

# The Ranger

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Matthew 28:17-20

The Acts 1:8

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Dear Friends,

Yet though a sense of grief  
Comes with the falling leaf,  
And memory makes the summer doubly pleasant,  
In all our autumn dreams  
A future summer gleams,  
Passing the fairest glories of the present!  
by George Arnold

This most fitting verse serves as the introduction to a message of appreciation and spiritual inspiration from our Poke Run Pastor Emeritus, The Rev. Roy S. Brice.



I NEVER COULD HAVE PLANNED IT --

Labor Day --

Monday, September 7, 1981

I had previously indicated my intention of attempting through the September issue of THE RANGER to spread abroad my deep appreciation to one and all of the thoughtful and kind persons who helped to make the concluding period of my pastorate such a wonderful experience. To the Session, to the Board of Deacons, to the Board of Trustees, to the committees, to the photographers, to the groups and organizations, to the membership at large, to the friends of the congregation, to the Poke Run community, to the Union Church, to the Glade Run, Bethesda and Claysville Churches, to those related to me through family and fraternal ties, to the Dayton Fair Association, to Moderator William R. Johnston, to the Presbytery of Redstone, and to all other friends and organizational groups both near at hand and far away I convey my deep gratitude and appreciation. Above all, in prayerful temper of mind "we give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Colossians 1:3). Without His help, without the love of Christ, and without the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit these wonderful things could not have been. I am certain that "I never could have planned it"; and, to this day, I do not know exactly how it all came about; and, for this reason among others, I find it quite impossible to personally thank each person who participated.

Readers of THE RANGER, I hope you are capable of emotional sensitivity. Otherwise, this attempt to convey thanks will leave you disappointed, perhaps even a little confused. Now get on board for the somewhat jerky emotional journey. We are going to be seated on folding chairs. Emphathy is an essential for this journey. Take your deck chair and be seated close to me. Throw sentence structure to the winds, and punctuate according to your own tastes.

Knowing of my intent to express appreciation through the September issue of THE RANGER, our faithful Narrative Writer (Mrs. W. Blair Kiebler), talked with me about having my expression of thanks placed near the beginning of the September issue. I gladly agreed to this. However, I have long since discovered that agreeing to do something is one thing; but being able to adequately fulfill an agreement is often quite another thing. At best, this will be only an attempt to have others share with me the emotions and inexpressible joys I have been experiencing -- emotions and joys initiated by others. To repeat, I never could have planned it; and how can one by mere words, however sincere, express sufficient thankfulness for the well planned, generous, and appropriate deeds of kindness with which I have been showered during the closing period of my pastorate at the Poke Run Presbyterian Church? If you are wondering -- you did by lavish words, through kind deeds, and by generous substance surprise and almost overwhelm me; and yet I should have known and perhaps even to have expected you to be characteristically faithful amidst this lovingly planned severing circumstance in our long and close relationship.

In preparing to record release of my feeling help came. It was on Monday, August 31st -- the last official day of my pastorate. The routine of getting up, with preliminary associated activities had been completed. Morning devotions, with more than usual significance, were over. Breakfast was over, and other personal necessities were in the background. Additional activities of the morning included: time on the telephone, preparation of a letter, a call from Edgar Brewer, a trip to the mail box, and use of the copier at the Church Office.

I was on my way down from the Church Office at approximately 10:45 A. M., bearing on bracketed arms the beautiful paintings, the encased needle work, the pillow, and the other precious articles -- in all numbering approximately ten separate items, with an unopened 'Totes' umbrella perched on top. How does one manage while carrying such a precious cargo when the top item, the umbrella, gets out of balance and begins

to slide? Let the umbrella go, of course; and it did go; but to my amazement in the process of sliding earthward the curved handle end of the umbrella hooked right over my right arm. "I never could have planned it!" -- was my immediate thought; and I am sure that that immediate thought had been immediately preceded by a Spirit-prompted prayer of petition and immediately followed by a Spirit-prompted prayer of thanksgiving. I am convinced that there is that Spirit-prompted type of devotion which is initiated by God, including that type of devotion which the Apostle Paul refers to in Romans 12:12 as "continuing instant in prayer." Most certainly, I never could have planned it!

In a larger sense I never could have planned all of the wonderful things the congregation of Poke Run Church, the friends of Poke Run Church, and the many other friends have done for me not only recently but throughout the years. In a still larger sense I never could have planned the wonderful things God and His people have done for me during my total active ministry and throughout my whole life; and in a still even larger sense all of us together really could not have planned it all or put in all together by ourselves. So, perhaps the best way for all of us to express our thanks is for all of us to join with the Psalmist to "praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:8).

By now you have probably detected that I have been more or less confirming my theological view of human events. I hope so; and, if so, my efforts have met with some success.

And then it was on Tuesday, September 1st -- the first official day of my retirement from the active pastorate of Poke Run Church -- that I brought the quilt to the Manse. On the evening before persons of the congregation had so helpfully taken it down from the north wall of the Sanctuary where it had been on display during the month of August. It had been neatly folded and placed in the Church Office. I had in customary fashion gone to the Church Office by way of the West Door. Seeing again the heart warming words which remained on the cork board at the entrance to the Library in Fellowship Hall welled my emotions. Let me share these words with you, the reader. Their appearance on the cork board was very much as immediately below.

REVEREND BRIGE:

In your sowing of  
spiritual seeds ....  
our growth

In your attitudes  
and words ....  
our gratitude

In your  
leadership ....  
our following

In your  
voice ....  
our comfort

In your  
faith ....  
our strength

In your caring and  
concern for us ....  
our love for you.

WE WILL MISS YOU!

The impact of these words again caused me to be overcome by a sense of sincere mutuality of feeling and humble gratitude. I continued on to the Church Office, there to find the beautiful quilt neatly folded as had been planned; and I pensively bore away this symbol of love, prepared by many hands, requiring hundreds of hours of planning and labor. As I made my way to the Manse with it, thoughts of great joy filled my mind and floods of joy came to my eyes.

Not Exactly To Myself, And Not Alone

As I walked I talked a little, yet not exactly to myself.  
There I talked a little as I walked, yet not exactly to myself --  
and not alone.

On Poke Run Hill I walked and talked!  
On September 1, 1981 on Poke Run Hill I walked; yet not alone;  
I talked a little, yet not exactly to  
myself -- retired, yet not retired.

On Poke Run Hill -- alone, yet not alone .....  
The great cloud of witnesses was there, giving identity  
to my person .....

And the testimony of many generations; giving guidance  
along my path and lightness to my step.

There must have been the 'still small voice' -- although  
I have no remembrance now nor then that  
I my mantle did o'er some new Elisha cast.

In quick succession, I had thoughts of Moses in the mountain of Nebo,  
at the top of Pisgah -- with eye undim, nor  
natural force abated -- obedient still,  
beholding by faith and inward vision 'hopes'  
true Promised Land';

And words of our Lord came to me with note of fresh command --  
somehow just for me, and for thee: "These  
things I have spoken unto you, that my joy  
might remain in you, and that your joy  
might be full." (John 15:11)

Now Lord, we must be obedient and get on with your work and mission through  
this and future issues of THE RANGER. Please just add your blessing to my attempt to  
convey thanks to your people.

While I never could have planned it, it has all come to pass; and perhaps  
all of us ought to pause and join in singing the Doxology; but may I be forgiven for  
just one more thought--I hope a joyous one for all -- for all who have such close ties  
with Poke Run Church.

"Thanks" is what I am still trying to say; and somehow it cannot be  
adequately said unless we all say it together, and unless it be addressed to the One  
from whom all our blessings flow.

Now please use your imagination --knowing that in some very real yet  
invisible way I hope to continue to be present at the worship services of Poke Run  
Church, perhaps standing there at the side of The Communion Table, joining with the  
congregation in singing the Doxology at the time the tithes and offerings are being  
brought forward; and it will make me very happy to see the Sanctuary filled to  
overflowing from Sunday to Sunday -- just like it was on the morning of Sunday,  
July 26, 1981.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."



We shall be looking forward to further messages from Mr. Brice as he enjoys his retirement days in the old Brice homestead in the Dayton area.

Since the last Ranger was sent out several important events took place at Poke Run. On July 21st, 1981, Mr. Brice was host to approximately forty members and their families from his Presbytery Support Group at a dinner in Fellowship Hall. The Women's Association Dinner Committee made all the necessary arrangements for this happy occasion.

Then came July 26th, 1981, Reverend Brice's last Sunday as Pastor of Poke Run Church, when his sermon topic was, appropriately enough, "The Benediction". The church was filled to overflowing. As it was also Baptismal Sunday, he administered the sacrament of baptism to two babies at the service. Mrs. James Z. Zimmerman presided at the organ and Valerie Jean Striner at the piano. Rick Learn, Poke Run music director, had written a special arrangement of one of Mr. Brice's favorite hymns, "How Great Thou Art", which was sung by the choir. It was indeed a memorable occasion, spiritual and nostalgic.

Following the service, an Open House was held in Fellowship Hall with approximately 325 guests attending, hosted by the Deacons. The beautiful quilt, in which so many of you Ranger readers shared, was presented to Mr. Brice at this time by the members of Circle 2.

Then on Friday, July 31, 1981, Reverend Brice was honored at a dinner in The Lamplighter Restaurant at Delmont by 215 friends and relatives. At the speaker's table with Mr. Brice were his sister-in-law Mrs. Pauline Brice, Dr. and Mrs. William M. Aber (Executive Presbyter of Redstone Presbytery), Dr. and Mrs. William R. Johnston (present Moderator of Poke Run Church), Mr. and Mrs. Ivan D. Dormire (former Sunday School Teacher of Mr. Brice at Glade Run Church), and Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Lengauer. As Toastmaster, Don Lengauer made the welcoming remarks and introduced the following speakers - Dr. Aber, Dr. Johnston, Mr. Dormire, Francis M. Cain, Jr., a former member, Barb Thompson, president of Youth Fellowship, and Gerald Christy, representing the congregation. Mrs. James W. Dunmire, president of The Women's Association made the presentation of the following gifts to the guest-of-honor on behalf of the congregation, family and friends: three original paintings of the church, the manse, and the academy building by our talented member-artist, Pat McElroy Lengauer -- and a billfold with a check for \$3400.00. After remarks of appreciation by Reverend Brice, the whole group joined in singing "How Great Thou Art" followed by a closing prayer by Dr. Johnston.

The Milton Brinkers of Twin Valley Greenhouses donated the lovely floral decorations. Thank you, Audrey and Milton! And a special thanks from the congregation to the wonderful committee that labored for weeks working out the details for this memorable occasion: Mrs. James W. Dunmire, president of the W. A., Vera Thomas, chairman of Circle 3, Evelyn Lavrich of Circle 4, Karen Heinlein of Circle 2, Barb Thompson of Circle 1, and these members from the Session, James Dunmire, Donald Lengauer, Bernard McQuaide and Harry Penrod. Also -- our appreciation to Jane Gearhard for the excellent camera coverage of the event. Mr. Brice will surely enjoy browsing through those pictures and reliving those happy hours.

We thought it would be interesting to list the out-of-town friends and relatives who attended either the Open House or the Dinner - or both. So here they are as taken from the Guest Books:

Mrs. Pauline Brice - Dayton  
Bill, Beverly, Jennifer Aton - Dayton  
Mrs. Floyd Brice - Natrona Heights  
Ivan and Mary Dormire - Apollo  
Jack and Eleanor Owens - Apollo  
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Shotts - Apollo

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Porter - Apollo  
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Cain, Jr. - Apollo  
Dalton Good - New Kensington  
Bonita Good Van Dyke - New Kensington  
Helen McIlwaine - Shady Plain  
Mr. & Mrs. William Brice - Youngstown, Ohio

William W. Patterson - Enon Valley, Pa.  
 John W. Patterson - Enon Valley, Pa.  
 Mrs. Jane Miller - Indiana, Pa.  
 David Miller -- Indiana, Pa.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rupert - North Point, Pa.  
 Jane and Joe Alcorn - Jupiter, Florida  
 Alberta Ralston Martin - Butler, Pa.  
 Mr. & Mrs. John M. McIlvaine - Greensburg, PA  
 Mr. John Ralston - Greensburg, PA  
 William Simpson - Export, PA  
 Ted Kuckuck - Blairsville, PA  
 Rev. Richard D. & Roberta Adams - Victor, N.Y.  
 Dr. & Mrs. William Aber - Greensburg, PA  
 Dr. & Mrs. Brainard Hawk - Pittsburgh, PA  
 Dr. & Mrs. William Johnston - Murrysville, PA  
 Mildred George - Portsmouth, VA  
 Ellen Smith - Portsmouth, VA  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ira Hill - Pittsburgh, PA  
 Carol Gearhard Croff - Youngstown, Florida  
 Lois Elwood Umble - Mason, Ohio  
 Dr. Floyd Walter - Wilkinsburg, PA  
 Estella Walter - Wilkinsburg, PA  
 Carol & Terry Lewis - Scottdale, PA  
 Rev. Diane Monger - New Kensington, PA  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray B. Dietrich - Dubois  
 Dr. & Mrs. Jeffery Hartman - Three Springs, PA  
 Margaret Young Davis - New Kensington  
 Mary Young Reese - New Kensington  
 Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kiebler - Grove City  
 Carol Kiebler Mixer - Mercer  
 Art & Betty Rugh - Gary, Indiana  
 Leona Porter Hyland - Lancaster  
 Sam & Dorothy Gallaher - Eustis, Florida  
 Floyd & Veda Cass - Avonmore  
 Irma de Carpentier - Avonmore  
 Lee, Elaine, Jeremy & Allison Dinsel-Belle Vernon  
 Boyd & Edna Speer - Clearwater, Florida

Belated congratulations to these young people who graduated from high school this spring but were not listed in the June issue: Marcia and Mark Keibler, twin daughter and son of Mrs. Margaret Keibler and Mr. Richard C. Keiber, who graduated from Kiski Area. Marcia is enrolled at Duff's Business College in Pittsburgh where she is pursuing a career as court stenographer. Mark is currently employed by The Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Company, working out of Indiana; and Jeffrey McQuaide, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. McQuaide, who graduated from Greensburg-Salem High School on June 30, 1981. He is a certified welder, having completed his training at The Central Westmoreland Vo Tech School. Our congratulations also to Ronna Ryman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Ryman, who was named most valuable player of Kiski Area softball players for the second straight year. She is enrolled at Indiana University.

On August 29, Mr. Brice officiated at the Wedding of Miss Shellie Dawn Grazetti and Dale Thomas Robertson in the Sanctuary. Shellie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Grazetti and granddaughter of Mrs. Twila Gill. Our congratulations to them and also to Miss Marifrances Sichko and Daniel G. Kiebler, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Eugene Kiebler, and grandson of Mrs. Florence Kiebler, who were married on June 20, 1981, in St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church in Vandergrift, PA. Amy and Ruth Gebrosky traveled to Virginia Beach, VA, for the July 9th Wedding of Richard Gebrosky to Miss Nancy Alberts in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Norfolk, VA. Both teach at the Virginia Beach Junior High, Dick as instructor in Earth Science and Nancy in Special Education. Mrs. Lloyd McQuaide went to Beechwood, Ohio for the September 19th Wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Kelly Jean McQuaide, to Edward Selep, Jr. in the Trinity Presbyterian Church there. Kelly is the daughter of Tom and Mary Jean (Clawson) McQuaide.

We welcome these new arrivals: Born to Joel Hawley and Dianne Rose (Schwab) Haney a daughter, Aaron Hawley, on July 30th, 1981, in Pittsburgh. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schwab and Mr. and Mrs. James Haney. Born to Dr. Jeffery D. and Amy (Ross) Hartman, of Three Springs, PA a son, Justin Garrett, July 2, 1981, in J. C. Blair Hospital, Huntingdon, Pa. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hartman. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

Mr. Brice baptized these babies on Sunday, July 26, 1981: Angie Marie Kimmell, daughter of Daniel James and Sharon Ann (Fisher) Kimmell; Lacey Ryann Young, daughter of Donald Leroy and Linda Sue (Emmert) Young; and on Sunday, August 30, 1981: Aaron Hawley Haney, daughter of Joel Hawley and Dianne Rose (Schwab) Haney.

Also, another new arrival: Born to William and Evelyn (Hughes) Shaeffer a son Jonathan Paul, on September 26, 1981 at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights. Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes are the maternal grandparents. Congratulations!



On July 12, 1981, Beverly Ann Bennett joined Poke Run Church on profession of faith. Miss Mary Kathryn Alcorn has transferred her membership to the First United Presbyterian Church of Tequesta, Florida.

Myrtle Lesley Pfeffer died September 3, 1981, in Pittsburgh, PA. She was united with Poke Run Church on October 25, 1925, and ordained a Deacon on January 2, 1966. Miss Laura Knepshield of Apollo died June 30th in Kittanning and was buried at Poke Run. She was the daughter of Jacob I and Emma Kistler Knepshield. Mrs. Goldie A. Shoop, mother of Mrs. Olen McCutcheon, formerly of Vandergrift, died July 4, 1981, in Fairless Hills, Pa. John T. Irvin of Indiana, father of Mrs. Ronald Rubright, died August 12, 1981, in Indiana. Mr. Homer M. Irwin died September 24, 1981 in Natrona Heights, Pa. He was united with Poke Run Church on January 24, 1932. Our sympathy goes out to all who mourn.

The Academy Building Adult Sunday School Class of Poke Run Church held its Eighth Annual Picnic at the home of Mollie and Lynn Waltenbaugh on July 17, 1981. The following were present: Frank Anderson, Shawn Blackham, Raymond & Ethel Brewer, Rev. Roy S. Brice, James, Emma and Nadine Dunmire, Lewis, Donna, Dawn and Debbie Elwood, Ruth and Amy Gebrosky, Fred, Karen, Melinda, Michelle and Amy Heinlein, Don Henry, John, Anna and Margaret Hughes, Florence Kiebler, Robert, Iris and Pat Kiebler, Elwood and Mary Krusey, Donald, Patricia, Kyle, Kelly and Allison Lengauer, Marvin, Kathy, Lori and Becky Money maker, Nancy Painter, Harry and June Penrod, Eric Peterman, Laurie Powers, Ronna, Ruth and Richard Ryman, William and Evelyn Shaeffer, Donald, Emma, Donnie and Rebecca Shirey, Michael Tagliati, James, Carol, Heather and Andy Thompson, Nelson, Betty and Sandy Thompson and Mollie and Lynn Waltenbaugh and their neighbor. The pool was the most popular place until it was time to eat. The food was plentiful and delicious. Everyone enjoyed the nice evening and we were reluctnat to see it come to an end. Mollie and Lynn are truly gracious hostesses!

Sunday afternoon, August 30th, the members of the Poke Run Church Choir and their families enjoyed a picnic at the home of our Choir Director, Mr. Richard Learn. Helping Richard to make the day enjoyable were his parents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George, brother Eddie, nephew Mark Deltondo, Jr., and his fiance Miss Amy Kautz. Those present were Rev. Roy S. Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Christy, Mrs. Ruth Christy, Mrs. Ruth Gebrosky and daughter Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lengauer and daughters Kelly and Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Painter and daughter Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kistler and daughters Patricia and Elaine, son William, and a friend Steve Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wigle and son John.

The Poke Run Church Choir is invited to sing with the Apollo Presbyterian Church Choir with Marian Constanza, director, at a Song Service on Sunday evening, October 25th at 8 P. M. The combined choirs will sing the arrangement of "How Great Thou Art" that was written by Poke Run Choir director Richard Learn. Everyone is invited!

From Mrs. Joseph R. Silvis, Sunday School Superintendent, comes this report: We had three children from our Church School attend Pine Springs Camp this summer and they report that they had a joyful week. The three students who went were Richard Ryman, Melinda Heinlein and Allison Languaer. We are well started in our fall work in Church School classes and it is the hope of the Session and Church School teachers that more families will come out and join a class. We have classes for all ages. Every child that grows up within our Congregation should have the opportunity to learn about God in a Church School Class, and to worship God with the Congregation at 11 o'clock on each Sunday morning.

The Youth Group has been busy making plans for the fall season. On October 31st they will have their annual Halloween Party in Fellowship Hall. The ever-popular Ice-cream Festival is slated for Saturday, November 21st. They will also participate again in the Children's Hospital Drive.

Our Pulpit Nominating Committee has had six meetings thus far. The sub-committees have met several times each to prepare material for the Church/Staff information form. This form has now been completed and was approved by the Session on August 31st. Chairman of the Pulpit Committee, Glenn Ross, then delivered the form to the Presbytery's Ministerial Relations Committee who reviewed and approved it on September 3rd. The form was sent to the Vocation Agency of the United Presbyterian Church in New York City, where the information will be evaluated by computer and matched to some prospective ministers. The Committee is now waiting for dossiers from the agency. When collecting and preparing the information to portray our church and its membership -- the committee became acutely aware of Reverend Brice's wisdom in long range planning for our congregation, so that we could present a good positive picture to the Vocation Agency. The Session enrolled the Pulpit Committee in a Vocational Reference Seminar at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This Seminar is a new method being tried by the United Presbyterian Church to bring together, face to face, churches in the market for a minister and ministers looking for a church. The Committee will be attending the Seminar on October 17th.

Since the publication of the June Ranger the Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements reports that various members of the committee have given of their time and talents to several improvements and repairs such as -- repair of coat racks and exterior railing to the Annex, trimming of and cleaning around church shrubbery and the installation of check chains on sanctuary windows. Thanks to the Trustees for having the center railing on the main front steps installed - a great help to all who need that added firm support. The committee also made arrangements for the replacement of the broken stained glass window panes in the Annex. Thanks too again to Mrs. McCullough for the addition of a waste basket and the lovely floral arrangement for West Wayside. Plans are now underway for the winterizing of both manse and church with storm windows and insulation.

The committee has been given a new responsibility -- that of the disposal of many items for which the church has no further use. These items may be seen at the church buildings on Saturday, October 3rd, from 1:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. They will be available for a reasonable donation. This is a partial list of some of the larger items -- two stoves, a movie projector, miscellaneous pieces of lumber, used rugs, and remnants of new carpet from the various rooms in the church. There are also items which could be used in crafts. Numerous pieces of Sunday School and other christian education literature are available "for free". Anyone knowing of an institution that could make use of the large amount of Sunday School material please make it known to the Committee. Come out October 3rd and look over the collection - the committee will appreciate any help given in the disposal of these items. Your monetary contribution will aid in the final disposal of items not taken and or to further improvements to our church.

Pictures of Rev. Brice's retirement affairs, his last special worship services and the Presbytery and Presbyterial meetings held at Poke Run had been posted in the Narthex and Hallway. After members and friends had the opportunity to order prints of them these pictorial memories are to go with Rev. Brice as he leaves Poke Run Hill for the Dayton Fields.

The following people have been confined in hospitals recently: Mrs. Albert (Ila) Moorhead, Valentine Clay and McKee Speer in Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington; Hazel McCutcheon, Bill Kneppshield, John Hughes, Lloyd McQuaide and Paul McElroy in Allegheny Valley, Natrona Heights; Harriet Lesley and Mabel Painter in Eye and Ear Hospital, Pittsburgh; Harriet Lesley also in Shadyside, Pittsburgh; Bernard McQuaide and Florence Walker in Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg; Joseph Bowman in Presbyterian, Pittsburgh; Lawrence Rubright in East Suburban Medical Center, Monroeville; and Annetta Wiester in Columbia, Wilksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee Speer wish to express their appreciation to Rev. Brice and the Poke Run congregation for their prayers, cards, hospital visits and gifts of flowers and food. God bless you all.



Bernard McQuaide wishes to thank Reverend Roy Brice and the congregation for their prayers, cards and all other remembrances during his recent hospitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dietrich have moved from the Leechburg area to Treasure Lake, near DuBois. Dorothy will be remembered as one of our former choir directors. We wish you well in your new home. Harry and June Penrod enjoyed a tour of England, Scotland and Wales during July and August. A most welcome visitor to Poke Run Church on Communion Sunday, July 19th, was Jane Henderson of Gnadenhutten, Ohio. She will be remembered as a former resident of Mamont and Poke Run member who served as church secretary for several years.

**Where Will We Go to Church on Sunday?**

We were privileged this past summer to take a learning type trip through the southwestern states. We had agreed to stop and worship at whatever place we found ourselves on Sunday morning. That place was the arid, southernmost tip of New Mexico: Las Cruces. Right on the edge of town is a dusty old Spanish village called La Mesilla. La Mesilla is built around a park-like square consisting of several stucco shops. Dominating the square on the northern end is an ancient Spanish mission. We ate our evening meal in a Civil War vintage stage coach stop about 100 yards from the church. From our table we heard tolling bells calling local people to a Saturday evening service. The bells carried a message for us too. This, we decided, was the church which had been selected as our place of worship.

John and Judy Metzgar

The annual Community Dinner sponsored by the Women's Association will be held Saturday, October 3, 1981, from 4:30 to 7 P. M. in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed. Won't you help? On Saturday, October 10, 1981, the Masons will honor Rev. Brice at a dinner in Fellowship Hall.

The Poke Run congregation has been fortunate in having two dedicated elders occupying the pulpit during the month of September. On Sunday, September 6, 1981, Elder James W. Dunmire, Commissioner to General Assembly from our own church, spoke on "Mission -- On Being Peacemakers". The last three Sundays we enjoyed meaningful messages from Harry C. Greer, an Elder from the Covenant United Presbyterian Church in Irwin, Pennsylvania. All through October and part of November we will be privileged to have Dr. Douglas A. R. Hare from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in our pulpit. After 2½ years as Dean at the Seminary, besides teaching, Dr. Hare is on a year's well-earned sabbatical during which he plans to write a book on the meaning of the phrase "The Son of Man". November 1st being Thank Offering Sunday will be in charge of The Women's Association. On Sunday, November 29th, we will hear Rev. Karen R. Palmer, ministerial assistant to Dr. William Johnston, Murrysville Presbyterian Church. Dr. Johnston will come for Sunday, December 6, 1981, and will serve as Moderator for the annual congregational meeting for the election of elders and deacons. He will also be with us for the Candlelight Service the evening of December 20th. In January, 1982, it will be our privilege to have another Seminary professor in the pulpit, Dr. Gordon Jackson. Dr. Johnston will install the newly elected elders and deacons at an afternoon service on January 3rd, 1982.

**CAPSULE CURRENT REPORT -- As of September 24, 1981**

Balance in Bank, August 31, 1981 .....	\$2,175.76
Deposits -- September 21, 1981 .....	<u>1,918.65</u>
Total receipts .....	\$4,094.41
Total Disbursements as of September 24, 1981 .....	<u>1,921.36</u>
Balance in Bank as of September 24, 1981 .....	\$2,173.05

This is not a report to the end of the quarter, September 30, 1981. There will be another deposit from Sunday, September 27, 1981 and all the employees to be paid by the end of the month.

Edgar L. Brewer, Treasurer

A TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

He's been a faithful servant to our father.  
He's been a loyal friend to all.  
He's carried heavy loads on his shoulder  
But still he came through walking tall.

Regardless how great our problems  
He handled them with confidence and grace.  
And quite often things got hectic,  
Still this man could always keep the pace.

He reached out a hand to the lonely  
The sick, the shut in and bereaved.  
Yet he had time for our happenings,  
Gracefully he would receive.

His gentleness and kindness,  
The qualities of his life we will miss.  
This man of God we love him,  
With much tenderness and bless.

Betty Thompson

And because God is a good God, a great God, a wonderful God. The God who loved us so much he gave us his only Son. The God of yesterday, The God of today, The God of tomorrow. I'm asking Him to watch over Roy S. Brice and fill his every need each day. Filling him with your tender love and the fulfilment of your Holy Spirit.  
God Bless you Rev. Brice.

Betty Thompson

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OF CONCERN TO ALL --

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

KNOW . . . . . CARE . . . . . SHARE

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WORLD COMMUNION  
October 4, 1981 . . 11:00 A. M.  
Dr. Douglas A. R. Hare  
Please remind others!

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM  
October 11, 1981 . . 11:00 A. M.  
Dr. Douglas A. R. Hare

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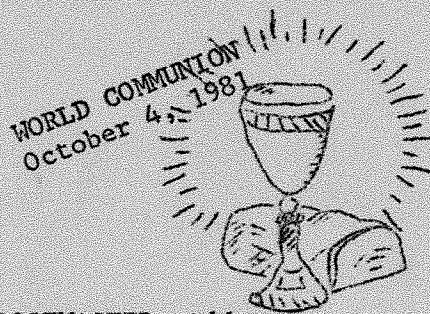
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