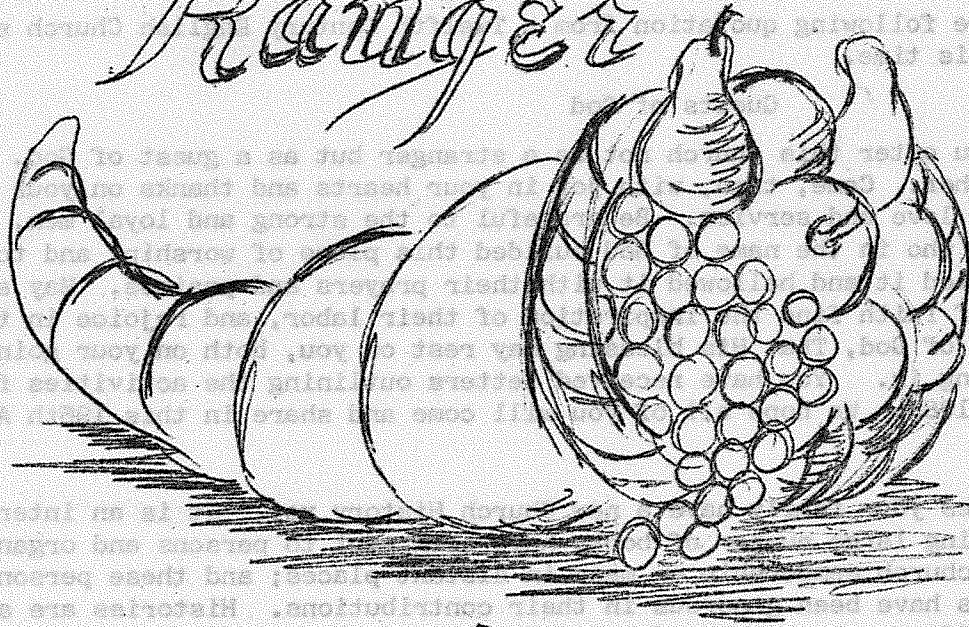


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POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Matthew 28:17-20

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Dear Friends,

This September 1980 Ranger is dedicated to the 195th Anniversary Celebration of Poke Run Presbyterian Church. With this thought in mind, may we share with you this poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

We Love The Venerable House

We love the venerable house our fathers built to God;
In Heaven are kept their grateful vows, Their dust endears the sod.

Here holy thoughts a light have shed from many a radiant face;
And prayers of humble virtue spread the perfume of the place.

And anxious hearts have pondered here, the mystery of life,
And prayed th' Eternal Light to clear their doubts and aid their strife.

They live with God, their homes are dust, yet here their children pray,
And in this fleeting life-time, Trust to find the narrow way.

It is good to study our Church History and think on the accomplishments and growth during the first 195 years of Poke Run Church, but it is important that we use the past as a stepping-stone into the future. To quote from the Resume of 1978,

"Poke Run Presbyterian Church Reporting To and From The Congregation": Lord Acton said, "By universal history, I understand that which is distinct from the combined history of all countries, and is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul". The thought is: The past should be used as an illumination for the times ahead. The Risen Christ is out ahead, leading us forward in ministry and mission.

The following quotation from a Twelfth Century English Church seems appropriate at this time.

Guests of God

You enter this church not as a stranger but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your hearts and thanks on your lips, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal men, and women and children who in the name of God builded this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praises. May all who love this house of faith find the inspiration of their labor, and rejoice in the power and the love of God, That His blessing may rest on you, both on your going out and on your coming in. You have received letters outlining the activities for Sunday, October 19, 1980. We hope all of you will come and share in this 195th Anniversary Celebration.

Does your family have a new Church History yet? It is an interesting fact that an amazing large number of books have been sent to persons and organizations outside the church membership -- many in distant places; and these persons and organizations have been generous in their contributions. Histories are available at the Church Office, the minimum first-copy-contribution still being \$12.00.

It's that time again -- back to school! We extend our best wishes and pray God's blessing on all students and teachers who have gone back to the classroom. Congratulations to the following who have recently graduated from institutions of higher learning: Geniene Ciuca (Mrs. James), who received a master's degree in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh and is now an instructor there in Sophomore Nursing; Marcy McIntyre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. McIntyre, Jr. and granddaughter of the late Rachel Miller, who received her degree from Pennsylvania State University in Speech Pathology and is now going to Syracuse University to work toward her master's; Benjamin J. Mondics, who graduated from Pennsylvania State University in May; and Kelly Lynn Tomer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Tomer, who also graduated from Pennsylvania State University in May, now has an assistanceship in the Plant Science Department at the University of Delaware. Her sister Sandra is attending the New Kensington campus of Penn State University.

Mrs. Mary Witherspoon Fox, daughter of former Poke Run pastor, the late Rev. John W. Witherspoon, Jr., was honored at a dinner at The Lamplighter Restaurant in July by a group of her Washington Township teacher friends. The occasion was in the form of a "Farewell and Bon Voyage" party for Mary, who left Greensburg for Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she will make her home at the Oral Roberts Retirement Center. Her new address is 8555 S. Lewis -- Apt. 166, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136.

The Rev. Roy S. Brice officiated at the following weddings in the sanctuary this summer:

John Leslie Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Miller, and Diane Marie Schrencengost on June 28, 1980.

James W. Dunmire, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dunmire, and Sandra Kay Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Powers on July 12, 1980.

Robert K. McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McBride, and Tara M. Tatananni on August 2, 1980.

William S. Pearson and Anna L. Walker on August 29, 1980.

Dennis Burton Harman and Janice Ann Striner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Striner, on August 30, 1980.

Charles Edward Simons and Patricia Ann Hileman on September 20, 1980.

September 27, 1980 marks the announced date for the marriage of Karen Lynn Lach and Dwayne Fred Smith.

Brian Matthew Koch, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. (Bonnie Leith) Koch, was baptized at the regular Baptismal service on Sunday, July 27, 1980.

The following were welcomed into the Poke Run membership on Sunday, July 20, 1980: Mrs. Donald (Debra) Jordan, Miss Karen Lynn Lach and Mr. Dwayne Fred Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rorabaugh and daughters Lori and Holly requested the removal of their names from the church roll due to attending another church.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the families of these persons who have died recently: Mr. Homer W. McDivitt, July 6, 1980, in Latrobe Pa. He united with the church on September 17, 1926. Mrs. Rachel Alice Miller, on September 2, 1980, in Pittsburgh, Pa. She united with the church on March 30, 1945. Mrs. Sara Clawson Guist, sister-in-law of Mrs. Florence Clawson, in Brackenridge, on June 27, 1980. Mr. William J. Hall, brother of Miss Louise Hall on August 18, 1980, in Sarasota, Florida. Mr. Wayne Couch, brother-in-law of Mrs. Vincent J. Flotta and uncle of Leonard C. Hartman, on July 1, 1980. Mrs. Della Zerbini, mother of Mr. Eugene J. Zerbini, in Latrobe, August 31, 1980. Mrs. Anna L. McFarland, sister of Mr. Charles Peterson, in Greensburg, September 4, 1980. Mrs. Ethel Brunecke, formerly of the Mamont area, in Greensburg, September 6, 1980.

Word also came of the death of a son of Poke Run Church, The Rev. Arthur C. Walter, of Beaver, Pa., on June 20, 1980. He was born at Mamont, November 8, 1905, graduated from Washington Township High School, Grove City College and Western Theological Seminary. He was ordained into the ministry in 1931 and installed as pastor of the Boulevard Church, Columbus, Ohio, where he remained until 1942, when he took leave from the ministry to become a chaplain in the Air Force. Following World War II he continued as Chaplain in the Reserves, until 1965 holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His pastorates included First Presbyterian Church in Hubbard, Ohio, Longs Run Presbyterian in Calcutta, Ohio, and First Presbyterian of Beaver, Pennsylvania, where he served as assistant pastor for a number of years. In 1968 he resigned from the ministry due to ill health. Mr. Walter was married to Marguerite Maddox of Columbus, Ohio, in 1938, and to them were born three children, Margaret Ann, David Arthur and John Calvin. Mr. Brice, reflecting back to college days, remembers Arthur C. Walter as the returning alumnus with radiant and outgoing personality, and possessing those attitudes of faith and traits of Christian character, so characteristic of those who are promised eternal dwelling with the Master, in the Father's House. Confirmed in this trust may the members of the family of Arthur C. Walter be encouraged and comforted; and may all who have in recent weeks lost loved ones be guided and sustained by the promised ministries of the Holy Spirit.

A few days after Rachel Miller's death, her family received this letter from her cardiologist at Presbyterian Hospital. Her daughters would like to share it with you as a testimonial to their mother. (Please turn to Page 4 for a copy of the letter.)



University of Pittsburgh

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Department of Medicine
Division of Cardiology

September 3, 1980

To The Family of
Mrs. Rachael Miller
3288 Mayer Drive
Murrysville, PA 15668

Dear Family:

May I just send a short note of sympathy to you.

I was saddened by Mrs. Miller's death, though we all expected it and, in the end, I think there was little more we could have done. I will keenly miss Mrs. Miller, however, with her wonderful sense of humor, bright words and generally wholesome approach to life in general. She was truly a fine old lady and I know you will miss her deeply.

I also think you are the finest of families and your devotion to her in the final days was very heartwarming. I will also miss seeing you all more often.

Again, please accept my condolences.

Sincerely,

Fred Porkolab

FREDERICK L. PORKOLAB, M.D.

Congratulations to Mrs. Vida Branthoover Wigle, who celebrated her ninetieth birthday in July! She was honored at a reception in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 13, 1980 from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. Hostesses for the event were her daughters, Mrs. Annetta Wiester and Mrs. Edith Matson and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wigle. Also assisting were the grand-daughters, Ida Jean Caldwell (Mrs. William), Joyce Wiester (Mrs. Wayne), Edna Hill (Mrs. James) and Irene Clark (Mrs. William).

A covered dish dinner was held after the morning church service on Sunday, September 7, 1980. After the meal, Rev. Roy S. Brice read a testimonial letter relating to the life and work of the late Ruling Elder, Joseph R. Silvis. The letter was then presented to Mrs. Silvis (Helen). The event also honored Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Brewer on their retirement from the duties as Building Caretakers. Ruth Speer presented them with a radio on behalf of the church officers and congregation. Thank you, Bannie and Marie for your faithful service and a job well done!

Our Youth Group has been very busy this summer. On June 8th they had a family picnic at Nadene Dunmire's home with a meeting to make the final plans for Pine Springs Work Camp. After a short meeting on June 22nd the group left from the Church to start work at camps. James Dunmire, truck and trailer loaded down with equipment, tools, cement mixer, ladders, scoop all the necessities, Keith Linsensbigler drove his truck, Ed Heinlein in his suburban full of eager members, looking forward to 3 days at camp working and having fun. John Hughes and Harry Penrod arrived Monday with carpentry equipment, they were paneling a caretakers house. A surprise birthday party was held for Lori Moneymaker who celebrated her birthday at camp, away from her family. The other church groups joined in the celebration, Rev. Fisher and group from Puckety and others from Johnstown. New friends were made in working together. New roofs were put on buildings, repaired and painted, leaves cleared up and many other odd jobs were done in helping preserve our church camp. July = picnic and swimming meeting at Laurie Powers home. August -- family picnic, swimming, volleyball at Lisa Heinleins home. The youth are looking forward to the fall and their annual activities which include Hayride, Halloween Party, Ice Cram Festival, Raising money for Children's Hospital and Christmas Caroling. Those attending and working at Pine Springs Camp were Rita, Ed and Lisa Heinlein; Brenda Hostetler; Barb Thompson; Amy Geborsky; Lori Moneymaker; Keith Linsensbigler; Jim, Emma and Nadene Dunmire; John Hughes; and Harry Penrod.

On July 25, 1980 the Academy Building Adult Sunday School Class of Poke Run Church held its Seventh Annual Picnic at the home of Mollie and Lynn Waltenbaugh. The following were present: Raymond, Ethel and Mike Brewer; Jim, Emma and Nadene Dunmire; Margaret Hughes; Robert, Iris and Pat Kiebler; Elwood and Mary Krusey; Donald, Patricia, Kyle, Kelly and Allison Lengauer; Marvin, Kathy, Lori and Rebecca Moneymaker; Hary and June Penrod; Laurie Powers; Ronna and Ruth Ryman; William and Evelyn Shaeffer; Timothy Smoot; Boyd and Edna Speer; McKee and Ruth Speer; Mario, Beverly, Mike and Kim Tagliati; Barbara Thompson; Nelson and Betty Thompson; and Mollie and Lynn Waltenbaugh. The pool was the favorite spot and games were played in the pool and out of the pool. The pool volleyball winners were: Ronna Ryman, Kathy Moneymaker, Mollie Waltenbaugh, Lori Moneymaker and Ruth Ryman. Those pitching horseshoes came up with a tie: Nelson Thompson and Tim Smoot against Mario Tagliati and Marvin Moneymaker. The badmitton winners were: Ronna Ryman and Don Lengauer. Delicious food was served at suppetime and a dessert table spread later in the evening. The weather was perfect and a very pleasant fellowship was had by all. Both Mollie and Lynn proved to be very gracious hostesses and we wish to thank them very much for their invitation.

The third quarterly meeting of the Women's Association was held Tuesday evening, September 2, 1980, with 22 members present and Circle 2 as hostess group. "Friendship" was the theme of the devotional period presented by Circle 2. "A Present Help", a filmstrip with information on projects for which Thank Offering and

Summer Medical Offering were used, was shown. Emma Dunmire, president, conducted the business meeting. The secretary was asked to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Donald E. Bowman for donating his services in installing the bronze plaques in the Comfort Corner and on the doors of the Sunday School rooms and rest rooms. These plaques were paid for from the W. A. Lounge Fund. A baby layette was displayed by Circle 2, to be sent to a Center for lower income persons in West Virginia, and they also reported making and sending 12 Health Kits to Church World Service. Plans were made for the Community Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 4th, 1980. The proceeds will go to the \$60,000 fund, to be divided three ways - To Missions, to the Greensburg Home of the Presbytery of Redstone (formerly called The Lord's Inn) and to the local church current fund. It was decided to raise the ticket prices to \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for Children 12 and under. This is a big undertaking! W. A. welcomes help for this dinner from all church members. To volunteer, contact Emma Dunmire, telephone 327-1375. To purchase tickets contact Edith Metzgar, telephone 327-2775 or Ruth Christy, telephone 727-3280, if you wish to attend, the menu is Swiss Steak.

The Gary Labers (Jocelyn Miller) were here from Shoreham, Vermont, in June for Jocelyn's brother John's wedding and to visit friends and relatives. Jocelyn and Gary have both been teaching in the Brandon Training School for the Mentally Retarded. Richard and Helen Bell Cressey of Syracuse, New York were visitors at the Robert Pfeffer home, and also stopped in to see Mr. Brice. Helen's brother, Kenneth Bell, has been a patient in the Battersby Convalescent Home in Erie, Pa. Older Poke Run members will remember Helen and Kenny as children of the late John and Clara Bell, formerly of Mamont. Lee and Elaine Schutzler Dinsel enjoyed a California vacation this summer. The Howard Lynches of Fort Pierce, Florida, visited their mothers, Mrs. Katherine Lynch and Mrs. Dorothy Elwood, over the Fourth. Robert and Henrietta Wilson and Henrietta's sister, Alice Sroka, enjoyed a 3-week camping trip through the western states and along the Pacific coast. They also travelled to Marlboro, Vt., in September to visit daughter Elizabeth and her family, the John Mahers, and then home through New Jersey to visit more relatives. Mildred George, of Portsmouth, Va., and her brother and wife, the Albert Tomers of Florida, were welcome visitors at Poke Run on Sunday, August 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Walker came back from Florida as did the Boyd Speers to visit friends and relatives. The Gearhards enjoyed family visitors in September -- daughter Carol Croff with her small sons Jason and Joseph from Florida, the Maurice Umbles and son Paul from Ohio, and cousin Don Harris from New York.

Mr. Brice reports that vacation for him in August was as it often has been: un-spectacular, yet relaxing, meaningfully significant, and hopefully useful -- three weddings and one pulpit appearance at Poke Run Church, sharing in some family gatherings in this community and elsewhere, a little farming and associated activities, some administrative work in relation to the fall program, and taking care of some personal business-being a part of it. He is again busily and briskly back on the full course of duty, with the extra press and load of pulling things together as in relation to the prospectus of his pastorate here at Poke Run Church. In a general way the meaning of this last sentence might best be interpreted by quoting the first paragraph of his World Communion letter to the congregation under date of September 10, 1980: --

For almost 40 years I have had the privilege of inviting and encouraging fellow Christians to participate in the observance of World Communion -- this being the 35th year for me to exercise this privilege as Pastor of The Poke Run Presbyterian Church. Various means amidst a variety of circumstances have been employed in conveying the invitations and encouragements. Please consider this as a personal letter, although it is mimeographed and sent by bulk mail. This letter -- combining both fond remembrances and wistful hopefulness -- is being sent to all, in trust that all will in some measure share the depth of meaning gathered about the fact that in the providence of God I am very likely for the last time as Pastor of Poke Run Church inviting the congregation to share in World Communion."

A most interesting reunion took place at the George Metzgar home in Mamont the third week in August. After twenty-nine years of corresponding across the sea, Blanche Metzgar (Mrs. George), and her pen pal, Pat Chang of London, England, met for the first time. The two friends started their letter sharing when they were eleven years old. Blanche had chosen Pat's name from a list of pen pals in the Jack and Jill magazine. The continued to write over the years, sharing school experiences, weddings, births, and many family happenings. Two years ago Pat began planning a visit to the United States and Blanche of course invited her to visit them. Last year, Blanche received an international call on her birthday confirming the visit. So Pat Chang and her 13 year old daughter, Lise, arrived at the Metzgar home. They enjoyed a busy visit seeing Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. When asked their opinion of our country they replied, "America is great! It's big and everyone is so friendly."

The following persons have been in area hospitals recently: Thelma Sharer in Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg, PA., Carl Ferguson, Ron Bowman and Lillian Linsenbigler in Allegheny Valley, Natrona Heights; Mary Bowman in Greenville Hospital Greenville, Pa., Garnet Beighley, and Ronald Henry in Citizen's General, New Kensington, Pa., John Ralston in Butler Memorial Hospital, Butler, Pa., Mary Ralston in Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. Word has come that Stella Walter, wife of the late Rev. Deane C. Walter, is a patient in Columbia Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. Due to a hand injury Dell Bossart was in the Greensburg Hospital.

On July 2, 1980, fire destroyed a local landmark, a large barn on the Ella McCullough farm in Bell Township. The structure, 86 by 136 by 90 feet, was considered one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the East. It was built at the turn of the century by Jake Hines and was thereafter known far and wide as "The Hines Barn". Featured in a Pittsburgh magazine story a few years ago, it embodied craftsmanship no longer available. The foundation was cut stone and its mortis and tendon joint structure enabled it to "give" in high winds. It had a slate roof, huge hand-hewn beams and two silos. The tragedy of the fire lies not only the financial loss to the owner, but in the loss of an example of the fine workmanship of a by-gone era.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Brewer would like to thank the Session, the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, and the congregation for the nice covered dish dinner held in Mr. Brewer's honor and also for the gift of the radio which will bring many hours of enjoyment. A Special Thank You to Rev. Brice for his prayer and all his help.

DOES POKE RUN CHURCH HAVE YOUR EXACT ADDRESS? Do you know that every copy of "THE RANGER" that is returned for lack of the correct address costs someone at Poke Run Church twenty-five cents. Please notify the church if your address has been changed. Perhaps if you have a family member who is receiving the Ranger and they move you could give their new address to the Church Office.

THE FRONTIS DRAWING on this issue of "THE RANGER" is by Mrs. Donald P. (Patricia) Lengauer. THE NARRATIVE, comprising the beginning pages, is by Mrs. W. Blair (Betty) Kiebler.

"THE RANGER" -- Do you know of something which should be included in the next issue? Have you noticed errors or omissions in this issue? If so, please contact the Church Office relative to such information. Phones 327-5563 or 327-5443.

THANKS TO ALL -- Mrs. Irene Rugh, one always previously faithful in her attendance at the services of Poke Run Church, has indicated how much she misses being present. She is deeply appreciative for all the cards, telephone calls, and other remembrances she has received in recent months, and takes this means of expressing her gratitude to all who have so kindly remembered her.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1980 is regarded as the beginning of Christian Education Week. This has been the traditional time of year for new enrollments in the Church School; and it is hoped that this year will be no exception, with many additional families enrolling in the Church School at 10:00 A. M. Poke Run Church has classes for all age groups, excellent facilities, and many persons capable of leadership in the field of Christian Education. Cooperative Uniform Series adult lesson subjects for the immediate future are:

- September 28th -- "God's Covenant and Joshua"
- October 5th -- "God's Covenant and David"
- October 12th -- "God's Covenant and Israel's Sin"
- October 19th -- "God's Covenant and Jeremiah"
- October 26th -- "God's Covenant and Ezra"
- November 2nd -- "God's Covenant and Jesus Christ"
- November 9th -- "God's Covenant and Peter"
- November 16th -- "God's Covenant and Paul"
- November 23rd -- "God's Covenant and His New People"
- November 30th -- "God's Covenant and the New Jerusalem"

195TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING OF POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -- OCTOBER 19, 1980

FROM POKE RUN CHURCH -- TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are welcome! -- to this House of Prayer, and to the work and worship of this Congregation. Multitudes have made their way to this lovely and holy hill to worship the Eternal God. Here the Word is preached; the Sacraments are administered; and all things whatsoever Christ has commanded are taught; the vows of holy marriage are exchanged; the bereaved are comforted; sinners are saved; saints confess their sins; the weary and heavy laden find rest for their souls; and time's richest friendships are sealed for eternity. May you find in Poke Run Church: fellowship, reverence, and a Christlike atmosphere.

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HARVEST HOME DAYS are being observed at the Redstone Presbyterian Home in Johnstown (787 Goucher Street). Open House -- 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th. Suggested donations -- staples, sugar, rice, etc. Commercially canned foods (the Home cannot use home canned beans, tomatoes, etc.) Jams & jellies, coffee, tea & tea bags. Tea towels, dish towels & paper products. Fresh fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, Cash -- cash is always appreciated (checks may be made payable to Redstone Presbyterian Home and are tax-deductible). The gathering of items and contributions for the Home has been progressing nicely at Poke Run Church on the table in the Narthex during the past couple of weeks under the leadership of Miss Louise Hall. Delivery to the Home will be on Sunday, September 28th. Visitors at the Homes of our Presbytery are welcome. May we be mindful of the fact that one of the members of Poke Run Church, Mr. Frederick M. Potts, is a resident at the Johnstown Home.

CONFERENCES AND CONSULTATIONS WITH PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS -- are held on a more or less continuous basis in the Church Office on Sundays at 10:00 A. M. Poke Run Church extends a cordial welcome to prospective new members: by profession or reaffirmation of faith and by certificate of transfer and recommendation from other congregations. Persons wishing to unite with Poke Run Church may indicate their desire by use of the "I WISH" folders or by phoning Rev. Brice 327-5563.

THE SACRAMENTS

THE WORLD COMMUNION SERVICE 11:00 A. M. on Sunday, October 5th

Communion Meditation -- "The Legacy of God in Christ"

May the brief period of time leading up to October 5th be a season of heart-searching and prayer in preparation for World Communion. Please remind others and share your faith with others in this season of preparation.

".....All that humbly put their trust in Christ, and desire His help that they may lead a holy life, all that are truly sorry for their sins and would be delivered from the burden of them, are invited and encouraged in His name to come to this Sacrament. Let us, therefore, so come that we may find refreshing and rest unto our souls." (From "The Book of Common Worship")

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THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM 11:00 A. M. on Sunday, October 12th

Sermon Subject -- "In The Presence of The Worshipping Congregation"

If they have not already done so, parents with children to be Baptized should contact the Pastor, preparatory to meeting with the Infant Baptism Core Consultation and Instruction Committee of the Session -- the Chairman of this Committee being Ruling Elder Glenn T. Ross (Telephone 727-7353).

Adults wishing to be Baptized should also contact the Pastor --
(Telephone 327-5563).

"PEACEMAKING: THE BELIEVERS' CALLING"

In this Year 1980 we are realistically faced with the hopeful contemporary significance of World Communion for our world. As Christian members of the World Community we are actively engaged in Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling; and by Session authorization we are supporting the cause of peace by making an offering. The amount we give to this cause is perhaps not nearly as important as the motivation of our giving. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who at the institution of The Sacrament of Holy Communion said: "This do in remembrance of Me" is the one who also taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Please add substance to your faith by making an offering in the interests of peace on World Communion Sunday, October 5th.

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)

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Office Manager:
Mrs. Leonard C. Hartman, 327-5443

Caretakers:
Grounds, 327-2328 or
327-8197
Buildings, 327-5009

GROUNDS CARETAKER -- Mr. Larry Baker is now under contract by the Board of Trustees to be the grounds and cemetery caretaker. His telephone number is 327-2328 or 327-8197. Grave opening fees have been increased by the Board of Trustees to now be:

- Members -- \$192.50
- Non-Members -- \$220.00
- Infants -- \$82.50

Please note -- You must be a member of the church to purchase a cemetery lot.

BUILDINGS CARETAKER -- Our new Buildings Caretaker is Mrs. Arthur L. (Ruth) Gebrosky of 4592 Mamont Road. Her telephone number is 327-5009.

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The annual work of the Nominating Committee is being advanced. The members of this committee for 1980 are as follows: James W. Dunmire, Chairman, Robert N. Thompson, Mrs. Edgar L. Brewer, James E. Powers, Mrs. Nelson C. Thompson, Mrs. Leonard C. Hartman, Miss Barbara Jean Thompson, Mrs. Richard E. Ryman, Sr., Mrs. F. Paul Kiebler, and Roy S. Brice (ex-officio). It should be remembered by the congregation that the Trustees as well as Elders and Deacons are now being nominated and elected at the Stated December Congregational Meeting which comes on Sunday, December 7th, 1980.

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FEATURE ARTICLES -- An invitation is extended to the members and friends of Poke Run Church to contribute feature articles which may be included in future issues of "THE RANGER". Such articles should be reduced to writing and placed in "THE RANGER" box or addressed to: Poke Run Presbyterian Church

R. D. 1 -- Box 221,
Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613

CONGRATULATIONS! As the finishing touches were being put on this edition of "THE RANGER" good news was received. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parkinson (the former Carol Flotta) are the proud parents of a son on September 24th, 8 lbs 13 oz. They also have a son David. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Flotta are the proud grandparents. Carol and Harry make their home at Mercer, PA.

195th
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PLEASE TURN THIS PAGE OVER FOR THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF THE DAY IN REGARDS TO THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1785 - 1980.

R. D. 1, Apollo, Pennsylvania

195TH FOUNDERS' DAY HOMECOMING - - - - - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1980

In Preparation For and In Prospect Of

THE-COMING-OF-AGE ACHIEVEMENTS CELEBRATION

(The 200th Anniversary)

Established 1785

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

Incorporated 1926

Under the leadership of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we move into the future, strengthened and encouraged by His bottom-line-assurance: "...Lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b). Special gatherings of His people serve as fountains of refreshment and as fortresses of support as we pursue our journey. One such gathering is planned for Sunday, October 19, 1980 -- THE 195TH FOUNDERS' DAY HOMECOMING OF THE POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

May you regard this announcement as a personal invitation to you, the reader, to attend and participate on THE 195TH FOUNDERS' DAY HOMECOMING. Please share this information and encourage the attendance and participation of others.

The Schedule for Sunday, October 19th is as follows:

- 10:00 A. M. -- Church School -- (A day to be re-united with the remnants of your former class or perhaps be the remnants in a new class)
- 11:00 A. M. -- Worship Service, with special music by past and present members of the choirs of the congregation
Sermon subject -- "The Wells of Abraham"
- 12:30 Noon -- Covered Dish Dinner, under the supervision of the Rugh Group and Circle 1. All are cordially invited. Please bring a covered dish. Rolls, butter, coffee, etc. and table service will be furnished. (There will be ample opportunity for relaxation and old-time visitation following the meal.)
- 3:00 P. M. -- 195th Anniversary Celebration, with special music by the choirs and with time for reminiscences
Principal Speaker: The Reverend Marshall D. Berryhill, D. D., Eleventh Pastor of The Poke Run Presbyterian Church
- 4:00 P. M. -- Fellowship and Refreshments in Fellowship Hall, sponsored by
Circles 2 and 4

The 200th Anniversary of Poke Run Church (October, 1985) is only five years ahead. As a member or other friend of Poke Run Church may you experience the joy of having been supportive of the Homecomings leading to the hopeful rejoicings of the Year 1985; and may many of your friends have cause to rejoice by reason of your presence on October 19, 1980.

Sincerely,

The Initial Executive Homecoming Officers:

Donald P. Lengauer, President

Mrs. Donald P. Lengauer, Secretary

James W. Dunmire, Vice-President

Mrs. Roy M. Christy, Treasurer

Arrangements Chairman, Mrs. C. McKee Speer

FALL And EARLY WINTER -- SERVICE And PROGRAM PROSPECTUS:

(As approved by the Session on January 13, 1980)

In Outline Form, as approved:

- n. Approval of Sunday, November 2nd, as the date for the next Annual Thank Offering Service.
- o. That the Session, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Deacons (in lieu of the Stated November Meetings of these bodies) meet separately but cooperatively in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 P. M. on Monday, November 3, 1980 for the transaction of the then current items of business; and that the Finance Officers be invited and requested to meet at this same time and place, to the end that the aforesaid groups be in a position to formulate financing plans and work out a budget for the Year 1981.
- p. That a Meeting of the Congregation be held at the close of the 11:00 A. M. Service of Worship on Sunday, November 16, 1980, for the purpose of adopting the Budget and launching the Every Member Canvass for the Year 1980; and that the Board of Trustees be requested to concur in the call of this special meeting.
- q. Approval for the holding of a Thanksgiving Day Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 A. M. on Thursday, November 27, 1980.
- r. That the Sunday evening of December 21, 1980 be approved as the most suitable time for the presentation of the Church School Christmas Program; and that authorization be given to the Board of Deacons relative to the Annual Candlelight Service -- the time for the next such service to be on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1980, at 7:30 P. M.
- s. That preparatory to the service for Ordination and/or Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons, a Special Meeting of the Session be held in the Church Office on Sunday, January 4, 1981 at 10:15 A. M.; and that at this meeting the Roll Check and Loyalty to Membership Vows Cooperative Sub-Committee make a concluding report for the Year 1980 -- with information pertaining to possible deletions and/or restorations, to the end that Session actions relating to the report be retroactive to December 31, 1980.
- t. Invitation to the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees to meet separately but cooperatively with the Session in Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, January 11, 1981 (In lieu of the Stated Meetings of these bodies -- the meetings of these bodies from 2:30 to 4:30 P. M. to be followed immediately by the Service in Preparation for Holy Communion.)
- u. Approval of Arrangements in Relation to Sacraments in January of 1981:
The Service in Preparation for Holy Communion -- Sunday,
January 11th, at 4:30 P. M.
The Sacrament of Holy Communion -- Sunday, January 18th, at
11:00 A. M.
The Sacrament of Christian Baptism -- Sunday, January 25th, at
11:00 A. M.
- v. Authorization for a Youth Day Service at 11:00 A. M. on Sunday, February 1, 1981.
- w. Authorization for the observance of Boy Scout Sunday in February of 1981.

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OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Next Stated December Congregational Meeting -- Sunday, December 7, 1980
- Next Annual Audit -- Saturday, January 10, 1981
- Next Stated January Congregational Meeting -- Monday, January 12, 1981

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