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Dear Friends,

The new Poke Run Bicentennial Logo appears on the cover of this Lenten issue of The Ranger. The Logo evolved as a result of a contest sponsored by the Bicentennial Historical Committee and promoted in the last issue of The Ranger. The committee expresses its appreciation to those who submitted entries -- twelve in all. On display in the Narthex, they present a most interesting exhibit of Poke Run's artistic and creative talents. The Rev. Richard Baker, pastor of the Avonmore Presbyterian Church, as religious consultant, and Jack Jewart of Kiski Area, art consultant, judged the entries on February 5, 1984. Marnee McQuaide, daughter of Bernard and Jean McQuaide, won the award in the student category. Pat Lengauer won in the adult division. Congratulations to Marnee and Pat. The next issue of The Ranger will have more information on the logo, especially on how it will be used in connection with the Bicentennial.

A Hymn for Lent

*By roads that wound up hill and down, Beside the lake in Galilee,
From house to house, from town to town, Our Lord fulfilled his ministry,
He healed the sick; he cured the blind; He sought for those who went astray;
He told the lost that God is kind And Set them on the homeward way.
Lord Christ, forever more the same In Heaven as in Galilee,
Embolden us to name Thy Name, To make our lives a ministry. Amen.*

(from the hymn "By Roads That Wound Up Hill and Down")

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LENTEN PROGRAMS

To prepare for Easter, the high point of the church year, the season of Lent has been traditionally observed as a time for personal growth and spiritual renewal within the church. It is a time for renewing our commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ, and for reaffirming our baptismal calling to be his disciples. The mood of Lent is more subdued and solemn than any other time of the year, so that we may quietly reflect upon God's wondrous love for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and seriously assess our own response to God's love as individuals and as a church. I hope that many of us will gather to grow together through the following special activities planned for Lent.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 -- THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

This last Sunday before Lent commemorates a transitional event in Jesus life, which marks the conclusion of his ministry in Galilee and the beginning of his pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Cross. The transfiguration was the moment of Light and Glory, the mountaintop experience Jesus and his disciples needed to see them through the hard times that lay before them. It is very fitting then, that our newly revised church calendar includes this joyous feast day just prior to the solemn season of Lent. Since the heavenly voice at the Transfiguration reaffirms the words spoken at Jesus baptism, it is very appropriate on this day to celebrate the sacrament of baptism and to reaffirm our baptismal calling by joyfully receiving The Lord's Supper.

7:00 P.M. -- PREPARING SANCTUARY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

At 7:00 p.m. in the evening of March 4 there will be a gathering in the sanctuary to prepare it for Lent. All the rich brass and silver furnishings will be put away and replaced with more austere and humble wooden or earthen ware. The rich, colorful banners will be taken down until Easter, and the palms from last year's triumphant Palm Sunday procession will be burned to ashes for use in the Ash Wednesday service.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 -- ASH WEDNESDAY

We will gather for worship at 7:30 P.M. on this the most solemn day of the church year, which marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day for beginning the process of renewal by confronting our weakness and sinfulness and the emptiness of our lives apart from God's grace. The service will begin with a rather lengthy time for personal and corporate confession and repentance which will include the opportunity for those who choose to place ashes on their foreheads as was the biblical custom for those who were grieved over their sins. The service will conclude with a quiet celebration of The Lord's Supper in humble gratitude for God's love and forgiveness.

LENTEN STUDY -- "Renewal Through Prayer"

Sunday evenings, 6:30 P.M. -- Fellowship Hall

Monday mornings, 10:00 A. M. -- Lounge

(Alternate supervised activities will be provided for children up to Grade 6 on Sunday evenings.)

March 11 & 12 -- "An Invitation to Mystery and Adventure" -- What prayer is.

March 18 & 19 -- "Could This Be Magic?" -- What we can expect from prayer.

March 25 & 26 -- "When the Magic Seems To Fade" -- Facing frustrations, doubts, and unanswered prayer.

April 1 & 2 -- "The Story of a Round Tuit" -- Overcoming obstacles to an effective and satisfying prayer life.

April 8 & 9 -- "I'm Not Sure I'm Doing It Right" -- Some practical guidance on how to pray and what to pray for.

April 15 & 16 -- "The Tie That Binds" -- Praying with others.

April 15 through 22 -- Holy Week

(Look for details about our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter observances in the next issue of The Ranger.)

WEDDINGS

Elizabeth Ann Hill, daughter of James E and Edna Hill, to David E. Troxell, in the sanctuary on January 28, 1984 at 4:30 p.m.

BABIES

A son, Bradley Robert Moore, born February 13, 1984, to Robert Charles and Chris (Hohmann) Moore. Paternal grandparents are Church and Mary Louise Moore.

A son, Casey Joseph Fitzsimmons, born January 14, 1984 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fitzsimmons of Russell, PA. Carl and Eleanor Fitzsimmons are the paternal grandparents.

BAPTISMS

Natalie Nadene Bruce daughter of Douglas Mark Bruce and Nadene Linda (Dunmire) born December 13, 1984, and baptized on January 8, 1984. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Emma Dunmire.

TRANSFERS

Elizabeth Ann (Hill) Troxell to First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville.
Richard A. Gebrosky to Great Bridge Presbyterian Church of Chesapeake, Virginia.

To INACTIVE ROLL -- Peter D. Penrose by request, now living in California while going to college.

DEATHS

Delbert Kiebler, Jr. of Greensburg Road, New Kensington, PA., November 29, 1983 in New Kensington. He was the husband of Debra Smith Kiebler.

Rev. Harry Fisher, Stated Clerk of Redstone Presbytery, and Pastor of Puckety United Presbyterian Church for nineteen years, January 1, 1984, of a heart attack, in New Kensington at the age of 53. A memorial service was held in the Burrell High School auditorium Sunday evening, January 8, 1984, when over 800 friends gathered to pay tribute to this greatly loved pastor and community leader.

Hazel I. Davenport, wife of Allison Davenport, in Bell Township, on January 14, 1984. A service was held in Poke Run Church on January 17, 1984, with the Rev. Blaser officiating. She united with Poke Run Presbyterian Church on April 20, 1919.

Frank Lavrich, husband of Evelyn (Young) Lavrich, in Pittsburgh, on January 27, 1984. A service was held in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, January 31, 1984, with Rev. Wayne Blaser officiating. Frank united with Poke Run Presbyterian Church on September 27, 1959.

Ford W. Ellenberger, husband of the late Sara Jane Rugh, in Mercer, PA, on February 2, 1984. Mr. Ellenberger was a teacher in Washington Township High School in the 1930's.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Since the last issue of The Ranger the following members have been in area hospitals: Hazel McCutcheon, Hazel Gill, Don Hastie, John Hughes, Charles Peterson, Ron McDivitt, Ruth Shields, Lloyd Miller, LoDema Bowman, Carole Riggie, Joanne Fitzsimmons, Ruth Christy, Larry Rubright, Reed Christy, Gary Branthoover, Annabelle Rubright, Helen Silvas, Web Hartman, Clari McDivitt.

We also remember in prayer these members in Nursing Homes: Gladys Hartman, and Web Hartman in West Haven Nursing Home, Ruth Sharer in the Indiana Presbyterian Nursing Home and Bertha Stiles in Westmoreland Manor.

FUND RAISING FOR PHYLLIS PEYRONEL -- The Session has approved our participation of this cause by members of our congregation. Phyllis, a member of our community, will be traveling to the University of Minnesota to undergo a pancreas transplant, an experimental operation with her brother as a willing donor. The cost is approximately \$60,000; any financial support will be appreciated. Send donations to:

The Phyllis Peyronel Fund, First Seneca Bank, 160 Market Street,
Leechburg, PA 15656.

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so!"
Said the Sparrow to the Robin,
Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no Heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

LOVE TO PRAY -- FEEL OFTEN DURING THE DAY THE NEED FOR PRAYER, AND TAKE TROUBLE TO PRAY. PRAYER ENLARGES THE HEART. ASK AND SEEK, AND YOUR HEART WILL GROW BIG ENOUGH TO RECEIVE HIM AND KEEP HIM AS YOUR OWN.

— Mother Teresa

In a letter from Rev. Brice, he wishes to express his thanks to the Poke Run family for the remembrances, greetings, letters and otherwise during the past year. He continues, "They are deeply appreciated and cherished. My imagination is very active in relation to the people and programs of Poke Run Church; and may all know that my thoughts and prayers as in association with each and all of you re very much a part of my life. In this year 1984 may God continue His blessings to all!"

VOICE TO THE NATION

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| <p>1. Great as is heaven
Sweeter than song
Is the silent triumph
Of Right over wrong.</p> <p>2. Swift as an arrow
Transparent as love
Gift to God's children
Gift from above.</p> <p>3. Right the eternal
Giver of breath
Asking no crown for itself
Having no death.</p> | <p>4. They who do sow it
Give it it's name
Though others don't know it
It still does remain.</p> <p>5. Hear, O Great Republic!
Out of the night
The answer to <u>hunger</u>
The message of Right.</p> <p>6. Some kingdoms may conquer
Others may fall
Yet the God of the Universe,
The Maker of Right -- lives and rules
all.</p> |
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___ Roy S. Brice (December 8, 1933)

In assuming the burden of credit or blame for the above bit of writing some comments are in order. These comments are an attempt to explain something as to the historical situation which gave rise to it, and to evaluate the writing itself. They will furnish some needful support for the efforts of the writer, and they will also and primarily by way of indirection lead to the reason Voice To The Nation is being enclosed in The Ranger during the season when the cherished threads of traditional National Patriotism and those of the teachings and practical applications of historic Christianity are so closely intertwined.

By what authority does the writer address the Republic? From the standpoint of patriotism he seems to have set himself up as both judge and jury; and he might even be regarded as having questionable leanings. Of course, those who know him best, know quite otherwise. One of the hymns he loves with his emotional best is "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"; and he regards the American Flag as second only to the Holy Cross.

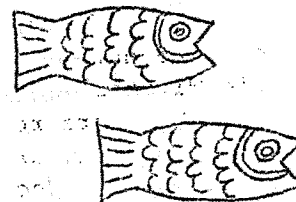
In terms of poetry, Voice To The Nation is perhaps only a doggerel-style attempt to express serious thought born of experience. By the refined literary world it would no doubt be viewed as something to be filed with the trivial, or even something to be quickly relegated to the circular file. However, fortunately or unfortunately it has already found acceptance and lodgement in one or two more creditable places.

From a theological perspective the writing leaves much to be desired. In the halls of precise orthodoxy, it might -- at best -- precipitate both amusing and heated discussions. At worst, it might be regarded as heretical. Just think! The word 'Right' and the words 'O Great Republic' are capitalized. The triumph of 'Right' appears to be equated with the eternal bliss of heaven; and 'Right' seems to be credited with the origin of life itself. Is getting rid of hunger the most important thing? Does man live by bread alone? No mention is made of Christ or of the Holy Spirit; and no Biblical proof-texts are indicated. Well, the unfavorable critics could join R. S. B. in going on and on.

Here is the supportive note. December 8, 1933 was over 50 years ago. R. S. B. had not as yet been taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry; and, not having been to a Theological Seminary, theological correctness would not have been expected of him. December 8, 1933 was in the midst of The Great Depression. Hunger prevailed all over our Nation, as it does today in many areas of the World of Nations. You will now understand why Roy S. Brice (Pastor Emeritus) has by way of indirection used this means to join in commendation of Poke Run Church for taking on the Heifer Project International.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Since the fish has always been a symbol for the church -- and for food -- and for Jesus' miracles -- in this year's One Great Hour of Sharing, it is a symbol of the way we show our love for other people by sharing with them the way Jesus shared. The need is so great! Give and share in these ways:



1. EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT OF PEOPLE

We don't have to be told about the immediate survival and rehabilitation needs of the suffering people of Lebanon. Food, clothing, layettes, blankets, etc. have been shipped to war-torn West Beirut. Doctors and nurses have been sent. High protein emergency food packages are distributed at refugee centers. Financial grants establish emergency clinics and hospitals for the wounded. Generators and pumps are provided to make safe water available. Olive and fruit tree seedlings are distributed for agricultural renewal. Funds are needed --and much has been given-- for church reconstruction in Syria and Lebanon. The Presbyterian Church, through its special offerings as One Great Hour of Sharing, joins with other Ecumenical Agencies around the world in multiplying the gifts to meet the tremendous need. There are also other emergencies around the world that require help, and your sharing.

2. SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

In Minneapolis and St. Paul, with sewing machines and looms purchased by O.G.H.S. funds, refugee women are making high-fashion clothing from their hand woven silks so that they are able to support themselves and their families. In Michigan where thousands of auto workers have been laid off and in North Carolina where mill shut-downs have left families with hungry children and nowhere to turn, O.G.H.S. funds earmarked for "Economic Dislocation" are providing hope, and helping people have a share in their own economic destiny.

3. THE PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER FUND

In Appalachia, the wealth from its rich mining and timber resources has left the region, leaving the natives with the lowest per capita income in the nation, and victims of poverty, malnutrition and disease. By your O.G.H.S. gifts --through projects such as land reclamation, education, nutrition and the development of traditional crafts (quiltmaking, woodcarving, etc.) these people are being helped to stand on their own feet and move towards a life free from hunger and poverty. Give-- that such as these might live more abundantly!

Love to pray - feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart. Ask and seek, and your heart will grow big enough to receive him and keep him as your own.

--Mother Teresa

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Office of Stated Clerk of Redstone Presbytery, which was left vacant by the death of The Rev. Harry Fisher, is to be filled at a special meeting of Presbytery called for Tuesday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Richard Baker of the Avonmore Presbyterian Church is serving as Acting Clerk. Also, at the special meeting, commissioners to the General Assembly and Synod will be elected. Rick Learn is being nominated to be a Commissioner to Synod.

We have a hero and heroine in our midst! Debbie and Terry Wiester, daughter and son of Mrs. Marjorie Wiester, are credited with saving a life when they pulled a man from a burning car. They were returning home from their evening turn jobs when they noticed smoke pouring from a car parked at a gas station. On quick investigation they discovered a man sleeping in the car -- and promptly pulled him away before calling for help. The car was a total loss. But the man was safe -- and very lucky -- thanks to Debbie and Terry!

Congratulations to Mrs. Bertha Johnston, who celebrated her 90th birthday on February 6, 1984.

Congratulations to Donna Blaser on her new job at Seton Hill College. As a Reading Specialist she is also Coordinator of the College Tutorial Program.

Joseph Zimmerman, son of James and Jane Zimmerman, left February 15, 1984, to report for army duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

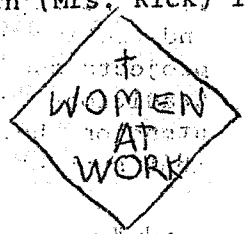
Greetings to Bill and Betty Kneppshield, who moved from the North Washington area to Winter Haven, Florida. Winter Haven is in the central part of the state.

Thanks to everyone whose contributions made it possible to purchase the new electric typewriter for the church office. The secretaries really appreciate it after struggling with the old one for a long time! You will notice throughout this issue of the newsletter the various kinds of type that is used, making a nicer layout of The Ranger.

Nancy Painter, our basketball star, put on an impressive show in the Section 1-AAAA game with Greensburg-Salem. Nancy, a senior at Kiski, tied her single game point total of 37, winning the game 63-38. Nice going -- or should we say nice throwing!

We enjoyed "The Chapel Ringers" from the Apollo United Presbyterian Church, who participated in our worship service on Sunday, January 29th. Amy Learn (Mrs. Rick) is the director of this Handbell Choir.

Jack and Eleanor Blair enjoyed a February vacation in Hawaii.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A filmstrip on the Church in Russia, "Discovering Our Oneness", showing the Soviet Union, its land, its churches and its people, will be the main feature of the program at the next regular meeting of the W. A., Tuesday evening, March 6, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

A program on "Bethlehem Haven", the Smithfield Street Church Refuge for the "Bag Ladies" of Pittsburgh, will be presented at the Union United Presbyterian Church, Wednesday evening, March 14, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. Heidi Houston, assistant minister at the church and director of the Haven, will be the speaker. The Union W. A. who are sponsoring the program, extend an invitation to all Poke Run women -- and men to attend.

POKE RUN CHURCH PHOTO ALBUM

More photos have been added to the album. Members are encouraged to contribute photos of Poke Run activities to this album as well as to the Blaser's personal album.

Father, forgive them.....

PRAYER FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE

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Give us, O God, the vision which can see thy love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the knowledge that we may pray with understanding the hearts, and show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming day of universal peace.

Colonel Frank Borman (Lunar Mission, 1968)

CONTINUOUS COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

The Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements met on January 24th for reorganization. Timothy Martin is the newly elected chairman of the committee. William Buckley is Vice-Chairman and Jane Gerhard is continuing in the position of Secretary.

The committee will meet quarterly during 1984 on the second Tuesday of April, July and October. A grounds and boundary tour is scheduled for July 10th.

The Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements is to provide a continuing leadership and assistance in regard to care and improvement of the property of Poke Run Presbyterian Church.

A list of persons presently serving on this committee will be found later in this issue of the newsletter.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS

With the Reunion of the two Presbyterian denominations last summer came a new constitution for our new Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) One area in which there are significant changes is the chapter on Church Membership, particularly the provisions for Inactive Members. The new constitution provides for the following categories of Church Membership: --

1. Baptized Members -- Those who are baptized but have not made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Active Members -- Those who are baptized, have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, have been received into active membership by the session, have voluntarily submitted to the government of our church, and are active in the church's work and worship.
3. Inactive Members -- Those members who do not participate actively in the church's work and worship.
4. Affiliate Members -- Those who may have their permanent membership with another congregation in another location and wish to establish a temporary official relationship with our church.

It is the responsibility of the session to determine when members on the Active Membership Roll have become inactive, and to place such members on the Roll as Inactive Members. Within the guidelines of The Book of Order the Session has adopted the provisions for those on the Inactive Roll. (see following)

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PERSONS ON THE INACTIVE ROLL OF POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- I. Persons placed on the inactive roll will be retained for the remainder of their life or until:
 - A. The person resumes active support of the work and worship of the church and is reinstated to the Active Roll.
 - B. The person requests in writing his or her name be removed from the roll.
 - C. The person requests a transfer to another church.
 - D. The person's mailing address is no longer known by the church.

- II. Membership Privileges which are Retained by those on the Inactive Roll.
 - A. Pastoral care and assistance will be provided whenever the church is made aware of the person's or family's need.
 - B. Inactive members are always welcome at worship and may receive the Lord's Supper. Such action will be considered as a positive sign that the person is seeking to renew his or her relationship with Christ and His Church.
 - C. Inactive Members will continue to receive the church newsletter.
 - D. Inactive Members will be entitled to purchase cemetery lots for themselves and their families.
 - E. Inactive Members will be entitled to a letter of transfer if they wish to unite with another congregation.

- III. Membership Privileges to which inactive members will not be entitled.
 - A. Inactive members are not entitled to voice or vote at meetings of the congregation nor may they hold office in the church.
 - B. Inactive members will normally not be able to present their children for baptism without first resuming an active relationship with the church.
 - C. Inactive members will normally not be married within the Church without first resuming an active relationship with the church.

BOARDS ESTABLISH NEW MEETING FORMAT

The Session, Board of Trustees, and Board of Deacons are now meeting simultaneously on the first Monday evening of each month. The meetings begin with a joint worship service, utilizing the new Service for Evening Prayer printed in the 1983 Mission Yearbook. Then each Board meets separately for their business meetings. Coordination of the work of the Boards is managed by an administrative committee consisting of The Clerk of Session, Trustee president, Moderator of The Deacons, and The Pastor. Members are encouraged to join in the prayer service and/or to observe the Board meetings. All committee & board meetings are open to members who wish to observe or to present concerns.

EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE FUND

The Presbytery has established a fund to assist unemployed persons who are in jeopardy of losing their homes. Anyone in the community, regardless of religious affiliation may be eligible. Inquire at church office for application.

MISSION CORRESPONDENTS NEEDED

Would you like the opportunity to have direct personal contact with one of the missionaries and mission programs our church is sponsoring? The Stewardship committee is looking for persons interested in writing to our missionaries about four times a year, so that we, as a church might have regular personal contact with our friends in mission. If interested contact Bob Thompson, Stewardship Chairperson or Rev. Wayne.

INTENSIVE TEACHER TRAINING WEEKEND -- March 30 and 31, 1984

Between 75 and 125 church school teachers and seminar leaders from Southwestern Pennsylvania will converge on our church Friday and Saturday March 30 and 31 for an Intensive Teacher Training event sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity. Carole Bowman has been working with the Christian Education Committee of Presbytery helping to coordinate the event. One favor we will be asking of members of the Church School is that about 10 students from each class participate in the Saturday morning in a classroom teaching demonstration led by the training team. Many thanks to members of the Women's Association for their willingness to provide meals for this event.

FELLOWSHIP BOWLING -- MARCH 16

The Fellowship will hold its annual all-night bowling event on Friday, March 16 at the Moose Lanes in Export. A sign-up sheet for registration will be placed on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Sunday, March 11th is the deadline for registration.

THE WESLEY CHOIR FROM OHIO UNIVERSITY

The Wesley Choir from Ohio University will sing at the Apollo First United Church of Christ, Warren Avenue and South Second Street, Tuesday, March 20, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. The thirty member group spreads the Good News of Christ through words and music. This event is being sponsored by the Apollo Area Ministerium Association.

OTHER ITEMS

The John Gearhard's had a great Christmas season with daughter Carol and sons home from Florida and son Glenn from his marine corps base in Hawaii.

The John Striner's had an open house for friends when their daughter Valerie and her husband Brett Crump came home for a visit from Hawaii. Valerie and Brett are both serving in the U. S. Navy.

*Lakeview
Welcome
Visitors*



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

LARGE PRINT HYMNBOOKS



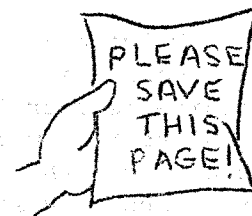
Circle 4 has purchased six Hymnbooks in LARGE PRINT for those who would like to use them. They are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy if you wish to use one on Sunday mornings. Circle 4 wishes to convey that they still are collecting pennies in their PENNY BARREL for additional Hymnbooks for the Sanctuary.

"A PEOPLE CALLED TO MINISTER IN CHRIST'S NAME TO OUR
COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD"

WAYNE C. BLASER, PASTOR
ROY S. BRICE, PASTOR EMERITUS

Richard Learn, Choir Director
Paul Fantaski, Organist

Mrs. Grace E. Hartman, Clerical Secretary
Mrs. Kathy Moneymaker, Clerical Assistant



NEW CHURCH OFFICERS (Elected January 22, 1984):

CHAIRPERSON	Mrs. Ruth Speer
VICE-CHAIRPERSON	William D. Buckley
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Mrs. Mary Louise Moore

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BENEVOLENCE TREASURER	Glenn T. Ross
AUDITOR	James Ciuca

THE SESSION

Class of 1984
Mrs. Ronna Ryman
Robert E. Kiebler
J. Marvin McKown
G. Edward Sharer

Class of 1985
James W. Dunmire
Ronald W. Bowman
William Buckley
Elwood V. Krusey

Class of 1986
Gerald R. Christy
Richard L. Learn
Calvin S. McCutcheon
Robert N. Thompson

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

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Laurie Martin, Treasurer
Kathy Moneymaker

Iris Kiebler
Mary Krusey
Mollie Waltenbaugh

Karen Heinlein
Shryl Stange, Sec'y.
Betty Thompson

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M. Timothy Martin, Secretary

Harry Penrod, President
Richard E. Ryman, Sr.,
Treas.

Peter Balbach
Thomas Fitzsimmons

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
10:00 a. m. to 11:30 a.m.



**CHURCH
OFFICE
HOURS**

Please have all announcements for the weekly bulletin at this time
as the Secretary and Assistant print the bulletin on Thursdays.

THE RANGER NEWSLETTER -- If you have items of interest to be included in the next
issue of The Ranger, please put them in the designated box
in the Narthex.

COMMITTEES OF THE SESSION -- 1984

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 Carole Bowman
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 Eleanor Zerbini
 Betty Thompson
 Ruth Speer

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J. Marvin McKown, Chairman
 William Buckley
 Mary Krusey
 Molly Waltenbaugh
 Pat Lengauer
 Becky Lange

CONTINUOUS COMMITTEE ON PROP. MAINT. & IMP.

Richard Painter	1981-1985
Eleanor Zerbini	1981-1985
William Buckley	1984-1985
Calvin S. McCutcheon	1984-1986
Thomas Fitzsimmons	1984-1986
Timothy Martin	1984-1985
Eleanor Fitzsimmons	1984
Iris Kiebler	1984-1985
Elwood Krusey	1981-1985
Eugene Zerbini	1981-1985
Jane Gearhard	1981-1985
Carol Thompson	1981-1985
Gary Linsenbigler	1983-1984
John Wigle	1983-1984

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EASTERTIDE

Again that time of year has come,
Springtime combined with Eastertide.
Blossoms, raindrops, bees that hum,
And nail-scarred hands and sword-
pierced side.

A cup of wine and crust of bread
Reminding us of Him who gave
All that He had, and as He died
Was buried in a borrowed grave.
And then triumphant Eastermorn,
He rose to fling aside His shroud,
For death is vanquished clean away
And Hallelujahs ring aloud!

—Wesley Memorial UMC
Raleigh, NC

We must be given the right to be wrong
in matters of religious belief. Other-
wise, we become hypocrites rather than
persons with beliefs that are truly our
own. If truth is mighty and if God is
all-powerful, his children need not fear
that freedom of thought will prove dis-
astrous.

—Francois de Fenelon
Archbishop of Cambrai

To love, to share, to serve; If these are
are our guiding lights, our lives will
prove most rewarding.

—Max Warmbrand

If God walked on the earth disguised as
Christ today, he would be considered a
loner. But in imitating Christ we must
not forget he seldom went alone. His
friends were those who needed friends
themselves.

—Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
Saratoga, CA

At the cross, our sin and God's love meet
in redemptive encounter.

Our limited potential accents God's
limitless power.

God's work of creating is done; our work
of praising has just begun.

The Spirit develops in us the clear image
of Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY

The day of sorrows now has come,
A day of grief and loss,
A day when He who knew no sin
Was burdened with a cross.

We see Him fall beneath its weight
And toil the mountain road,
Till steps forth Simon of Cyrene
To help Him bear the load.

We see the crown of thorns He wore;
We hear the frenzied throng;
We feel the hours of suffering
Which bore his soul along.

The nails, the words, the Roman guards
Mixed victory with loss,
To write for all the centuries
The story of the cross.

—West Bern Presbyterian Church
New Bern, NC

E arly one morning
A long time ago.
S ome faithful women
T o Jesus' tomb did go.
E mpty they found it!
R isen was He -- For you and me.

—Weems Creek Baptist Church
Annapolis, MD

REMEMBER ALWAYS THAT THE ROAD FROM
PALM SUNDAY TO PENTECOST MUST FIRST
PASS THROUGH GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER.

—The Lambeth Fathers

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SYMPATHY -- We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Laura Morrow, former caretaker of Poke Run Church in learning of the death of her son, Glen Morrow, of Apollo, on February 28, 1984. He is also the uncle of Kathy Money maker and Sylvia Thompson.

THE MEANING OF LENT

The word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon 'lencten,' and refers to spring when days grow longer. Like the days of spring, Lent itself was lengthened from the Good Friday observance across a period of several centuries.

Some people resent Lent's coming. But most people every year look forward to Lent as a time for spiritual discipline and deepening.

Roman Catholics fast to emphasize the spirit over the body. Even Protestants speak of "giving up something," but their major emphasis for Lent is repentance.

Strange, this association of repentance with joy. But the note comes from Jesus: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

The two most joyous days in the year are Christmas and Easter. And both are preceded by a penitential season.

-Trinity United Methodist Church
Greeneville, TN

WHY PALM SUNDAY?

Since palm branches are mentioned in only one of the four Gospels, why do we call it 'Palm' Sunday?

Tradition plays an important part in the role of the church, and one of the traditions during the time of Christ when Rome was the leading power in the world was that whenever the Romans were victorious in battle, the way of the returning heroes was strewn with palms.

This was the accepted custom of reception, so when Jesus rode into Jerusalem it was only right that he be given a hero's reception, for soon he would be victorious over death.

-Immanuel Lutheran Church
Muskegon, MI

OUR RESURRECTION

Naturally we cannot say much about the spiritual body, because we cannot imagine what it would be like to have a body different from that which we now inhabit, but it seems to me reasonable to believe that we are weaving our spiritual bodies as we go along. They are being formed by our thoughts and acts of will and imaginations during this life.

-W. R. Matthews

EVERY SUNDAY IS A NEW EASTER DAY

We must keep the feast...

From earliest Christian times
Christ's people have met on this day...
A memorial

And a celebration.

The Lord gives Himself to us.

The keynote of this day is not rest,
as the world understands rest,
but jubilee.

I need not tranquilizing,
but mobilizing.

'This is the day which the Lord
hath made;
we will rejoice and be glad
in it.'

-David E. Head

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

The basic meaning of the Resurrection is the liberation of Jesus Christ. John Masefield in his play tells in imagination how Procla, the wife of Pilate, sent for Longinus, the centurion in charge of the crucifixion, and asked him what had happened. 'He was a fine young man,' said Longinus, 'but when we were finished with him he was a poor broken thing on a cross.'

'So you think,' said Procla, 'that he is finished and ended?'

'No, madam, I do not,' said Longinus. 'He is set free throughout the world where neither Jew nor Greek can stop his truth.'

-William Barclay

GOD'S LOVE

We call it mercy --

It is God's forgiving love.

We call it providence --

It is God's caring love.

We call it kindness --

It is God's understanding love.

We call it Christ's passion and death --

It is God's proven love.

We call it happiness --

It is God's encouraging love.

We call it the will of God --

It is God's unerring love.

We call it heaven --

It is God's rewarding love.

We call it eternity --

It is God's unending love.

-Sister Mary Gemma Brunke

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