

November, 1971

Dear Friends,

Our first real snowfall of the season has arrived, along with temperatures down in the teens - so we had better get our fall letter on its way. We have had a beautiful autumn in Pennsylvania. The new white spire atop Poke Run Church with its stainless steel cross has been a thing of inspiring beauty in its colorful setting of fall foliage. Erected on September 28th, it symbolizes a dream come true for all of us.

Our remodeling and renovation program is moving forward full tilt. The ground-breaking ceremony following the 11 o'clock service on July 25th, was very impressive, with an old-fashioned plow being used for the purpose. The laying of the cornerstone following the November 11th service was also a memorable occasion. The addition to the front of the sanctuary has been completed and the renovation of the sanctuary itself is now in progress. The old windows were sent away, restored to their original beauty, and put back in place. The Sanctuary Committee is working diligently and putting in long hours, making decisions on carpeting, pews, etc.

The Women's Association has been busy all summer with their monthly community dinners for the benefit of the Building Fund. Their profits averaged over \$500.00 per dinner - so you can see how that adds up!

To get to the "Vital Statistics" in the Poke Run Community since June - here are the weddings: July 2nd - Joan Lorraine Dunmire and Thomas Robert Deal III; August 29th - Elaine Margaret Schutzler and Lee Francis Dinsel; September 11th - Karen Loreen Robinson and Frederick Roy Heinlein.

Elaine Schutzler is the daughter of the Carl Schutzlers of Steele Rd., Murrysville. She was married at a lovely wedding in Union United Presbyterian Church (since our church was being remodeled) with the reception in our Fellowship Hall. Elaine met her husband, Lee, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where she is a secretary and her husband a third year seminary student.

It seems we have only one birth to report: September 1st - William Bryan Egloff son of William Barry Egloff and Dorothy Ann (Hill) Egloff.

Deaths: June 4th - Mary Katherine Alcorn; June 25th - Agnes L. (Mrs. Reed A.) Christy; September 9th - Harry R. Martin; November 20th - Edgar L. Line.

Children Baptized: July 25, 1971: James Richard Bowman (born July 11, 1965) -- Son of Larry Lee Bowman and Nancy Jayne (Smith) Bowman; Larry Lee Bowman, Jr. (born February 2, 1968) -- also Son of Larry Lee Bowman and Nancy Jayne (Smith) Bowman; Marnee Jean McQuaide (born May 22, 1971) -- Daughter of Curtis Bernard McQuaide and Lois Jean (Buckley) McQuaide; Debra Lynn Coleman (born January 16, 1971) -- Daughter of Ronald Vernon Coleman and Betty Jane (Wadeck) Coleman; Ronald Vernon Coleman, Jr. (born December 7, 1967) -- also Son of Ronald Vernon Coleman and Betty Jane (Wadeck) Coleman. On 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), John Franklin Covey (born May 28, 1971) -- Sons of Harvey Louis Covey, Sr. and Maureen Elizabeth (Reese) Covey.

Transfers from our membership: Miss Hazel Ilene McQuaide now Mrs. Roger L. Frye to the Charter Oak United Methodist Church, Greensburg, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas E. Henderson, Jr. and daughter Pamela to the Gnadenhutten United Methodist Church of Gnadenhutten, Ohio.

New members to our congregation: On June 6, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Shaffer from the First Presbyterian Church of Vandergrift, Pa.; July 4, 1971 -- Mr. Larry Lee Bowman by Profession of Faith and Mrs. Larry Lee Bowman from the Parnassas United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington, Pa.; July 11, 1971 -- Mr. and Mrs. Craig A. Bryan from the First United Presbyterian Church of Murrysville, Pa.; October 3, 1971 -- Mrs. Frederick Roy Heinlein from the Evangelistic Temple, Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. and Mr. Harvey Louis Covey, Sr. by Profession of Faith and Mrs. Harvey Louis Covey, Sr. by Re-affirmation of Faith.

Here is a run-down of events of recent weeks (since our June letter)-- July 18th -- Last Communion Service held in Poke Run Church Sanctuary before actual beginning of Sanctuary Improvements. July 25th -- The Sacrament of Baptism -- Last service held in Poke Run Church Sanctuary before actual beginning of Sanctuary Improvements. August 1st -- Beginning of Worship Services in Fellowship Hall, due to Sanctuary Improvements, work having actually started on July 26th. August Guest Ministers were Rev. D. Alan Martens, Greensburg, Pa.; Rev. Deane C. Walter, Bethel Park, Pa.; Rev. James Arthur Rowan, Pitcairn, Pa.; Rev. L. Wayne Barnard, Clarksburg, Pa.; and Rev. R. Paul Beatty, New Florence, Pa.

On the afternoon and evening of July 25th the Women's Association sponsored an Open House at the manse so that the congregation might have an opportunity to view the vast improvements made their last summer. With its lovely modern kitchen, paneling, pale green paint, refinished floors, carpeting, new windows and lighting fixtures - it is truly a home to be proud of. Mr. Brice worked hard to have everything in ship-shape order - and he enjoyed conducting visitors around and showing some of his prized possessions. The Women's Association served coffee, punch, cookies, nuts and mints over in Fellowship Hall to all the guests.

We are proud to take note of our Youth Fellowship at Poke Run. They are really an active bunch of young folks. Donald A. Bowman is the current president. We are so glad we have concerned parents in our congregation who are willing to give of their time and talents to sponsor the Youth Fellowship Activities.

Various families have moved from the community, such as: C. Eugene Elwood Family to R. D. 1, Newport, New York 13416; Ord W. Lewis Family to R. D. 1 Dayton, Pa. 16222; and the Gordon F. Whitcomb Family to R. D. 1, Driftwood, Pa. 15832.

October 31st marked the retirement date for The Rev. Dr. Marshall D. Berryhill from active pastoral ministry. For the past 28½ years Dr. Berryhill has been the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensville, Pennsylvania. He was the 11th Pastor of the Poke Run Church.

The Poke Run Bowling League is again in full activity for the 1971-72 season. Rev. Roy S. Brice delights in the fact that he was fortunate enough to be a member of the 1970-71 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 Jack Speers (son of Mr. and Mrs. McKee Speer have moved into their newly built home at 33 Hickory Lane, Chalfon, Pa. 18914.

Ruth and McKee Speer and the Lloyd McQuaides traveled throughout Canada and the northern states this summer.

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Florence Clawson, Sara Guist and the Lloyd McQuaides visited with Tom and Mary (Clawson) McQuaide at Cleveland recently. They attended the baptism of Tom and Mary's third daughter, Megan.

Alice Kiebler Herren and Florence Clawson are taking a quick trip to London, England, over the Thanksgiving week-end. They are going on a tour sponsored by the Indiana University Alumni Association, of which they are both members.

By the time you get this, Thanksgiving will be over and the Advent season will be upon us. It looks like a White Christmas - at this point!

May you all have a Blessed Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

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