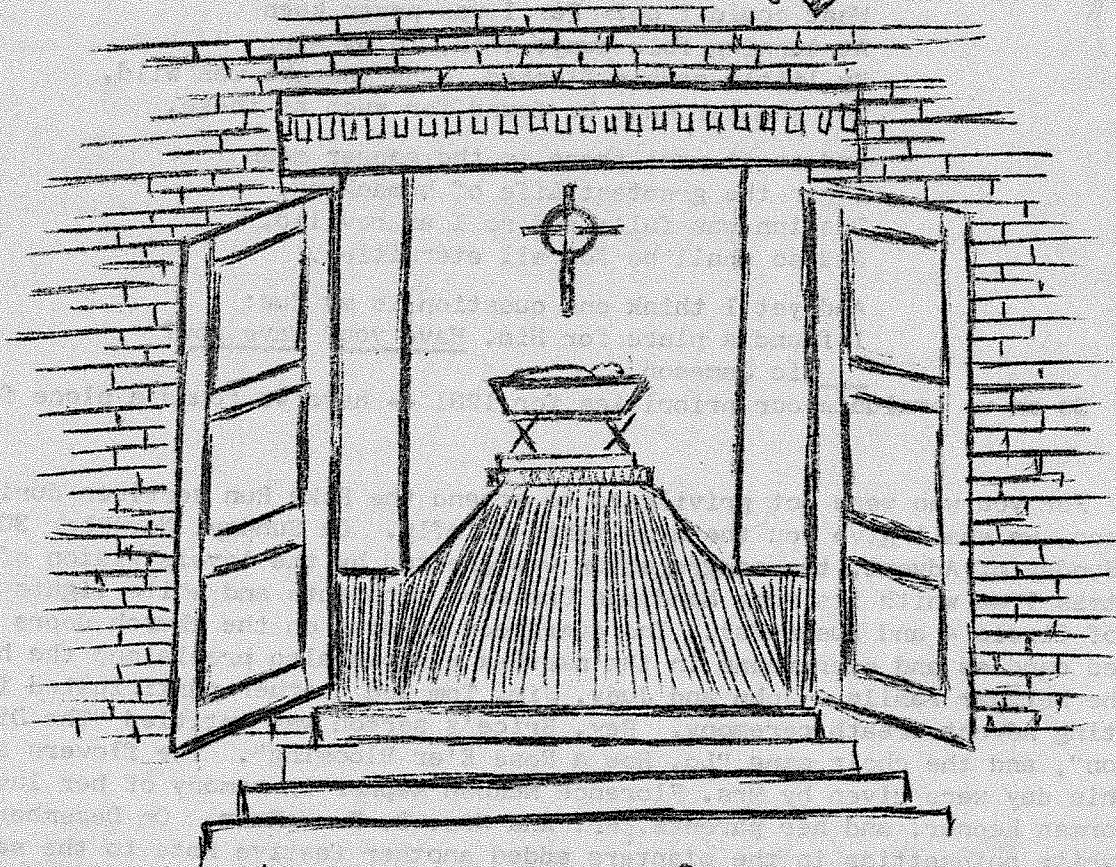


The Hanger



O come let us adore Him

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
R. D. 1, Apollo, Pa.

(Junction of Routes 66 & 366)

Matthew 28:17-20

The Acts 1:8

Volume IX

December, 1980

Number 2

Dear Friends,

A Happy and Blessed New Year to all of you! As memories of Christmas still linger with us, let us think upon the question asked at the end of this timely little poem, spoken by -- The Innkeeper

I knew them not, and I had never seen
A man whose face was quite so trouble-lined;
Nor any woman who, so great with child,
Possessed an air of such angelic ease.

(continued next page)

The inn was full; and even had they been
From Herod's court, I knew I could not find
A room for them. But 'round her face so mild,
A Strange light seemed to glow when she said, "Please."

What could I do? For I was never keen
At turning folk away; then, in my mind
My little stable flashed. The thought was wild,
But shelter must be found for such as these.

And so it was; there in the manger mean
Began the greatest Life of humankind,
The inn was full; and so I am reviled,
And so shall be for all eternities.

And yet I think one question is my due:
I found a place for Him. Have you? Have you?

Vic Jameson

So as we evaluate our priorities for 1981 -- have we found a place for
Him?

For you who were not privileged to attend the Poke Run services during the Advent season, we shall give you the highlights briefly. On Sunday, November 30, 1980, the first Sunday of Advent, the congregation was greeted by the lovely vision of the tall Christmas Tree with its many handmade Chrismon ornaments and white lights (courtesy of Circle 4 and husbands). The evergreen wreaths on the church doors and the tall red candles and evergreens in the narthex windows also proclaimed the holiday season. The Metzgar family - John and Judy, Jim, Tom and Heather participated in the Candlelighting Advent Wreath ceremony. Rev. Brice's sermon was entitled "The Divine Intervention", and the choir sang "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming". The flowers in the planters this day were given by Mrs. Florence McKown Kepner in memory of her late husband, Norman Kepner, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. McKown. On December 7, 1980, the white poinsettias in the planters added another festive note to the seasonal decorations. These were given by Marie and Edgar Brewer in memory of all Poke Run members who have passed away. The Candlelighting ceremony was performed by The Lengauer family -- Don and Pat, Allison, Kelly and Kyle. Ronna Ryman sang the solo "Sleep, O Holy Child, and Rev. Brice spoke on "Getting Through Christmas". "Merry Christmas" was the theme of his sermon on the third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 1980. The Marvin P. Moneymaker family, Marvin and Kathy and daughters Lori and Becky, and Mrs. Richard Ryman, Sr., conducted the Advent Wreath ceremony. The anthem, "We Worship You, O King of Love" was rendered by the choir. On this day white candles flanked by evergreens graced the windows in the sanctuary (courtesy of Circle 4). On December 21, 1980, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, John and Anna Hughes, William and Evelyn Shaeffer, and Amy Gebrosky were in charge of the Candlelighting ceremony. Rev. Brice's message was entitled "All But One". The cantata, "The First Christmas" by Parks, was presented by the choir. The cantata was narrated by Mr. Brice, Brenda Hostetler, Ruth Ryman and Nadene Dunmire. Soloists were Mrs. Richard Ryman, Sr., Mr. Donald Lengauer, Mrs. June Penrod and Miss Amy Gebrosky. Mrs. Terrence Lewis directed the choir and Mrs. James Dunmire played the piano accompaniment. The joyous story of Christmas from that meager beginning in Bethelhem to the coming of the Wise Men to see the Christ Child unfolded as the cantata was sung.

The Traditional Candlelight Service sponsored by the Board of Deacons was scheduled for Christmas Eve this year, but due to the severe winter weather the Candlelight Service was postponed until the evening of Sunday, December 28th. "Try It and See" was the title of Mr. Brice's sermonette. The Children's Choir sang "Christmas Celebration" and "What Is This", and the Adult Choir sang a number from the cantata, "The First Christmas". The Board of Deacons also delivered poinsettias to the sick and the shut-ins.

The large red poinsettias in front of the sanctuary, one was given by the Milton Brinkers, one by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Palmisno in memory of Mr. Harold Weister, and two by Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCutcheon in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCutcheon.

After Rev. Brice's Mini-Message to the children on Sunday, December 14th, he asked them to help him by distributing booklets to the congregation, one to each family. These were entitled "A Year With The Bible - 1981", and Mr. Brice had personally inscribed each one with this message: --

A Token of Appreciation: --
Greeting and Remembering
The Families of
Poke Run Presbyterian Church!
May GOD Richly Bless
You and Yours Always.
Sincerely,

Roy S. Brice,
Pastor

December, 1980

It is hoped that every family in the congregation will avail themselves of this loving remembrance. Thank you, Rev. Brice!

Our Church School Christmas Program was held on December 21st at 7:30 P. M. It was a Worship service with the Scripture Text, Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a Candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:15-16. The meaning of the Scripture was explained in the lighting of four candles with readings, poetry, and music to explain each one as they were lighted. They were "The Candle of Memory", "The Candle of Love", "The Candle of Worship", and "The Candle of Perfect Peace". The Service was followed by a Christmas Fellowship and a Christmas Treat for all the children, given by Santa. A very special thanks to all who helped to make this program and fellowship a success.

As the year ends, Becky Lange and Mary Hostetler wish to thank all the mothers and young ladies that have helped in the Nursery during the year.

Our Youth Fellowship this year as in previous years has been very busy in the life and program of the church in a number of ways. Among other projects they delivered over \$700 to the Childrens Hospital Fund at 6 A. M. Saturday, December 20th to Pittsburgh. Our congratulations to them for a job well done!

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Association was held Tuesday evening, December 2, 1980, in Fellowship Hall with Circle 3 as hostess group and Circle 1 presenting the program. The Christmas carols were reviewed in narrative and song as well as in instrumental solos. Nancy Painter played "O Come All Ye Faithful" on trumpet, Amy Gebrosky "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" on flute, and Kelly Lengauer "Silent Night" on violin. The business meeting was called to order by President, Emma Dunmire. The Association voted to give \$25.00 to the Youth Group for the Childrens Hospital Fund. Emma announced that both Presbytery and Presbyterial would meet at Poke Run in 1981, Presbyterial in April for its Bi-Centennial meeting, and Presbytery in June. The Presbyterial quilt, composed of patches from each church, will be put in a quilting frame at Union Church after the holidays. Anyone interested in helping with the quilting on Tuesdays please contact Emma Dunmire. The Poke Run patch was designed by Pat Lengauer and embroidered by June Penrod. This quilt will be displayed when Poke Run entertains Presbyterial in April.

Louise Hall, Coordinator of Community Involvement, arranged a beautiful display of the 80 Christmas stockings which had been made by the circles and filled with items chosen by Louise. She personally delivered these stockings to Torrance State Hospital on December 5th where they would be distributed to the patients. Thank you Louise! A candlelight installation service was conducted by Emma for the new officers, Grace Hartman, vice-president, and Betty Kiebler, Treasurer. The next meeting will be on Tuesday evening, March 3, 1980.

On our 195th Founders Day Homecoming Sunday many fine pictures were taken, which are on display in the Narthex. An order sheet is available for persons wishing to order copies of specific pictures. Deadline for orders is January 4, 1980, the first Sunday of the New Year.

The December 7, 1980, bulletin from the First Presbyterian Church in Boca, Florida, contained this item concerning Dr. David K. Allen, ninth pastor of Poke Run Church.

"Thank You", To A Dear Friend

For 16 years, Dr. David K. Allen, and his wife, Esther, have been endearing themselves to this congregation. Serving in the capacity of Assistant Minister, David personally visited many of you and brought you into our Church as members. David recently informed the Session that he could no longer continue in that capacity. The Session accepted that decision with deep regret. Since most of Dr. Allen's service was with the Rev. Albert Shiphorst, we have asked our Minister Emeritus to be here with us today to share in our tribute. A generous gift will be sent to Pittsburgh Seminary (his alma mater) in recognition of David's service to us, and our pictorial directory coming out in January will be dedicated to him and Esther.

Rev. Roy S. Brice officiated at the following weddings: Dwayne Fred Smith and Karen Lynn Lack on September 26, 1980 in the Sanctuary. Douglas Richard Maranowski and Elizabeth S. Miller on November 28, 1980.

The wedding of Kimberly Eileen Sharer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sharer to Lieut. Comdr. Larry Ray Neal took place September 20, 1980, at the Naval Amphibious Base in Little Creek, Virginia, in the Chapel where Kim is Director of Christian Education.

Congratulations to the newlyweds and also to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schutzler who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on December 27, 1980, at an afternoon reception in their home on McLaughlin Drive, New Kensington. Hosts for the affair are their children and grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Doralee) Niehaus and children John, Dale, and Anne of Albion, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome (Janice) Schutzler and children Jeffrey and Brian of El Torro, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Elaine) Dinsel and children Jeremy and Alison of Belle Vernon, Pa.

Belated congratulations to Hazel and Dale Hawk who also observed their 50th wedding anniversary on September 4, 1980.

We welcome these new little ones recently born: November 9, 1980 - Carissa Louise Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Pearl Brisbane) Alexander at Magee Womens Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA. October 29, 1980 - Jessi Lynn Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James (Renee McQuaide) Bates at Center County Community Hospital, State College, PA. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. Bernard McQuaide. November 24, 1980 - April Leanne Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Glenn Bowman at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, Pa. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Bowman.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of these persons who have died recently: Mrs. Edna G. Gill, in New Kensington, November 22, 1980. She united with Poke Run Church on December 2, 1906. Mrs. Garnet Beighley, a former member of the Brice Circle, on October 17, 1980. Mrs. Helen Rankin, on September 29, 1980 sister of Mr. Harlan Walker. Mr. Perry Bickerstaff, on November 14, 1980, father of Mrs. Donley Thompson. William Witherow, husband of Jeanne Tomer Witherow, October 30, 1980, in Jeannette, Pa. Mr. Ezra Dunmire, December 28, 1980, father of James W. Dunmire, Sr. Mr. Lloyd John Cochran, December 28, 1980. He united with Poke Run On August 13, 1922.

These people have transferred their memberships from Poke Run to other churches: Dr. and Mrs. Jeffery D. Hartman (Amy Ross) to the St. Luke's United Methodist Parish of Shade Gap, Pennsylvania. Jeffery is the dentist at the Southern Huntingdon County Medical Center at Orbisonia, Pennsylvania and Amy is the choir director at the St. Luke's Church. Mrs. Carol Shaffer and daughters Deborah Lynn and Karen Ann to the First United Presbyterian Church of Vandergrift, Pa. Carol and family have moved to the Paulton area.

We welcome these new members: Mr. John Edward Wigle by profession of faith; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clair Stange from the Unity United Presbyterian Church of Center Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. by certificate of transfer.

The family of Edward Kuckuck would like to express its very sincere gratitude to Rev. Brice, the various groups and individuals of the church for their cards, encouraging messages and continuing concern during the last few months. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone.

The following members have been hospitalized since the last Ranger edition: Ed Kuckuck in Latrobe Hospital, Latrobe, Pa., and West Haven Convalescent Home, John Ralston in Jeannette Hospital, Jeannette, Pa., Florence Walker in Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg, Pa., Gladys Hartman and Lynn Kistler in East Suburban Medical Center, Monroeville, Beverly Matteo, Citizens General in New Kensington, Skip Pfeffer in Columbus Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, Bill Kneppshield and Ron Bowman in Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, and James McDivitt in Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Carl Fitzsimmons family welcomed their daughter Sharlene home from Paraguay in time for the holidays. After her two years of service in the Peace Corp, Sharlene has been working there - her job involving secretarial duties, translating, and teaching English. Tom and Joan Fitzsimmons are spending Christmas in Escanaba, Michigan with Joan's family. Irene Long is in Brookfield, Wisconsin, visiting son Bob and family there. The McKee Speers are spending Christmas with their son Jack and family in Chalfont, Pa. At Thanksgiving time the Jack Speers and Mrs. Boyd Orr were guests of McKee and Ruth. The Ed Sharers traveled to Little Creek, Virginia, in September for the wedding of their daughter Kim. Kim and her husband, the Larry R. Neals, are living in Chesapeake, Virginia. Mrs. Gary Laber (Jocelyn Miller) flew from Vermont to visit her parents, the Maynard Millers, over Christmas. Herb and Glenn Gearhard are spending the Holiday season with their sister, Carol Croff and family, in Youngstown, Florida. Enroute they will spend a night each way with their aunt Lois (Elwood) Umble and family in Mason, Ohio.

Mrs. Dora Speer was honored on Sunday afternoon, December 21, 1980, on the occasion of her 85th birthday, at a reception in the Lounge of Fellowship Hall. The hosts were her daughter and son-in-law, Naomi and Bill Buckley and their children Carolyn, Barbara and Greg. Many more Happy Birthdays, Dora!

For you people who enjoy tracing local family trees and hearing historical sidelights pertaining to Poke Run, an interesting letter written in 1885 has been brought to our attention through the courtesy of Mrs. James Zimmerman (Jane Alcorn), who obtained it from an old family Bible. The letter (a copy of which follows) was written to the Rev. Henry Bain, fifth pastor of Poke Run Church, from the Board of Missions in New York, on the occasion of the untimely death of the Rev. James T. Young, a son of Poke Run Church and an uncle of Mrs. Joseph N. Alcorn (Mary K. McElroy.) The children of Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn were Katherine Alcorn Rise (deceased), Jane Alcorn Zimmerman, Margaret Alcorn Ewing, and Joseph N. Alcorn, Jr., all of whom were baptized at, and members of Poke Run. Mrs. Alcorn was the daughter of Polly Harper Young (an older sister of the Rev. James T. Young) and Matthew Shearer McElroy.

From the Poke Run History we learn the sad but inspiring story of the brief life of James Theophilus Young, born in Westmoreland Co. on July 20, 1854, son of John L. and Mary Christy Young. He joined Poke Run Church in 1874 and completed his work at Western Theological Seminary in 1882. The same year he was married to Lizzie Phillips. His dream was to be a missionary on the foreign field -- so he was appointed to go to China by the Board of Missions, but tragically his health began to fail so when the time came he could not go. In 1884 he was installed as pastor at East Conemaugh where he served until his death at the age of 31 in 1885. The History tells us that in his last days children of the church would pull him there on a sled and the men would carry him to the pulpit. Truly a dedicated servant of the Lord! Rev. Young was buried in the Poke Run Cemetery. Below is a copy of the letter.

New York May 19, 1885

Rev. Henry Bain

Dear Bro

It is with real regret that I learn the sad news of Mr. Young's early departure. For him it is all well. We ought not to sorrow chiefly for his removal to his rest and his Saviour's presence; but for friends and kindred and for the cause which he had so much at heart, we may indeed mourn. It is one of the mysteries of Providence. But God knows what is best. The Saviour's love and grace may thereby be manifested in ways that we do not understand.

With sincere sympathy for all thus sorely bereaved -

And with kind regards, I am Yours Sincerely,

John C. Lowrie

We will put your letter on The Mission House files.

On December 25th, Pastor Roy S. Brice made his traditional journey northward -- amidst old fashioned wintry conditions -- to enjoy Christmas Day with relatives and friends of Dayton and Plumville. He reports that the travels of the day were with extreme care, due to the very cold temperatures and hazardous road conditions; and he is grateful to a kindly Providence that his journeys were without unpleasant incident, although moving vehicles in one or two situations presented reasons for serious concern.

At the Candlelight Service Mrs. James W. Dunmire played the organ and piano and other insrtumentation persons were Brenda Hostetler and Mary Lou Hostetler. The Three Wise Men were Donald Henry, John Wigle, and Keith Linsenbighler.

TEN LITTLE CHRISTIANS and the story of Evangelism
(borrowed from "The Church Door", Our Redeemer Church, Fords, N. J.)

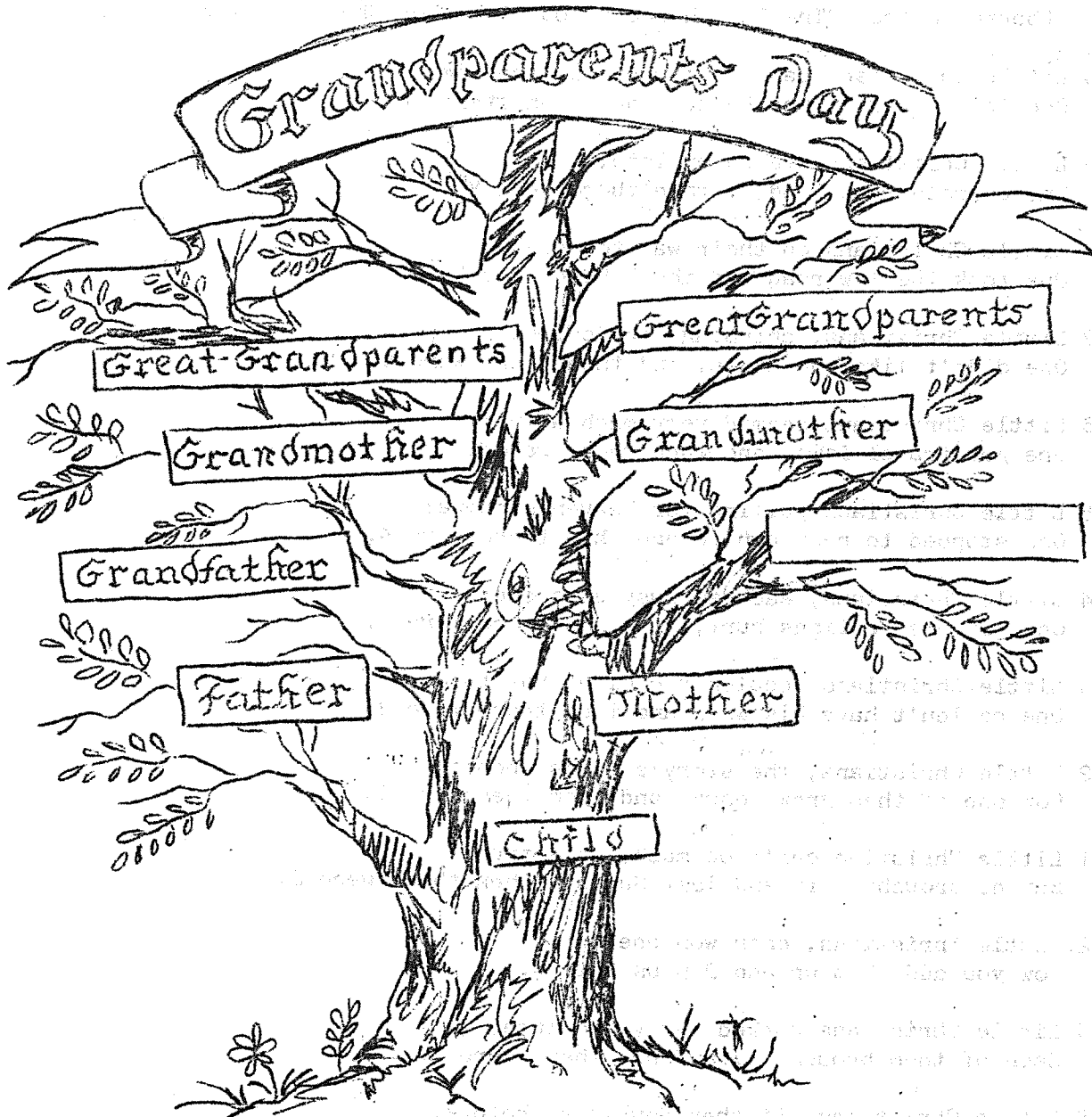
- 10 Little Christians came to church all the time;
One fell out with the Pastor, and then there were 9.
 - 9 Little Christians stayed up late;
One overslept on Sunday, then there were 8.
 - 8 Little Christians on their way to heaven;
One took the low road and then there were 7.
 - 7 Little Christians, chirping like chicks;
One didn't like the music, and then there were 6.
 - 6 Little Christians seemed very much alive;
One got travel-itis, and then there were 5.
 - 5 Little Christians pulling for heaven's shore;
One stopped to rest awhile and then there were 4.
 - 4 Little Christians, each as busy as a bee;
One got his feelings hurt, and then there were 3.
 - 3 Little Christians, couldn't decide what to do;
One couldn't have his way; and then there were 2.
 - 2 Little Christians, the story's almost done;
For one of them grew weary, and then there was 1.
 - 1 Little Christian can't do much, it's true;
But he brought a friend last Sunday, then there were 2.
 - 2 Little Christians, each won one more;
Now you add them up and 2 plus 2 is 4.
 - 4 Little Christians worked early and late;
Each of them brought 1, and now there were 8.
 - 8 Little Christians, if they double as before,
In just seven Sundays, we'll have one thousand, twenty-four.
- In this little jingle there is a lesson true,
You belong either to the BUILDING or to the WRECKING CREW!"

Submitted by
Anna Hughes

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"THE RANGER" -- Do you know of something which should be included in the next issue of The Ranger? Have you noticed errors or omissions in this issue? If so, please contact the Church Office relative to such information. Do you know of someone who should be receiving The Ranger -- someone not already receiving it? Please keep the Church Office up to date on address changes.

Please see page 10 for a re-run from The Every Member Canvass Communication.



Poke Run Presbyterian Church

This interesting bulletin cover was designed by our talented member-artist, Patricia McElroy Lengauer, for Grandparents' Day. Notice how the roots of the tree are grounded in Poke Run Presbyterian Church?

(On Grandparents Day, September 7, 1980 the members of Circle 2 gave each grandmother a silk corsage and each grandfather a silk boutonniere.)

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1981 -- YOUTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

- President -- Miss Barbara Jean Thompson
- Vice-President -- Miss Mary Lou Hostetler
- Secretary -- Donald Francis Henry
- Treasurer -- Miss Courtney Marie Lavrich
- Chaplain -- Miss Amy Ruth Gebrosky
- Representative to serve on the nominating Committee for the Year 1981 -- Miss Nadene Linda Dunmire
- Representative to serve on the Personnel Committee for the Year 1981 -- Miss Mary Lou Hostetler
- Representatives to serve on the Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements (2 Year Calendar Terms, beginning 1/1/81) -- Miss Lisa Helen Heinlein and Miss Ruth Ann Ryman.

Youth Fellowship previous to the weather change- was scheduled to meet for the Service of Worship and Study at 7:00 P. M. on Sunday evening December 28th, at the Alvie S. Hostetler home. Due to the rescheduling of Candlelight Service this meeting was not held.

The New Youth Fellowship Officers are to be installed in connection with a Covered Dish Dinner Meeting to be held in Fellowship Hall right after the 11:00 A. M. Worship Service on Sunday, January 4, 1981. Youth Fellowship meets at 7:00 P. M. each Sunday, unless otherwise announced.

THE ANNUAL AUDIT -- Persons responsible for Church Accounts should be making final preparations for the Annual Audit which is to be held in the Church Office on Saturday, January 10, 1981, beginning at 9:00 A. M. It is very important that all financial statements be prepared using the Annual Report for 1979 as a guide. One typed copy will then be copied on the copier so the office has three copies. Also please return your zerox copy of account breakdown for the auditors.

All Contributions for the Year 1980 should be completed without delay.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 1981 -- If you have not received your new offering envelopes and wish to have envelopes please contact the Financial Secretary: Mrs. Mary Louise Moore, telephone 327-2143. (Please write name and indicate current and benevolence amounts on each envelope used. Children and other persons who are not members, may upon request, be issued offering envelopes.

The Year 1980 ends on Wednesday, December 31st. By-mail-contributions for 1980 should be sent no later than December 30th.

OF CONCERN TO ALL --

LOYALTY TO MEMBERSHIP VOWS: "Church members are under obligation to make diligent use of the means of grace, to share faithfully in the worship and service of the Church, to give of their substance as the Lord may prosper them, to render wholehearted service to Christ and his Kingdom throughout the world, and to continue in the peace and fellowship of the people of God." From "The Constitution of The United Presbyterian Church in The United States of America."

KNOW CARE SHARE

The Annual Report for 1980 is to be printed and made available as early in the Year 1981 as is possible.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS AT STATED DECEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Elected to serve on The Session for Three Year Terms:

- Mr. Edward D. Heinlein
- Mr. Donald P. Lengauer
- Mr. C. Bernard McQuaide
- Mrs. Carl S. Schutzler

The service for the Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons and for the Installation and Public Recognition of Trustees is at 11:00 A. M. on Sunday, January 4th.

Elected to serve on The Board of Deacons for Three Year Terms:

- Mrs. Arthur L. Gebrosky
- Mrs. John A. Hughes
- Mrs. William Shaeffer

Elected to serve on The Board of Trustees for Three Year Terms:

- Mr. Elmer Long
- Mr. James P. Thompson

Elected to serve on The Nominating Committee for the Year 1981 -- Mr. Clifford D. Lightner

Elected to serve on The Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements (Term of 5 years form 1/1/81) -- Mrs. Eugene J. Zerbini

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES FROM THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS COMMUNICATION

The average per member sum of \$89.68 plus is needed to carry the financial load of our annual budgetary needs (Current and Benevolence). In attaining this average contributions are presently ranging from \$? to \$1,397.00 plus, with many of the membership giving in terms of \$600.00 and above.

Think about this:

The Membership Per Capita Assessment for the Year 1980 is \$4.38. This means that in the Year 1980 Poke Run Church has paid out for the total membership the total sum of \$3,530.28.

The Membership Per Capita Assessment for the Year 1981 will be \$ 5.29. This means that in the Year 1981 Poke Run Church will be paying out for the total membership the total sum of \$4,194.97.

How does this relate to the stewardship of individual members? Below is an example, based upon the 1980 per capita rate of \$4.38.

Example

Let us suppose that Mr. and Mrs. Churchman and their two children (John and Jean) have their membership at Poke Run Church. The total per capita for the Churchman Family will be as follows:

- \$4.38 for Mr. Churchman
- 4.38 for Mrs. Churchman
- 4.38 for John Churchman
- 4.38 for Jean Churchman

Total per capita for the Churchman Family\$17.52

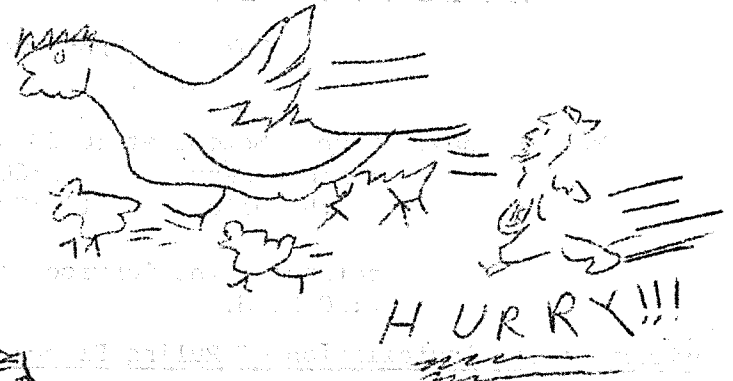
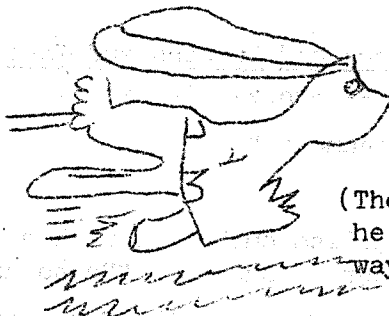
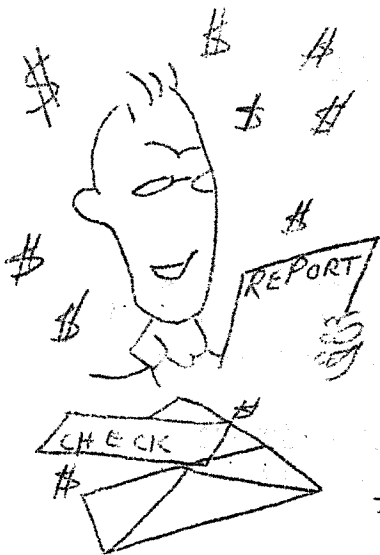
(It has been calculated that the additional administrative cost, including postage, adds up to approximately \$9.74 per year per family -- this sum added to the above sum of \$17.52 makes \$27.26. Churchman Family, your help is needed!)

Let us further suppose that the Churchman Family fails to contribute in the Year 1980. This will mean that of necessity the per capita for the Churchman Family must be paid by the contributions of others; and it is really very likely that the Churchman Family would much prefer it otherwise.

KNOW CARE SHARE

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
R.D. #1, Apollo, Pa.

December 29, 1980



DID HE BEAT THE AUDIT?
DID YOU?

(There goes that rabbit again! Looks like he has already been there and is on his way back for more!)

DEAR MEMBER:

This is URGENT! The Accounts of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church for the Year 1980 are to close on December 31, 1980 (or within 2 or 3 days thereafter). Have you completed your contributions? If not, perhaps you can still beat the audit; and, of course you have opportunity to be numbered with those who will be first in their giving in the Year 1981. From first to last may the Year 1981 be marked as a year of stewardship advance and of unprecedented loyalty to the cause of Christ through His Church! Your cooperation in this will be very helpful and sincerely appreciated by The Board of Trustees, by The Session, by The Board of Deacons, and by The Finance Officers. Such cooperation will be of benefit to our congregation in general.

Faithfully yours,

Roy S. Brice
Roy S. Brice, Pastor

BUDGETED CURRENT and BENEVOLENCE CONTRIBUTIONS are payable to:

Mrs. Mary Louise Moore, Financial Secretary
Address: R. D. 2 -- Box 200,
Export, Pennsylvania 15632
(Telephone 327-2143)

CAPITAL GIFTS, MEMORIALS, ENDOWMENTS, BEQUESTS, ETC.

(such a gift should be designated for a specific purpose.)
Some gifts of this nature are received each year; and arrangements for this type of giving may be made by phoning one of the following numbers: (327-5563), (327-2775), (727-7353), (327-2143) -- or, if preferred, such a gift may be mailed with check payable to: POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -- Address: R. D. 1 -- Box 221, Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613

JANUARY -- 1981 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Poke Run Presbyterian Church
R. D. 1, Apollo, Pa.

Each Sunday: Church School at 10:00 A. M.
Worship Service at 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship at 7:00 P. M., except on January 11th when the Youth Fellowship will be participating in the Service in Preparation for Holy Communion at 4:30 P. M.

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons and Installation and Public Recognition of Trustees -- Sunday, January 4th at 11:00 A. M.

Sermon subject: "These Big Assignments"

Sunday, January 11th:

11:00 A. M. -- Worship Service, with evangelism emphasis, with a view to in depth spiritual renewal and total commitment. Sermon subject: "Reasonable Service"

2:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M. -- Meetings of: the Session, the Board of Deacons, and the Board of Trustees in Fellowship Hall. (Persons planning to unite with the Church in January are to meet with the Session at 4:00 P. M.)

4:30 P. M. -- The Service in Preparation for HOLY COMMUNION (This service will be held in Fellowship Hall and will be followed by a fellowship supper, served by the Board of Deacons. All are welcome. Members of the Youth Fellowship will be helping with The Service in Preparation for HOLY COMMUNION.)

Sermon subject: "Hurrah, It Works"

Membership Welcome -- Poke Run Presbyterian Church extends a cordial welcome to new members by profession or reaffirmation of faith and by certificate of dismissal and recommendation from other churches. Persons wishing to unite with the Poke Run Church are requested to please express their wish to the Pastor. (Please see inside address page for scheduled classes for 1981.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION January 18th
11:00 A. M.
Please remind others.
Communion Meditation: -- "The Communion of Saints"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM January 25th
11:00 A. M.
Sermon subject: -- "The Forgiveness of Sins"
(Parents with children to be Baptized are requested to please contact the Pastor, if they have not already done so.)

YOUTH DAY SERVICE February 1st at 11:00 A. M.

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"POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1785-1977"

Since going to press in 1977 the new History of Poke Run Presbyterian Church has had wide distribution outside of the membership. This 204 page volume is already in many communities, towns and cities; and it has gone into many places outside of Pennsylvania, as follows:

Fremont, Ohio	Portsmouth, Virginia	Highland, Indiana
Gnadenhatten, Ohio	Centreville, Virginia	Rockford, Illinois
Kensington, Ohio	Lynchburg, Virginia	St. Paul, Minnesota
Towanda, N. Y.	Eustis, Florida	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Victor, N. Y.	Clearwater, Florida	Fairmont, West Virginia
Buffalo, N. Y.	Pickney, Michigan	Las Vegas, Nevada
Baltimore, Maryland	Madison, Wisconsin	Washington, D. C. (The volume
Bowie, Maryland	(Historical Society)	is also in many Pennsylvania
College, Alaska,	Durham, N. Carolina	Libraries, including: Grove
San Jacinto, California	(Drake University)	City College, Pittsburgh
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STATED CONGREGATIONAL (CORPORATE MEETING) OF THE POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
R. D. 1, APOLLO, PENNSYLVANIA -- Monday, January 12, 1981 at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall; and will be preceded by a Fellowship Supper at 6:30 P. M. -- with each family bringing a covered dish and adequate table service. Rolls and beverage will be furnished. As this is the Annual Stated Corporate Meeting, any and all matters of corporate business may be considered. Specific items of business on the agenda are:

1. Reading and approval of the Minutes;
2. Presentation and Approval of the Audited Reports;
3. Elections, as follows:
 - Auditor (4 year term)
 - Local Fund Treasurer (1 year term)
 - Benevolence Fund Treasurer (1 year term)
 - Financial Secretary (1 year term)
 - Chairman (1 year term)
 - Vice Chairman (1 year term)
 - Secretary (1 year term)
 - Representative to the Nominating Committee for the Year 1981
 - Representative to the Personnel Committee for the Year 1981
 - Representative to the Continuous Committee On Property Maintenance and Improvements Committee ((5 Calendar Term from 1/1/81)
4. Report of the Board of Trustees -- the Board as presently organized on 12/29/80: Leonard C. Hartman, President; Richard E. Ryman, Sr., Vice-Pres.; Jack B. Blair, Treasurer; William E. Knepshield, Secretary; James E. Powers and William A. Saul. Trustees Elect: Elmer Long and James P. Thompson will be installed and public recognition on Sunday, January 4, 1980.

LATE WINTER AND SPRING PROSPECTUS

"O GOD, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the storm blast
And Our eternal Home.

"O GOD, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while life shall last,
And our eternal Home." _____ Isaac Watts (Based on Psalm 90)

Some Sermon Subjects:

February 8th -- "Life Everlasting"

February 15th -- "Thanks Boys"

February 22nd -- "If God Be For Us"

Sermon Series On: Disease, Dying, Death, and Directed Decisions

March 1st -- "Bugs In Our Bodies, and Elsewhere"

March 8th -- "Shedding Our Shells"

March 15th -- "Our Light Affliction"

March 22nd -- "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide"

200TH ANNIVERSARY. PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE

In the Year 1981 the Presbytery of Redstone will be celebrating the 200th Year of her ongoing ministry in the Church. On September 19, 1781 the Presbytery was organized at the Pidgeon Creek Presbyterian Church of Eighty Four, Pennsylvania.

One feature of the celebration will be the holding of four simultaneous Communion Services at 7:30 P. M. on the evening of Sunday, April 5, 1981 -- the locations of these services to be as follows:

- District I -- Poke Run Presbyterian Church
- District II -- First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg
- District III -- Third United Presbyterian Church of Uniontown
- District IV -- First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown

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SCHEDULED DATES FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL CONFIRMATION (MEMBERSHIP) COMMISSIONING CLASS:

Sundays from 10:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M., beginning on Sunday, January 25, 1981 and on Wednesdays from 7:30 P. M. to 8:30 P. M., beginning on Wednesday, March 4, 1981. The studies of the Class will lead up to the Easter Season. Emphasis will center upon personal commitment and commissioning to Christian discipleship through the Church, in confirmation of Baptismal vows. The sessions of the Class are designed for all age groups.

IN DEEP APPRECIATION --

To Mrs. W. Blair Kiebler for her effective faithfulness in writing much of the informative and interesting narratives for THE RANGER over the past several years;

To Mrs. Donald P. Lengauer for the seasonally appropriate and skillfully prepared drawings which appear on the quarterly issues of THE RANGER: and

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