



# The Hammer

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Matthew 28:17-20

The Acts 1:8

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Dear Friends,

"Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in Springtime." \_\_\_ from the pen of Martin Luther.

How our hearts are lifted up as we realize that Spring is officially here, that Easter with all its Glory is just around the corner, and that Poke Run Presbyterian Church is preparing to welcome its fourteenth pastor! We are so grateful for these happenings that give us reason for rejoicing in this Lenten Season.

Early in January 1982, the Poke Run Congregation received this welcome letter:

It is with great enthusiasm the Pulpit Nominating Committee sends you this letter informing you of the minister we have unanimously agreed upon. He is The Reverend Wayne C. Blaser, presently with the Central United Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, Ohio, where he has been pastor since 1976.

Rev. Blaser attended Northwestern University and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the United Presbyterian Church on September 30, 1973

where upon he became assistant pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Hagerstown, Maryland until he accepted his present pastorate.

We have interviewed & listened to several ministers and read and studied numerous dossiers, none of which had the impact on the committee as did the Rev. Wayne Blaser. We unanimously agreed from our first contact with him and our enthusiasm only grew with each succeeding meeting of which there were two.

What made the committee choose the Rev. Wayne Blaser? First, it was his warm personality with which we were immediately comfortable. Second, because of his understanding and commitment to serve our Lord. Third, we can best relate to you through the following excerpts from his dossier: "I believe that worship is the focal point of the Church's life and have spent considerable energy developing my congregations appreciation for and understanding of the nature and meaning of worship."

"I believe that Christian Worship should be a warm festive resurrection celebration which involves active congregational participation."

"At the present time I believe that the teaching ministry is the most crucial instrument needed for the growth and development of congregations. If a congregation is to grow in spirit and in mission, both, pastor and lay leaders must focus much attention upon their own growth."

"The general lack of knowledge of the Bible and of church history and tradition is the greatest obstacle keeping the congregations of our denomination from reaching their full potential. I have begun to confront this obstacle by providing ongoing training for my officers and by leading an in depth Bible study."

Rev. Blaser also feels the need for and plans more preparation and instruction for parents presenting children for baptism, adult responsibility and confirmation and pre-marital instruction.

You will have the opportunity to meet Rev. Blaser and his family; his wife who incidently was baptized at Poke Run is the former Donna Germroth, daughter of the Calvin Germroths; former members of Poke Run, their 12 year old son Keith and 5 year old daughter Staci at a get acquainted open house in Fellowship Hall, Saturday, January 16, 1982 at 2:00 p. m. He will candidate in the pulpit on Sunday, January 17, 1982, followed immediately by a congregational meeting at which we hope the congregation will unanimously accept The Rev. Wayne C. Blaser as our next Pastor.

Respectfully yours,

The Pulpit Nominating Committee

Glenn T. Ross, Chairman  
Eleanor Zerbini, Secretary  
Ruth Speer

Anna Hughes  
Ronald Bowman  
Edward Sharer

Alice Herren  
James P. Thompson  
Amy Gebrosky

On January 16th, 1982 -- a cold, blustery, snowy Saturday afternoon -- The Blaser family was welcomed by a large number of the congregation at an Open House in Fellowship Hall. The Women's Association provided a lovely tea table for the occasion, adding to the warmth of the fellowship. The warmth inside was indeed in direct contrast to the temperatures outside, which hovered around zero! The following day, Sunday, January 17, 1982, The Rev. Wayne Charles Blaser delivered his trial sermon from the Poke Run pulpit -- "A New Name, A New Identity." Dr. William R. Johnston conducted the Congregational Meeting directly after the worship service at which Rev. Blaser was unanimously elected by 116 votes. This fact was really amazing since the thermometer that day registered 20° below zero! Needless to say, there were those who didn't get there that morning because the car wouldn't start, etc. The number that did arrive at the church that bitter cold Sabbath morning truly attest to the supportiveness of the Poke Run Congregation. The following Sunday, January 24th, services at Poke Run had to be cancelled because of a devastating ice storm that left the whole area without power. We were very thankful that the plans had been made for the Blasers to come the previous week-end.

To go back to the first Sunday of 1982, January 3rd -- Dr. Gordon Jackson, Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Seminary, chose for his sermon topic, "Helper of Your Joy". Then followed the Ordination and Installation of the following persons: THE ORDINATION OF: Mr. J. Marvin McKown and Mrs. Richard E. (Ronna) Ryman to The Sacred Office of Ruling Elder and the Installation of Mr. Robert E. Kiebler, Mr. J. Marvin McKown, Mrs. Richard E. (Ronna) Ryman and Mr. G. Edward Sharer to the Session of Poke Run Presbyterian Church.

THE ORDINATION OF: Mrs. Timothy (Laurie) Martin and Mrs. Marvin (Kathy) Moneymaker to The Sacred Office of Deacon and The Installation of Mrs. Carl (Eleanor) Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Timothy (Laurie) Martin, and Mrs. Marvin (Kathy) Moneymaker to The Board of Deacons of Poke Run Presbyterian Church.

THE INSTALLATION OF: Mr. Harry C. Penrod and Mr. Richard E. Ryman, Sr. to The Board of Trustees of Poke Run Presbyterian Church and Their Public Recognition.

On Sunday January 10, 1982, Dr. Douglas A. R. Hare returned to the pulpit with a sermon entitled "Do You Believe in Demons?" That afternoon, following a joint meeting of The Session, Board of Deacons, and Trustees, Dr. William R. Johnston held the Service in Preparation for Communion. This was followed by the traditional vegetable soup supper served by the Deacons. Because of the cancellation of services January 24th, Communion Sunday was rescheduled for February 7, 1982. On January 11th, the Stated Congregational Meeting was held at 7:30 P. M. in Fellowship Hall, preceded by a covered-dish dinner.

Election and Voting Results at The Stated January Congregational Meeting: (1 year terms) --

Chairman -- Mr. Robert E. Kiebler

Vice-Chairman -- Mrs. Ruth Speer

Secretary -- Mrs. Roy M. Christy

Financial Secretary -- Mrs. Mary Louise Moore

Local Fund Treasurer -- Mr. Edgar L. Brewer

Benevolence Fund Treasurer -- Mr. Glenn T. Ross

Auditor (4 yr. term) -- James W. Dunmire

Representative to the Nominating Committee -- Mrs. Glenn T. Ross

Representative to the Personnel Committee -- Mrs. Eugene J. Zerbini

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered by Dr. Hare on Sunday, January 31st, 1982. The following babies were baptized with many of the grandparents and great-grandparents in attendance. Those baptized were: Jeremiah James Altman, born October 18, 1981, son of Donald James Altman and Terri Nadine (Miller) Altman. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Deemer Harkelroad of Vandergrift, PA. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Altman of Leechburg; Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller of Spring Church and Mr. Jasper Altman of Leechburg. Kara Jo Bowman, born November 6, 1981, daughter of Timothy Scott Bowman and Karen Lynn (Cesario) Bowman. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cesario of Vandergrift; Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Bowman of R. D. 2, Export; Great grandmothers are Mrs. Irene Bowman of R. D. 2, Export and Mrs. Sally Jennings of West Mifflin. Chad Michael Painter, born October 7, 1981, son of Douglas Jay Painter and Kimberly Ann (McDivitt) Painter. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. McDivitt of R. D. 2, Saltsburg; Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Painter of R. D. 2, Export. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Clair McDivitt of R. D. 2, Saltsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ringle of Salina, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Geiger of Export and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Painter of R. D. 1, Apollo.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was celebrated on February 7th, 1982, with Dr. Hare in the pulpit. His sermon topic was "Faith in Christ". Youth Sunday was observed on February 14th with the following young people participating in a very impressive service: Ruth Ryman, Courtney Lavrich, Ed Barclay, Nadine Dunmire, Barb Thompson, Gloria Barclay, Nancy Painter, and Amy Gebrosky who delivered

the sermon on "The Most Wonderful Four Letter Word." The rest of the Youth Fellowship assisted as greeters, candlelighters, and ushers. On February 21st Dr. Hare and his family were honored after the morning worship service at an Appreciation Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Hare, who is Professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has been our "mainstay" during the fall and winter months. The honor guests included Mrs. Hare, their two daughters, and Mrs. Hare's father, a retired Presbyterian minister from Canada. The Hare's will be with us again for The Maundy Thursday evening worship service.

Dr. Richard Oman, Professor of Preaching at the Seminary, was with us on the First Sunday of Lent, and The Reverend Warren K. Martin, also from the Seminary, will be in our pulpit the rest of The Lenten Season. Poke Run has surely been blessed during this time "in-between-pastors" to have had such excellent worship leaders.

The Rev. Wayne C. Blaser will arrive at Poke Run to assume his ministerial duties on April 16th, 1982, and will be in the pulpit on Sunday, April 18th. Mrs. Blaser, who is a teacher, and the children will remain in Portsmouth until the end of the current school year. The installation service for Rev. Blaser is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 16th, 1982.

Here is a report on the Manse Renovation from Jane Gearhard, a member of the committee.

Since the publication of the December Ranger the Session has delegated to the Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements the full responsibility of making plans for and carrying out the renovation of the Manse.

Due to the expiration of Harry Penrod's term on the Session his membership on the Committee terminated as of January 1982 and Ed Sharer was chosen by the Session to replace Harry in representing the Session on the Committee. Eleanor Zerbini was elected to replace Harry as president of the Committee.

After much deliberation on what and how things should be done in updating the Manse final plans were made; bids were secured for carpentry, plumbing, wiring, painting, carpet and drapes; and many other estimates were made known, unknown and unforeseen costs. The Committee arrived at a figure of \$22,000.00 as a recommended goal for our church to provide for this project. This figure was accepted by the Session. Bids were decided upon and work got underway.

The major changes being made are: (1) The former pastor's study has been made into a laundry room and half-bath. (2) The second floor bath has all new fixtures with new end wall for the tub requiring additional tiling plus the replacement of tile where water seepage had caused damage. Other improvements are the updating of original wiring, new additional wiring, plaster repair, spackling of cracks, painting of all ceilings and walls, sanding and varnishing window sills, waterproof painting of basement walls, covers will be secured for the downstairs hot water radiators, the entire house except for the kitchen, laundry and baths will be carpeted, linoleum for new bath and laundry installed, drapes for living room and dining room will be furnished, and a new garage door was installed. Due to the fact that the kitchen was completely remodeled less than twelve years ago the only change being made there is the adaptation of cabinet space to accommodate the Blaser's dishwasher.

Rev. and Mrs. Blaser were here February 12 and 13 to choose colors for paint, carpet and drapes. They too made several suggestions enabling the committee to make final decisions on some perplexing problems.

The cost for major expenses are: (estimates)

Carpentry, plumbing, tiling	\$3,890.00
Wiring	3,450.00
Interior painting and varnishing	2,500.00
Carpet	4,264.00
Linoleum	270.00
Drapes	1,240.00
Radiator covers (Estimated \$350)	550.00
Garage door	300.00
Basement wall paint	83.00

Many miscellaneous items, costs not yet known, expenses for exterior of house & grounds not known are not included in the list above.

The cost of this renovation is being kept at a minimum by the many hours of volunteer work by members of the congregation. These hours have been given in planning, shopping for best prices, clearing out, cleaning, plastering, sanding, painting and other professional labor, and the performing of many other odd jobs too numerous to list. This donation of time on the part of these people has saved the congregation at large an amount that totals into the thousands of dollars.

When the weather permits the work on the outside of the manse and grounds will be done -- cleaning of porches, painting, roof and chimney repair, cement work, grading and seeding. The Youth Fellowship has volunteered to help with the clean up of the grounds.

Now to answer your question -- "How do we pay for this project?"  
First of all an explanation of the various funds of Poke Run Church --

- (1) Current Fund - used for paying the regular monthly bills and salaries
- (2) Endowments - from which only the interest is available
- (3) Special Accounts - only used for purpose specified
- (4) Some amounts have been invested in certificates and are locked up till maturity
- (5) In addition to the above which cannot be used there are certain amounts in various accounts that are available to use for the Manse or at least to borrow from until they can be repaid. From these available funds we are able to pay the bills already coming in for the work being done.

The main source of funds for these improvements is found in our Major Building, Expansion and Improvement Program. This program now twenty-five years old must continue on with the life of Poke Run Church and retain a financial reserve in order to meet future improvements and emergencies which may arise.

Soon these funds will be depleted and according to the estimates and the goal of \$22,000 we will need to raise a balance of \$10,000 by the completion of the work in mid April.

Within the next two weeks our church will need the cooperation of all to contribute whatever amount possible to meet our obligation. There have been a few small donations received for items secured from the Manse - items ranging from gift boxes, canning jars, carpet, drapes, antiques and others. Another way that people have been contributing is through memorials to loved ones. To date contributions for the Manse have ranged from denominations of \$1.00 to \$1,000.

In order that we meet our goal by Mid April and replace at least a substantial portion of the Building Fund account all are asked to evaluate their priorities and make whatever contribution possible at this time.

Contributions to Manse Renovation  
payable to

James H. Metzgar, Building Fund Treasurer  
R. D. #2, Box 224,  
Export, Pennsylvania 15632.

Our Thanks to both the Pulpit Nominating Committee and The Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements for the fine job they have been doing.

The first quarterly meeting of the Women's Association was held Tuesday evening, March 9, 1982, in Fellowship Hall with Circle 4 as hostesses and also providing the program. "One Great Hour of Sharing" was featured in the worship service followed by a film on "El Salvador". In the business meeting a decision was made to have a Community Dinner on Saturday, April 17th, for the purpose of raising money for the Manse Repair. Volunteers from the church at large are needed to help with this dinner. One hundred dollars was given to the "One Great Hour of Sharing".

Helen Silvis, our Sunday School Superintendent, tells us that five of the Church School teachers have registered to attend the Redstone Presbytery Intensive Teacher Training Program on Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21, at the United Presbyterian Church in New Kensington. The teachers are Becky Lange and Karen Staymates from our Nursery Department, Beverly Tagliati from First and Second Grades, Carol Bowman from Third and Fourth, and Karen Heinlein from Fifth and Sixth Grades. Richard Learn is the new teacher of the Senior High Class which begins at 9:45 A. M. each Sunday morning.

The new officers for the Youth Fellowship are: Ruth Ryman, president - Amy Gebrosky, vice-president - Nancy Painter, secretary - John Wigle, treasurer - Lori Moneymaker, chaplain. Besides leading the Youth Sunday Worship Service, they have been busy with other activities. On February 19th they and their parents enjoyed their annual All-Night Bowling. They traveled to the Delmont Presbyterian Church on February 28th to hear Mrs. R. Schmidt speak on "Nuclear Energy". A very successful Pancake and Sausage Brunch was held in Fellowship Hall on March 6th with the proceeds of approximately \$100.00 going to the Manse Repair Fund. Upcoming events include Car Wash and Bake Sale (10 A. M. to 3 P. M.) and Easter Egg Hunt (1:30 P. M.) on Saturday, April 10th and Easter Sunrise Service at 6 A. M. on April 11th, followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall. The service will feature the film, "He Really Lives".

Rosebuds have been placed on the Communion table for two recent arrivals in our congregation: a son, Michael Joseph, born December 27, 1981, to Michael and Jimietta (McDivitt) Lanfrankie; and a daughter, Tammie Lyn, born January 22, 1982, to Donald H. and Debra Lyn (Brent) Jordan. The grandparents of the Lanfrankie baby are Mr. and Mrs. James McDivitt. The paternal grandmother of the Jordan baby is Mrs. Robert Jordan and the great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Gill. Congratulations to all these parents and grandparents -- and also to Mrs. Mildred George who became a great-grandmother on January 19th, 1982, when a daughter, Leah Nicole, was born to Peter and Dawn Lynn (George) Siebold. John R. George is the grandfather.

The Poke Run congregation extends sympathy to all families who have lost loved ones recently. Albert Leo Nahar, Jr., died on January 16, 1982, in Beaver Falls, Pa. Mr. Nahar united with Poke Run Church on October 5, 1968. On January 8, 1982, William H. Slippy, father of Karl D. Slippy, passed away in Indiana, Pa. Marie (Custer) Knadler, sister of Mrs. Leonard Hartman, passed away on February 7, 1982 in Martinsburg, West Virginia. J. Max McCutcheon, father of Olen S. McCutcheon, died on February 21, 1982, in Allegheny Township. The Rev. Roy S. Brice officiated at both the Slippy and McCutcheon funerals. Word has come of the death on January 26, 1982, of Sara Jane (Rugh) Ellenberger in Slippery Rock, Pa. She was the wife of Ford Ellenberger and daughter of the late Frank and Maude Walter Rugh, long time members of Poke Run Church. John A. Petach, brother of Mrs. Irene Long, died on February 25, 1982 in McKeesport, Pa. Mrs. Anna McKee, mother of former member Mrs. Albert (Lois) Switzer, died in Brookville, Pa, on February 24, 1982, at the age of 96. Mrs. Albert (Mabel) Wohlwend, sister of W. Lloyd McQuaide, died on March 19, 1982 in Brookville, PA.

The C. McKee Speer Family wishes to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, kind words, prayers, food, memorials and messages of encouragement during the illness of husband and father. Mrs. Irene Long would like to thank everyone for their cards and expressions of sympathy at the time of her brother's death. Mrs. Leonard Hartman would like to thank everyone for the sympathy cards she received at the time of her sister's death.

There have been two transfers from Poke Run to other churches recently: Mrs. Dennis Harman (Janice Striner) to The Richland Church of The Brethren at Richland, Pennsylvania; Mrs. James Gouker (Cheryl Dively) to the Round Hill Presbyteria Church of Elizabeth, Pa., Mrs. Larry Klobuka (Kim Ross) to the Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana; and removed from the roll by request Ronald Henry.

Congratulations to Mrs. Susan Bolyard Summers who celebrated her 100th birthday on January 17, 1982 at a party given by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Orr of Murrysville and son-in-law L. Wayne Hoard of Hurst, Texas. The party was held at The Crowes Rest Home in Clarksburg, PA. where she resides. Mrs. Summers had three children, two of whom are deceased, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was remembered by her many friends and relatives with cards, gifts, and a huge birthday cake.

One of our talented needleworkers, Mrs. Gerald (Pat) Christy, has two quilts on display the last two weeks of March at The Kennedy Gallery at St. Vincents College, Latrobe, Pa. This exhibit of quilted objects called "Visions of Spring" is sponsored by The Quilting Society of America. Congratulations, Pat!

The following members have been hospitalized since the last Ranger went out: Gladys Hartman in East Suburban Medical Center, Monroeville, PA; John Miller in West Penn, Pittsburgh; Hazel McCutcheon in Allegheny Valley, Natrona Heights and Allegheny General Pittsburgh; Donald Wagle in Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg; Elaine Slippy in a local hospital; Debbie Jordan in Citizens, New Kensington, June Moorhead and Bill Kriepshied in Allegheny Valley, Natrona Heights, and Mary Elwood in Latrobe Hospital.

The Poke Run Choir with choir director Rick Learn traveled to The Greensburg Home (of Redstone Presbytery) to present a musical program on Saturday afternoon, February 20, 1982. On Saturday, March 6th, they sang for the residents of The United Presbyterian Home in Wilkinsburg. Mrs. Velma Mann, mother of Lynn Kistler, and Mrs. Stella Walter, former member, both reside there. The music was deeply appreciated at both places. Thanks, Rick and Choir Members, for giving of your time and talents to bring joy to others!

Another group in our church that deserves praise does volunteer work for The Young Adult Handicapped Program, of which Rick Learn is Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Young Adult Handicapped serves Westmoreland, Armstrong and Indiana counties. Among the jobs done by the volunteers are: furnishing transportation to therapy centers, shopping centers, special events, etc., planning and helping with programs, aiding with fund raisers, etc. Volunteers for this worthy cause from Poke Run include Rita, Ed and Lisa Heinlein, Freda Bowman, Cindy McQuaide, Betty and Barb Thompson, and Ruth and Amy Gebrosky.

The first week end of March was a busy one for the John Gearhard family with a visit from Lois Umble, her sons Mark and Paul and daughter Jan and granddaughter Kristen. The weather cooperated in that the Allegheny National Forest was blanketed with twelve inches of snow where the cousins explored many miles of pipelines and back roads on their snowmobiles. Those who did not take to the winter sport enjoyed the good food and fellowship of the Youth's Pancake Brunch, a visit with the Hawks and worship at Poke Run on Sunday.

PASTOR EMERITUS PARAGRAPHS -- MARCH, 1982 -- by Roy S. Brice, 13th Pastor  
Poke Run Presbyterian Church -- from January 14, 1945 through August 31,  
1981

To "The Ranger" Readers,

Greetings from familiar surroundings -- on another wintry day, February 17th? Although the ground is being covered with snow, there are signs that spring is coming. The flakes are large. The thermometer reads almost 40 degrees. It is still daylight at 5:30 P. M. Probably most people in these immediate vicinities of planet Earth are ready to welcome spring. Yet, are we not all grateful that winter too gives evidence of the covenant faithfulness of God? Long ago He gave his promise: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22)

This winter calls forth memories. I have memories of the winter of 1918, when I was a boy of seven. It was on January 26, 1918 that my grandfather, Andrew Brice, died. While traveling then was usually but for short distances by sleds and sleighs; getting to the Glade Run Church for the funeral was delayed due to the drifts and other wintry conditions. I also recall January 4th of 1945 -- the date we made the journey from Claysville to Poke Run Hill. The brick paved hilly curves of old Route 66 were packed over with snow that had been there for weeks; and there were places where one could reach out and touch the high banks of snow. Snow plowing was a day and night process, a process involving the total citizenry. In those days it was normal for cars and trucks to be equipped with chains.

Sparky, the horse -- having been confined to the barn for several weeks -- is no doubt patiently waiting to do some lively play outside. With the passing of time he is better able to see outside, due to the fact that the floor level of his winter quarters is gradually getting higher. The cats are now in the plural -- two of them. At first this presented a problem -- a kind of an 'Esau' and 'Jacob' situation, of course, in terms of 'catdom' only. The one was a cat of the fields; the other was a cat of the buildings; and when winter came they both took up headquarters at the barn. Recently they have been agreeably eating together, evidently having found sharing to be to their mutual advantage. Yet some of the old traits linger. Space does not allow for illustrations on this big subject. Pussy-cats can act so much like people, and vice versa.

Visionary late winter indoor gardening has been almost at zero for me thus far in 1982, mostly due to the fact that I neglected to send any forwarding addresses to seed companies. Consequently I have missed the enjoyments and escaped the temptations of viewing all the nice things to be seen in seed catalogs.

Recently I have been doing some preaching within the Presbytery of Kiski-minetas. This has been an interesting and challenging experience -- somewhat in fulfillment of the spirit of the very last words of the sentence concluding the paragraph at the top of page 47 of "Poke Run Presbyterian Church 1785-1977".

We all happily await the establishment of the new pastorate at Poke Run Presbyterian Church. It appears evident that God has both guided The Pulpit Nominating Committee and rewarded the congregation for faithfulness in great entrustments; and most certainly Mr. Blaser, Mrs. Blaser and their children Keith and Staci must feel mutually complimented with the prospects of coming for ministry within the Poke Run Church. I look forward to the installation; and trust that the 14th pastorate at the Poke Run Church will be a joyous and spiritually productive relationship.

May the renewals and healings which come with the return of spring inspire in us praise to God for His tender and comforting mercies amidst all sicknesses and sorrows; and may the Glorious Hope of the Easter Season make perfect in us His love, and cast out all our fears.

Thank you, Mr. Brice! It is good to hear from you.



Alta Jean and Glenn Ross drove to Indianapolis over the March 13th weekend to visit their daughter and son-in-law Kim and Larry Klobuka. Larry is employed as a mining engineer for a coal company and Kim is teaching kindergarten. While there the Rosses attended the Second Presbyterian Church of which Kim and Larry will soon be new members. On April 3rd, the Ross family will be in Cleveland for the wedding of Barbara Martin and David Ross. Carl and Violet Schutzler left Sunday, March 14th, for California by train to visit son Jerry and family in El Torro. Ruth Speer spent a week in late February with son Jack and family in Chalfont, Pa. Alice Herren and The Robert Kieblers have been enjoying Florida sunshine for a couple months in St. Petersburg and Fort Myers. Ruth Kistler is also spending some time in Florida visiting her sister-in-law Edith Campbell. Dorothy Elwood has been with her daughter Jane Lynch and family in Fort Pierce. The Boyd Speers and Harlan Walkers have been in Florida all winter.

As a Memorial to Myrtle L. Pfeffer a beautiful set of bookshelves for the pastor's study is being presented to Poke Run Church by her family. The church was also bequeathed the sum of \$1000.00 from the estate of the late Harold M. Grove in memory of his mother, Edna M. Grove.

Mrs. Ruth Kistler's corrected address is: 516 D. Crown Plaza Apts., McKeesport, PA. 15132.

The Board of Deacons is requesting information on any member who is ill or has been hospitalized. This information will be announced from the pulpit so we as a congregation can offer our prayers. The family is responsible for getting this information to the Church Office, telephone 327-5563, 327-2143, or 327-5443.

The Flower Committee Chairpersons for April are Mrs. Blair Kiebler (Betty) (727-2425) and Mrs. Fred Heinlein (Karen) (327-3048). Easter lilies are priced at \$4.25 this spring. Deadline for ordering lilies is April 4th, 1982. Please contact the Flower Chairpersons or the Church Secretary (327-5443) if you wish to place Memorial Flowers or if you know of a new baby in the congregation so that a rosebud can be placed on the Communion Table. Also, members are encouraged to suggest names of sick or shut-ins who might enjoy receiving the sanctuary flowers.

The Academy Sunday School Class is sponsoring a new service to the congregation and friends of members, whereby tapes will be recorded of any sermon or special worship service by request. These tapes will then be made available to those who care to make use of them. For more information, please contact the James Dunmires - (327-1375).

Circle 4 of the Women's Association is sponsoring a Penny Barrel Fund Raising Campaign. We know that this can involve children as well as adults. Starting the first Sunday of April we will have a penny barrel in the narthex of the church. We will continue every Sunday to place it there. With this money we are going to purchase new hymn books for the church. These will be used and enjoyed by every member of the congregation. It is our plan to keep you posted on the amount that has been collected in The Ranger and also in the weekly church bulletin. We hope to have enough to purchase the hymn books within a years time. Lets all bring our pennies and help support this campaign.

#### Easter

"Christ the Lord is risen today,"

Sons of men and angels say:

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

Sing, ye heavens and earth, reply.

Charles Wesley

LENT -- WHAT TO GIVE UP

- GIVE UP grumbling. Instead, "In everyting give thanks."
- GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed. Instead, use that time in prayer.
- GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead, concentrate on their best ones.
- GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, be generous and understanding.
- GIVE UP your worries. Instead, trust God with them.
- GIVE UP hatred or dislike of anyone. Instead, turn to love.
- GIVE UP the fear which prevents Christian witness, Instead, seek courage to speak of your faith to others.
- GIVE UP spending so much time with newspapers and magazines. Instead, study your Bible.
- GIVE UP T. V. one evening a week. Visit some lonely or sick person.
- GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself. Give to God's work or someone in need.
- GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standards of the world. Instead, learn to give up yourself to God.

The above was from "First Church News" published by The First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and was graciously submitted by Mrs. Velma Mann.

COMMUNITY DINNER (Roast Beef) -- Poke Run Presbyterian Church Saturday, April 17, 1982 from 4 to 7 P. M. in Fellowship Hall. Donations: Adults - \$5.00 -- Children under twelve - \$2.00. Proceeds go toward the Manse Renovation from the Women's Association.

CAPSULE REPORT AS OF MARCH 16, 1982

Balance in Bank, December 31, 1981 .....	\$ 9,681.93
Deposits thru March 15, 1982 .....	<u>16,705.38</u>
Total Receipts .....	\$ 26,387.31
Disbursements thru March 16, 1982 .....	<u>15,738.52</u>
*Bank Balance, March 16, 1982	\$ 10,648.79

- \* Balance -- These facts should be noted relating to the bank balance:
1. The sum of \$140.00 included therein was given as Memorials for Mrs. Irene Rugh and is being held in reserve until further notice from her family.
  2. The sum of \$1,025.68 included therein was given by the Women's Association and is being held in reserve for Sanctuary Improvements (storm windows).
  3. The sum of \$885.00 included therein are Memorials and Donations given for Manse Renovation.
  4. The sum of \$3,306.24 included therein is being held for Manse Renovation.

Edgar L. Brewer,  
Local Fund Treasurer

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

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