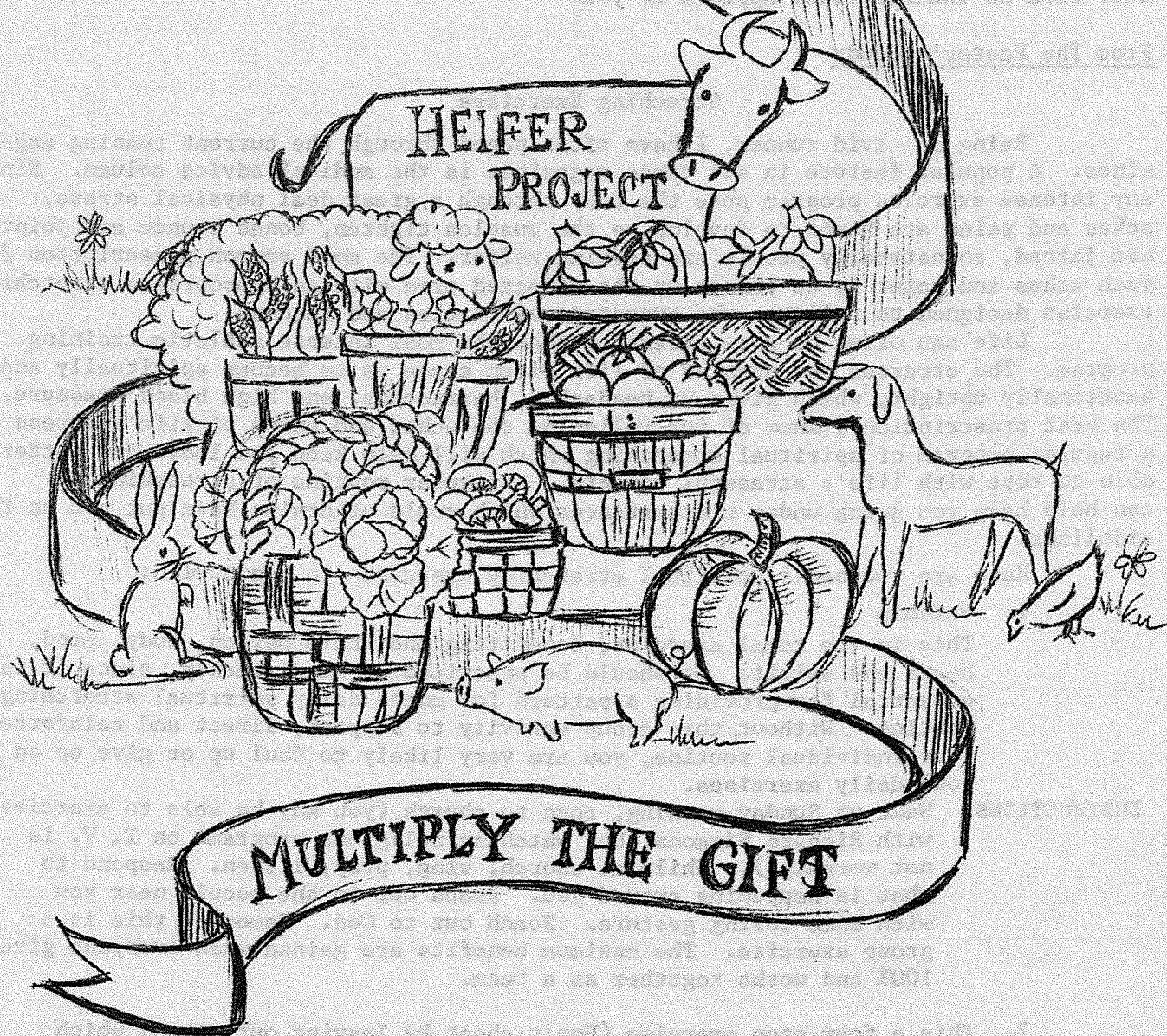


# THE RANGER



POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
R.D. 1, Apollo, PA 15613  
(Junction of Routes 66 & 366)

**Telephones:**

Church Office -- 327-5563

Manse -- 327-0040

Wayne C. Blaser, Pastor

**CHURCH HOURS:**

Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day: 11:00 a.m.  
(Sunday mornings) Worship

Matthew 28:17-20  
Volume XII

SEPTEMBER, 1983

The Acts 1:8  
Number 1

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to the fall activities of Poke Run Church! We hope everyone enjoyed some measure of rest and relaxation during the summer months and that

you are all set to enter into the swing of things again. If you have not been an active participant before, now is a good time to find your place among the many opportunities offered by the Church. As you read through the Ranger, perhaps you will find an interest that appeals to you.

### From The Pastor's Study

#### Stretching Exercises

Being an avid runner, I have often paged through the current running magazines. A popular feature in all these magazines is the medical advice column. Since any intense exercise program puts the body through a great deal physical stress, aches and pains are bound to develop as the muscles tighten, bones bounce and joints are jarred, so naturally people are seeking relief. The most common prescription for such aches and pains is to loosen up the affected area with an appropriate stretching exercise designed to relieve the overstressed muscles and tendons.

Life can often be more stressful than the most intense athletic training program. The stresses and strains of life often cause us to become spiritually and emotionally uptight, which gives us headaches, heartaches, and high blood pressure. The best prescription I know of for relieving the aches and pains of life's stress is a regular program of spiritual stretching which will help keep you loose and better able to cope with life's stressful moments. A regular routine of stretching can help keep you going under circumstances which would otherwise have put you on the sidelines.

Here are two basic spiritual stretching exercises to begin with:

#### 1. Worship

This is the total exercise, benefiting the whole person, body, mind, heart and spirit. It should be practiced at least weekly, since it is essential for providing a pattern for one's daily spiritual stretching routine. Without this group activity to support, direct and reinforce your individual routine, you are very likely to foul up or give up on your daily exercises.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Wake up Sunday morning, come to church (you may be able to exercise with Richard Simmons, but watching religious programs on T. V. is not worship,). While at church, sing, pray, listen. Respond to what is happening around you. Reach out to the people near you with some loving gesture. Reach out to God. Remember this is a group exercise. The maximum benefits are gained when everyone gives 100% and works together as a team.

#### 2. This a four step exercise (Don't cheat by leaving out steps) which should be repeated at least once a day (more often is desirable).

##### A. ADORATION

This exercise is meant to stretch our awareness of the wondrous majesty and power and glory of God. It is especially good for perplexity and that feeling of being overwhelmed by life.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Simply begin to ponder about the wonders of creation, and the wonder of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and praise God for these wondrous mysteries. Problems which seem awesome to us and beyond our capacity to handle, take on new perspective as we contemplate the awesomeness of God, and know that "our help is in the name of the Lord who created heaven and earth".

##### B. CONFESSION

This exercise will stretch your awareness of yourself and your awareness of God's mercy toward you. This ultimately will make you less weighed down by personal guilt and more tolerant of others' failings, two major reasons people get up-tight.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Reflect upon yourself as you really are, without any pretense whatsoever and share that with God (this is difficult at first, but with practice you'll catch on to it). Recall all your failures and all your successes, the evil thoughts and deeds you are ashamed of and the good thoughts and deeds you are proud of, and give them to God, who alone is good, that he may heal, forgive and transform all these things by his mercy.

**C. THANKSGIVING**

This exercise will stretch your awareness of the abundant blessings God has given you. This will help keep you from becoming up-tight and resentful because you feel short-changed by life. If you are truly thankful for what God has given you you won't resent what he has given others. Regular thanksgiving is also good for loosening up tight wads.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Simply start counting your blessings and give thanks to God for them. (You may start out a little slow on this one, but with a little initial effort, you will find that your thank yous will just naturally stretch to amazing lengths.)

**D. SUPPLICATION**

This exercise will stretch your awareness of human need, both your own and others. This will help you keep your own needs in perspective, and enable you to reach out with compassion to others. It also stretches your awareness of who the real problem solver, healer, and provider is, which is particularly helpful for those plagued with worry.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Tell God all your needs and the needs of others you are aware of. (Here comes the hard part.) Then turn these over to God and trust HIM to meet these needs in HIS way.

Wayne C. Blaser, Pastor of Poke Run Church

---

**OUR MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION**

---

"There is a place where spirits blend,  
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;  
Though sundered far, by faith they meet  
Around one common mercy seat."

These words of Hugh Stowell, written over 150 years ago, come to mind as I reflect on one of the great doctrines of Presbyterians and those of other major denominations -- the doctrine of the universal priesthood of believers, a doctrine which embraces the ministry of intercession, a ministry in which all believers may participate.

The issues of "The Ranger" and the copies of the weekly bulletins of Poke Run Church are received and read with much appreciation and great interest. They keep me informed as to the events and health situations relating to the families of the congregation and community.

Now as always the years take their toll, and afflictions appear to be the experience of so many. May all who directly or indirectly bear afflictions know that my thoughts and my prayers are shared in the ministry of intercession, even the intercessions of the Spirit. Is it not assuring to know that the same God by whose power Christ was raised from the dead is lovingly concerned with the afflicted and is responsive to all who share in intercession?

My days continue to be busy ones -- filled with various activities, including: study and patterns of intercession, pulpit supply, daily routines, and all sorts of farm and farm related programs and projects. With Greetings and Gratitude to all,

Roy S. Brice, Pastor Emeritus of Poke Run Church

---

## General Assembly Scene of Reunion

After a separation of 122 years, The Presbyterian Church U.S. (South) and The United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (North) have become one church, The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. After unanimous votes of approval by both bodies in Atlanta, Georgia, as of June 10, 1983, we became one again. The reunion, a very joyous occasion, was consummated in a service of holy communion attended by a crowd of 14,000 worshippers. The Rev. J. Randolph Taylor, a soft-spoken Southerner who was instrumental in bringing the reunion about, was elected moderator of its first General Assembly. The keynote of his speech was, "The Church is new, but the mission is the same." Then he cited his priorities: peace, justice, self-development and compassion.

(from Missionscope)

## New General Assembly Makes Peace Mission a Priority

Former P.C.U.S. Moderator, The Rev. John F. Anderson, declared that Peace is the greatest issue facing the church and society today." In 1980 the General Assembly of U.P.C.U.S.A. adopted a resolution for a bilateral nuclear freeze. Last year this resolution was endorsed by Redstone Presbytery. However, individual churches have been slow to study, vote on, or address themselves to peace goals. Now, the commissioners of this newly formed General Assembly have called on sessions of every congregation to make a commitment declaring that peacemaking will be an integral part of its mission. At the same time the Assembly affirmed peacemaking as a high priority, designating the 1980's as the "Decade of Peacemaking". The G. A. also called for a halt to the arms race, reaffirming the endorsement of the bilateral nuclear weapons freeze made in 1980.

The P.C.U.S.A. will encourage Christians from around the world to come together for a consultation on Peacemaking. The G. A. adopted a resolution declaring "to the world with one voice that in Jesus Christ peace with God and with our brothers and sisters is possible." They will also continue to work not only for a U.S. Peace Academy, but also for an international-ecumenical Peace Academy" to promote peaceful solutions to international problems."

(Excerpts from Missionscope)

Weddings in The Sanctuary

On June 4, 1983, Elmer Beck and Janet (Bowman) Carpenzano. Janet is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Bowman.

On June 11, 1983, John E. Long, Jr. and Pamela J. Gaudi.

On July 23, 1983, James William Faber and Lili Ann Kiebler. Lili is the daughter of Bob and Iris Kiebler.

On August 6, 1983, Richard Alan Kemerer and Sandra Kay Thompson, daughter of Nelson and Betty Thompson.

On August 13, 1983, James John Beresky and Linda Sue Thompson, daughter of Leslie and Bonnie Thompson.

Congratulations to all the newly weds -- and to Mr. and Mrs. William Gill who celebrated their golden wedding in May at a family party in their home hosted by their children, Dean H. of North Washington, Mrs. Robert (Dora Mae) Jordan of North Washington, Mrs. Leland (Louise) Stull, Mrs. Fred (Donna) Berry and Mrs. Ronald (Judy) Ulisky, all of Gilpin Township.

Out -of-town Weddings

On June 25, 1983, Emily Silvis, daughter of Mrs. Helen (Joseph) Silvis to Frank Morrissey in Aldan, PA. Helen, along with son Herb, Robert and Mae Silvis and Richard and Genevieve Menk traveled to Aldan for the ceremony and reception, which took place in Emily and Frank's new home at 25 North Glenwood Avenue, Aldan, PA. The Rev. Bernarr L. Rhoads, pastor of the Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sharon Hill, PA was the officiating minister.

On August 6, 1983, Molly Susan Mixer to David John Dickinson in the Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Mercer, PA. Molly is the daughter of Bruce and Carol (Kiebler) Mixer and granddaughter of the Blair Kieblers.

Births --

A daughter, Ashley Nicole Young, born to Donald L. and Linda Sue (Emmert) Young on May 13, 1983. Maternal grandparents are Senes and Miriam Emmert.

A son, Noah Benjamin, to Linda and Donald Noble on June 2, 1983. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Albert Noble.

A son, Tanner Banta, to Charles and Kitty (Alcorn) Bailey in Florida on June 3, 1983. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Jane Alcorn of Jupiter, Florida, and great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary K. Lynch of North Washington.

A son, Bryan Patrick, to Cornelius and Sally (McCutcheon) Jancosky, on July 19, 1983. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Olen McCutcheon.

A son, Benjamin Todd, to Richard and Nancy (Alberts) Gebrosky, on August 2, 1983, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Paternal grandparents are Arthur and Ruth Gebrosky.

A daughter, Lyndsay Nicole, to Larry and Kimberly (Ross) Klobuka, on May 17, 1983, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Glenn and Alta Jean Ross.

Congratulations to all parents and grandparents!

Baptisms --

Patricia Ann and Benjamin John, twin daughter and son born on October 27, 1982 to John Peter and Linda Diane (Gearhard) Chicka, baptized on May 22, 1983.

New Members --

Mrs. Edith Weigand, Mr. William Yelenik, III and Mrs. (William) Catherine Yelenik, received publicly on August 7, 1983.

Deaths --

Mr. Lewis Miles Niel, Sr. on June 10, 1983. He united with Poke Run Church on September 26, 1976.

Mr. Francis (Frank) Ross, father of Glenn T. Ross, died July 2, 1983, in Zellenople, PA.

Mrs. Helen M. (Watson) Grossheim, sister of Hazel McQuaide and mother of Donald Grossheim, died August 22, 1983. Our sympathy is extended to all who mourn.

Ministerial News --

Dr. William C. Aber, executive presbyter of Redstone Presbytery for eleven years, is leaving Greensburg to take a similar position with the Santa Fe Presbytery in New Mexico. He is being honored by this Presbytery at a Farewell dinner on Thursday, September 1, 1983. Our good wishes go with Dr. Aber and his family -- and may God bless him as he continues his work in a new area.

Rev. J. Harry Fisher, pastor of Puckety Presbyterian Church, and a recent supply in the Poke Run pulpit, has been awarded the coveted God and Service Recognition Award from the Church Commission for Civic Youth Agencies for his outstanding leadership with the Boys Scouts in his area.

Two of the ministers who were guests in our pulpit in between pastors have retired from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary -- Dr. Gordon E. Jackson, Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Rev. Warren K. Martin, Director of Gifts and Memorials and Editor of Panorama.

Rev. Wayne conducted a service at the Greensburg Presbyterian Home on Sunday afternoon, July 31st.

### Vacation Church School Report

Poke Run Church School has completed another successful year of Vacation Church School from July 18th through 22th with the final program on Sunday evening, July 24th, 1983. The theme for the 1983 school was "God's People: Praising God". The average daily attendance was seventy-three students. Those giving of their time, talents, and energy in conducting this worthy project were Helen Silvis, Supervisor; Amy Learn, Director of Music; Becky Lange, Nadene Dunmire, Cindy McQuaide, Karen Staymates, Lynn Billeck, and John Wigle, Nursery; Irma McDivitt and Marilyn Miller, Kindergarten; Beverly Tagliati and Sandy Chappell, first and second grades; Carol Bowman, third and fourth grades; Karen Heinlein and Shyrl Stange, fifth and sixth grades; Janice Troup, seventh and eighth grades. Serving on the refreshment committee were Lillian Linsenbigler, Debbie Zerbini and Ruth Gebrosky. Many thanks to the teachers, director of music and all who made contributions for the success of this project. (Helen Silvis, Church School Superintendent)

### Heifer Project and Carnival

The congregation is invited to attend a carnival to be held on the church grounds on September 10 in support of Heifer Project International. Heifer Project helps solve the world hunger problem by providing poor families with self-help through improved training and livestock. Contributions to the project can provide a variety of animals and other help depending on the size of the gift, as shown below.

50¢ buys a day-old chick. \$10.00 buys a beginning flock.

\$15.00 buys a rabbit. Two can produce 150 lbs of inexpensive meat and fur each year.

\$20.00 buys a package of bees that quickly multiply to several hives.

\$75.00 buys a local goat in Honduras.

\$100.00 buys a goat that gives 8 quarts of milk a day, or

a sheep that grows wool for warm clothes, or

a mother pig that produces up to two tons of pork a year.

\$200.00 buys a superior buck, ram or boar to assure continuation of top quality offspring.

\$300.00 buys a local heifer in Guatemala or in the Philippines.

\$750.00 pays for a heifer that gives 5 gallons of milk a day, plus a calf every year.

\$1000.00 supports an animal technician for a month.

The carnival will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon and will be followed by the Sunday School picnic at 3:00 p.m. Sunday School classes will be sponsoring a number of booths, providing activities and games particularly for children. Most of these will be either animal or food related keeping with the nature of the Heifer Project. In addition to the booths, there will be a cracker and bubble gum eating contest at 1:30, a stuffed animal parade at 2:00 and a water balloon tossing contest at 2:30.

In order to add to the variety of activities, the carnival committee is seeking to arrange pony and tractor rides. Anyone who can arrange for one or both of these is asked to do so by contacting either Donna Blaser (telephone 327-0040) or Rick Learn (telephone 478-3369). (Rick Learn, Committee Chairperson)

### New Additions --

The congregation extends its appreciation to John Hughes for his time and talent in constructing the Literature Rack on the wall in the Narthex -- and also to Pastor Emeritus Roy S. Brice for his gift of another attractive -- and very comfortable -- chair for the Comfort Corner. Thank you!

Academy Building Sunday School Class Picnics

The Academy Building Adult S. S. Class of Poke Run Church held its ninth annual picnic at the home of Molly and Lynn Waltenbaugh. As usual the pool was the most popular place but the trampoline played a close second until it was time to eat. The food was plentiful and delicious, as usual, and our hamburg-hot dog "grill Master" was Lewis Elwood who did a fantastic job keeping ahead of the consumers! Everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening, July 15th, so much so, that we decided to do it again on August 19, 1983. Same place, same time, and the same truly wonderful hostesses. We sincerely appreciate their efforts in making it a truly lovely evening. So, again on August 19th the class met again for the picnic. Again the pool was the most popular place, Lewis Elwood was again "Master Chef" and the food was plentiful and delicious, as usual, with an added treat of beautiful roasting ears of corn. It was a lovely evening, weather-wise, and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant time. No one could ask for better hostesses than Lynn and Molly, who see to your every comfort and convenience. We truly appreciate their efforts in making each picnic a memorable occasion. The following people were either at the first picnic, the second picnic or both, with 71 people present on the 15th of July and 46 on the 19th of August. Peter and Joy Balbach; Ralph, Edna and Gloria Barclay; Wayne, Donna, Keith and Staci Blaser; Samuel Blaser; "Sky" and Ethel Brewer; Marcie Cerra; Doug Bruce and Nadene Dunmire; Jim and Emma Dunmire; Lewis, Donna, Dawn and Debbie Elwood; Paul Fantaski; Vince and Marguerite Flotta; Ruth Gebrosky; Billy Hunt; John and Anna Hughes; Rick & Sandy Kemerer; Richard, Brenda, Brian and Kristin Kilgore; Wally & Iris Kiebler; Grant & Virginia Kilgore; Don, Pat, Kyle, Kelly & Allison Lengauer; Lynn Mozak; Wilma McElroy; Nancy Painter; Harry and June Penrod; Laurie Powers; Richard, Ronna, Ruth & Rich Ryman; Donald, Emma, Donnie & Rebecca Shirey; Boyd and Edna Speer; Ruth Speer; Ed, Cheryl, Laura, Mike & Jeff Stange; Mario, Bev., Mike and Kim Tagliati; Jud Bazella; Barb Thompson; Nelson and Betty Thompson; Carol and Heather Thompson; Harold Tomer; Molly and Lynn Waltenbaugh and Lynn's two guests; and John Wigle.

(June D. Penrod, Secretary)

The Adult Sunday School Class that meets in West Wayside with Glenn Ross as teacher and Eleanor Zerbini assistant teacher is now sending the weekly bulletins to shut-ins. If you know of someone who would like to have one mailed to them please send the address to the church office.

W. A. News

The third quarterly meeting of the Poke Run Women's Association will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening, September 6th at 7:30 p.m. All church women are invited. Circle 3 will be hostesses and Circle 2 will have the program. Plans will be made for the annual Community Dinner to be held Saturday evening, October 1, 1983. The Fall Presbyterial Workshop for District I will be in the New Kensington First Presbyterian Church on October 11th, from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and goal sheets. Babysitting is provided. The morning session: Bible Study - Parables and Afternoon Session: Forgiveness. Sunday, November 13th, 1983, has been set aside for the annual Thank Offering Service, with Mrs. Fred (Margaret) Gnatuk as the speaker. The former Margaret Craig, a Vandergrift native known to many at Poke Run, will speak on a Mission Tour she took to Bogota, S.A., in 1980 while president of Redstone Presbyterial. Layettes are being prepared by the Women's Association for distribution in South Carolina and locally. Donations from the congregation may be placed in the bassinette in the Narthex. Articles may be new or in good used condition. Suggested items: crib sheets, blankets, undershirts, sleepers, gowns, sweater sets and baby dresses and suits. Cash contributions will be used to purchase items to complete the layettes and defer postage costs. Please place your donation in the bassinette by Sunday, September 11th.

Items of Interest

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Lynch, one of Poke Run's older members, was honored on her 90th birthday with an Open House at the Washington Township Fire Hall, on May 29th, 1983. Hosting the happy event were her children, Mrs. Joseph (Jane) Alcorn of Jupiter, Florida, Mrs. Marcella Lynch and Mrs. Thomas (Emily) McDole, both of San Diego, California, Howard E. Lynch of Fort Pierce, Florida, and Edward Lynch of North Washington. Several of her great-granddaughters served as aides for the occasion. Mrs. Lynch still enjoys handwork and reading. And she tells us that she really looks forward to "The Ranger"! Congratulations to her and to Mrs. Vida Wigle, our oldest Poke Run member who celebrated her 93rd birthday on July 9, 1983. Congratulations to both of you.

Richard Learn, our Director of Music has received an M. A. degree in Adult and community Communications from Indiana University.

Gary A. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Long of R.D. 3, Leechburg, reported for duty in the Navy on May 16, 1983. He will train as a construction equipment operator.

Mark Lavrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lavrich of Apollo, has been promoted to Air Force sergeant. The 1979 graduate of Kiski Area High School is a food service specialist at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

A Ceramic Cup Appreciation Award from the Children's Clinic of Kiski Valley has been presented to Poke Run Presbyterian Church for the donations from Circles 2 and 3 of our Women's Association and the Academy Adult Sunday School Class. The cup is on display in the hallway across from the Pastor's study.

Our neighboring Union United Presbyterian Church celebrated its 125th Anniversary with special services on June 18 and 19, 1983.

Did you hear about the kitten that came to church? One recent Sunday, before the service began, someone spied a beautiful gray kitten ambling along the carpet in the Narthex. In the attempt of several bystanders to halt its progress it scooted under a back pew. Finally one of our animal-loving members retrieved it and cuddled it in her arms until she found the rightful owners -- The Blasers. Evidently, a rather new addition to the manse family, it seems to know the place to be on a Sunday morning! It's name is Smokey.

World Council of Churches meets in Vancouver

The Sixth Assembly of the W. C. C. met in Vancouver, B.C., from July 24th through August 10th with about 4000 church people attending. These included 900 official delegates from Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Pentecostal denominations. Considering such topics as "Witness in a Divided World", "Steps Toward Unity", "Participation", "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry", "Healing and Sharing Life in Community", "Threats to Peace and Survival" and "Justice and Human Dignity", they too were much concerned about World Peace. While at the Assembly the United States delegates sent President Reagan a telegram, protesting his order to send more troops into Central America and his refusal to pursue friendly offers of peaceful negotiations in the Central American conflict.

Westmoreland County Child Welfare Department

The Westmoreland County Child Welfare Dept. will be holding a nine week training course for Foster Parents and perspective Foster Parents. The course will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning on September 7. To register, please call Mr. Frank Sunseri, telephone 800-442-6926, extension 3300.



Travelers

Ruth Speer enjoyed a Bermuda cruise in May. Amy and Jeffery Hartman also enjoyed a Caribbean cruise and while they were away their two children Shilo and Justin vacationed at their grandparents, the Leonard Hartmans and the Glenn Rosss. Jim and Jane Zimmerman drove to Oklahoma in June to visit Jim's sister and family. Boyd and Edna Speer and the Harlan Walkers came from Florida for the summer months to visit relatives in the area. Mildred George and daughter Ellen Smith are in California visiting John George. Ellen will go on to Hawaii before returning to their home in Virginia Beach. Ruth Kistler and son Donald from McKeesport were welcome visitors at a Sunday service recently. Larry and Kim Klobuka and infant daughter, Lyndsay Nicole were also at Poke Run one Sunday. Kim and the baby stayed to visit her parents, Alta Jean and Glenn Ross, for a week, after which they drove them to their home in Indianapolis. Carol Croff and sons Jason and Joe of Youngstown, Florida, spent the month of June with Carol's parents, the John Gearhards. Other guests at the Gearhards in May were Jane's sister, Lois Umble, with her daughter and granddaughter, Jan and Kristen, of Mason, Ohio. Robert A. Long and his family of Brookfield, Wisconsin, were July visitors at the home of Bob's mother, Mrs. Irene Long. John and Mildred Striner traveled to Long Island to visit with Mildred's cousin and Mildred and Lois also vacationed for a week with daughter Jan and her husband Dennis Harman at Reading, PA. Ruth and Amy Gebrosky traveled to Chesapeake, Virginia to visit with her son Richard and wife Nancy and new baby. They also stopped to see daughter Mary Jo at Charlotte, North Carolina.

A. D. Magazine Ends Publication

After eleven years, publishing of the United Presbyterian edition of A. D. magazine will end with its July-August issue. The entire A. D. staff was recognized with a standing ovation by General Assembly. Circulation reverses resulting in a debt of \$607,000 at the close of last year resulted in its demise. Interim agreements have been approved with "Presbyterian Survey", monthly magazine of the former P.S.U.S., to continue print commitments with present A. D. subscribers, beginning with September, 1983.

Flower Chairpersons

In the month of September call Nora Richey at 727-3898 to place flowers in the Sanctuary. For October call Carol Thompson at 327-6598. For November please call either Sandy Chappell at 668-7031, Jean Moorhead at 327-6554 or Linda Moorhead at 727-2482. Anyone is invited to please place memorial flowers on any Sunday of the month with the cost being a donation of \$15.00 for an arrangement on the piano or \$30.00 for arrangements in the planters. Checks should be made out to Mary Louise Moore, and marked as such.

Hospitals

Since the last Ranger went out the following members have been hospitalized: Velma Mann and Stella Walter in Columbia Hospital, Wilkinsburg; Mary Steele, Sylvia Thompson, Carol Schutzler, Kathy Money maker, Calvin Beatty and Judy Rubright in Citizens General, New Kensington; Karen Lightner in Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg; and now at Harmarville Rehabilitation Center, Harmarville, PA.; Kyle Lengauer in Presbyterian-University Hospital, Pittsburgh; Jim Dunmire, Jeannette Memorial Hospital, Jeannette; Hazel Davenport and Edgar Brewer in East Suburban Medical Center, Monroeville; Evelyn Lavrich in Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh; Art McDivitt, David Deal, Bill Endlich and David Riggle in Westmoreland; Janet Kiebler, Allegheny Valley at Natrona Heights; Gladys Hartman and Glenn Hartman are in West Haven Convalescent Home. Ruth Sharer has been in Indiana Hospital, Indiana, PA and is now in the Presbyterian Home in Indiana. In compiling this list we hope we haven't missed anyone and if anyone of your family is hospitalized please call the church office with the information for the Pastor.

Pine Springs Campers --

"To the Sunday School and others that made donations for the Pine Springs trip -- We all had a great time, and I wish to thank you very much."

\_\_\_\_\_ Melinda Heinlein

"I would like to thank you for paying half of my fee for camp. A special thanks to those who contributed to the camping fund. I met lots of new friends and shared new experiences that I'll never forget."

\_\_\_\_\_ Laura Stange

"I want to thank Poke Run Church for supporting my visit to Pine Springs Camp. I had a wonderful time and met new and old friends and learned more about God. It is a beautiful place and I hope other kids from our church go sometime. Thanks again, Love Allison."

\_\_\_\_\_ Allison Lengauer

"I enjoyed Pine Springs Camp a lot I like swimming and hiking and I met a lot of new friends. It was fun staying in a cabin and sleeping out. I really had a good time. Thanks, Jennifer."

\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lange

Prayer for Hunger

Lord, help me to remember  
As I eat bread thankfully,  
There are many who have no bread;  
As I breath air joyfully,  
There are those who breath only pollution;  
As I study truth freely,  
Many are hindered from knowing at all;  
And as I live life fully,  
Thousands will die before nightfall.  
Lord, help me to remember.  
And having remembered to care. Amen.

\_\_\_\_\_ from Lehigh Presbyterial

\*\*\*\*\*

Financial Report from Current Fund Treasurer

Capsule Report -- August 28, 1983

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1983 .....	\$ 4,978.22
* Total Receipts through August 21, 1983 .....	<u>37,528.60</u>
	\$42,506.82
Expenses through August 28, 1983 .....	<u>\$40,331.62</u>
* Balance, August 28, 1983 .....	\$ 2,175.20
*Includes \$1,597.46 of Special Gift Fund -- The actual current fund balance is .....	\$ 577.74
Past Due or Outstanding Bills --	
Per Capita Tax Partial .....	\$2,200.00

Ronald Bowman,  
Current Fund Treasurer

Contributions are payable to:

Mrs. Mary Louise Moore, Financial Secretary  
Address: R.D.#2, Box 200, Export, PA 15632

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND -- September 10, 11

The beginning of the new Church School year will be marked with a full week-end of special festivities and observances. Saturday will feature a Church School picnic and a carnival to benefit Heifer Project International (see article on Page 6). On Sunday morning, Christian Education Sunday, there will be a church school assembly during the church school hour. At the assembly officers and teachers will be installed for the year. Students being promoted to a new class will be recognized, and perfect attendance awards will be given. Also, the new Confirmation Class will be officially enrolled.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Anyone wishing to join the class in Grades 7 through 12 please fill out the questionnaire in the weekly Sunday bulletin or telephone the church office. The class will begin on September 18 and the deadline for enrollment is September 11, 1983.

AEROBICS

Aerobic Dancing and Exercise Class by Donna Getty in Fellowship Hall will start Tuesday, September 13th. There will be 10 one hour classes every Tuesday and Thursday. Cost \$18.00. For more information and registration call 327-6055 or 327-3042.

WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will resume our regular Sunday schedule on Sunday, September 11th. The Church School will be at 10 a.m. and Worship Service for The Lord's Day at 11 a.m.

NURSERY

Plans are underway to provide a Nursery for children 3 years of age and younger during the morning worship as a convenience for parents. Many volunteers will be needed since it is hoped that we can have two nursery attendants each Sunday, and yet only have to utilize each volunteer two or three times a year. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to consider offering their services. If you are interested, please mark the questionnaire in the weekly bulletin or contact Karen Heinlein, telephone 327-3048.

NEW ADDRESSES FOR APOLLO RESIDENTS

As you receive your new address on the Apollo mail route please see that it is given to the Church Office. All Apollo residents are currently receiving new addresses. The church has to pay 25¢ if your mail is returned because of change of address!

THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The 200th Anniversary of Poke Run Presbyterian Church is only two years away. The Bicentennial Committee met on Tuesday evening, August 9th to begin planning for the festivities which will become part of this special celebration to be held in October, 1985. In preparation for this historic event, the committee has established as its first major goal the restoration of the Academy Building. Possible program activities were discussed with some preliminary plans to be worked out at the next meeting. Suggestions from members are encouraged. Contact any committee member or come in person to the September 15th meeting at 7 p.m. The members of this committee are: Don Lengauer, President; Jim Dunmire, Vice-President; Patricia Lengauer, Secretary; Ruth Christy, Treasurer; Ruth Speer, Arrangements Chairman.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, SEPTEMBER 10 ..... Church School Picnic -- Heifer Project Carnival
- Sunday, SEPTEMBER 11 ..... Christian Education Sunday -- Resume 10 a.m. Church School
- Sunday, SEPTEMBER 18 ..... Fellowship Program Begins -- 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, SEPTEMBER 25 ..... Harvest Home Redstone Presbyterian Home, 787 Goucher Street, Johnstown.  
 OPEN HOUSE 2 to 5 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting -- at 2:45 p.m.  
 Suggested Donations: Staples, sugar, rice, etc., commercially canned foods (The Home cannot use home canned tomatoes, beans, etc.), jams and jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, tea, coffee, tea towels, dish clothes, paper products. Cash is always appreciated. Checks may be made payable to Redstone Presbyterian Home and are tax deductible.  
 There will be a table in the Narthex for your donations and Miss Louise Hall, our Johnstown Home W. A. representative will deliver them.
- Saturday, October 1 ..... Community Dinner -- (Swiss Steak) Reservations only
- Sunday, OCTOBER 2 ..... World Communion Sunday
- Sunday, NOVEMBER 6 ..... All Saints -- Baptism, Communion
- Sunday, NOVEMBER 13 ..... Thank Offering Sunday  
 Worship Led by members of W. A.  
 Mrs. Peg Gnatuk will deliver the worship message
- Sunday, NOVEMBER 20 ..... Christ The King -- Communion
- Wednesday, NOVEMBER 23 ..... 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

In concluding this issue of the Ranger, word was received of the death of Mr. George Lange on August 24th, 1983, father of Mrs. Evelyn Pfeffer and Walter Lange. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

\*\*\*\*\*

Our thanks to Mrs. Pat Lengauer for the frontis cover drawing of this issue of The Ranger. Also, many thanks to those who volunteered in assembling this issue by helping the office staff.

\*\*\*\*\*

