

REVEREND ROY S. BRICE

by

Allison Lynn Lengauer

God chose him for one of His "Good News" people --
 Gave him a church from steps to steeple --
 People come from miles around
 To hear him and the lovely sound of music,
 children's laughter,
 or to sit and stare at
 the wooden rafter.
 This is all because of Mr. Brice,
 The one who is so very nice.

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 R. D. 1, Apollo, Pa.
 (Junction of Routes 66 & 366)

Matthew 28:17-20

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Dear Friends,

This issue of The Ranger is dedicated to the Reverend Mr. Roy S. Brice, our devoted Pastor, Ruling Elder, and Friend for over thirty-six years, and who is now planning to retire from the Poke Run Pastorate as of August 31, 1981.

The following letter was presented to the Session at its first regular meeting this year, January 11, 1981.

Poke Run Presbyterian Church

R. D. 1, Apollo, Pennsylvania - 15613

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January 11, 1981

SUBJECT: Retirement of Reverend Roy S. Brice from the active Pastorate of The Poke Run Presbyterian Church -- In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXI of The Form of Government (Of The United Presbyterian Church In The United States of America)

FROM: Reverend Roy S. Brice

TO: The Session of The Poke Run Presbyterian Church of
R. D. 1, Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613

Dear Brothers and
Sisters in Christ:

Having been Pastor of The Poke Run Presbyterian Church since January 14, 1945; having on October 10, 1980 reached the age of 'threescore years and ten'; and being receptive to what I trust to be the will of God both for myself and for the congregation -- I, therefore, on this 11th day of January, 1981 request the favorable action of the Session on a threefold request, as follows:

(1). That official action be initiated for the dissolution of the active pastoral relationship of myself with the Poke Run Presbyterian Church, effective as of August 31, 1981;

(2). That in implementation of (1) and to care for other matters pertaining thereto a Special Meeting of the Congregation be called for immediately following the 11:00 A. M. Worship Service on Sunday, February 22, 1981 -- with provision that The Reverend William R. Johnston of Murrysville, Pennsylvania be invited to moderate this meeting; and

(3). That the Session send a letter to the Social Security Administration confirming my orally expressed intent concerning my retirement from the active pastorate.

Be assured that I deeply sense and cherish my extensive constituent role on the Session here at Poke Run Church; and please know that the herein proposal intended to lead to the severance of my pastoral relationship with the congregation has been made only after long and prayerful heart-searching.

Gratefully and sincerely,

Roy S. Brice

Roy S. Brice, Pastor

After official action by the Session, the Special Meeting of the Congregation was held after the 11 A. M. worship service on February 22, 1981, for the purpose of giving consideration to the retirement of Reverend Roy S. Brice from the active Pastorate of the Congregation. Serving as Moderator was the Reverend Dr. William R. Johnston, Pastor of The First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville. After accepting Reverend Brice's proposal of retirement, the congregation bestowed upon him the Honor of Pastor Emeritus. Dr. Johnston then explained all the steps necessary in the process of calling a new minister. Edgar L. Brewer was elected representative from the congregation-at-large to attend the next meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone on March 17, 1981, and attest to the above action. At its meeting on Monday evening, March 2, 1981 Mrs. Ruth Speer was appointed Session representative to join Mr. Brewer at this meeting. At the stated meeting on March 17, 1981, Presbytery took official action on the dissolution of the relationship between Reverend Roy S. Brice and Poke Run Presbyterian Church. At its next meeting on June 16, 1981, to be held at Poke Run, Reverend Brice will be honored by Presbytery.

And now, Reverend Roy S. Brice, this next portion of The Ranger is addressed directly to you -- to give you an indication of the love and esteem in which you are held by the many lives you have touched over the span of these thirty-six years. The following series of letters represent a cross-section of the many friends who wish to pay you Tribute -- from the oldest to the youngest.

First are messages from some of those who have preceded you in the Poke Run pulpit and manse.

1115 S. W. 22nd Avenue
Delray Beach, Florida

Dear Roy:

You and I have one thing in common, for each of us has been the pastor of one period in life of one of the finest United Presbyterian Churches in all America -- old Poke Run.

You have one great advantage over me in that my service to that Church took place more than fifty-four years ago, but you continue to the present time. The question is why have both of us looked on service to Poke Run as a great privilege -- I offer some good reasons:--

First -- To serve any United Presbyterian Church is a blessing, and we have shared with all pastors in serving under the greatest Commander-in-Chief. Serving Christ, our Saviour and Lord, as our Master is an opportunity we discovered when we were called to the ministry. Like you, I thank God for being called to Poke Run. Second -- like you I rejoice in serving a happy and loyal congregation. No church ever escapes differences, but the fact that the people have continued coming to worship God and learn the Christian life bespeaks their spirit. General Assembly reports a membership of nearly 800 which is noteworthy. A third factor adding to the pleasure of serving Poke Run Church is that through its educational program many young people have become Christian workers in the local church and in wider spheres.

I am especially grateful that it was here I brought my bride in 1926 and we were welcomed with great warmth. Like many of her predecessors and successors she proved to be a wonderful minister's wife and I shall always be grateful that it began at Poke Run.

May God continue to bless you and yours and the people of this great Church.

Sincerely,

David K. Allen (ninth pastor of Poke Run
Church)

From D. Alan Martens -- tenth pastor of Poke Run Church.

Dear Roy,

Have been asked to write some words of greeting to you on this occasion, I am glad to respond. Let me congratulate you on your long and meaningful pastorate in the Poke Run parish.

You have been steadfast in your service for many years and have proved to possess staying qualities. As one of your predecessors in the Poke Run Church and with my knowledge of the history of pastorates served there for nearly two hundred years, I have been impressed by pastors who labor as those who "do not grow weary in well-doing". With all the changes in parishes here and there, Poke Run among them, you have labored with steadfastness of purpose that is an inspiration to all who have shared in such ministry and who share today.

Having heard you proclaim the gospel on occasions now and then, and with ties with some of your members across many years, I am aware of your pulpit and pastoral ministry as well as your service in the Presbytery of Redstone. Your pastoral ministry of bringing comfort to the sorrowing, assurance to families in times of distress and need, and gathering recruits for the Kingdom of God marks you as a shepherd of souls seeking to help people find and live a meaningful life in Christ as Lord.

May God's blessing continue to rest on your life as you continue to affirm, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Peter 1:3)

Faithfully yours,

D. Alan Martens

From the eleventh pastor of Poke Run Church.

Dear Roy:

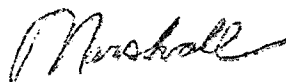
With your plans made to retire, my best wishes to you, as you stride forth into (to quote Browning) "the last of life, for which the first was made". Enjoy every day, and don't ever complain about growing old - be thankful for the opportunity.

All of us retired Ministers welcome you into the bliss of what we are enjoying. As in your active ministry, God will continue 'to crown your life with His good things'. You will discover that there are many more of "the unsearchable riches of Christ" for you to uncover and enjoy, which will keep multiplying in you the realities of what makes every year worth living. When I retired (1971) the wisest practical bit of advice given to me (I give it to you) was "Each night before you retire think of something particular you will do the next day, which, when you awaken the next morning, will give you a particular reason to get up".

I congratulate you, the minister of Poke Run Church for thirty-some years. As one of her former ministers I hold a high regard for her; and I gratefully commend you for your Christian ministry, that has so contributed to the (almost) 200 years of history of Poke Run Presbyterian Church, to her people and to her Christian stature and stewardship in the community and abroad.

God bless you and continue to make you a Christian blessing to others.

Sincerely in Christ,



Marshall D. Berryhill

From the family of John McMillan Fife, Twelfth pastor of Poke Run Church --

The Rev. Mr. Roy S. Brice,
Pastor of Poke Run Presbyterian Church,
Route 1, Apollo, Pa.

Dear Roy,

Congratulations on your coming retirement. Our sincere best wishes that it may be a time of fulfillment; a time when you can do all the things there never was quite enough time to do -- to read all the books and articles, to write, to visit friends, to garden, and even to rest a bit. But mostly may it be a time to enjoy.

Poke Run is a more effective congregation because you and Isabel gave so freely of yourselves. When I visited there a couple summers ago I was thrilled and deeply touched.

John's life and mine were enriched by our friendship with you. We sincerely loved the people at Poke Run. So it was gratifying to know that God's work there would go forward under your able and loyal guidance.

May God continue to bless you and use you in His service.

With sincere affection,

Betty Fife

John and Marianne Fife

Nancy and Tim Foy

Next are some tributes from sons and daughters of the Church.

From Raymond D. Walter, D. D., retired minister of Monaca, Pa.

February 6, 1981

It is a real privilege to speak a word of appreciation in behalf of the life and work of a fellow Pastor, and also a very dear friend--the Reverend Roy S. Brice, Minister of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church. I have always been amazed at the scope of his historical ability and of his accuracy in writing and recording. He has surely served Poke Run Church well, both in its period of structural rebuilding, and also in the excellent up-dating and publishing of its nobile history. I am sure all of us wish him the very best as he looks forward to retirement. I know he will always be doing the Lord's work!

Raymond David Walter, D. D.
Honorably Retired, Member of
the Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

From J. Roy Walters, Pastor Emeritus, Fremont, Ohio

The old Poke Run Presbyterian Church has a tradition of long pastorates which Roy Brice is maintaining. It began with Dr. Bain when I was a boy. The record is a compliment to both pastor and congregation.

We wish God's blessing on Reverend Brice on his retirement. It has been a privilege to follow his pastorate through the years.

Sincerely yours,

J. Roy Walter

From Estella McKee Walter, wife of the late Rev. Deane Walter --

Dear Roy,

I hear you are retiring August 31, 1981, and I know you have earned a rest after thirty-six years at Poke Run. You will never know how many people have been brought to Christ through your long pastorate there. Deane and I have been friends of yours for most of your Poke Run ministry.

The experience I think of often was a good many years ago when the Lord took my sister Helen McKee to Heaven. The Apollo pastor was on vacation. Your name came first to fill our need. You came and brought Isabel with you. I recall we persuaded you to eat the evening meal with us at the long table in the Patterson dining room. You were so gracious about coming and you gave the most comforting message. Then of course you had Deane's funeral about two years ago.

I don't know your plans for retirement but trust you will take a long rest first. You will find more time to read and pray than when in active service. I am sure many people at Poke Run will miss you a great deal -- and you will miss them -- but such is life -- and we know we will see them in a "better land".

May your retirement be a long and happy one.

Estella M. Walter

From Roberta K. Adams (Bobbie Kiebler) wife of Rev. Richard Adams of First Presbyterian Church, Victor, New York --

My greetings and congratulations to Rev. Brice, who has been, and will continue to be, an inspiration and a constant source of encouragement and comfort to all of us. His ministry to the Poke Run family is an example of how ministry can truly make a difference in the every day lives of people.

My concern now is that the Poke Run family can relive the old, old story of the resurrection, and that Rev. Brice can know a new beginning in a continued life of ministry. We all love you, Rev. Brice, and we are all happy for your present, past, and future influence on our lives.

With affection,

Roberta K. Adams

And from Dick Adams --

We enjoyed Rev. Brice's ministry while we were in Seminary. His visit to us on the birth of our first child meant a great deal to us. We have continued to benefit from his presence and support throughout our ministry.

There are singular people in life's journey who stand out. They are people who take time for you, exhibit a solid faithfulness, and care. Roy Brice has been one of those persons for us.

I wish to extend to him my best wishes and prayers as his ministry enters a new period -- a little less demanding -- but I am sure he will continue to affect lives as he has ours.

Faithfully,

Richard D. Adams

From one who was a member when you first came to Poke Run and has now moved away --

Dear Mr. Brice,

Congratulations on having served so long and well as our pastor at Poke Run. I had mixed emotions when I heard of your retirement. I am glad that after so many years you have come to the place where you can retire and live a more leisurely life but I also feel sad because things will never be the same when we go back to Poke Run and you are not there.

In thinking back over the years so many things come to mind. There were many happy times and many sad times but all in all they were good years. They were also busy years and seemed to go by so swiftly.

I really appreciate the many kind and thoughtful things you have done for our family and I thank you very much for always being there when we needed your. May the Lord bless and keep you and may you have many more happy useful years.

Sincerely,

Mildred George
Portsmouth, Virginia.

From members of the congregation representing that group approaching "Senior Citizen" status --

Dear Mr. Brice,

So the day has actually come! Of course we all knew that it was to be, but we have just always put it out of our minds. It is hard to visualize Poke Run without you, as our generation, now nearing Senior Citizen age, have been married by you and had our children baptized by you. As a Teaching Elder you have instructed them into the membership of the Church, married them, and baptized their children. In some families you have blessed five generations during your pastorate at Poke Run.

You have always been there to give us strength to overcome our weaknesses, physical or spiritual. By the end of your pastorate here you will have reached or passed the 20,000 mark of visits made to us in our homes, hospitals, nursing homes, church homes, and funeral homes. If not there in person you were there by written word or phone call.

We appreciate the fact that you never condemned a person for his philosophy of life even though it might not be what you would advocate. In your scale of measuring a person's character you would always make the positive side outweigh the negative.

Even now as you prepare to leave your duties at Poke Run you are still planning for the future welfare of our Church. You are leaving us with well kept records and policies, and training us to carry on the responsibilities that should have been fully ours all the time. In the future we will become more and more aware of what you have done for Poke Run.

Speaking personally, I (Jane) am certainly going to miss going to the phone or stopping in at the office to seek information or ask your help on problems -- large or small. Thank you for everything as Pastor and Friend and may God go with you as you take your life away from Poke Run. Come back to see us -- anytime, but most especially when October 19th rolls around!

Most sincerely,

The Gearhards
(Jane, John, and family)

Representing a younger segment of Poke Run congregation --

March 1, 1981

Dear Mr. Brice,

Your retirement will mark a new era for us, personally, as well as for you and for Poke Run. As we reflect on your ministry at Poke Run, we realize how much influence you have had on our life in the Church.

When you were installed to the Pastorate at Poke Run, we were little children -- about third or fourth grade. It's somewhat jolting to realize you have been our Pastor for nearly four-fifths of our lives and that you are leaving.

In view of your approaching retirement, we have tried to assemble and organize our impressions of your long pastorate. Four different areas appear: family relationships, spiritual leader, administrator and person.

We think of you in terms of family relationships. Four generations of our family have been a part of your pastorate. We were brought to Poke Run as children with our parents and grandparents as influences. Then we came on our own. It was here we met, we courted, and we were married. You married us. You baptized our three children. During the span of your pastorate, all five of us became communicant members of the Church.

We think of you in terms of spiritual leader. Always dependable and present, you have been available in times of sickness, visiting home and hospital. You have been there in times of health and joy too - for the birth of a child, a wedding, for the celebration of anniversaries and birthdays. You preached and taught, through sermon and example, ideas about God, Jesus, and Presbyterianism. We listened and learned.

We think of you as a capable administrator. After serving on numerous committees for the purpose of achieving all types of goals, we can make one conclusion. The job got done. As a Moderator, you did a skillful job of bringing projects from the idea stage to completion. At times the meetings seemed they would never end. Evening hours grew into night. Weeks passed and stretched into years. But in the end, Poke Run had an educational annex, a remodeled Sanctuary, a history book, and dozens of other tangible, physical items designed to promote and glorify God. And they were all paid for. What some people might call dragging out a project, we can call patient handling or tactful completion, or timely coordination. Few of the big goals during your ministry at Poke Run were abandoned. Financing always came through at the right time.

We also regard you as a person. You share our interest in growing and living things. A part of your personhood and ministry we cannot omit from this remembrance is Isabel - Isabel to you, Mrs. Brice to us. Her encouragement and wise counsel to us as teenagers and young marrieds is fondly and lovingly remembered.

May the Lord bless you in your new position as our Pastor Emeritus.

Sincerely,

John and Judy Metzgar

From two yonger members who have moved away seeking their work in another community:

March 2, 1981

Dear Reverend Brice, past neighbor, friend of our families, personal friend,
counselor, and minister:

We recently received news of your forthcoming plans of retirement as the Minister of Poke Run Church. Amy and I felt a need to express our wishes for your success and happiness in any new endeavors you have planned. Knowing you, we are sure that you have made plans which would tire most men just thinking about them. Also, we would like to take this time to express our appreciation for all of the moments you have shared in our lives.

When we stopped to look back on all the stages of our growth, from childhood to adolescence, to adulthood, we found that you were always present as a part of that past. There are all the experiences in the Youth Fellowship and Scouting, graduations, family deaths, our wedding and the baptism of our daughter; with which you were always associated:

Because we were raised there, Poke Run will always hold a special place in our hearts. And because you were always a part of the Poke Run we know, your memory will be ever present in that sentiment.

Thank you for sharing of your self with us in ways which we as men and women may never fully comprehend. Yet knowing, your presence has enriched our lives.

Sincerely,

Jeffery and Amy Hartman
Three Springs, Pennsylvania

From the Youth Group - a poem by Amy Gebrosky

For You, Reverend Brice

We thank you - with love and prayers we wish you well.

We thank you for the blessings, ove, and most importantly, the memories.

We are genuinely happy for the years you've spent with us.

We see Joy in the Lord overflowing within you.

In you we find Wisdom we cannot find in others.

Shining brighter than any light is God's love inside you,

Showing the way for others.

Giving our outlooks a different view

Is your enthusiastic hope for the future.

With you as our example, we will live with the love and joy

You've helped us realize.

May God bless you always.

From our Clerical Secretary --

Dear Mr. Brice, (R.S.B.)

Your retirement as Pastor of Poke Run will be the end of a marvelous relationship my family and I have enjoyed with you these many years I served as the clerical secretary. Sometimes many phone calls were exchanged in one day to complete the church work we did together, without need to consider the hour.

I thank you for all you have given to me and my family by being the special person you are, our life is much richer by you being a part of our daily life. To work with you has been very special, you have taught me many valuable lessons and shown me the best way to look at different situations which was very rewarding to advice. There were also the many times you were just our personal friend such as the time of celebrations or other times of problems and family illnesses; with just the best help and concern you were there.

Best wishes to you in the future and may you be happy in your retirement.
Please visit us when you are near.

Sincerely,

Grace
Grace Hartman

And finally a composite letter from some of the little ones who rush down the aisle every Sunday morning for your Mini-Message --

Dear Mr. Brice,

We will miss you when you quit your work here. We wish you were not going away. You helped us with our Sunday School lesson one Sunday. We hope we get somebody just like you. We hope you will come back and visit us. Thank you for helping us.

The Children.

What more can the rest of us say? Peace be with you!

A DAUGHTER OF POKE RUN REMEMBERS.....

Have been meaning to write this since John Metzgar's article, "Do You Remember When?", appeared. I know that was quite a while ago, John, but yes, I remember nearly all of those items you mentioned which makes me an old-timer, just as you said!

Also, since I enjoy reading "The Rainger" every bit as much as I enjoy our own church's newsletter, I feel drawn to write this just for the fun of it and to, in some small way, show my appreciation for having had my upbringing in the Poke Run community.

When I mention my "home church", as I oftendo, people have a tendency to cock their heads to a funny angle and ask, "What did you say the name of that church was?" Although the name, Poke Run, is like an old shoe to all of you, it rings unfamiliar to those who are unacquainted with the area:

I REMEMBER

--my Sunday School classes and my teachers, especially Mrs. Speer and Mrs. Brice.

--helping in the nursery during church, as now my own son, Burton does.

--our Communicants Class of 1952. There were only three of us that year; Jack McCutcheon, John Walker and myself. We met each week in the "Chapel" with Rev. Brice and memorized the Catechism. I can still recite the answer to the first question, "What is the chief end of man?", Rev. Brice! Joining the church and taking communion for the very first time were very meaningful to me. To this day, I never take communion that I don't think of that special Easter morning. I can still remember the taffeta plaid dress I wore.

--our Westminster Fellowship meetings every Sunday evening, the rallies at other churches in the Presbytery, and, most of all, my wonderful summer weeks at Pine Springs which I credit (along with Poke Run, of course) with giving me a strong basis for my faith. I remember how we served breakfast after Sunrise service every Easter. (Where I learned now NOT to slice the grapefruit!)

--how so many of my Kiebler relatives were pillars of Poke Run, as they still are. I credit them and my immediated family with setting the example that has afforded me the opportunity and great privilege of serving as a ruling elder here at our Trinity Church and also on several Presbytery committees. (Presently, I serve on the Women in the Church committee. I know that Poke Run has always upheld the importance of women in the church, but I hope that when your pulpit committee is appointed and as it prepares to call a new pastor, that it will not rule out the possibility of a woman. There are so many fine young women, out of seminary, working menial jobs who will make pastors of the first quality.)

--singing in the choir very early and all through high school and accompanying cousin Gerald Christy as he played "Open the Gates of the Temple" on his trumpet one Easter morning. Music was a large part of my life then, but I did not plan to make it my vocation. However, the Lord willed it, and along with substituting in all the local school districts and giving private piano instruction, I have been Director of Music at our Trinity Church for 18 years, being responsible for everyting but playing the organ. (Our music program includes two singing choirs and two handbell choirs, at the moment.)

--the 165th anniversary celebration, mostly, I suppose, because it fell on my birthday in 1950.

--my eighth grade graduation ceremonies in the sanctuary of Poke Run.

--my wedding day, September 7, 1957.

These have been fragments of the many memories I hold dear of Poke Run Church. I still feel very close to that institution and have written this article in appreciation to all of you who had a part, however small, in my feeling this way. Be assured you are in my thoughts.

In closing, I would like to illustrate the "small world" theory. Rev. Marshall Berryhill, a former pastor of Poke Run, is a minister, now emeritus, here in Shenango Presbytery and it has been my honor to meet and visit with him from time to time. Also, last November our Trinity Church called a new pastor, the Rev. William Crooks, who is a son of the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church and whose parents and parents-in-law (his wife is the former Karen McDivitt) live within a few miles of my own. He is a fine young minister and we feel exceptionally fortunate to have him.

Best wishes to all at Poke Run,

Carol Kiebler Mixer
Carol Kiebler Mixer

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James R. McQuaide (Cindy Bowman) on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Ashleigh, on February 22, 1981, in Greensburg, PA. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James E. McQuaide and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Bowman.

Baptized on Sunday, January 25, 1981, was Roy Knarr Brunner IV, son of Roy Knarr Brunner, III and the late Debra Oplinger Brunner.

Recent transfers from the Poke Run membership are: Mrs. Roger C. (Kathy) Polhamus to the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour of North Huntingdon, PA. Mr. Dale A. Sarver to the St. Matthias Evangelical Lutheran Church of Greensburg, PA., and Mrs. Florence Shaffer and daughter Barbara to the First Presbyterian Church of Vandergrift, PA. Removed from the roll by request were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bossart.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of these persons who have died recently: Anna Bowman, sister of Joseph G. Bowman on January 8, 1981, in Saltsburg, PA., James Hartman, brother of Mrs. Harold (Pearl) Tomar, on January 22, 1981, in New Kensington, PA., and James E. Haydon, former Poke Run member, on February 25, 1981 in New Castle, PA. Edward A. Kuckuck (member) died March 7, 1981 in Natrona Heights, PA. He united with Poke Run Church on September 29, 1957.

Carol Lewis (Mrs. Terrence), our choir director for nearly six years, resigned as of March 1, 1981. She was honored at the Sunday morning service on February 22, 1981, with the presentation of a gift by Glenn T. Ross, chairman of the Music Committee. Mr. Ross expressed appreciation to Carol on behalf of the congregation for her faithful service and wished her God's blessing. Carol was also honored at a dinner given by choir members on Wednesday evening, February 25, 1981.

On Sunday, March 1, 1981, Mr. Richard Learn was welcomed as the new choir director. Rick lives in the North Washington area and is on the Board of Deacons in the Apollo United Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he earned his degree in Music.

There is great hope for the future of Poke Run Church if the service presented on Youth Sunday, February 1, 1981, is any indication. The Youth Choir sang "Jesus", "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands", "Pass It On", "Kum Ba Ya", and "They Will Know We are Christians by our Love". Taking part in the service were: Ruth Ryman, Barb Thompson, Laurie Powers, Kyle Lengauer, Courtney Lavrich, Nadene Dunmire, Amy Gebrosky and Lisa Heinlein. Keith and Gary Linsenbigler, John Wigle and Kyle Lengauer collected the offering. Don Henry delivered the sermon on "Families -- Today and Bible Days and Similarities." Congratulations and thank you, young people!

Congratulations to these two girls in Mrs. Troups Sunday School class -- Becky MoneyMaker who learned The Ten Commandments and Brenda Bazella, The Lord's Prayer.

The Youth Group served a Pancake and Sausage Brunch on Saturday, March 7, 1981. The day before Easter, Saturday, April 18, 1981, they will hold their annual car wash and bake sale -- also the Easter Egg Hunt -- all on the Poke Run grounds. Then Easter morning will be held the Traditional Sunrise Service at 6 A. M. with breakfast following in Fellowship Hall.

The first quarterly meeting of the Women's Association was held Tuesday evening, March 3, 1981, in Fellowship Hall. Circle 4 was hostess group and also in charge of the program. Mrs. Ethel Holmes, District I chairperson, was the guest speaker, sharing with us "Insights on China." At an earlier special meeting, W. A. voted to have another Community Dinner the first Saturday in October. Jane Gearhard and Carol Thompson were elected to serve on the Continuous Committee for Property Maintenance and Improvement. Evelyn Lavrich will serve as the Poke Run representative to the Greensburg Home.

These Poke Run members have been in area hospitals recently: Helen Walker and John Miller in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh; McKee Speer and Thomas Fitzsimmons in Eye and Ear Hospital, Pittsburgh; Lewis Elwood in Montefiore, Pittsburgh; Hazel Gill in Allegheny General, Pittsburgh; Meryl Wiester in Citizens General, New Kensington; Mary Remaley in the Methodist Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky; Betty Thompson in East Suburban Medical Center, Monroeville; Twila Gill in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh; Hazel McCutcheon, Elizabeth Turney, and Debra Wiester, and Florence Clawson in Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, Pa.; Leland Gill in Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh; David Riggle and Michael Tagliati in Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg; and Also Elizabeth Thompson in Allegheny Valley, Natrona Hgts., and Mrs. Alice Shawley in Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg, PA.

Douglas Maranowski was injured at work on November 20th resulting in torn ligaments to his ankle and has been in a cast since. On March 20th he was operated on at Jeannette Memorial Hospital. Hopeful since the operation that it will result in his full recovery.

Mrs. Irene Rugh wishes to express her deep appreciation for the many cards and other remembrances on her birthday. Mrs. Bertha Johnston also wishes to thank everyone for the cards she received on her recent birthday, among them a greeting from the White House, since she and our President share the same birthday. John A. Hughes would like to thank Rev. Brice and everyone for their prayers and cards during his recent hospital stay. Mrs. James W. McDivitt would like to thank Rev. Brice for his visits, prayers and phone calls; also, W. A. of Poke Run, Board of Deacons and Poke Run Academy Sunday School Class for their cards and flowers and prayers while she was in Shadyside Hospital.

Kerry J. McDivitt and Son visited the James McDivitts over the Holidays. Kerry and family are stationed at Long Beach, California where Kerry is beginning his 9th year in the Navy. Michael Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hartman, is PFC in the Army stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and will graduate from his basic training on April 2nd.

As usual several Poke Runners travel southward this time of year. Bob and Mabel Kiebler have been in Fort Myers, Florida since the first of February and Alice Herren in St. Petersburg. The Boyd Speers spend the entire winter season in Clearwater. Jim and Emma Dunmire, with their daughter Nadene and son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Sandy Dunmire drove to the Tampa-St. Petersburg area in March, visiting friends and relatives. Dorothy Elwood is in Fort Pierce, with Jane and Howard Lynch, and Katherine Lynch is in Jupiter, Florida. The Blair Kieblers enjoyed a March vacation in Pompano Beach visiting their son Bill. Another March vacationer in Florida was Ellen Gearhard on the sands of New Smyrna Beach and she also went across state to visit sister Carol Croff's family at Youngstown.

An interesting news item has come to us from Fremont, Ohio. Dr. J. R. Walter, a son of Poke Run Church and pastor emeritus of the First United Presbyterian Church in Fremont, received the Sandusky County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award for outstanding community service. Dr. Walter has been active in Boy Scouts, Kiwanis and Masonic organizations for more than fifty years. In presenting the award, Judge Harry Sargeant Jr. described him as "86 years young". Congratulations, Dr. Walter!

Flower committee persons for April are Mrs. Robert Pfeffer (327-4047) and Mrs. W. Blair Kiebler (727-2425). To place orders for Easter lilies please call Mrs. Pfeffer or Mrs. Kiebler by April 13th - Price \$4.25.

Recent weddings performed by Rev. Brice were Ronald K. Rea and Kathryn A. Greenwald on January 24, 1981. Vincente Aquino and Sharlene Fitzsimmons on March 7, 1981. Sharlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzsimmons.

Another funeral our pastor had was Mrs. Ida M. Schreckengost on February 27, 1981.

Our Grounds caretaker is Mr. Larry Baker, telephone 327-8197 or 327-2328.

Our Buildings caretaker is Mrs. Ruth Gebrosky, telephone 327-5009.

The Winter and Spring Membership (Confirmation) Class is meeting on Sundays at 10:00 A. M. and on Wednesdays at 7:30 P. M. Plans call for having those enrolled in this class received by The Session on Palm Sunday evening and publicly received on Easter Sunday.

Conferences and Consultations will begin on Sunday, June 14th, for persons wishing to unite with Poke Run Church this coming summer -- by profession, by reaffirmation or by certificate of dismissal and recommendation. Perhaps you have neighbors who ought to be invited to the worship and work of Poke Run Church.

NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE FAMILY OF MR. EDWARD A. KUCKUCK
(Deceased Mar. 7, 1981)

"Dear Mr. Brice,

"I don't quite know to whom I should send this, but you can pass the word along to anyone concerned.

"Firstly, we are especially grateful to you for your comforting words, prayers, and continuing concern thru the past difficult months.

"Also, we are most appreciative of the lovely flowers from the congregation, as well as all the messages of sympathy and encouragement from the various organizations and individuals of the church.

"We are truly grateful.

"Sincerely,

Grace, Ted, and Sherry Kuckuck"

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. D. 1, Apollo, Pa.

March, 1981.

To the Members of Poke Run Church

From the Continuous Committee on Maintenance and Improvements

Dear Fellow Members:

In the two following pages you will find the original draft for the formation of this new committee along with its structure, purposes, duties and a few of its present goals.

The members of this committee have been elected by the congregation, the boards and the organization which they represent. The committee organized at a meeting held after the 11:00 A. M. Worship Service Sunday, February 8. A president, vice-president and secretary were elected with no need for a treasurer as the payments for the projects will be made from the various established funds of the church. The committee will hold its Basic Meetings the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 A. M. in the Church Office. Other meetings will be held when necessary.

To date the committee has studied some of the needed repairs and improvements listed under the priorities on the following pages. Several of these have already been accomplished.

One of the duties of the committee is to plan for and supervise the accomplishment of projects for which various individuals have donated money. Another is to put to use the money allocated to our church for specified purposes under the \$60,000 In Additional Funds Program of 1979-1981. Also in cases in which there is no longer a need for a certain project for which money has been donated, the committee will discuss with the donor and decide upon another use for this money.

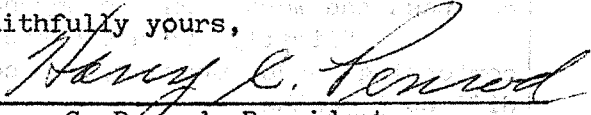
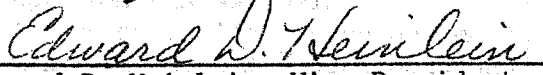
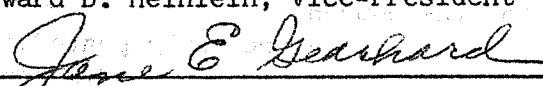
One of these projects is the furnishing of West Wayside (the little class room at the west end of the hall) for which Mrs. Howard C. McCullough has donated money. Plans are underway for this project. Special arm chairs for the church office will be purchased with money donated by Rev. Brice. Another immediate need is a safe for the office.

Now with the anticipation of the procurement of a new minister the renovation of the manse will be a big priority. So with all this in mind each and everyone of us of Poke Run perhaps should reconsider our own priorities. Let us not forget the pledges we have made to our \$60,000 Additional Funds Program, \$20,000 of which was our goal for our own church, (Those of you who have come to us from other churches since 1979, we welcome you to join us in this program). Last but not least is our regular giving to the church. By regular weekly or montly giving we can not only meet our monthly bills throughout the year but also meet our budget amount for the ever needed maintenance, this being the source for repairs and maintenance for which our committee is working.

We will be grateful for any suggestions you can give us for the betterment of our church whether they be in addition to what we have or simply the better utilization of what we already have.

Please study the following pages carefully acquaint yourselves with the purposes and work of our committee. We believe that it is a church body that has long been needed. We pray that with your help we can make Poke Run a better than ever place to worship God.

Faithfully yours,


Harry C. Penrod, President
Edward D. Heinlein, Vice-President
Jane E. Gearhard, Secretary

CONTINUOUS COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS
Poke Run Presbyterian Church
R. D. 1, Apollo, Pa.

The Congregation of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church of R. D. 1, Apollo, Pennsylvania, The Session thereof, The Board of Trustess therof, The Board of Deacons thereof, and The Organizations thereof knowing the need for a permanent delegated Committee to provide leadership in caring for property maintenance and improvements as an assistance to the ongoing program of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church sets forth provisions for such a Committee as follows:

*Structure:

By and From the Congregation

Richard C. Painter
Mrs. Eugene J. Zerbini

By and From The Session

Edward D. Heinlein
Harry C. Penrod

By and From The Board of Trustees

Elmer Long
James P. Thompson

Moderator of Session, Ex-Officio

By and From The Board of Deacons

Mrs. Arthur L. Gebrosky
Mrs. John A. Hughes

By and From The Church School

Elwood V. Krusey
Eugene J. Zerbini

By and From The Women's Association

Mrs. John H. Gearhard
Mrs. James P. Thompson

By and From The Youth Fellowship

Miss Lisa Heinlein
Miss Ruth Ryman

* -- Terms, Elective Provisions, and Operation:

1. By and From The Congregation at Large -- 5 Calendar Year Terms, beginning dates from 1st day of the January nearest to the dates of election (one to be elected at the Stated December Congregational Meeting and one to be elected at the Stated January Congregational Meeting.)
2. By and From The Session, By and From The Board of Trustees, By and From the Board Deacons -- Co-terminus with the remaining period of service on Session or respective Board, beginning with the dates of election.
3. By and From The Church School and By and From The Women's Association -- 5 Calendar Year Terms, beginning dates from the 1st day of the January nearest to dates of election.
4. By and From The Youth Fellowship -- 2 Year Calendar Terms, beginning date from the 1st day of the January nearest to the date of election.
5. Officers of The Committee to be elected by and from the lay members of The Committee, in accordance with the needs of The Committee.
6. The Continuous Committee is intended to operate as representative of and in cooperation with the delegating bodies, not in substitution for them.
7. As a convenience, study and deliberation meetings of The Committee might very well be held as a Sunday Church School Class at the 10:00 A. M. Sunday Church School hour -- thereby pointing up the fact of the close relationship of property maintenance and improvements with the ongoing spiritual program of Poke Run Presbyterian Church.

Property As In Relation To Programs:

As already indicated the emphasis of the work of The Continuous Committees on Property Maintenance and Improvements is to find expression and fulfillment in relation to the ongoing spiritual program of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church. The Committee -- composed of persons and elected by persons -- is to assist in a total program by persons under the leadership of The Person of Jesus Christ, the Great Head of The Church.

Specific Duties:

1. Continuous study of all aspects relating to the maintenance of and improvements to the property of Poke Run Presbyterian Church;
2. To suggest and to make suggestions, to recommend and to make recommendations; and to carefully prepare and share conclusions from time to time, yet without power to act in substitution for the delegating authorities of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church; and
3. In keeping with "2." immediately above, to present carefully prepared plans and proposals to The Session, to The Board of Trustees, and to The Board of Deacons -- to the end that needful and proper implementations might be pursued, realizing that the expenditure of funds is inseparable from the procurement of funds and knowing that some types of improvements are of such nature and magnitude as to require approval by the Presbytery of Redstone and perhaps by the Department of Labor and Industry.

Some Proposed and Possible Priorities:

Program Appointments and Maintenance -- Some examples:

Minor and Major Goals -- Some Examples:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correction of plumbing deficiencies 2. Repair of Lounge clock 3. Lectern microphone correction 4. Placing of sub-shelves in Church Office storage compartments 5. Placing shelf inside Communion Table 6. Improved Annex mail box 7. Academy tidy-up (curtains, etc.) 8. Stabilizing stair rails at front entrance to Annex 9. Installation of center rail on steps on main entrance 10. Improvement of surface of parking area 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Library expansion 2. Development of West Wayside *3. Re-conditioning, including insulation of Manse *4. Restoration of Academy Building *5. Construction of Transept and improved ventilation *6. Construction of Equipment Building *7. Grounds restoration, providing for ramp approaches 8. Construction of roads in new cemetery 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. |
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* -- Projects of a nature as to probably require the guidance and approval of the Presbytery of Redstone -- and perhaps architectural and/or registered engineer assistance, with approval by the Department of Labor and Industry.

Youth who are interested in attending Church Camp at Pine Springs should contact Mrs. Joseph R. Silvis, Church School Superintendent.

Frontice Drawing -- of "the Ranger" by Mrs. Donald P. Lengauer is very appropriate and deeply appreciated.

Narrative -- of "The Ranger" by Mrs. W. Blair Kiebler. Our thanks to everyone who has contributed some form of writing in this issue.

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IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER JOHN M. SHAWLEY WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
APRIL 28, 1980

"He is away, yet ever near
His presence fills each day,
His voice, his smile are everywhere.

"A memory away;
And though he is no longer seen
By family and friend,
He lives because he was
dearly loved,
And love can never end!"

Mrs. Betty Thompson

Election Results At Stated January Congregational Meeting:

- Auditor, 4 year term -- Gerald R. Christy
- Local Fund Treasurer, 1 year term -- Edgar L. Brewer
- Benevolence Fund Treasurer, 1 year term -- Glenn T. Ross
- Financial Secretary, 1 year term -- Mrs. Mary Louise Moore
- Representative to the Nominating Committee for the Year 1981 -- Nelson C. Thompson
- Chairman, 1 year term -- Robert E. Kiebler
- Vice-Chairman, 1 year term -- Mrs. C. McKee Speer
- Secretary, 1 year term -- Mrs. Roy M. Christy
- Election of a Representative to The Personnel Committee for the Year 1981 --
Elwood V. Krusey
- From out of The Congregation at Large of a Representative to the Continuous
Committee on Property Maintenance And Improvements, for 5 Calendar Year
Term beginning from January 1, 1981 -- Richard C. Painter

Please see page number 21 for facts and figures relating to THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. These facts and figures have been derived from literatures published by The United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. (An offering envelope has been included in this newsletter for your convenience.)

200TH ANNIVERSARY PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE

In this Year of 1981 the Presbytery of Redstone is 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 is the holding of four simultaneous Communion Services at 7:30 P. M. on Sunday, April 5, 1981 -- the locations for these services being 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

Historically appropriate Communion Tokens are to be presented for retention by those participating in these Communion Services.

Specific preparations for the District Communion Service to be held at the Poke Run Church are to be made in connection with the 11:00 A. M. Worship Service on April 5th; and at that time an explanation will be made relating to the reception and retention of the Communion Tokens. Please share this information with others.

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RETIREMENT OF THE PASTOR REV. ROY S. BRICE

*In keeping with the action of The Session on January 11, 1981 and of the congregation of February 11, 1981, the Presbytery of Redstone in Stated Meeting on March 17, 1981 took favorable action upon recommendations of the Ministerial Relations Committee as follows:

"3. That, at the request of the pastor, and with the concurrence of the congregation, the pastoral relationship existing between Rev. Roy Brice and the Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pa., be dissolved, effective August 31, 1981, in order that Rev. Brice may retire, and that we hear from representatives of the church."

Mrs. C. McKee Speer was present to represent the Session and Mr. Edgar L. Brewer was present to represent the Congregation.

"4. That Dr. William Johnston be appointed Moderator of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church. The Session has been consulted, and this meets with their approval."

"5. That the Poke Run Church be given permission to supply their pulpit, in consultation with the Ministerial Relations Committee."

"6. That Rev. Roy S. Brice be granted the status of Honorably Retire, effective August 31, 1981."

"7. That Rev. Roy S. Brice be elected to the office of pastor emeritus, without honorarium and with no pastoral authority or duty."

* -- The above recommendations are enclosed within quotations; and represent a part of the report of The Ministerial Relations Committee.

The next step in the process of the pastoral change will be the meeting of The Session of the Poke Run Church with The Mission and Strategy Committee of The Presbytery of Redstone. This will take place early in April. Other subsequent steps have been given in outline to the members of The Session.

March, 1981

WITH THE DAYS LENGTHENING AND THE COLD STRENGTHENING

Poke Run Church finds herself in the grip of challenging circumstances, in a variety of ways -- one challenge being the necessity of paying for increasing quantities of fuel oil and substantially higher prices.

If you have already concluded that this is an appeal for the inflow of funds, you are right in your conclusion. We ended the Year 1980 with several thousands of dollars in the Current Fund, but that balance has vanished. Money is needed for the Current Fund; and, of course, we have our Benevolence Obligations.

While we have not brought together into one sum the total of our financial needs of the months immediately ahead, we now know that the total will be large. Therefore, it is urgently and hopefully requested that our entire membership give expression to deepened loyalty to Christ in the total stewardship of Christian living.

May the days, weeks, and months immediately ahead be regarded by all as a time for Every Member Canvass. In the Spirit of The Every Member Canvass may each and every member be his or her own solicitor and encourager of others.

"The Spirit of The Every Member Canvass is that Spirit which leads all the members of a congregation to regard themselves as valuable and responsible stewards in a total sense (time, talents, possessions, and influence) on a year-round and life-time basis, thereby giving evidence of the acceptance of the cause of God in Christ through the Church as having the first claim upon Christians."

BUDGETED BENEVOLENCE And CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS are payable to:

Mrs. Mary Louise Moore, Financial Secretary

Address: R. D. 1 -- Box 200,

Telephone 327-2143

Export, Pennsylvania 15632

"POSTSCRIPT --" of Every Member Canvass Letter (November 25, 1980):

"Dear Poke Run Families,

Your many kindnesses and supportive generousities through the years are deeply appreciated. Mine has been the right experience of joining hands and heart with you in the year by year joys and sorrows within the life and program of Poke Run Church. Led and empowered of God we have improved the cemetery and other grounds, drilled wells, built roads, improved buildings, published a history book, successfully completed two major building programs, and initiated out-ahead-goals.

While our venture into the future is by faith, we can be sure of this -- as it has been, as it now is, so shall it be -- the sharing of God's love through Jesus Christ will abundantly bear substance through lives yielded to Him. Words of our Lord leap out to complete this stewardship letter postscript -- words He offers as solid ingredient for life-style. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

(Luke 6:37-38)

Sincerely your Pastor,



Roy S. Brice

VIOLA C. RUGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Members or sons and daughters of members of Poke Run Presbyteian Church are eligible to make application for this scholarship which is administered by the Board of Trustees of Kiskiminetas Spring School. Interested persons should contact:

Mr. R. H. Curtiss, Administrator of the Rugh Scholarship
Kiskiminetas Spring School
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681 (Telephone 639:3030)

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MEDICAL AND MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND -- previously known as The Bernard M. Long Memorial Scholarship Fund. The monies of this recently established fund are deposited in the Apollo Trust Company of Apollo, Pennsylvania. Use of monies from the fund is restricted to Scholarship Purposes at the graduate school level in the fields of Medicine and Ministry. Further information relating to this fund may be procured by contacting the Poke Run Presbyterian Church:

Address: R. D. 1 -- Box 221,
Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613 (Telephone:
327-5563)

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THE MRS. J. HARRY GORLEY MEMORIAL PRIZE IN LOCAL AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY -- Established in 1966 from the income of a bequest made by the late Mrs. J. Harry Gorley of Uniontown, Pennsylvania and administered by the Presbyterian Historical Society of the Upper Ohio Valley. By virtue of this bequest, an annual award of \$100.00 will be made to the student of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary or of the Reformed Seminary, who submits the best paper on some aspect of Church History in the area of the Upper Ohio Valley. \$100.00 will also be awarded to the student of one of the colleges as named herein, who submits the best paper on some aspect of Church History in the area of the Upper Ohio Valley (Geneva, Grove City, Muskingum, Washington and Jefferson, Waynesburg, Westminster, and the College of Wooster). Further information may be obtained from one of the educational institutions just named.

SPRING FESTIVAL TIME

At the Redstone Presbytery Home, 787 Goucher Street, Johnstown, PA. Open House 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. Sunday, April 26, 1981. Suggested donations: paper products, napkins (dinner size), facial tissues, good quality bathroom tissue, paper towels, Dial and Ivory Soap (both size), Clorox and Bounce. Cash is always appreciated. Checks may be made payable to The Redstone Presbytery Home at Johnstown and are tax deductible. Spring meeting of the Auxiliary will be held the same day as Open House, Sunday, April 26, 1981 at 2:30 p. m. Annual dues of \$1.00 are payable at that time.

(More information is posted in Comfort Corner.)

SPRING FLING --

Friday, May 15th -- 1 p.m. to 8 p. m. Saturday, May 16th -- 10 a.m. to
4 p.m.
at

THE GREENSBURG HOME OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY -- Sponsored by the Auxiliary
Friday dinner / Saturday lunch at the Cabaret
Clowns and games to enchant the children.

(More information is posted in Comfort Corner.)

THE COMMON AFFIRMATION ON HUNGER adopted by the 1979 General Assemblies of The Presbyterian Church, U. S. and The United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., states in part:

"..... We recognize that world hunger is one of the key issues with which humankind must deal for global survival in this quarter of the twentieth century. We believe there is yet hope.

"We who belong to the church of our Lord Jesus now pledge to become the conscious instruments of Christ's judging and renewing action, praying that God's kingdom may come, God's will may be done that all the earth's children may be given daily bread."

"OUR PLEDGE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST IS TO THE HUNGRY OF THE WORLD. WHO ARE THEY?*

"They are the 16 percent of the world's children who are chronically malnourished.

"They are the 11.5 percent of all babies born in Asia, Africa, and Latin America who will die before age 1.

"They are the 600 million people around the world with an income of less than \$50 per year each.

"They are the 51 percent of the world's population who earn only 14 percent of the global income.

"They are the migrant farm workers in the United States whose average life expectancy is 49 years as opposed to the national average of 72 years.

"They are the 50,000 men, women, and children who will die today of hunger-related diseases.

* -- All figures taken from the Report of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger (Abridged Version), June 1980

"YOUR GIFTS TO THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING --
HOPE FOR THESE HUNGRY IN THE 1980'S"

FACT: "There is no overall scarcity of food in today's world."

FACT: "There is no country where people potentially could not feed themselves from their own resources."

QUESTION: "Why, then, do so many millions still suffer from malnutrition and die of starvation?"

ANSWER: "Efforts in the past have often not addressed the complete problem."

QUESTION: "What can the Church do now to help eliminate hunger and transform the 1980's into an era of sufficiency?"

ANSWER: "Work to eradicate the root causes of Hunger."

Solutions to long standing problems are not brought about quickly. Meanwhile through
THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:

\$ 10 will provide six sleeping mats for those without shelter.

\$ 25 will provide 56 pounds of rice for those without food.

\$ 50 will provide 12 large cooking pots for those who are homeless.

\$ 75 will provide 17 mosquito nets to prevent the increasing spread of malaria.

\$175 will provide five large fishing nets so that people can feed themselves.

\$322 will provide necessary materials for individual housing units made of sundried bricks.

\$500 will provide for training in agriculture technology.

SPRING 1981

"My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come
away; for lo, the winter is past, the
rain is over and gone. The flowers
appear on the earth, the time of singing
has come, and the voice of the turtle-
dove is heard in the land.'"

____ Song of Solomon 2:10-
12

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime
and harvest, and cold and heat and
summer and winter, and day and night
shall not cease." ____ Genesis 8:22

"And God said, 'This is the token of
the covenant which I make between me and
you and every living creature that is
with you, for perpetual generations: I
do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall
be for a token of a covenant between me
and the earth.'" ____ Genesis 9:12-13

W E L C O M E
To The
SEASONAL SERVICES And ACTIVITIES
Of

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
R. D. 1, Apollo, Pa.
(Telephone 327-5563)

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Sunday Schedule -- (Unless otherwise
indicated)
10:00 A. M. -- Church School
11:00 A. M. -- Divine Worship
7:00 P. M. -- Youth Fellowship
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THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is
to be received on Palm Sunday, April 12th.
(Contributions for this good ministry of
compassion may be received at any time
during the Easter Season.) A ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING envelope has
been enclosed within each copy of this
issue of The Ranger. Information re-
lating to this cause may be found else-
where in The Ranger, and literature
pieces are being made available at the
worship services. "For more than 30
years, One Great Hour of Sharing has
supported relief and development
programs around the world." Jesus said:
"As you did it to one of the least of
three ... you did it to me."

Palm Sunday, April 12th:
11:00 A. M. Sermon subject:
"The Royal Diadem"
7:30 P. M. Sermon Subject:
"Witness Without Parallel"
(The Session will meet at the close of
the 7:30 P. M. Service, at which time
those uniting with the Church are to meet
with the Session. Persons wishing to
unite with the Church and parents with
children to be Baptized should contact
the Pastor, if they have not already
done so.)

COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00 P. M.

Maundy Thursday April 16th
Communion Meditation -- "Embraced By
God In Christ"

Good Friday Service April 17th
8:00 P. M.
Sermon Subject -- "Tremendous Mystery"

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YOUTH EVENTS -- April 18th -- Saturday --
CAR WASH, BAKE SALE and EASTER EGG HUNT
-- 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., with
THE EASTER EGG HUNT to begin at 1:30 P.M.

SUNRISE SERVICE -- 6:00 A.M. on
Easter Sunday, April 19th (followed by
Breakfast in Fellowship Hall). Our
Youth Fellowship is sponsoring the above
events. Please join them.

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

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SCHEDULE FOR EASTER SUNDAY, April 19th:
6:00 A. M. The Sunrise Service,
followed by breakfast in Fellow-
ship Hall.
All are welcome!
Sermon Subject -- "Daylight Has Dawned"
10:00 A. M. -- Church School, with
classes for all ages --
a good time to begin regular
attendance
11:00 A. M. -- Easter Service, with
seasonal music and public
reception of new members.
Sermon Subject -- "And People Too"

THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
(After Easter)

Sunday, April 26th 11:00 A. M.

Please remind others.

Communion Meditation "Upon This Rock"

Upon request, arrangements will be worked out to take the Sacrament to the sick and to others unable to be present at the Communion Service because of age and infirmity.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday, May 3rd 11:00 A. M.

Sermon subject "In Spirit and In Truth"

Parents with children to be Baptized are requested to please contact the Pastor if they have not already done so.

The Risen Christ said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
_____ Matthew 28:18b-20

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SPRING And SUMMER SERVICE And SERMON PROSPECTUS:

Mother's Day, May 10th -- "Mary the Mother = May 14th -- "Life Satisfactorily Lived"
of Jesus" =
= May 31st -- "O Blessed Thought! (The Out
May 17th -- "A Probing Question" = Aheadness of It All)"
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Sermon Series On Courtship and Marriage:

June 7th -- "On Picking Up The Receiver" June 21st -- "A First Formality"
June 14th -- "The Curtain Talk" June 28th -- "From This Day Forth"

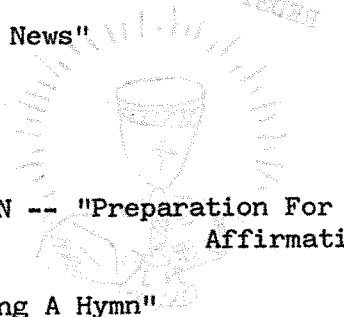
Sunday, July 5th -- "Custodians Of Good News"

Sunday, July 12th:

11:00 A. M. -- "God Was In Christ"
8:00 P. M. -- THE SERVICE IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION -- "Preparation For Affirmation"

HOLY COMMUNION -- Sunday, July 19th, 11:00 A. M.
Communion Meditation -- "When They Had Sung A Hymn"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM -- Sunday, July 26th, 11:00 A. M. Sermon subject:
"The Benediction"
(Month of August -- Guest Ministers)



THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
(After Easter)

Sunday, April 26th 11:00 A. M.

Please remind others.

Communion Meditation "Upon This Rock"

Upon request, arrangements will be worked out to take the Sacrament to the sick and to others unable to be present at the Communion Service because of age and infirmity.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday, May 3rd 11:00 A. M.

Sermon subject "In Spirit and in Truth"

Parents with children to be baptized are requested to please contact the Pastor if they have not already done so.

The Risen Christ said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20

SPRING AND SUMMER SERVICE AND SERMON PROSPECTUS:

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COMMUNION SERVICE --
April 5, 1981 -- District 1
Poke Run Church, 7:30 p. m.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF
REDSTONE PRESBYTERY



Sermon Service On Courthouse and
June 13th -- "The Curtain Tain"
June 20th -- "From
June 27th -- "A River
June 28th -- "On Picking Up The Receiver"
Sunday, July 5th -- "Catechisms Of Good News"
Sunday, July 12th
11:00 A. M. -- "God Was In Christ"
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