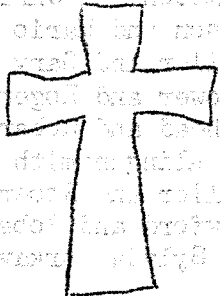


THE RANGER



POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Matthew 28:17-20

R. D. 1, Apollo, Pa.

The Acts 1:8

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As we are getting this second edition of The Ranger on the way, we have just experienced the first snow fall of the season. It did not last long - but it did "down" some power lines and cause the usual inconvenience.

So time hastens on _____ and Poke Run Continues to make history. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep everyone better informed of the events that make up that history.

The big event was, of course, the Dedication of the newly remodeled sanctuary on Sunday, June 25th, at 3:00 P. M. For those of you who were not privileged to attend we will attempt to mention the highlights of this most impressive service. Following Bach's "Antiphonal Chorus", the organ prelude by Mrs. Robert Branthoover, members of the Session, Board of Deacons and Youth Group, took part in the "Opening of the Doors" ceremony. During the Processional hymn, "The Church's One Foundation", the three choirs came down the aisle, followed by the members of the clergy who participated in the service. Rev. William R. Johnston, D.D. from the Redstone Presbytery led in prayer. Selections from the Scriptures were read by Rev. Marshall D. Berryhill, D.D., eleventh pastor of Poke Run Church, Mr. Glenn T. Ross, clerk of the session and Rev. D. Alan Martens, tenth pastor of Poke Run Church. Participating in the Key Ceremony were Mr. T. Ray Fulton, architect, Mr. Donald E. Bowman, contractor, Mr. John C. Metzgar, Chairman of the Sanctuary Improvements Committee, Rev. Roy S. Brice, in behalf of members and officers of Poke Run Church, and Mr. Charles L. Moore, president of the Board of Trustees of Poke Run Church.

Following "Somebody Touched Me", a spiritual, by the Cherub choir, Rev. Roy S. Brice led in the Litany of Dedication. The Youth Choir rendered the anthem "He Knows What He's Doin' All The Time by H. DeCou.

The Rev. James R. Walter, D. D., ministerial son of Poke Run Church, delivered the sermon entitled, "Lest We Forget". Rev. Deane C. Walter, also a ministerial son of Poke Run, gave the Offertory Prayer and Prayer of Dedication. During the Offertory, the Adult Choir sang "Let Mount Zion Rejoice" by Herbert. Rev. Roy S. Brice delivered the benediction, followed by the organ postlude "Festive Finale" by Baylor.

Mrs. Winifred E. Girty passed away on June 26, 1972. Miss Anna Guthrie, a member of Poke Run Women's Association for many years, died on July 15, 1972. Also Mrs. Minerva (William) Tomer passed away on October 22, 1972.

Since the last report the following have united with the church: L. Terry Wiester, II was united by profession on March 26, 1972 and his name was omitted in the last newsletter. On June 4, 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McBride from the Emmanuel's Evangelical and Reformed Church of Export, Pa.; and Mr. Edward Alan Bates from the First United Methodist Church of Murrysville, Pa., Mrs. Edward Alan Bates from the First Presbyterian Church of Export, Pa. On October 1, 1972: Mr. John Richard Jackson on profession of faith; Mr. and Mrs. Furl Herbert Davison from the First Presbyterian Church of Avonmore, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd R. Speer from the First Presbyterian Church of New Kensington, Pa.

Certificates of Dismissal have been granted to Mrs. Ella Tawney to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Greensburg, Pa., Lanny Dale Cecconnello to the New Stanton United Methodist Church of New Stanton, Pa., and Mrs. Joan Elaine Stairs to the Acme Methodist Church of Acme, Pa.

Elaine and Lee Dinsel have moved into their home on Frankstown Road in Pittsburgh, where Lee is associate pastor in the Laketon Heights Methodist Church. Mrs. Dinsel is the former Elaine Schutzler.

Elizabeth and Fred Potts of Fort Lauderdale are visiting former Poke Run neighbors, relatives and friends for several weeks.

Thomas and Mary Jean McQuaide and their children, Kelly, Beth and Megan, spent the October 13th week-end with their parents, Mrs. Florence Clawson and Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd McQuaide. Tom teaches in the Bedford Heights elementary school in Bedford Heights, Ohio where they reside.

The McKee Speers took a recent motor trip to Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Emily Silvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silvis, is teaching Junior High typing in the Bellefonte Area School District. Mrs. Mary Jo (Gebrosky) Blankenship is teaching fourth grade in Parsons, West Virginia, while her husband is completing his studies at Davis and Elkins. Both Emily and Mary Jo were graduated from college this spring. However, Hurricane Agnes prevented Emily from attending her commencement at Penn State in June.

The Poke Run congregation is well represented in the field of education. Mr. Wendell Bossart is superintendent of schools in the Punxsatawney Area. His wife, Betty, is a librarian in the Kiski Area School District. Others teaching in Kiski Area are Mrs. Christine Groosheim, geometry in Kiski Area High, and Mrs. John (Judith) Metzgar, English in Washington Junior High, Mrs. George (Etta) Kline, Health and Phys. Ed. in Washington Junior High, Mrs. Vera Thomas, fourth grade at the Mamont School and Mrs. David (Carol) Riggle, second grade at Mamont, Mrs. Lois Carberry, third grade at North Washington and Mrs. Blair (Betty) Kiebler, second grade in Oklahoma Building. John Metzgar is chairman of the science and geography department in Greensburg-Salem. John Gearhard is in the science department in the Valley School District. William McElroy teaches and coaches football in Butler. Marjorie Walker is head of the Physical Education department at Westminster College in New Wilmington. Carol Grossheim is teaching in Penn Hills. Did we miss anyone? Let us know before our next edition. We also have many retired teachers in the congregation. By the next time we will try to compile a list of them.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

\$2.50 per Member

The Church too has been caught in the spiral of inflation. Do you know that in the Year 1973 it will cost our congregation \$2.50 just to keep each member on the roll? At this rate, \$5.00 will be needed for a husband and a wife; and \$10.00 will be needed for a family of four. Of course, other essential church costs have also increased. All congregations of all denominations are feeling the effects of current and persistent inflationary trends. In view of these financial realities, it is hoped that each and all members of our congregation will give serious and positive thought to the upward adjustment of their giving.

REMITTANCE INFORMATION:

Adult Contributions are payable to: Mrs. Mary Louise Moore, Financial Secretary
R. D. 2, Box 200, Export, Pennsylvania 15632

Youth Contributions are payable to: Miss Amy Ross, Youth Budget Secretary
R. D. 1, Box 149, Apollo, Pennsylvania

Sanctuary Improvements Contributions are payable to: Mr. James H. Metzgar, Treasurer
R. D. 2, Box 224
Export, Pennsylvania 15632

Benevolence Contributions are payable to: Mr. Joseph R. Silvis, Benevolence Treasurer
5233 Edwards Road, Murrysville, Pa. 15668

HISTORY OF POKE RUN CHURCH -- It is taking a long time, but work is continuing on bringing the History of Poke Run Church up-to-date. Several days have been spent by members of the Board of Deacons and others of our church family in establishing a complete and accurate membership roll for inclusion in the new volume. This has been a big undertaking. Have you ever tried listing the names of about 1000 persons, giving their first, second, last, and maiden names for women -- along with exact date of membership, etc.? Many of our congregation have already helped with this task, and for this help the Committee on History is deeply grateful.

" HERE AM I! SEND ME." -- Isaiah 6:8

Where could you find a nicer group of young people than those of Poke Run Church? Talented! Pleasing Personalities! Good Citizens! Christ-like in Character! Ready to Help! You name it and, if the cause is worthy, the young people will be there with their help.

Some words of praise need to be slipped into this News Letter for the women of Poke Run Church. What busy people they are! From near and far come unsolicited words of praise of the excellent Community Dinners. (Of course, it is to be remembered that the men also lend their help and support in relation to these dinners.)

THE SACRAMENTS:

HOLY COMMUNION -- At 11:00 A. M. on
Sunday, January 21, 1973

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM -- At 11:00 A. M. on
Sunday, January 28, 1973

Please remind others!

CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO CHRIST



THE RANGER provides an appropriate means of introducing the congregation and friends of Poke Run Presbyterian Church to Key 73.

Over 130 denominations and groups have pledged their support to the interdenominational Evangelistic Emphasis, Key 73. Key 73 is a massive movement to deliver the message of Christ's love and forgiveness to every person in North America. How did the name Key 73 become attached to this project in evangelism? Here is the answer. In 1967 the first planning meeting was held near the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Arlington, Virginia. The original planners -- dedicated churchmen -- felt that 6 years of preparation would be necessary to launch this project. Key 73 embraces the vision that in the Year 1973 every person in North America will in some way or ways be challenged by the loving claims of Jesus Christ.

By virtue of being the Pastor of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church it is my sacred privilege and responsibility to share this information, and request that our entire membership and constituency give prayerful thought to participation in this holy and hopeful evangelistic endeavor.

Sincerely,

Roy S. Brice

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