**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
will RESUME IN SEPTEMBER**
**TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY continues at 10am**
1ST & 3RD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Continues in July, 7pm.
Call office for location.



**Get Ready for
Poke Run Church
Vacation Bible
School 2019**



***"CHAMPIONS OF
THE FAITH"***

**July 21st—25th,
Free Family Dinner every night at 5:30pm.**

VBS Helpers and Volunteers Needed

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. **IMMEDIATE NEED**

(Contact Linda Chicka 724-422-3688

lqchicka@gmail.com.) ♦Someone or a Team to

lead the Arts & Crafts – Jan Fitzgerald has everything prepared – we just need the leaders!

♦Teachers for PreK $\frac{3}{4}$ and 3rd Grade

Please consider how you are willing to help. (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.)

Thank you to our June Greeters:

Andy & Eva Bantroch, Brian & Nancy Dombroske, Amy Wilkinson, Edyth Elwood, Ken & Dolly George, Tim & Barbi Findley

Thank you to our June Lectors:

Valerie Hansen, Amy Wilkinson, Lizzy Wilkinson, Nikki McQuaide, and Tricia McGarry



For our prayers:

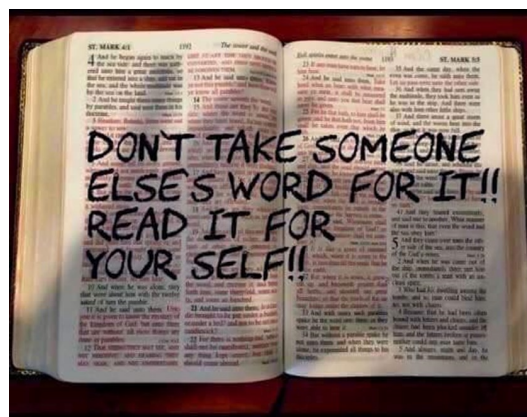
Georgia Alcorn, Ali Ankney, Scott Ankney, Annette, baby Noah, Carol Bartachellei, Renee Bates, Matt Beacom, Ronda Bertelle, Jeannie Bowman, Lil Bowman, Rick Bowman, Ron & Carole Bowman, Mike Brewer, Skye Brewer, Max Brooks, Ralph Brown, Carolyn Buckley, Bill Caldwell, Nora Jane Caporali, Dave Carroll, 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, Elmer Foley,

Laurel Frey, Lee & Linda Gardener, Dolly George, Marnee Gormley, Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Betty Henry, Don Henry, Ruth Hill, Brenda Hughes, Leland Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Rob Kemerer, Kim, Nancy Kimble and family, Joann Kole, Steve Kosinski, Joel Ladik and wife Katie, Rhett LaRue and family, Dana, Allison Lengauer Jordan, Pat Lengauer, Cliff Lightner, Heather Lynn, the McCutcheon family, Irma McDivitt, Blanche Metzgar, Ronnie McDivitt, Mary Lou McKay, Amy McQuaide, Conrad McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, June & Roy Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sam Musmanno, Harry & Diane Notto, 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, the Thompson family, Jill Tocco, Sue Washburn, Linda Wengert, Jayne Wiester, John Wildi, Neale & June Weister, Clay Wilabee, Bruce Wise, Kate Wolford. **Our campers heading to Pine Springs 2019!** Those gripped by addictions, Those who serve in the military, Remember to Pray for Our country, and Our world.

*Please keep the family of Poke Run member **Frieda Mahen** in your prayers. Frieda passed away on June 7th. Frieda joined the Poke Run congregation in 1940, served on Session and as a Deacon, and was an active member of the Poke Run Presbyterian Women, Circle4.*

*Please keep **Nancy Kimble**, her family and the family of her sister, Sandy Nemetz in your prayers. Sandy, who has been in our hearts and on our Prayer List for many years, passed to Glory on Thursday, June 13th.*

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.





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

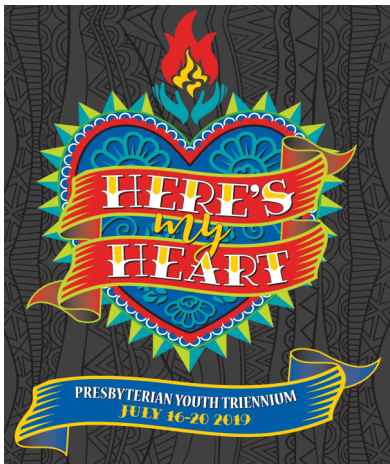
Corrine Day,
Pine Springs Camp
P O Box 186,
371 Pine Springs Camp Road
Jennerstown PA 15547

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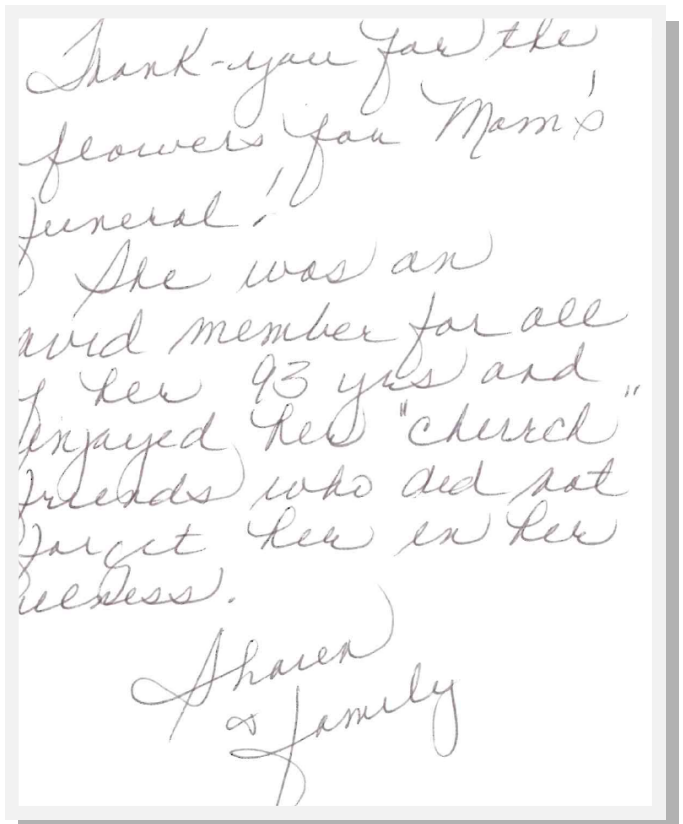


Welcome!

WELCOME! We pray with Thanksgiving for our
 NEW MEMBERS!
Canise Wright, and Robin & Bill Berger



Pray for the kids who will be
 participating in Triennium,
 July 16-20th.



From **Frieda Mahen's** family.

FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE Poke Run Presbyterian Session meeting of May 14, 2019.

NOTE: Session meetings are open to all members of the church. Complete Session Minutes are available in the office for Church member review. Next Session meeting: September 10th

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

MSC: To approve the Session Minutes of: April 9, 2019, Deacon Minutes of: April 1, 2019, Trustee minutes of: March 28, 2019 and April 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed & Youth: Laurie Martin, VBS: July 21st-25th – Champions of the Faith, Birthday Card Outreach may begin in the fall, Pine Spring Sunday will be celebrated August 4, 2019 after the late service with a Pot Luck Picnic. Next Meeting – June 3, 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 and Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and then watch your life.

Congregational Life: Connie Cauvel – Met April 28, Music Appreciation will be on May 19 Breakfast - all included

Technology: Brett Stevenson – Met on April 1, Notes were attached last month

Nominating: Nicole Goodiski, Nikki McQuaide, Will meet with Pete May 22, 29. June 2.

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. Looking into a Veterans Program

Old Business:

Calendar Review & yearly reminders for Session

Approve policies on Building usage, Chair & Table borrowing policies – originates from Trustees

Into the Light: Christian Responses to Addiction – very informative program which has been a good outreach for us. It is a growing need. Presbytery is also doing a webinar on addiction as well: Humility, Faith and Love

New Business:

MSP: Vacation time for Pete: May 26- August: 11,18,25 , May 26: Pulpit Supply: Pastor Rick Sweeney, retired Session members to welcome and read announcements & show hospitality

MSP: Canise Wright and Bill and Robin Berger to join Church June 2, 2019

Poke Run Annual Report – Questions and review

EOP (Emergency Operating Planning for Houses of Worship (sent to Session & Trustees) Trustees are looking into this program

New Church Directory - Information from Life Touch - Last directory was 2009 Discussed putting sign up sheet in the Narthax: Do you feel we should have a new Congregational Directory and if yes would you be willing to serve on the committee?

MSP: No Session Meetings in July or August unless needed

Called 2 Serve

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.



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.

July 7th 11am
August 4th 11am

September 8th 11am
October 6th—World Communion

December 1st—Advent
December 24th—Christmas Eve



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.

FOR THE KIDS Children's Class! – music and FUN! **Will continue through July.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—will continue through summer.

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



THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**TODAY'S
Christian
LIVING**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Hello Pine Springs Families and Poke Run!

The Summer Camp season has begun. Callie, Ellie and I had a wonderful time at Grandmas, Moms and Tots and Miles can't wait to go back to Spingboard next summer. Julian is there right now (pray for sunshine)

and Adleigh, Peytan and Lucas head to Pine Springs on Sunday. All of our campers: Evan, Kaylee, Logan, Morgan, Jessica, Kate, Bria and Paige will begin camp on July 28th.

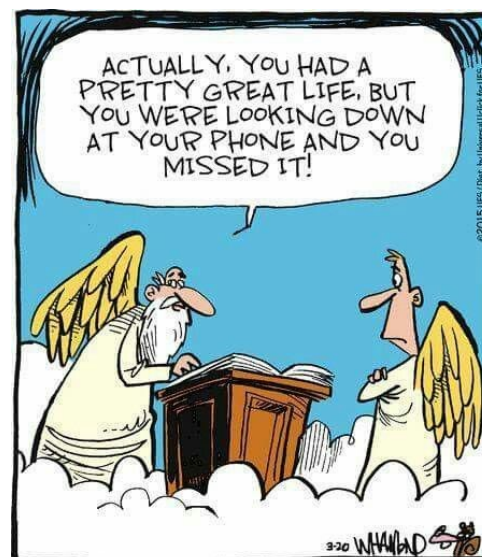
Before the summer gets too hectic (like it hasn't already) I wanted to let you know about Poke Run's Pine Springs Sunday. On August 4th we will be celebrating our campers with a short program and potluck picnic following the 11am Worship Service. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Most importantly we would like all campers to share a meaningful part of their time at camp with our congregation. This could be done with a few words, a captioned photo, a skit, a song, a drawing... any way your child wants to convey their camp experience to others.

*Please mark **AUGUST 4TH** ON YOUR CALENDAR AND BEGIN TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT HOW THEY WILL SHARE THEIR TIME AT Pine Springs. If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch with me.*

Grace and peace,

*Laurie Martin and the Poke Run Christian Education Committee
(June 17, 2019)*





Thank you to everyone who attended, donated to or helped at the annual **POKE RUN CHURCH DEACON'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**
So much delicious fun for all!



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: July 26th**

► Copies of the Poke Run 2018 Annual Report (green cover) and a 2019 Phone Directory (yellow cover) are available in the Narthex — please let the office know of any corrections or updates.

UPDATE: Ed Almes
690 Mason Headley Road Apt. 401
Lexington KY 40504

Directory



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 already collected 75% !

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



From the Poke Run Trustees: 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!



Poke Run Presbyterian Church

Into the Light:

Christian Responses to Addiction

Do you know someone who is battling with a substance use disorder (new term for addiction)? Help is available with or without health insurance. In Westmoreland County, contacting Southwestern Pennsylvania Health Services (SPHS) Behavioral Health is the first step. They will assess what care is needed and link the person to a program. Call 1-800-220-1810 or 724-832-5880 to schedule an appointment. Poke Run's Linda Chicka (724-422-3688) or Valerie Hansen (724-244-7346) are available to be a guide through the process.

Mission Challenge

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.



It costs to
follow
Jesus
but
it costs
more
not to

Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst

In 2001 Marcie was diagnosed with Remitting Multiple Sclerosis. As the secretary at Union Presbyterian Church, she struggled to work while dealing with numbness in her hands and feet, blurred vision, and constant fatigue. She was taking weekly shots that left her with flu-like side effects for several days.

Invited to a healing service as part of the Presbytery meeting, she was hesitant, but decided to go. Rev. Carole Isley Corey talked and prayed with Marcie for healing. Marcie left feeling physically the same, but spiritually uplifted. She went home and looked up Scripture passages on praying through the Spirit.

Marcie took her next weekly shot, but she worse than ever. She called the doctor who ordered an MRI of the brain and made an appointment to see her.

When she went to that appointment the women in the office were smiling at her, but they were teary eyed. When the doctor came in the examining room, his eyes were shiny. Marcie prepared herself for bad news. The doctor said, in 25 years he had this to a patient; her showed her the MRI. were gone. He could her it would never symptoms she had only ones she would



never been able to say MS was benign. He All lesions in her brain not believe it. He told get worse and the experienced were the ever experience.

He asked her what she was doing differently. She told him about Carole praying for her. He smiled and had the good grace not to show any signs of doubt. Within 2 weeks of stopping the shots all the side effects were gone. She was feeling great. It has been over 12 years since the healing team prayed for her. She still shows no signs of MS. Today Marcie works fulltime and is lead singer in the Christian Band "Risen to Save".

According to Jim Farrer, "The Healing Prayer Team tries to be obedient, create a space and pray with folks. The person may ask for relief of knee pain and maybe that doesn't happen at this time, but the LORD always brings something: perhaps a sense of forgiveness or peace or they find more intimacy in prayer."



Congratulations to **Logan Hileman**, 2019 Kiski Area High School graduate -pictured here with family Ron & Heidi and brother Evan.

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



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



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 26th .**





July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
7  8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch	8	9 10am Bible Study	10 7pm Mission & Stewardship	11	12	13
14 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch	15 7pm Christian Ed	16 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	17	18 7pm Trustees	19	20
21 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch vbs Dinner 5:30pm 	22 vbs Dinner 5:30pm 	23 vbs Dinner 5:30pm 10am Bible Study 	24 vbs Dinner 5:30pm 	25 vbs Dinner 5:30pm 	26	27
28 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch	29	30 10am Bible Study	31			

FUN for Everyone during VBS Week

The kids shouldn't have ALL THE FUN during Bible School week. We had a great time last year—so watch for the date and come out to the Church (date TBD week prior for weather) 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 in the clearing above the cemetery gazebo. 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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Connie Cauvel



**Vacation Bible School
2019**

***“CHAMPIONS OF THE
FAITH”***

July 21st—25th,

**Free Family Dinner
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Worship
SCHEDULE

Sundays:

8:30am Worship Service, 11am Worship Service

Sunday School at 10am

Sunday Bible Study: Will resume in September