



POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Dear Friends,

On the First Sunday of Advent we all looked forward to the lighted Chrismon tree in the front of the sanctuary. If you recall, the Chrismons, religious symbols associated with Christ and Christmas, were handcrafted by members of Circle 4 and their friends a few years back. Their beauty never fails to inspire us. The crown, the stars, the shepherds staff, the manger, the cross, and all the rest are each related to a Scripture passage. From Ann Lutz's devotions on "Signs of the Christ" in These Days we learn that the complete Chrismon Tree is an eloquent declaration about the Christ we await during Advent. Peace and Love be with you as we celebrate this season together.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

OUR COMMON MINISTRY

There has been much discussion in church circles about recovering the "ministry of the laity". For Presbyterians this should not be thought of as something new. Our form of church government depends upon the active involvement of lay people in the ministry and governing of the church. The leaders of the Reformation stressed the doctrine of the "priesthood of all believers", emphasizing that all members of the church were called to share a common ministry. The role of Pastors was to assist the congregation by providing guidance and direction so that church members could carry out their individual and collective ministries. The Pastor was not to be seen as the minister, but as a minister with a special function within a community of ministers. This is why our worship bulletins describe Poke Run Presbyterian Church as: "A people called to minister in Christ's name to our community and our world." and then lists the staff as assistants in that ministry.

As we begin a new year it would be good for us all to reflect upon the meaning of our membership in the Church and to reaffirm our calling to its ministry:

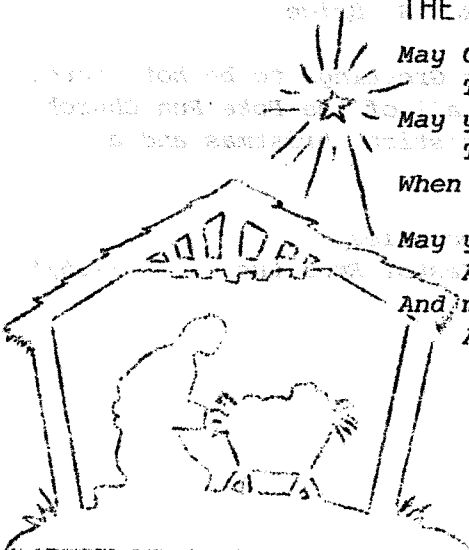
The incarnation of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives to the church not only its mission but also its understanding of membership. One becomes an active member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord are the visible signs of entrance into the active membership of the church.

A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of his church. Such involvement includes: proclaiming the good news, taking part in the common life and worship of a particular church, praying and studying Scripture and the faith of the Christian church, supporting the work of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents, participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church, responding to God's activity in the world through service to others, living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life, working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment.

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

May Christmas time mean more to you
Than gifts on Christmas morn;
May you feel the peace
The whole world knew
When Christ the Lord was born!

May you know the special gladness
And hope that came to men;
And may it thrill your heart just now
As Christmas comes again!



Merry Christmas
1984

GLEANINGS With GREETINGS -- DECEMBER, 1984

(from the Christmas Sunday Service Bulletin for December 20, 1953)

*THE CANTATA CHOIRDirector -- Mr. John G. Kistler Organist -- Mrs. Joseph N. Alcorn

<u>Sopranos</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Miss Shirley Edwards	Miss Marion Brunecke	Mr. Marion George
Miss Roberta Kiebler	Miss Ellen George	Mr. Harold Shuster
Miss Judith McDivitt	Miss Mary Louise Kiebler	Mr. Wenroy Smith
Miss Janet McDivitt	Mrs. Robert Kiebler	
Miss Nellie McGuire	Miss Doris Moorhead	<u>Tenor</u>
Mrs. Harold Shuster	Miss Eleanor McQuaide	Mr. Joseph Alcorn
Mrs. Pauline Smith	Miss Barbara Tomer	Mr. Dwight Buckley
Miss Eileen Tomer		Mr. Arthur Moorhead
Mrs. Joseph Yedlicka		
Miss Alta Jean Young		

* -- The Cantata was "The Nativity" -- A Christmas Choir
Cantata for Mixed Voices by Roger C. Wilson.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

During the past sixteen years we have used Christmas bulletins to convey greetings to our congregations and to other friends and acquaintances. The face of this bulletin is a poem of Christmas in meaning-filled colors, telling with freshness the story of Christ's birth. The meaning of the symbols, as portrayed thereon by the artist, may be thus explained. Around the beautiful record of the nativity of the King, quietly-burning tapers have a majestic pagentry; a golden candlebra recalls royal gifts of the ancient wise men; and a crimson robe points to the beauty and sacrifice in the life which awaited the Prince of Peace. Near the bow of gay ribbon, portraying the happiness of Christmas, is a burr of evergreen, symbolizing the seed of eternal life. All this subtle meaning has a backdrop so sturdy that its impressive folds suggest history centering on the story of Christ's birth. We have selected this bulletin to convey our greetings; and again we wish for one and all a Joyous Christian Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

Very sincerely,

Rev. and Mrs. Roy S. Brice

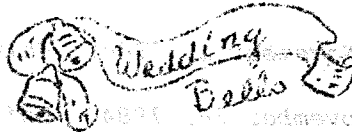
Hopeful that many will find the above Gleanings with Greetings to be both interesting and meaningful, I now convey to the Pastor and to all of the Poke Run Church Family renewed Greetings and Best Wishes for a Joyous Christian Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

With grateful memories,

Roy S. Brice, Pastor Emeritus

11/26/84

WEDDINGS



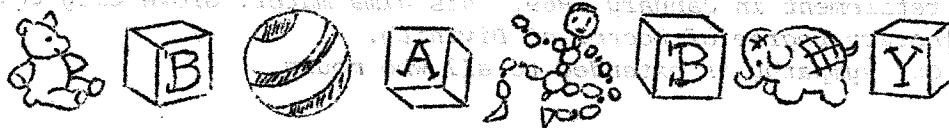
Lois Elaine Striner, daughter of John and Mildred Striner, to Kyle Raymond Farneth on Saturday October 6, 1984, in the sanctuary. Lois and Kyle are living in the state of Oklahoma while Kyle is in the service.

Wendy Susan Tomer, daughter of Helen and Delmar Tomer, to Stephen M. Grosskinsky on Saturday, November 3, 1984, in the sanctuary.

John Paul Behrenberg and Judith Ann Grice on Saturday, November 10, 1984 at the Union United Presbyterian Church with Rev. Wayne presiding at the wedding service.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, and also to Hazel and Lloyd McQuaide, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 29, 1984.

BIRTHS



A daughter, Melissa Dawn, on September 30, 1984 to Donald and Debra Jordan. Mrs. Dora Mae Jordan is the paternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. William Gill the great-grandparents.

A son, Aric Alan, on October 6, 1984, to Gibson and Karen (Schmidt) Sharer. Thelma and Ed Sharer are the paternal grandparents, and Ruth Sharer the great-grandmother.

A daughter, Lori Ann, on October 9, 1984, to Gary and Jayne (Welsh) Wiester. Paternal grandparents are Grace and Meryl Wiester.

A daughter on October 19, 1984, to R. Eric and Jacqueline Peterman.

A son, Michael Edward, on November 16, 1984, to Cornelius and Sally Ann (McCutcheon) Jankosky. Maternal grandparents are Olen and Thelma McCutcheon.

BAPTISMS

The following infants were baptized in the sanctuary on November 9, 1984:

Korinda Nadine Altman, daughter of Terri Nadine (Miller) and Donald James Altman. Mrs. Carol Harkelroad, maternal grandmother was her sponsor.

Many Jo Callen, daughter of Patti Louise (Claypool) and David Lee Callen.

Kimberly Ann Zimmerman, daughter of Deborah (Spagnol) and William John Zimmerman. Sponsors were Robert and Barbara Fligger and James J. Zimmerman.

Interesting Item: The Women's Association places a rosebud in the church in honor of any new births within the congregation. If you know of any new babies please inform the church office when they are born. The rosebud is then delivered to the parents.

DEATHS

Faye (Shaw) Walker on November 2, 1984. United with Poke Run Church on March 28, 1954.

Harry J. McDivitt on November 16, 1984. United with Poke Run Church on March 25, 1956.

Both services were held in the sanctuary with Rev. Wayne Blaser officiating.

Relatives of Members:

Esther Watt, mother of Eva Bantroch, on September 17, 1984, in Greensburg, Pa.

Thomas Bantroch, father of Andy Bantroch, on October 16, 1984.

George Kirsch, father of Grace Wiester, on October 1, 1984, in Somerset, Pa.

Ola Hilty, mother of Winnie Powers, on October 10, 1984, in Washington Township. Services were held in Rural Valley with Rev. Wayne Blaser officiating.

Anna B. Herrmann, mother of Violet Schutzler, on November 9, 1984 in Kittanning.

Rev. Raymond D. Walter, a son of Poke Run Church, on November 15, 1984 at the age of 81. Services were held on Sunday, November 18, 1984, in Export, PA, with Rev. Wayne Blaser officiating. Interment took place in Poke Run Cemetery. During his career, Rev. Walter served churches in Salem, Ohio, (1931-1946) and Monaca, Pa, until his retirement in January 1969. His alma mater, Grove City College, had granted him the Nonorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Our sympathy is extended to all who mourn.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Mrs. Margaret Freed as a new member into our congregation.

TRANSFERS

Miss Amy Gebrosky has transferred to the Apollo United Presbyterian Church, of Apollo.

Mr. John L. Kistler has been removed from the Inactive Roll due to his uniting with another church.

HEIFER PROJECT -- GOOD NEWS

Rick Learn, Heifer Project chairperson wishes to report that this year Poke Run's fund-raisers for Heifer Project International raised a total of \$855.00. The money was collected through the activities of the carnival in September and through individual donations (which comprised the largest portion of the total). The total is \$155 more than last year's. Thanks is due to the many people who gave their time and money to help alleviate world hunger.



MUSICAL NOTES

The choir is practicing a new Christmas cantata, "Love Came Down", compiled by Bonnie Jean Vaughn. Rick Learn, our music director, says there is still time for additional singers to come out and help. (Practice is Wednesdays at 8 p.m.) The more the merrier! By the way, many favorable comments were heard on the special anthem, "Beautiful Savior", by the Women's Chorus on Thank Offering Sunday. Thanks to Jane Zimmerman, W. A. Vice-President, for getting them all together and Rick for directing. We are also pleased to know we have another organist in our congregation, John Rubright.

Our 1984 Christmas offering will Sound The Trumpet of Hope for people having two specific needs:

1. Supplemental pensions to retired church workers and their families and nursing home assistance to those with special needs.
2. Educational programs for ethnic and racial minority students.

The money is divided 50/50, half going for supplemental pensions and nursing care assistance and half to the educational programs. In 1983 promotional and administrative costs totaled only 6.6 percent so out of every dollar we gave 93.4 cents went directly to these two causes.

Why are supplemental pensions necessary?

Pensions of many older retirees are inadequate because they are based on salaries earned during a time when salaries were quite low, often sacrificial. The inflation of the past ten years has further eroded their value.

With the assistance of the Benefit Supplement, most retirees are able to live independently. However, when nursing care is required, the cost is beyond the financial reach of many retirees. If a retiree has served the Church for 20 years and personal assets have been depleted to a stipulated level, application may be made for Nursing Home Care Assistance.

Our gifts to the Christmas Offering provide assistance to retired church workers and their families--people like Evelyn Harper, who for 40 years served with her late husband, Roy Harper, Sr., as missionaries to Brazil. Mrs. Harper is thankful that gifts to the Christmas Offering have given her the opportunity to live at a retirement facility with other retired mission workers. "There is such fine fellowship here. I can't describe how wonderful it is to be able to be here."

Why is there a need for Minority Education Institutions?

Menaul School, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is one of the special schools that our Christmas Offering gifts have supported. One dramatic difference between a school like Menaul and its public school counterpart is its success with minority students. Nearly all of Menaul's predominantly Hispanic student body graduates, and more than half of its students go on to college. An emphasis on a multicultural education attracts students from foreign countries, Native Americans and Anglos, creating in the students a new appreciation of their heritages and those of others.

THROUGH OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING, WE CAN INDEED SOUND THE TRUMPET OF HOPE FOR MINORITY YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH OUR SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS LIKE MENAUL.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Brasilia, D.F. Brazil
November 16, 1984

Poke Run Presbyterian Church

Dear Members of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church,

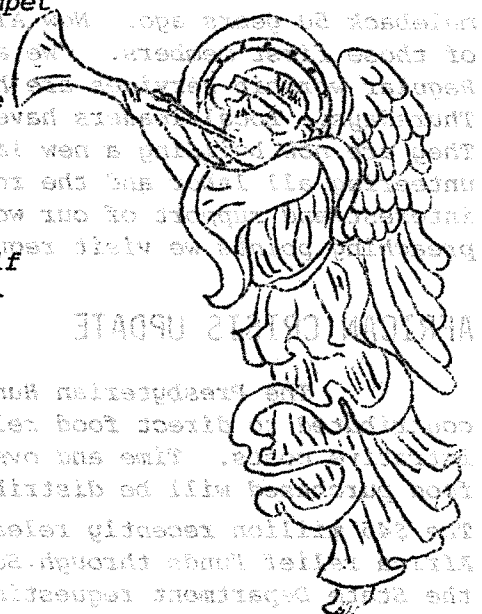
We were happy to receive a print-out of churches which have designated funds for our work in Brazil and note that your church pledged \$333.00 for this.

Enclosed, please find some news letters which will give you some information about the work we have been doing in Brazil.

May God bless you and your work and witness for Christ in Apollo.

In His Service,

Albert and Catherine Reasoner



MORE FROM THE REASONERS

Mimosa, a small town 150 km from Brasilia was visited by Al's father on muleback 50 years ago. Now Al has had the privilege of baptizing sons and daughters of those first members. "We are now pushing for a public health post in this village. Regular worship services are held each Sunday afternoon and evening and Tuesdays and Thursdays. Local leaders have been trained to carry on congregational responsibilities. They are now building a new larger chapel of concrete blocks, with the members volunteering all labor and the rocks and sand. We continue to be grateful for your interest and support of our work in Mimosa and the six congregations and fourteen preaching points we visit regularly."

AFRICAN CRISIS UPDATE

The Presbyterian Hunger Program staff has covenanted that 100% of all money contributed to direct food relief in Africa will be sent, with no deduction of administrative costs. Time and overhead will be donated by the staff and volunteers. The food purchased will be distributed by church agencies.

The \$45 million recently released by the Administration to African relief depletes Africa relief funds through September, 1985. Individuals and Sessions should write to the State Department requesting that AID funds should be transferred into the Africa Disaster Assistance Fund, and that these funds pay not only for food, but also for transportation. Otherwise, in many countries, this food will waste away at ports of entry. Send letters to: The Honorable George Schultz, Secretary of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

EMERGENCY RELIEF ALERT -- FAMINE VICTIMS:

More than 6,000,000 people in Ethiopia are estimated to be affected by the food shortage. The number of people arriving at the feeding centers far exceeds the supplies of available food. Anyone wishing to make a special contribution for this emergency aid, may do so through the church. Simply indicate on your check or envelope the amount you wish to be designated for "African Relief". Funds will be channeled by the Benevolence Treasurer, Glenn Ross, to Church World Service. (For more information, please see the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.)

PEACEMAKING

At the November 20 Presbytery meeting our session received a certificate of commendation for endorsing the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking. The certificate is in the display cases in the hallway.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT



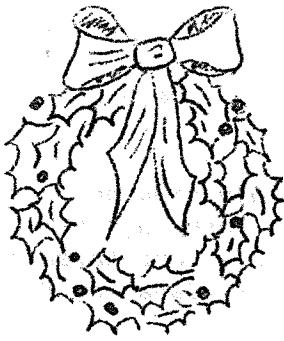
The Christmas heart is a gentle heart
Malice and envy have no part;
Coldness and bitterness cannot stay
Where the spirit of Christmas holds full sway.
Behold joy enter and grief depart
When Christmas candles illumine the heart.

— Hope Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH

THANKS

Copy of letter from Johnstown Home on the bulletin board in the Narthex --and thanks to Louise Hall for her involvement.

Thanks to Anna Hughes for her many illustrations for the Sunday worship bulletins and to others who have contributed artwork for our bulletin covers, and to Pat Lengauer for the frontis drawing on The Ranger newsletter.



CAN THIS BE CHRISTMAS?

What's all this hectic rush and worry?
Where go these crowds who run and scurry?
Why all the lights - the Christmas trees?
The jolly "fat man", tell me, please!

Why, don't you know? This is the day
For parties and for fun and play;
Why this is Christmas!

So this is Christmas, do you say?
But where is Christ this Christmas Day?
Has He been lost among the throng?
His voice drowned out by empty song?

No, He's not here-- you'll find Him where
Some humble soul now kneels in prayer,
Who knows the Christ of Christmas.

But see the many aimless thousands
Who gather on this Christmas Day,
Whose hearts have never been opened,
Or said to Him, "Come in to stay."

In countless homes the candles burning,
In countless hearts expectant yearning
For gifts and presents, food and fun.
And laughter till the day is done.

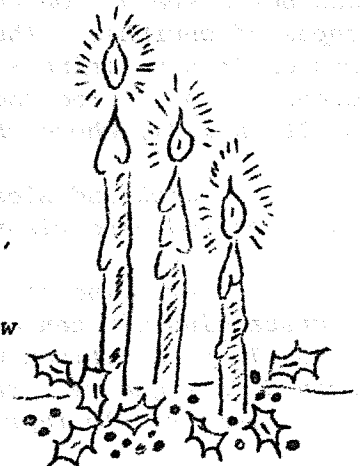
But not a tear or grief or sorrow
For Him so poor He had to borrow
A crib, a colt, a boat, a bed
Where He could lay His weary head.

I'm tired of all this empty celebration,
Of feasting, drinking, recreation;
I'll go instead to Calvary.

And there I'll kneel with those who know
The meaning of that manger low,
And find the CHRIST -- this Christmas.

I leap by faith across the years
To that great day when He appears
The second time to rule and reign,
To end all sorrow, death, and pain.

In endless bliss we then shall dwell
With Him who saved our souls from hell,
And worship CHRIST - Not Christmas!



(Thought:

The light of God's Son in your heart
will put His sunshine in your face.)

M.R. DeHaan, M.D.
Founder, Radio Bible Class

Submitted by Anna Hughes

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NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders: Freda J. Bowman, Richard A. Kemerer, Laura K. Martin, Ruth W. Speer

Deacons: Donna Blaser, James Dunmire II, Evelyn Lavrich

Trustees: Elmer Long and Fred Smith

Committee Representatives: Stewardship: Miriam Smith and Jean O'Brien
Evangelism: Beverly Tagliati and Anna Hughes
Nominating: Naomi Buckley and Emma Dunmire

Congregational Officers for a 1 year term:

Chairperson: William Buckley
Vice-Chairperson: Harry Penrod
Secretary: Grace E. Hartman
Financial Secretary: Mary Louise Moore
Current Fund Treasurer: Ronald W. Bowman
Benevolence Treasurer: Glenn T. Ross
Building Fund Treasurer: Gerald Christy
Major Mission Fund Treasurer: Ruth W. Speer

HERE AND THERE

The Kiski Area Mixed Chorus had the honor of being the only singing group invited to perform in the "Celebrate The Season" holiday parade on Saturday, November 24th in Pittsburgh. Televised on Channel 53, it was thrilling to hear our talented young people sing "The Hallelujah Chorus" as they marched. The Kiski Cavalier Band and Color Guard also gave a great performance.

Did you see John Fife as he was interviewed on the "20-20" television program the evening of November 1st? This interesting segment was based on the participation of John's church in Tucson, Arizona, in providing sanctuary for the Salvadoran refugees.

Betty and Blair Kiebler enjoyed an October vacation in California, plus a stop-over in Denver on their way home to spend a week-end with their grand-daughter and her husband. On the trip they were privileged to visit three distinctly different types of churches. They attended services in a friendly neighborhood Presbyterian church in San Marino -- visited Dr. Schullers famous Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove -- and toured the beautiful and very interesting San Gabriel Catholic Mission built in 1771, where the sanctuary is still in constant use.

Jack and Eleanor Blair visited the World's Fair in New Orleans on a recent vacation and also visited with Jack's brother and his wife in Louisiana.

Dr. Vincent B. Hall, well-known Murrysville physician, was recently named "Outstanding Citizen of the Community" by the Beaver Run Grange. This award is given annually to a citizen who has served his community in some special way. Dr. Hall has served as a general practitioner and school physician in the area for many years. He and his family represent three generations of service in the medical field.

Congratulations to Kim (Sharer) Neal, daughter of Thelma and Ed Sharer, and her husband Larry, on his promotion to Commander in the Navy on May 18th. Larry had left for the Mediterranean in April and Kim arrived in Naples, Italy, in time to witness the promotion ceremony on May 18, on board the Aircraft Carrier Saratoga. They then touched on the following ports: Toulon, France - Naples, Italy - Palma de Mallorca, Spain - Benidorm, Spain - Monaco, Monte Carlo. Then on Larry's leave they visited Paris, Garmisch and Munich in Germany, Innsbruck, Austria, and Sorrento, Italy. They arrived back in Norfolk in September and are now living in Alexandria, Virginia. Kim and Larry spent Thanksgiving with Kim's parents, Ed and Thelma Sharer.

Bernard and Jean McQuaide traveled to New York state for the wedding of their daughter Jodee to James Lacelle in the Presbyterian Church at Buffalo, New York. Jodee and Jim are now living at Liverpool, New York. Congratulations to them.

HOSPITALS

The following members have been in area hospitals since the last issue of The Ranger: Mary Steele, James McDivitt, Dick Kistler, Vida Wigle, Edith Metzgar, Carl Ferguson, Harlan Walker, Reed Christy, Charles Peterson, Carl Schutzler, Wilma McElroy, Mildred George and John Hughes.

We would also remember in Prayer these members in area Nursing Homes: Gladys Hartman and Web Hartman in West Haven, Apollo, Pa; Ruth Sharer in the Presbyterian Home, Indiana, Pa; Crete Hileman in the Redstone Presbytery Home, Greensburg, Pa and Bertha Stiles in Westmoreland Manor, Greensburg, Pa.

OUR CHURCH BUDGET

The budget of our church is more than a set of figures or a list of expenditures. It is actually the very ministry and mission of the church.

- *It is the pastor preaching, visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved, sharing the faith.
- *It is the Sunday School teaching the Word of God to the multitudes.
- *It is the organ playing and the choir singing to the glory of God.
- *It is the church building, standing as a lighthouse in the midst of a dark world.
- *It is the missionaries sent to foreign lands to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- *It is Christian literature in the hands of a child.
- *It is schools, hospitals, homes for the aging, and children's homes, ministering to those in need.
- *Most of all, perhaps, the budget of our church is the expression of our love for Christ, our compassion for a lost world and our realization that God holds each of us accountable for our stewardship.

(Richmond Plaza Baptist Church)
Bellaire, TX

CAPSULE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR POKE RUN --

Balance as of November 20, 1984 -- \$4,988.04

PONY EXPRESS RESULTS

1985 BUDGET:	1985 PONY EXPRESS RESULTS
\$79,124.75 -- Current Expenses	as of 11/26/1984
\$10,750.00 -- Benevolence Giving	\$62,040.60 -- Current
\$22,955.00 -- Building Program yet uncompleted	\$12,023.40 -- Benevolence
	\$ 5,042.00 -- Building Program

Based on Current Patterns of Support: (Which includes loose offerings and support from those not estimating or under estimating their gifts)--

1. We should meet our projected budget for current needs.
2. We will exceed our mission goal of \$10,750.00 by over \$1,250.00 or almost 12%.
3. Priorities will need to be set on Building Projects based on estimated support and funds available.

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S M I L E -- The Church Directory Begins!

On November 2, 1984 through the 5th, 182 families of our congregation came to the church to have their pictures taken for a Bicentennial-Church Directory. Along with faces of our "family in Christ", we will have respective addresses and telephone numbers and activity pictures.

Each families picture proofs will be returned to the church where you will be asked to come and select the one to be used in the pictorial directory. The next step will be to layout the entire book and then the publication.

A big "Thank You" to all who participated and who will have helped to make this Church Directory a successful venture for our coming Bicentennial Year.

UPDATE ON BICENTENNIAL PLANS

Members of the BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE have been meeting to formulate plans for the 299TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of our congregation in the fall of 1985. A two-phase celebration has been projected. Festivities will begin Labor Day weekend, August 31 - September 1, 1985 with a PIONEER DAYS FESTIVAL. A portion of the celebration will center around life in the 18th century as portrayed by members of the 18th century historical society. They will set up an encampment during the two day festival with authentic 18th century food, cooking and crafts. There are also plans for a wagon train to be present on the church grounds. Craft booths will be set up in the Academy building and food booths will be located along the driveway. Using the Fellowship Hall as an exhibition area for memorabilia the items displayed there will be representative of the church and the home in colonial America. Anyone having items that could be displayed are asked to contact a member of the committee. Sunday morning plans include a re-enactment of a worship service similar to one of the late 1700's.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF POKE RUN OR CHURCH GROUPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CRAFT SALE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE FESTIVAL. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND GROUPS FROM OTHER CHURCHES IN THE AREA WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE.

(Church members and groups from the Church will be given priority over other exhibitors, provided the application included in this copy of "The Ranger" (printed on yellow paper) is submitted by March 1, 1985.)

The weekend of October 19 and 20, 1985 will find us engaged in the FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION. This portion of our festivities is anticipated to be a homecoming celebration for former members and former pastors. Former pastors will be invited to participate in Saturday seminars and Sunday morning worship. Saturday evening plans include a dinner at TARQUINUI'S in Murrysville. Reservations for those interested in attending will be made later in the spring.

Members of the committees are as follows:

FOOD -- GEORGE KLINE
 CRAFTS -- LODEMA BOWMAN
 DISPLAYS -- ELEANOR FITZSIMMONS
 PARKING & TRAFFIC -- NELSON THOMPSON
 PUBLICITY -- CAROLE BOWMAN
 EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT AND SET UP -- TIM MARTIN
 PHOTOGRAPHER -- JANE GEARHARD
 RECEPTION/HOSPITALITY -- EVELYN LAVRICH

In order to make the bicentennial celebration a success, we need the help of the entire congregation. This occasion represents a significant event in the life of our church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact a committee member. However, your prayers and support are essential in making this a memorable occasion.

POINSETTIAS --



You may order your poinsettias for Christmas. Prices are \$4.00 (3 to 4 blooms) and \$8.00 (6 to 9 blooms). The deadline for orders is December 16th. To order call Mildred Striner (327-2237) or Eleanor Zerbini (468-5496) the December Flower Committee chairpersons.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Trustees has had a very busy year, carrying out some of the improvements endorsed by the congregation in preparation for the 200th Anniversary.

All exterior wood trim on the Church building was painted this summer. The slate roof and the Educational Building roof were checked and repaired and the ridge combs and gutters painted.

Downstairs in the Educational Building, all plaster was removed to a height of 3½ or 4 feet on deteriorated wall areas. These places were then cemented and the walls painted. Radiator covers were painted, also. At the same time other bad plaster and holes in the building were patched.

A new roof was put on the overhang on the West entrance of the Educational Building and also on the overhang on the left front Sanctuary exit.

In the Church office a new typewriter was purchased, new cabinets and table were placed and the office rearranged to make a roomier, more efficient work place.

A new Hoover vacuum cleaner was purchased this summer with money from the Current Fund.

Repairs were made to the driveway and handicapped parking spaces were laid out in front of the Academy building. The Academy roof was repaired and painted. Recently cleanup was begun inside the building in preparation for repairs and painting during the next few months.

Also planned for the beginning of 1985 are furnace improvements in the Church and the installation of three ceiling fans in the Sanctuary.

Before our anniversary celebration, much remains to be done. A new floor will be installed in the downstairs of the Educational building. The upstairs tile will be stripped and renewed. Hallways & Church school rooms need painted. Storage must be built in the room next to the Church kitchen. Hopefully, restoration will be made to the Academy to the point that it will be a respectable part of our celebration.

However, funds are not available at this time to complete all of these projects. Time is short. The Trustees need to know how much money we will have in order to schedule work on the remaining repairs. If you have been planning to give to the restoration program, please do so as soon as possible. Checks may be made payable to: Gerald Christy, Treasurer -- Address: 162 Stotler Drive, Delmont, PA 15626.

Harry Penrod, chairman of the Trustees for the last three years is going out of office the first of January, 1985. Congratulations to him for a job well done. He has given many hours and accomplished much in his three year term. Many thanks also to his board members and to the volunteers he gathered to help from time to time. Appreciation also to all of our Congregation who see the need to keep our buildings up dated and in good repair and give your money to do so.

Enclosed in this issue of the Ranger is an envelope for giving to the Christmas Offering. This offering will be received during Advent.

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BUILDINGS CARETAKER -- Mrs. Ruth Gebrosky (telephone 327-5009)

GROUNDS CARETAKER -- Mr. Larry Baker (telephone 327-8197)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY -- Mrs. Mary Louise Moore (telephone 327-2143)
Address: R. D. #2, Box 200, Export, PA 15632

(Contributions may be made payable to her and also mailed to her.)

Clerical Secretary -- Mrs. Grace E. Hartman

Clerical Assistant -- Mrs. Kathu Moneumaker



This award winning radio program "THE CHRISTMAS CONNECTION" is now a 28 minute - 30 second edition that features Steve Allen and Helen Hayes once again. Last year alone this special saw over 750 radio stations air it during the Christmas holiday. Helen Hayes bringing alive in a majestic way the first Christmas story got great response from both listeners and broadcasters.

On the following stations: (in our listening area)

WAVL 910	Apollo	December 25	12:00 Noon
WBCW 1530	Jeannette	December 25	1:05 p.m.
WDUQ FM -90.5	Pittsburgh	December 25	1:00 p.m.

1985 Church Offering Envelopes for the year 1985 have been addressed and numbered by the Financial Secretary, Mary Louise Moore and the Board of Deacons and Office Staff. Please procure your family's boxes from the table in the Narthex. If there are none prepared for you and you desire to use envelopes in 1985 please contact the Financial Secretary.

ADDRESS CHANGES -- Please be sure the financial secretary or church office has your correct mailing address.

If you know of anyone wishing the pastor to visit them if they are shut-ins please call the church office with the information. Also, please inform the office of family members being hospitalized.

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Location: Junction of Route 66 and 366
Time: Saturday, August 31, 1985 -- 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. RAIN
Sunday, September 1, 1985 -- 12:30 till 5 p.m. OR
(Sunday sales will begin at 12:30 p.m.) SHINE
Exhibitors Fees: \$15.00 for 2 days
No commissions will be taken on your sales.
Deadline: March 1, 1985

I the undersigned craftperson agree to demonstrate (if possible), display and sell at the celebration and I also agree to abide by the following conditions:

1. Exhibitor agrees to hold harmless The Poke Run Presbyterian Church for loss or damage to property being displayed due to theft, vandalism, act of God, or damage to goods of the exhibitor regardless of how damage may have been incurred.
2. The sponsor reserves the right to remove any works not in keeping with the theme of the event and the craftperson agrees to abide by these decisions. ALL CRAFTS MUST BE HANDMADE. NO KITS, MOLDS OR COMMERCIALY MANUFACTURED GOODS WILL BE PERMITTED, UNLESS ORIGINAL WORKS OF THE EXHIBITORS. EVERYTHING MUST BE NEW MATERIAL.
3. Tables are to be covered with floor length white coverings (2 white sheets do nicely for 8 ft. tables).

Set up time will be 8:30 a.m. All exhibitors must be ready to sale by 11:00 a.m. (Saturday).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Kind of craft or skill. Please give detailed description.

No. of tables or space: _____

Exhibitors Signature

If you have any questions, please feel free to call:

LoDema Bowman, Chairperson -- 327-0084

Jane Zimmerman -- 327-1549

Ethel Brewer -- 327-6672

Thank you for helping us to celebrate this very important time in the history of our church.

Parking will be provided for craft exhibitors.

Return Applications to:
Mrs. Donald Bowman
R. D. #2, Box 252, Export, PA 15632

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

Furthermore, it is crucial to review the records regularly to identify any discrepancies or errors. This proactive approach helps in preventing financial loss and ensures that the data remains reliable and up-to-date.

In addition, the document highlights the need for secure storage of all financial documents. Implementing robust security measures, such as encryption and access controls, is essential to protect sensitive information from unauthorized access or theft.

Finally, the document concludes by stating that consistent and accurate record-keeping is the foundation of sound financial management. It encourages all stakeholders to adhere to these guidelines to ensure the integrity and success of the organization.

The following table provides a summary of the key points discussed in the document. It outlines the primary objectives and the corresponding actions required to achieve them.

Overall, the document serves as a comprehensive guide for anyone responsible for financial record-keeping. By following these best practices, organizations can ensure that their financial data is accurate, secure, and readily available for analysis and reporting.

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

- Friday, December 14 -- Rugh Circle 3 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Academy Class Christmas Party at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, December 16 -- Church School Christmas Program at 7:00 p.m.
Followed by fellowship downstairs and each family
is asked to please bring two dozen cookies.
PRACTICE FOR THIS PROGRAM WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Sunday, December 23 == CHOIR CANTATA, "Love Came Down" -- 11 a.m. service
Christmas Caroling by Youth Fellowship and Others
- Monday, December 24 -- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 7:30 p.m.
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- Sunday, January 6 -- EPIPHANY
Ordination and Installation of Church officers -- 11:00 a.m.
Love Feast Covered Dish Communion Dinner -- 6:00 p.m.
Guest slide presentation by The Rev. John Michael and The
Rev. Diane Monger-Michael of
their visit to churches of the
Soviet Union.
- Monday, January 7 -- Board Meetings -- 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 9 -- Baptismal Preparation -- 10 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 13 -- THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD -- Baptism and
The Lord's Supper -- 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study begins new series on The Gospel
According to Mark at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 15 -- Presbytery of Redstone meets
- Thursday, January 17 -- Worship Committee 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 4 -- Board Meetings -- 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 17 -- THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Worship 11 a.m.
Preparation of the Sanctuary for Lent 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 20 -- ASH WEDNESDAY Communion Service -- 7:30 p.m.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES --

Sundays Church School -- 9:45 a.m.
Worship -- 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays -- Shut-in visitation and communion (All are welcome to accompany
the pastor at 1:30 p.m.)

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Youth Fellowship (Sunday evenings -- please see the
Junior Choir and Fellowship Bulletins for meeting dates.)

(This page may be posted for the schedule of coming services and activities.)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Department of Chemistry

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to inform you that your application for admission to the Ph.D. program in Chemistry has been approved by the Graduate Council.

You are invited to enroll in the fall semester of 1950.

Please contact the Graduate Office for further information.

Sincerely,
The Graduate Council

Enclosed are the necessary forms and instructions.

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