



POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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CHURCH HOURS:

Church School: 10:00 A.M. Sunday mornings Service for the Lord's Day: 11:00 A.M.
 9:45 A.M. Sr. High Class Worship

Choir Practices: Youth at 6:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. - Sunday evenings:
 (Wednesday) Adult at 7:30 P.M. Fellowship Program

Matthew 28:17-20 The Acts 1:8
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Dear Friends,

As a butterfly emerges from its cocoon, beautiful, free and ALIVE, it becomes a fitting symbol of the Resurrection. Here at Poke Run Church we are preparing to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. Won't you come and share with us as we attempt to identify with His Suffering and Death on the Cross, --- and finally as we join in the Joyous Celebration of Easter?

THE GREAT HOLY WEEK

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK ARE THE HIGH POINT OF THE CHURCH YEAR, AS THE CHURCH RELIVES THE DRAMA OF OUR LORD'S SUFFERING, DEATH AND RESURRECTION IN SPECIAL WORSHIP OBSERVANCES. THESE OBSERVANCES, MANY OF WHICH ORIGINATED VERY EARLY IN THE CHURCH'S LIFE, ATTEMPT TO DRAW US MORE DEEPLY INTO THE STORY OF OUR SALVATION, BY HELPING US TO RETRACE THE STEPS OF OUR MASTER THROUGH HIS LAST WEEK.

The Observance of Holy Week

The Sunday of the Passion or Palm Sunday, March 27, begins the Holy Week cycle. On this day we recall the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem with a palm branch procession at the beginning of our worship service. The procession will begin outside the Sanctuary on the church lawn (weather permitting) at 10:50 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate. Following the procession, the service will emphasize how short-lived and fragile worldly success is, as our attention is focused upon the biblical account of our Lord's suffering and death, which will be presented in the form of a dramatic reading interspersed with hymns.

Noon Each Day -- Monday through Saturday a half-hour service of Daily Prayer will be offered in the sanctuary. (The Saturday service will be held outdoors or in the Academy Building, depending on the weather.)

Maundy Thursday (March 31) 7:30 p.m. -- The Last Supper of our Lord will be recalled in a solemn service of Holy Communion. Worshippers will be invited to come to the table in small groups as our Lord's words of hope and promise which were spoken at the Last Supper are read. (Those unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.)

Good Friday (April 1) 7:30 p.m. -- A solemn commemoration of our Lord's death and burial will be held. The service will conclude with a symbolic burial and sealing-off of the church. All decor will be shrouded or removed from the sanctuary, and the church will remain locked until Sunday morning.

Holy Sabbath (Saturday, April 2) -- During this day in which our Lord's body rested in the grave, it is customary in many places to tend to family graves, scrubbing tombstones, and planting spring flowers. Families are encouraged to visit, tend, and decorate the graves of loved ones at their convenience during the day. Individuals wishing to tend graves in the older section of the cemetery, are encouraged to do so following the noon service of Daily Prayer until 4 p.m., when Trustees will be available to offer some direction.

Easter, The Great Celebration of our Lord's Resurrection (April 3) --
Part I - The Paschal Vigil - 5 a.m.

We will begin our Easter Celebration in a way similar to the early Christians with a pre-dawn Paschal (Passover) Vigil, which begins outside the church (outdoors by a campfire or in the basement of the Academy, depending on the weather.) This candlelight vigil will be led by members of The Confirmation Class, as it has historically marked the conclusion of the preparation period for catechumens. Each worshipper should bring a white candle for this service. The service will focus upon The Old Testament stories and promises of God's deliverance. At dawn there will be a brief celebration of our Lord's Resurrection followed by a joyous procession back into the sanctuary. There will be a symbolic unsealing and resurrection of the church which will include the removal of shrouds and the re-decorating of the sanctuary with the finest decor, and with Easter lilies. (Worshippers may begin their participation in the outdoor vigil at any time while it is in progress.)

Part II - The Service of Baptism and Commissioning - 6:15 a.m.

After a brief interlude to allow the pastor, members of the Confirmation Class, and baptismal candidates a few moments of preparation, the Vigil will resume with a baptismal service and the commissioning of the members of this year's Confirmation Class.

Part III - The Celebration of the Lord's Supper -- 11 a.m.

Following a lengthy recess for breakfast and other festivities we will conclude our Easter celebration by gathering at table with our Risen Lord and partake of The Feast of the Kingdom. In this festive communion, worshippers will process to the table while familiar hymns are sung as we did at the Christmas Communion. (Those unable to come to the table will be served in their pew.)

Other Festivities for the Day --

7 a. m. (approximately) An Easter Fellowship breakfast will be provided in Fellowship Hall in honor of the Confirmation Class.

8 a. m. An Easter egg hunt and festivities will be provided for the children.

10 a. m. Church School.

Weddings

Lee G. McCutcheon and Wendy Shearer, on November 27, 1982, in St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Cabot, Pa. Lee is the son of Leonard and Elaine McCutcheon.

Lawrence Eugene Smith and Cheryl Lynn Dunnivan on February 12, 1983. Larry is the son of Fred and Miriam Smith.

J. Edwin Zerbini and Mardi Renee Mangery on January 29, 1983. Edwin is the son of Eugene and Eleanor Zerbini.

Births

A son, Colin Andrew, December 30, 1982, to John and Sylvia (Gill) Reilly in Pittsburgh. Maternal grandparents are Wellwood and Hazel Gill.

A daughter, Amy Jo, March 6, 1983, to Gary and Jayne (Fullerton) Wiester in Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington, PA. Meryl and Grace Wiester are the paternal grandparents.

Baptisms

Jessi Lynn Bates and Jared James Bates, children of James G. and Renee (McQuaide) Bates on Sunday February 27, 1983. Maternal grandparents are Bernard and Jean McQuaide.

New Members

Three new members were received into our congregation by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, February 27, 1983: Ms. Janet (Bowman) Carpenzano, Mrs. Jean (Elwood) O'Brien, and Mrs. Mardi (J. Edwin) Zerbini.

Transfers

Mrs. Kathy (Alcorn) Garrison to the Fairfax Presbyterian Church of Fairfax, Virginia.

Mr. Richard T. Painter to the Trinity United Church of Christ, Delmont, PA.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. (Henrietta) Wilson to the First Presbyterian Church of Vandergrift, PA.

Deaths

Mr. Bryan Bowman of Hempfield Township, related to members of the Poke Run congregation, died January 14, 1983, in Greensburg, PA.

Mrs. Twil H. Gill, former member, died January 31, 1983 in Murrysville, PA.

Mrs. Frances Jewett, grandmother of Donna Blaser, died January 28, 1983 in Durham, North Carolina.

Mrs. Jean Ross, sister-in-law of Glenn Ross, died February 14, 1983. She had lived in New Kensington, PA.

Our sympathy goes out to all who mourn.

* * * * * REFLECTIONS ON MEMORIES OF 50 YEARS AGO * * * * *

The scope of these reflections embrace only timely economic memories, with the hope that they will prove bracing to younger generations. Many of the readers of THE RANGER were not yet born 50 years ago; many more of them are too young to remember The Great Depression; and for some the Year 1933 will seem to be in the distant past. The writer, Roy S. Brice, has indelible memories of the Year 1933 and the years right before and right after 1933. Perhaps the sharing of some of his experiences will be of help to persons who are hurting due to the depressive fears and uncertainties of 1983. History is not precisely recurrent -- neither are the times: past, present, and future void relatedness.

What was it like to graduate from college in the Year 1933, in the midst of The Great Depression? For R. S. B., who graduated from Grove City College in the spring of 1933, it was humbling. During mid-term he had been measured for a graduation suit by a friend, John Ellenberger, of Dayton, Pennsylvania. While not fussy about clothing, R. S. B. was hard to fit at the shoulders, evidently due to excessive youthful shoulder exercise. J. E. had nice clothing, and \$25.00 bought a real nice made-to-order suit in those days. Everything moved along well up to a point. As agreed, near Easter, the suit was received by R. S. B. by mail at Memorial Hall of Grove City College, and R. S. B. sent a check drawable upon his account at The First National Bank of Dayton. Then the incredible happened! Before the check cleared, bank deposits were frozen all over the Nation. J. C. sent R. S. B. a friendly note explaining, telling him not to worry, and to just pay for the suit as money became available. Well, money became available only in little bits; and finally in November of 1933 the last payment was made -- coming from a joint 50/50 enterprise, the sale of a load of pears from the Brice Farm. William Hallman of Dayton had the truck; and, with the assistance of the college graduate, the pears were sold door to door in New Kensington. With all of your memoir collecting R. S. B., shame on you for not keeping a patch from that graduation suit! Also, the oddity check with the many small payment entries on the back would have been nice for framing. For J. E. it had been mail and carry; and perhaps he did the check framing. For R. S. B. it had been wear and pay as you go.

What was it like to be available with a college diploma -- before the concept of over-training -- during the Great Depression of 1933? It was like being the night watchman of turkeys at the then Radaker Farm for \$1.00 per night. It was like team-dragging over two miles of roads (\$7.50 per ten hour day, with the driver cleaning the culverts with a shovel while the horses rested -- without feeling abused or underpaid). It was like helping with all kinds of farm work -- with very little cash flow, yet with good food, shelter, clothing, and with the benefits of family and neighborhood. There was very little money, very few luxuries, yet people did not feel poor. They had the happiness of sharing in a great commonwealth of aspirations and expectations of better days ahead. (Who knows how many church basements were excavated by volunteer labor during The Great Depression?).

Central to these reflections are the encouraging facts that the economy improved -- gradually; the banks re-opened; for almost 50 years goods and services abounded, most of them to bless (unfortunately some of them to curse); and fortunately, under God, inventory time has returned, with the Holy Spirit continuing to work how and where He wills. May the Pastor, the members of Poke Run Church, and all of us continue faithful in the exercise of basic loyalties, looking to the future with optimistic vision of unprecedented possibilities; and may the Hope which springs from the Eternal realities of this and all Easter Seasons give to all fullness of joy through Christ, the Lord and Saviour. With apology for using so much space in conveying this message and these words of greeting, I am

Sincerely,

Roy S. Brice, Pastor Emeritus of Poke Run Church.

Comfort Corner

The Comfort Corner at the end of the Fellowship Hall corridor has a bright new look. The familiar bulletin board has been moved to the Narthex, the wall replastered and painted, (courtesy of Leonard Hartman, Eugene Zerbini and Richard Painter) and the portrait of Pastor Emeritus Roy S. Brice hung in this attractive new setting. It is most fitting that his portrait should be placed there, because it was through his generosity that the idea of a Comfort Corner originated and came into being. The bronze placque on the opposite wall tells the purpose Pastor Brice had in mind:

COMFORT CORNER

May this area be regarded as Comfort Corner
-- dedicated to the Glory of God in Memory of
those of our Congregation and Community
who have passed to their Eternal Reward.

In making appropriate use of Comfort Corner
at needful times may special meaning be
experienced in the words of our Lord:

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Items of Interest

An item pertaining to Poke Run from an April, 1925, issue of a Saltsburg paper was submitted by Ruth Speer. It should open our eyes a bit!

"The Presbyterians of Poke Run church have made a call for the pastoral services of David Allen, a member of the class of '25 Western Theological Seminary. Mr. Allen's home is near Cadiz, Ohio, and the salary at Poke Run is to be \$2,000 with free manse and one month's vacation. This is the largest and thriftiest congregation in this section.

Herb Silvis, son of Mrs. Helen Silvis, completed in January three years of service with the Murrysville Medic One Volunteer Ambulance Service. Each week Herb gives ten to twenty hours of his time to this worthy community project. In recent weeks he has been attending an Emergency Technician Refresher Course at Citizens General Hospital.

From early November to the middle of February Nancy Painter has been playing basketball for Kiski Area. Nancy is a 6' junior who set several records this year. She set a new single game record of 37 points and tied the record once. She set a single season scoring record of 576 points and placed second in the W.P.I.A.L. and city of Pittsburgh with a 26.2 average per game. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Painter.

Amy Gebrosky, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Gebrosky, was one of four Franklin Regional High School students selected to participate in the District I Chorus Festival held February 4th and 5th at Gateway Senior High School in Monroeville. John Wigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wigle, and Kyle Lengauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lengauer, sang in "The Messiah", presented by Kiski Area Senior High Chorus, on Thursday evening, March 3, 1983.

Sherry Kuckuck (Mrs. Ted), daughter-in-law of Mrs. Grace Kuckuck, was recently appointed Assistant to Dr. John T. Welty, Indiana University's vice-president of Student Affairs.

Lisa Dormire, member of our neighboring Union United Presbyterian Church, has been accepted at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Daughter of the Carl Dormires of North Washington, she will graduate from Grove City College this spring. Lisa has a tie to Poke Run by reason of the fact that her grandfather, Ivan D. Dormire, was a Sunday School Teacher of our Pastor Emeritus, Roy S. Brice. She has been a guest speaker at our Women's Association meetings.

Congratulations Herb, Nancy, Amy, John, Kyle, Sherry and Lisa! God bless you in your different fields of endeavor.

Congratulations also to Scott Bowman and his classmates in fifth grade at Mamont School, who were winners in the Channel 4 Kids Quiz Show which was on the air Sunday morning, February 27, 1983. Scott is the son of Ron and Carole Bowman.

On Sunday Morning, January 30th, Poke Run welcomed "The Chapel Ringers", the Bell Choir from Apollo United Presbyterian Church, directed by Mrs. Amy Learn. Their program of bell music was a joyful experience and contributed greatly to our worship service.

Poke Run Members in the Service

Capt. Rodger L. Flotta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Flotta stationed with the Air Force at Wichita Falls, Texas.

Lt. Glenn E. Gearhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gearhard, has started a three year tour of duty with the United States Marine Corps based in Hawaii.

Sp4 Michael L. Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hartman, is on a seventeen month tour of duty with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Mark Richard Lavrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lavrich, is in the Air Force at Fairfield Air Force Base, in the state of Washington.

Thomas William Lavrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lavrich, is with the U.S. Navy, with a post office address of Florida while he is out at sea.

Kerry J. McDivitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. McDivitt, is stationed in California.

Curtis B. McQuaide, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McQuaide is in the Navy on the USS Whale, based at Groton, Connecticut.

Valerie Jean (Striner) Crumpett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Striner, is with the U. S. Navy stationed in Hawaii.

Jeffrey David Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas with the Army in the 2nd Armor Div., Fort Hood, Texas.

Our prayers are with them while they are away from home serving our country.

Church Bulletins

Our church bulletins have a new and interesting appearance. Our local artists have inspired us with meaningful sketches depicting a special thought or theme for the day. Those contributing their talents thus far are: Lori Moneymaker, John Wigle, Allison Lengauer, Timothy Martin and Rev. Wayne. Anyone who might be interested in sharing his or her artistic ability on future bulletins please contact the Church Office or Rev. Wayne.

Reunion--A Reality

At long last, after a nationwide vote by Presbyteries both North and South, the two largest Presbyterian denominations, PCUS (South) and UPCUSA (North) have reunited after a separation of over 120 years. Briefly--the church became divided way back during the Civil War when the congregations in the North supported a resolution upholding the federal government. The Southern Presbyteries felt that the Church, a purely spiritual body, must not concern itself with political and social issues such as slavery. As the states seceded from the Union, so did the Southern Presbyteries, forming the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS). The Northern Church was the United Presbyterian Church in The United States of America (UPCUSA). Now that we have reunited and are one body again, together we are PCUSA--the Presbyterian Church in The United States of America.

In 1982 the One Great Hour of Sharing totaled \$7,220,872.00 from United Presbyterian congregations in the United States. This offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People and World Relief, Emergency and Resettlement Services.

One shining example of how your One Great Hour of Sharing money helps in the Self-Development of People is told in the February issue of A. D. magazine. In Egyptian villages along the Nile, the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services, supported in part by One Great Hour, is perhaps the best organized and most widely copied model of village assistance in the world. It all began thirty years ago when a Presbyterian missionary, Davida Finney, began an adult literacy campaign in one little Egyptian town. Today its programs of adult education, home economics, leadership development, public health and family planning, agriculture and vocational services have accomplished so much for these impoverished, uneducated villagers that one official from the U. S. Agency for International Development has said, "Nothing governments have done is as effective as this." These villagers have learned they are no longer victims of fate. When they learn to read, a whole new life opens up to them. Besides being taught profitable skills like sewing and bee-keeping, their moral and spiritual consciousness is raised and social justice and improved living conditions result. The most important goal of the Social Services Organization is to have village leaders accept responsibility for carrying out its programs by themselves. This is just one example of good things accomplished with the help of your One Great Hour money overseas.

In our own United States your One Great Hour of Sharing offering helped rebuild the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, after the worst tornado in U. S. history struck in 1979, destroying 40 lives and 5000 homes --- and again in May, 1982, when flood waters inundated 2500 homes. After the flood, \$75,000 was allocated from One Great Hour of Sharing funds, and this was invaluable in getting rebuilding started. With that kind of help to build on, according to local ministers, "the loaves and fishes principle" began to work. One local Presbyterian church alone came up with \$60,000. There you have another instance of the One Great Hour helping in time of emergency.

The 1983 One Great Hour funds will help, among many other people, the small Mid-West farmer who is having trouble surviving. It will help create a foundation for an agricultural future that can sustain him and his family.

It is our hope that the Poke Run Congregation, will participate generously in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. If you did not receive the little bank distributed by the children at a recent service, you will find envelopes in the pews each Sunday, and one is enclosed in this issue of The Ranger. What better way to observe Lent than to share with the less fortunate?

60 MINUTES AND THE TRUTH

The January double segment CBS "60 Minutes" program is the most recent of numerous attacks on the ecumenical mission program of the Church of Jesus Christ. As with the Reader's Digest articles which preceded it, there is a great deal of distortion of the facts, use of misleading quotes taken out of context, and the kind of journalistic sensationalism that one typically finds in the tabloids sold at supermarket counters.

The "60 Minutes" piece was a particularly distasteful hatchet job which began with pictures of Castro, and crowds in Red Square carrying a portrait of Lenin, being flashed intermitantly while a congregation at worship was taking the offering. The visual imagery was accompanied by narrative suggesting that the money the people in the pews give to the church is being funneled through denominational treasuries in the National and World Council of Churches and ultimately used to buy Soviet made weapons for Revolutionaries. There was a lot of powerful, emotionally

charged stuff in that opening, guaranteed to get your attention, but not one bit of substantiation of the charges was produced on the show nor has been since. In fact, when producer of the segment, Marti Galovic, was asked if she or her staff had gone to Africa to verify charges that monies from the W.C.C. grants to black groups in Namibia and Zimbabwe through Program to Combat Racism were used to purchase weapons for Marxist guerrillas, her reply was "No, of course not". The producer admitted to church journalists that no independent investigation was conducted by her staff, despite assertions from WCC general secretary, Philip Potter, that the monies granted to southern African blacks were used only for food, medical supplies and other humanitarian purposes. Only the allegations of critics of the N.C.C. and W.C.C. were produced as "evidence". Throughout the program critics were treated as the "good guys". Their accusations are never challenged, and on several occasions they were even encouraged to make suggestive innuendos. But when Philip Potter and Bishop James Armstrong, president of the NCC, were interviewed questions were argumentative and hostile. Investigations by church sources of the transcripts of interviews with both Potter and Armstrong indicate that they both made several very strong statements in defense of the mission of the WCC and NCC based on very sound biblical principles. However, these were edited out of the "60 minutes" segment, probably because they did not serve the purpose of the segment, which was to equate the mission of the WCC and NCC with that of Marxist Revolution. For instance, because of editorial splicing, you did not see the part of the interview in which Bishop Armstrong said, "...Since I have been with the National Council, we have spoken out against military repression in Poland, we have joined President Reagan and the unions of this country in honoring Afghanistan Day, denouncing the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. We have spoken on behalf of the denial of human rights of certain Pentecostal Christians in the Soviet Union. Now, that is more time and space than has been devoted to the violations of human rights anywhere else, to my knowledge in this period of time...."

The "60 Minutes" segment and the Reader's Digest articles attempt to give the impression that the NCC and WCC are preoccupied with leftist causes which is an utter distortion of the truth. Yes, the councils do give aid to groups and peoples who may be controversial, but aid is given only after thorough investigation ascertains that there are serious human needs to be ministered to, and that gross injustices might be redressed. Some of the interests and activities of the N.C.C. and W.C.C. are at cross purposes with official U.S. government policies and those of American and multinational business corporations, as well they should be. The N.C.C. and W.C.C. are not branches of any government nor are they called to act on behalf of the interests of big business. As ecumenical agencies of the Church they are called to be accountable only to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Being faithful to Jesus Christ means placing human needs, human rights and justice above national policy and business interest, and this will always be controversial.

One thing often overlooked is that the few programs that are the target of critics are only a small portion of the work of the councils. Most of the funds contributed to the WCC and NCC go toward administrative costs, the work of maintaining an ongoing ecumenical dialogue on worship, faith and order, and in such conventional, unsensational but very important activity as educational and evangelistic ministries. Support of the World and National Councils and their related programs amounts to only 2% of the General Assembly Mission Budget. For members of Poke Run Church, where mission giving is divided between General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery general mission, less than one dollar of every \$150 contributed for Benevolence goes to the NCC and WCC. Nearly all of the controversial programs (like the Program to Combat Racism) are supported through designated funds rather than the general funds of the NCC and WCC. Support from our denomination's mission budget for the PCR for 1982 was only \$11,000 of a \$38 million budget, (none of which goes to provide arms for revolutionaries.) At most only a few cents of our congregation's total benevolence giving each year goes to the causes featured on "60 Minutes".

Hospitals

Since the last issue of The Ranger, Joe Bowman was in Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg, and Karen Lightner in Latrobe Hospital; Lewis Niel, Ed Loughner, Delores Rubright, Kristen Matteo, Violet Schutzler, Anna Hermann and Gary Linsenbigler were in Citizens General in New Kensington. Ruth Sharer, Hazel McCutcheon, Bill Knepshield, Betty Knepshield, Anna Hughes, Elvie McKown and Carl Ferguson were all in Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights. Fred Smith and Janet Carpenzano were in East Suburban Medical Center, Monroeville, Barry Clark in Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh, Jim Dunmire in Jeannette Memorial and Don Hastie in West Penn, Pittsburgh. Vernon Shields was also hospitalized. Mr. Knepshield (father of Bill) is also in Allegheny Valley, Natrona Heights.

Women's Association

The first quarterly meeting of the Women's Association was held Tuesday evening, March 1, 1983, with Circle 4 as hostesses. Circle 3, in charge of the program, arranged for Pat Young, from Union United Presbyterian Church, to come and give us her impressions of the Women's National Meeting at Purdue. With the addition of a filmstrip depicting the highlights of the entire week, Pat presented a most interesting review of her Purdue experience. Emma Dunmire, president, conducted a brief business meeting. Jane Zimmerman, chairperson of the Program Committee, distributed the W. A. Yearbooks which were most attractive and informative. W. A. has a membership of 64 plus 9 associate members -- and our budget for 1983 totals \$2,210.00! We need more new members!

Congregational Meeting

On January 16, 1983, the Annual Congregational Meeting was held following the worship service. The Board of Deacons provided a lunch for everyone preceding the business meeting. The following persons were elected:

Congregational Chairperson -- Mrs. C. McKee (Ruth) Speer
 Congregational Vice Chairperson -- Glenn T. Ross
 Congregational Secretary -- Mrs. Roy (Ruth) Christy
 Local Current Fund Treasurer -- Ronald W. Bowman
 Benevolence Treasurer -- Glenn T. Ross
 Major Building Fund Treasurer -- Gerald R. Christy
 Financial Secretary -- Mrs. Mary Louise (Charles) Moore
 Nominating Committee -- Mrs. Joy (Pete) Balbach
 Auditor -- Peter Balbach

Committee Members from the congregation:

Worship -- Mrs. Helen (Charles) Beatty
 -- Miss Margaret Hughes
 Personnel -- Mrs. Helen (Joseph) Silvis
 Stewardship -- Mrs. Eleanor (Eugene) Zerbini
 -- Mrs. Ruth (McKee) Speer
 Membership -- Mrs. Pat (Donald) Lengauer
 -- Mrs. Becky (Walter) Lange
 Evangelism and Outreach -- Mrs. Donna (Wayne) Blaser
 -- Mrs. Alta Jean (Glenn) Ross
 Organization -- Mrs. Donna (Lou) Elwood
 -- Meryl Wiester

Continuing in the office will be Clerical Secretary Mrs. Grace (Leonard) Hartman with Mrs. Kathy (Marvin) Moneymaker as Clerical Assistant.

Congregational Meeting continued

The following amendment and new addition to the By-Laws was received as a first reading:

Section 5 -- There shall be a NOMINATING COMMITTEE of 9 COMMUNICANT MEMBERS OF FULL AGE, IN GOOD STANDING --exclusive of the Pastor, who shall be a member of this Committee ex-officio and without vote. This committee shall be constituted annually as follows:

- 2 elected by and from the Session, one of whom shall be named by the Session as Chairperson--with vote;
- 1 elected by and from the Board of Deacons;
- 1 elected by and from the Board of Trustees;
- 1 elected by and from the Church School;
- 1 elected by and from the Women's Association;
- 1 elected by and from the Westminster Fellowship;
- 1 elected by and at the Stated December Congregational Meeting --(or on the second succeeding Sunday thereafter, in case of a tie) from out of the congregation at large; and
- 1 elected by and at the Stated January Congregational Meeting, from out of the congregation at large.

NEW ADDITION -- No person can succeed him or herself to the Nominating Committee for consecutive terms, and no more than one member from a household can serve at any given time.

Sunday School

During these Spring months, our Church School is studying in the Book of Acts, written by Luke. By this study, we will become better acquainted with the history of the very early church and how those, who called Christ Lord witnessed to Him in Jerusalem and carried the gospel to the Gentiles of Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome. There will be many helpful suggestions for modern day living in these lessons. Let this Lenten season be a time for a new beginning and join one of our classes. We have classes for all ages at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings with the Sr. High Class at 9:45 a.m.

The Vacation Church School is scheduled for the week of July 18th. During the Easter Season we will be registering children for this event.

Pine Springs Church Camp applications will soon be available.

____Helen Silvis, Church School Superintendent

Fellowship

The Fellowship Program started out the new year by participating in the Feast of Epiphany Covered Dish Dinner held in the Fellowship Hall on January 6th. The evening began with a devotion service lead by Rev. Wayne and then a delicious covered dish dinner.

During the devotion service, a Bible was presented to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dunmire. The Bible was a gift from the Fellowship Program to the Dunmires for their many outstanding years of faithful work with the young people of our congregation.

The evening was climaxed with a very wonderful and interesting talk and slide presentation given by our guests, Claire and Ray Teeuwissson of Brussels, Belgium. Everyone enjoyed seeing the many slides and the many interesting souvenirs that they had displayed.

Several sled riding parties were held on the cemetery hill and the older members of the Fellowship Program enjoyed them as much as the youth. Hot chocolate and cookies were served afterwards.

Fellowship continued

On February 18th, a total of 50 persons from the Fellowship Program and their guests attended an all night bowling party at the Export Moose Lanes. We left the church at 11:30 p.m. and returned at about 6:30 a.m. Refreshments of hot dogs, sauerkraut and pork was served along with many other snacks and drink.

At the regular Fellowship hour on Sunday evenings, the different groups have been working on many projects. The senior and junior high groups have been working on banners, the younger children have been making valentines and book markers, while the adult's have been involved in their discussion group.

Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements

In less than two years our 200th anniversary will be upon us. In view of this landmark occasion, the Session and Board of Trustees have adopted a program for the general refurbishing of buildings and grounds, as suggested by the Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements. "The Bicentennial Renovation Program" will consist of two projects.

First project -- Maintenance repair and improvement of the Church Building and Grounds.

1. Correction of deteriorating plaster condition in basement of annex.
2. Repair and cleaning of asphalt tile in annex.
3. Painting of halls, any room necessary and all exterior woodwork.
4. Pointing of chimney on Sanctuary.
5. Storage space built into room next to the Church kitchen.
6. Patching of roads.
7. Additon of two storage cabinets to church office.

Second project -- Restoration of the Academy Building with plans to prepare the upstairs of the building to house our library and for additional classroom space.

After these two projects have been completed we hope to also pave the parking areas.

The Session and the Boards will soon be preparing a fund-raising plan for this program to be presented to the Congregation. We believe this is a much needed program and a necessary one in order to preserve our Poke Run Heritage. By working together we should have no trouble meeting our goals by our 200th Anniversary in 1985.

The 1983 Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance remains the same with the exception of the two Youth Group members elected for a 1983-84 term.

Session -- Ed Heinlein and Ed Sharer;
Trustees -- Jim Thompson and Elmer Long;
Deacons -- Ruth Gebrosky and Anna Hughes;
Congregation -- Eleanor Zerbini and Rich Painter;
Sunday School -- Eugene Zerbini and Elwood Krusey;
Women's Association -- Jane Gearhard and Carol Thompson;
Fellowship Group -- John Wigle and Gary Linsenbigler.

The Academy Class

The Academy Class is collecting old Christmas cards and greeting cards for the use of an orphanage in South India. Cards may be left in the basement of the Academy Building at any time.

Jim Dunire another 20 year 4-H leader has worked with the Beaver Run Community club. His time and talents have also helped to improve the 4-H exhibit area at the Westmoreland County Fair. Mr. Dunmire was honored with a silver certificate and a 4-H clover pin embedded with a diamond chip. Mr. Ken McQuaide of R. D. Ruffsdale also has been a 4-H leader of the Westmoreland County for 25 years. Emma Shirey is a 10 year leader, of the Beaver Run community.

Grave Preparations

Our Board of Trustees have increased the grave preparation fees effective as of January 1, 1983: Openings -- Church Member -- \$211.75;
Non Member -- \$242.00;
Infants or
Cremations -- \$ 90.75.

Please note: Lots are only available for purchase to church members. The above prices do not include the cost of any extra equipment that has to be brought in for grave preparations (such as a jack hammer) this has always been a policy of the Church Cemetery rules.

PENNY BARREL

Circle 4 is extending the collection of pennies for at least another year. The total given to date is \$100.00. By the time of our Bi-centennial celebration in 1985 we hope to have collected enough to replace all badly worn or damaged Hymnbooks and to buy some additional ones. A memorial of \$100.00 has also been deposited in a savings account, for Hymnbooks in memory of James Wiester. Please continue to place your pennies in the glass barrel on the table in the Narthex.

Easter Lilies

The Flower Chairpersons for April are the Co-Chairpersons of the Flower Committee Mrs. Grace Hartman (telephone 327-5443) or Mrs. Karen Heinlein (telephone 327-3048). Easter Lilies may be purchased to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter at a cost of \$4.25 for a 3 to 5 bloom lily. Deadline for orders is March 27th.

Annual Report

All church accounts have been audited, and were presented at the January congregational meeting. The Poke Run Church Annual Report is being printed in the church office and will be distributed in the near future.

Loan Closet

Circle 2 is now collecting hospital equipment for home use (walkers, wheel-chairs, portable potty chairs, crutches, etc.) This equipment will be available to any church or community member. If you have any items to contribute, please contact Donna Elwood (telephone 327-0870), Debbie Zerbini (telephone 468-6802) or Laurie Martin (telephone 727-3361). All contributions will be appreciated.

Congratulations!

Two young people of our congregation, Gary Linsenbigler and Ruth Ryman have been accepted by Redstone Presbytery to be delegates to the Youth Trienium to be held July 11 through 16 at Purdue University.

Ranger Item Correction

At the fourth quarterly meeting of the Women's Association in December, 1982, it was the Ecumenical Coordinator, Louise Hall, who had on display 86 Christmas stockings, which she delivered to Torrance State Hospital.

Circle 1

Circle 1, our W. A. group of young girls, is sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Luncheon on April 30th at 12 noon. Ticket donations are \$3.00. Reservations due by April 17th. Contact any Circle 1 member or telephone Heidi Lange (327-8671) or Nadene Dunmiré (327-1375). Everyone is welcome.

Board of Deacons -- Tape Ministry

The Board of Deacons is planning to begin a Tape Ministry for shut-ins and others who are unable to attend worship. In the near future worship services will be tape recorded. The recordings and a cassette player will then be distributed throughout the week to those desiring to listen to the service. (The cassette player will be taken to your home one day and picked up the next.) Please contact the church office (telephone 327-5563) if you desire to receive this service or wish to help deliver the tapes.

CROP WALK FOR LIFE

On Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. the Apollo Ministeriam will sponsor a 10 km walk and a 10 km run (6.2 miles) for CROP, the community development and hunger program of Church World Service. Members are encouraged to either participate in the walk or run, or to sponsor walkers and runners. Eleanor Fitzsimmons is our congregation's coordinator for these events. Her telephone number is 727-7164.

THE ANSWERING MACHINE

Because our secretarial staff is in the office on a part-time basis, and because the telephone company's answering service was costing nearly \$30 a month, the Trustees decided to invest in an answering machine for the office to take calls when there is no one in the office. The machine will save over half of the amount budgeted for the answering service this year and make it unnecessary to budget for the service at all in future years. If you leave a message or your name and number, your call will be returned as soon as your message is received. Also, in the near future we hope to be able to supply emergency numbers on the pre-recorded message for those who need to contact the pastor or member of Session immediately.

Redstone Presbyterian Home, Johnstown (787 Goucher Street)

Open House, Sunday April 24th -- 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Spring Shower --
Suggested donations: Paper Products; Napkins, Facial Tissues, Paper Towels, good quality Bathroom Tissue;
Dial and Ivory soap (bath size), Clorox and Bounce.
Cash is always appreciated. Checks may be made payable to "Redstone Presbyterian Home" and are tax deductible.

Auxiliary Meeting at 2:45 P.M.

Annual Dues of \$1.00 are payable at that time. Delivery to the Home, April 24th, 2 P.M.

Divorced/Singles Support Group

A support group for newly separated and divorced persons is beginning its fourth year on March 23, sponsored by the Newlonsburg United Presbyterian Church. This is a seven-week series of discussions serving as a support and self-help group. The current series begins on March 23 at 7:30 at Newlonsburg U. P. Church, 4600 Old William Penn Highway and continues on Wednesday evenings through May 4. There is a fee for the series. For more information call Diane Ritchey Vaux at 682-2348 or 733-1141 or the church secretary at 327-0061. All community members are welcome.

Thanks

Our thanks to Mrs. Pat (Donald) Lengauer for the frontis cover drawing of this issue of the Ranger. Also, to Mrs. Blair (Betty) Kiebler for compiling all the news items for every Ranger. If you notice any errors or omissions please contact the church office with any information. If you have anything you wish to write for a future edition of The Ranger please put it in the box on the table in the Narthex or leave it at the church office. Please remember to give the office any address corrections of your family members who are on the mailing list.

CAPSULE REPORT OF CURRENT FUND -- December 31, 1982 Balance \$ 4,978.22

Receipts:

January, 1983 \$ 5,120.78
 Feburary, 1983 4,694.78

Total Receipts \$ 9,815.56

Disbursements:

		* 31.29 Int.	\$ 9,846.85
January \$ 8,643.20	—	3,522.42
February \$ <u>4,759.71</u>	—	64.93
Total Disbursements \$ 13,393.47	+	31.29
			Int.
March 1, balance	\$	1,422.16

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(Major bills due or coming due: Fuel \$1,000.00 (March 15)
 Bal - Per Capita \$2,200.00 (If approved July or Aug.)
 Insurance ... \$2,300.00 (May 10)

Ronald W. Boman, Current Fund Treasurer

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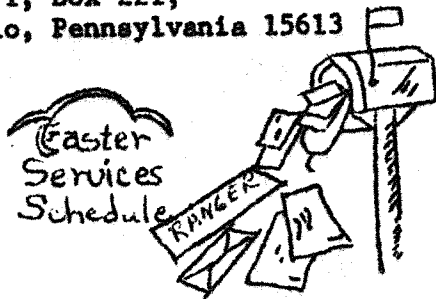
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