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CHURCH HOURS--
Church School: NEW: 9:45 a.m.
Service for The Lord's Day: 11:00 a.m.
PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 p.m.

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Dear Friends,

Can you believe that only a year from now we will be starting our Bicentennial Celebration? As we draw near to the 200th year in the history of Poke Run Church, let's remember with grateful hearts those who, since 1785, have carried and passed on the torch of Christian leadership from generation to generation. The recent Summer Olympics should be an inspiration to all of us as we plan our Anniversary program. We marveled as we considered the coordinating and synchronizing of the hundreds of events involving thousands of people in two full weeks of almost flawless performance. That took some "working together"! And that is what it will take to make Poke Run's Bicentennial Celebration a huge success.

Autumn brings in the Church calendar several important celebrations which focus on the calling and nature of the church as the Body of Christ.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY . . . October 7, 1984

The first Sunday has been traditionally observed as a day when Christians of all denominations and from every nation gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate that in Christ, despite all our differences we are one people, and that "The Tie that Binds our Hearts in Christian Love" as brothers and sisters in the Lord has a stronger claim on our lives than the divisive, often hostile, claims of Nation, Race, or even Political Philosophy. "For Christ himself has brought us peace, by making Jews and Gentiles one people. With his own body he broke down the wall that separated them and kept them enemies." (Ephesians 2:14)

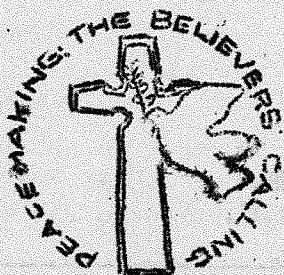
Because we as the Body of Christ are called to continue to carry out in our lives our Lord's Mission of making peace, our General Assembly has designated this day to be a celebration of PEACEMAKING. A special offering will be received for the PRESBYTERIAN PEACEMAKING PROGRAM. (Envelope enclosed)

REFORMATION SUNDAY . . . October 28, 1984

ALL SAINTS . . . November 4, 1984

These two celebrations are somewhat related, since they both recall the rich heritage of the Christian faith. They are both times to recall the examples of the many faithful persons who have offered their lives to Christ's service, often at great personal cost. The celebration of the Reformation is a time for recalling the stand taken by those in our tradition in order to preserve the truth of the gospel within a church that had swerved off course. The celebration of All Saints recalls our common heritage with the faithful of all times and places, who share with us the one calling we received through our baptism into Christ. On this day we celebrate the sacrament of Baptism and have a special remembrance of the members of Poke Run who have died in the past year as we celebrate our "mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won" at the Lord's Table.

POSTCARDS FOR PEACE



Having been inspired by God, the Presbytery of Lake Huron submitted a resolution-overture, which was passed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) calling for a day of Prayers and "Postcards for Peace" on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 1984. On this day postcards will be written by each worshipper to the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Soviet Union asking them to work together for a just peace

Many hundreds of Presbyterian Churches are expected to plan for this day. The Kirkridge Presbyterian Church prayerfully requests that other faiths join us in the world wide gathering of God's children. We also encourage others to help us spread the word to other ares. Many have already accepted this plan warmly. With your help and others like you, we see that this would be a gathering for God with prayers for peace by all people, at one time, and each card a vote for peace. This could have a tremendous effect on leaders of our earth.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

EXAMPLE (postcard stamps are 13¢ within the U.S.)

Dear Mr. President,

I urge you to work with President Chernenko for peace with justice for all.

(Your name)

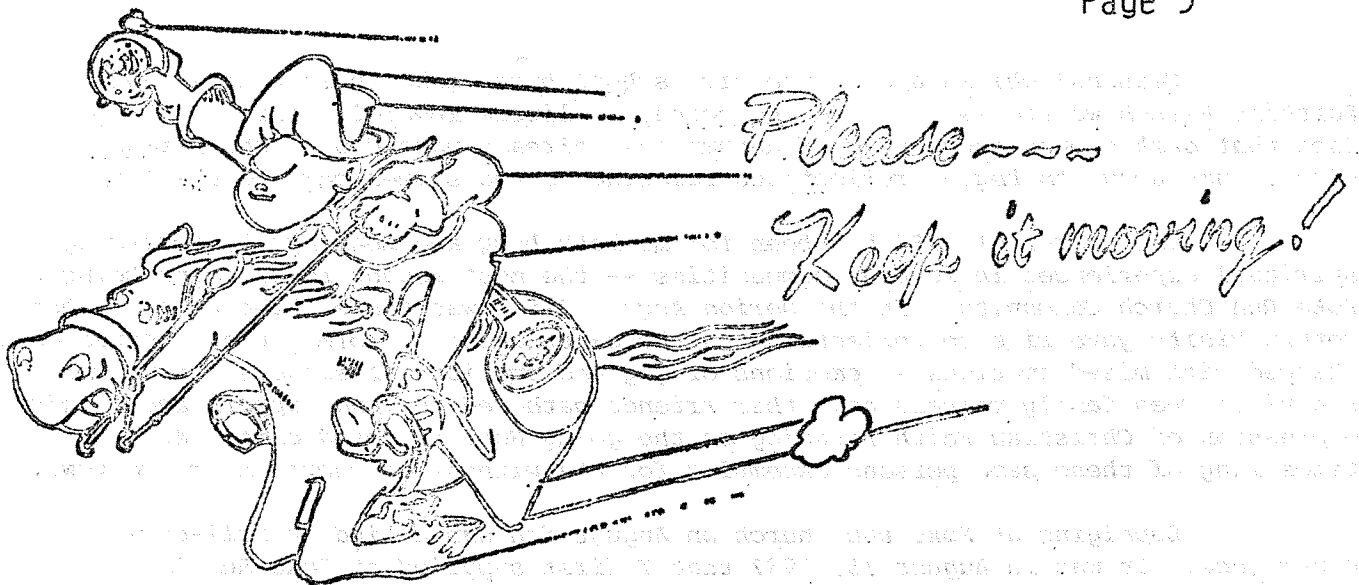
TO: President Ronald Reagan
The White House

Your Excellency,

I urge you to work with President Reaganf or world peace.

(your name)

TO: President Konstantin Chernenko
c/o the Soviet Embassy
1825 Phelps Place N.W.



THE PONY EXPRESS IS COMING AGAIN TO OUR CHURCH!

The highly successful stewardship program officially starts its second visit Sunday, October 21, 1984, when the Pony Express "Run" gets under way.

Timelines and procedures will be the same as a year ago, but there will be new and exciting posters, bulletin inserts, reminder cards and stewardship letters.

The PX plan is styled after the famous Pony Express mail relay system of more than a century ago. It relies heavily on teamwork.

Many of our members have commented about the fun they had participating in the "Run" last year. Because of our experience, we have decided to again rely on the PX saddlebag relay to raise our budget.

Glenn Ross will be "general manager" of the campaign. Helping Glenn on the PX coordinating committee are Ed Sharer "assistant general manager"; Ruth Ryman, Church School coordinator; Mary Krusey with Shyrl Stange assisting as Mail Clerks; and Calvin McCutcheon as Publicity agent. Glenn will provide guidance to six "station agents", who will each supervise five "trail bosses".

Each trail boss will again oversee a neighborhood PX "route" composed of ten families. Each family will be asked to be a "route rider", relaying a stewardship "saddlebag" to a nearby family.

The saddlebag will again contain "estimate of giving" cards. You will be asked to fill in a card, seal it in an opaque envelope, insert the envelope in the saddlebag, and hand-carry the bag to the next family on the route list attached to the bag strap.

Many members have said they were pleased that their decision about financial support of the church was made in the privacy of their home, without a "hard sell" solicitation from the church.

PONY EXPRESS TO RUN AGAIN

AMIDST SOME SUMMER REFLECTIONS - - - - - Roy S. Brice, Pastor Emeritus

Seasonal chills are in the air; school buses make their rounds; and with Dorthine Blesch we are aware of -- and perhaps a little inwardly jarred -- by the fact that dark clouds suggestive of autumn have already passed over the meadows. With autumn about to begin, reflections relating to the summer come to the fore.

The summer of 1984 has been for me both busy and meaningful, embracing spiritual experiences in several communities -- the most recent focal point being the Poke Run Church Community. In the period August 2-5 I was there three times. These return visits gave rise to reflections on the experiences of former years, experiences charged with mixed emotions -- emotions of joy and emotions of sadness. Many were the times when family members and other friends gathered to lend support and to give expression of Christian Faith relating to the going Home of loved ones. At other times many of these same persons assembled for the witness of sacred marriage vows.

Supplying at Poke Run Church on August 5th was a kind of full-cycle-experience. It was on August 15, 1937 that I first supplied at Poke Run Church -- at which time my sermon subject was: "A Blessed Fact" based upon Psalm 24:1. Evidently predeterminative factors merged on August 15, 1937, leading to arrangements for my being called on November 12, 1944 to Poke Run Pastorate. During the succeeding years I had worked out arrangements for many pulpit supplies; and being back to Poke Run as a supply on August 5th of this year (1984) was a kind of a completion of the cycle. Preparations for being there and being there involved both un-learning and learning.

Permanency seems to be closely related to the realities of the unseen world. Although so many who journeyed with us have gone, the reality of their unseen presence seems to wondrously abide. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

CHURCH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

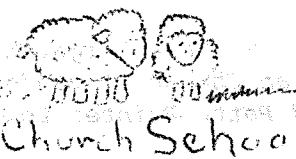
On Sunday, September 9 the Church School met in the Sanctuary for its annual assembly. The program was led by Pastor Wayne Blaser and acting superintendent Ruth Speer.

The following people were commissioned to teach in our Church School: Mary Louise Moore, Irma McDivitt, Donna Blaser, Beverly Tagliati, Laurie Martin, Karen Staymates, Karen Heinlein, Carole Bowman, Jim Dunmire, Jim Dunmire (II), Becky Lange, Sandy Chappell, Anna Hughes, June Penrod, Glenn Ross and Eleanor Zerbini.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS WERE RECEIVED BY:

- 3 month award: Chad McCutcheon, Stephanie Riggle, Joey Martin, Vicki Miller, Corrine Bazella, Brenda Bazella, Shawn McDivitt, Marianne Riggle, Staci Blaser;
- 6 month award: Lori Chappell, Robby Chappell, Tricia Weyel, Brea Weyel, Jonathan Shaeffer, Kim Tagliati, Amy Heinlein, Andy Thompson;
- 3 year award: Brenda Staymates;
- 4 year award: Meri Staymates.

Beginning this year all children in our Church School will receive a GOOD NEWS BIBLE when they enter the third grade. Thanks to a generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hawk the Church School was able to present Bibles to all of our pupils up through our youth class at the assembly program.



HEIFER PROJECT CARNIVAL MAKES BIG SPLASH

or at least our Pastor did on Saturday September 8, as numerous members and friends took deadly aim at the target on the dunking booth, provided by the West Wayside Class. Kids of all ages enjoyed pony rides, face painting, and various games and activities. People were photographed in the Academy Class's "succoth" booth. Funnel cakes, baked goods, barbeque and hot dog sandwiches were provided by Women's Association. Nearly \$400.00 was raised at the carnival for the Heifer Project International, an ecumenical program which helps the poor and hungry people of the world to become self supporting by providing livestock and agricultural training.

Our thanks to all who participated and to Rick Learn, chairman and his committee of Pat Lengauer, Donna Blaser, Kathy Moneymaker and Eleanor Zerbini for their planning and hard work.

WEDDINGS

Patrick D. Long, son of Mrs. Irene Long, and Joan Gess of Greensburg, on July 14, 1984, in the First Methodist Church of McKeesport, with the bride's uncle officiating.

Kevin Dean Lightner, son of Clifford and Karen Lightner, and Debora Sue Hazuza, on August 18, 1984, in the sanctuary with Rev. Wayne Blaser officiating.

Robert Carson and Heather Metzgar, daughter of John and Judy Metzgar and granddaughter of Edith and the late James Metzgar, on June 2, 1984, in the First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA.

David Brian Duckworth and Stacy Lynn Bowman, granddaughter of Edgar and Marie Brewer, on June 23, 1984, in Faith Lutheran Church, Oklahoma Borough.

Craig Bryan II, son of former members Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bryan of Gainesville, Florida, and Joyce Rattay, on June 23, 1984, in the Grace Community United Presbyterian Church in Lower Burrell, PA.

Congratulations to all the newlyweds!

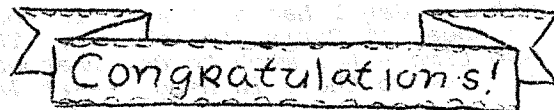
BIRTHS

A daughter, Korinda Nadine, on June 11, 1984, to Donald J. and Terri N. (Miller) Altman of Leechburg. Mrs. Carol Harkleroad is the maternal grandmother.

A daughter, Kimberly Ann, on July 14, 1984, to Bill and Debbie (Spagnol) Zimmerman. Paternal grandparents are James and Jane Zimmerman.

A daughter, Virginia Ruth, on July 23, 1984, to Mr. and Mrs. Kendall (Kathleen Hartman) of Redondo Beach, California. Maternal grandfather is Raymond (Tubb) Hartman, Sr., and great-grandfather, Glenn (Web) Hartman.

Congratulations to parents and grandparents!



NEW MEMBERS

Miss Harriet Lesley and Miss Ruth Lesley from Tower Hill Presbyterian Church of Red Bank, New Jersey; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson Sharer (Karen Schmidt) from the Sons of Zebedee Church of Saltsburg, PA.

Welcome!

Jerry L. and Mary Margaret Long and children Gary and Susan to the First United Presbyterian Church of Vandergrift;
 Alan and Patty Painter to the West Hempfield United Presbyterian Church of Irwin, PA.;
 Jay Robert McIntyre to Montours Presbyterian Church of Oakdale, Pennsylvania;
 Mrs. Helen (Wade) Walker to the Apollo United Presbyterian Church of Apollo, PA.;
 Mrs. Betty J. (Claypoole) Butz to the Grace Presbyterian Church of Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

DEATHS

Bertha F. Johnston, on August 2, 1984, in Monroeville, PA. She united with Poke Run Church on April 14, 1946. Her funeral service was in the sanctuary with the Rev. Roy S. Brice officiating.

James H. Metzgar, on September 10, 1984, at his home in Mamont. He united with Poke Run Church on October 19, 1910, and was ordained a Ruling Elder on July 14, 1929. Services were held in the sanctuary on September 13, 1984 with interment in Poke Run Cemetery.

Relatives of members:

Harriet Berlin, mother of Mrs. Harry (Joyce) Sieczkowski, on June 8, 1984.

Walter Brodmerkel, husband of Erma (Speer) Brodmerkel and brother-in-law of Gladys Hartman, on June 8, 1984, in Pittsburgh. Interment took place in Poke Run Cemetery.

John O. Knepshield, father of William E. Knepshield, on June 22, 1984. Rev. Wayne Blaser conducted the services in Apollo, PA on June 26, 1984.

Elizabeth Petach, mother of Mrs. Irene Long, on August 14, 1984, in McKeesport.

Delmer J. Long, brother-in-law of Grace Hartman, on August 31, 1984.

Guy A. Learn, grandfather of Rick Learn, on September 6, 1984, in Coudersport, PA.

Roy Vincent Hild, brother of Mrs. Anna (Arthur) Moorhead, on September 20, 1984, in Washington Township.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the above and also to the families of:

Marie N. Johnston, wife of Dr. William Johnston, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville, who died unexpectedly on July 31, 1984. Dr. Johnston was the moderator at Poke Run after Rev. Brice's retirement.

Henry Barron, of the North Washington area, who died suddenly on August 20, 1984. Mr. Barron will be remembered as the owner of the bus lines that transported the school children in the Poke Run area for many years.

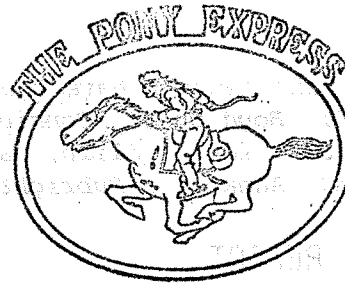
NO TIME ????????

(Submitted by
 Anna Hughes)

I knelt to pray, but not for long; I had too much to do,
 Must hurry off and get to work, for bills would soon be due.
 And so I said a hurried prayer, Jumped up from off my knees,
 My Christian duty now was done, My soul could be at ease.
 All through the day I had no time, To speak a word of cheer,
 No time to speak of Christ to friends, They'd laugh at me, I feared.
 No time--No time-- too much to do, That was my constant cry,
 No time to give to those in need, ---at last--t'was time to die!
 And when before the Lord I came, I stood with downcast eyes,
 Within His hands He held a book --It was the Book of Life.
 God looked into His book and said, "Your name I cannot find.
 I once was going to write it down-- but never found the time.....!"

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world,
 and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36

(Taken from the newsletter of Christ's Lutheran Church of Murrysville, PA.)



196TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY of P.C. U.S.A.

At the 196th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) held in Pheonix, Arizona, in June, Harriet Nelson, an elder in the Napa, California, First Presbyterian Church, was elected Moderator. The Rev. James E. Andrews was elected as the first stated clerk of the reunited church. He had served as General Assembly stated clerk of the former P.C.U.S. since 1973. The Assembly voted to "recognize evangelism as central to its calling", adopting a three-year emphasis on evangelism and church growth, and laying plans for a five-year program at all levels of the church. This action followed the sobering report that, in 1983, church membership decreased by 35,000. However, an "unprecedented amount of money - \$1.2 billion" -- had been given to mission work and administration.

Other items of business included: approval of a pension increase for retired employees; action aimed at broadening the number of youth and lay persons involved in worship leadership; continuing support of the Equal Rights Amendment; a call to the U. S. government to end military aid to the Marcos regime in the Phillippines; approval of a comprehensive resolution on Central America; voting down a recommendation that the denomination use a gender -- inclusive lectionary; and a call to congregations to investigate the extent and causes of hunger within their own communities, meeting the immediate needs, and working for legislative and other systemic changes that will help remove the causes of hunger. Keynote speakers urged the Assembly to redouble its efforts for the nuclear freeze, and to use church action to put desperately needed pressure on the South African government to make the changes needed to halt the injustice to the blacks there.

PEACE AWARD TO JACK FIFE'S CHURCH

At the 196th General Assembly held at Phoenix, Arizona, in June, Southside Presbyterian Church of Tucson, Arizona, was presented the Peaceseeker Award, given annually by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. The award, given in recognition of the church's work in behalf of Salvadoran refugees, was accepted by its pastor, the Rev. John M. Fife, and its clerk of session, Ms. Susan Parrott. In the presentation the congregation was praised for helping Salvadorans find refuge, for restoring the historic tradition of sanctuary, and "putting the Law of God above human ordinances."

KUNKLE PARK DEDICATION

Washington Township residents had an opportunity to view their own beautiful park when it was dedicated on Sunday, July 22, 1984. The Rev. Wayne Blaser had the invoation and Donald Lengauer sang "The Star Spangled Banner". Our Fellowship Group sponsored one of the several Food Booths. The following note of appreciation attests to its success:

The Fellowship Group had a very successful pop sale at Kunkle Park on July 22, 1984. Many thanks are owed to Chuck and Marilyn Miller for their donation of 7-up products to the sale. We also like to thank Bruce Smith for his assistance in obtaining Pepsi products; Wm. A. Powers wholesale meat company did us a great service by providing their coolers to chill the pop. Lastly many thanks to all Fellowship members who supported the event by giving of their time to sell the products at Kunkle Park and providing ice to keep the pop cold. THANKS AGAIN EVERYONE!

HOSPITALS

The following members have been hospitalized at some time during the summer months: Jack Blair, Boyd Speer, Connie Boarts, Charles Beatty, Carl Ferguson, Neale Wiester, Mary Steele, Lois Endlich, Carl Schutzler, James McDivitt, Beverly Tagliati, Ronna Ryman (Miss), Annabelle Rubright and Richard Kistler.

YOUTH CARAVAN REPORT

This most interesting letter came from Ruth Ryman as she traveled with a Youth Caravan in July.

Hi!

I thought I would write and tell you what is going on. There are six of us on the Caravan. We went to Camp Lackawana for four days where we had training for learning how to handle teaching situations. From there we went to Philadelphia for ten days. There we did many things. We helped paint a church in Camden, New Jersey. The church was in a rough section of all black people. Needless to say we felt a bit out of place. They were having a Bible School in the church we were painting and the people made us feel welcome. Then we went to a community center and helped the elderly. The next week we worked with the homeless and put on puppet shows for little kids. Working with the homeless was really depressing. They just walked around like zombies. The puppet shows were of puppets who had different handicaps and they are supposed to teach the children that people with handicaps aren't too different from us. The kids love them. The puppets are called "The Kids on the Block". At night we went down to South Street and walked around. You should see some of the people! Everyone is into the punk look with multi-colored hair and wild outfits. It was very interesting to say the least. We stayed at Old Pine Church on Pine Street between 4th and 5th street. On the 21st we left Philadelphia and went to Stroudsburg. Two of the girls went to Mahanoy City where they would run a Bible School. I am in Stroudsburg. Tom Blair is our advisor while we are here. Harold Rosenburger is the minister of the Middle Smithfield Church where we are helping with their Bible School. We lead singing, help with games and crafts, and helped teach different age groups.

This has been a wonderful experience for me. I have been exposed to so many different ways of life. It makes me feel thankful for what I've got. We are leaving tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m. From here we are going back to Camp Lackawana for our debriefing. Sunday at 1:00 p.m. we leave to come home. This month has been very rewarding for me. I just got an idea of how other people live and what their needs are. There's so much to do. I hope that we helped them.

Ruth Ryman

"COMING SOON -- P O N Y E X P R E S S"

"RUN BEGINS OCTOBER 21, 1984"

SUMMER VISITORS

Edith Metzgar has taken the time to list and acknowledge all the visitors registered in our guest book during the summer months: Olive Bazella, Lisa Ciuca, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ciuca, Mrs. Edith Kistler Campbell, Allison Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Duff, Mark R. Gunkle, Mildred Tomer George, Mrs. Amy Hartman, Mrs. Ruth Harding, Kenneth, Dorothy Jean and Dean Hurlbut, Jack U. Horrell, Mrs. Debbie Puechl, Kevin R. Hanus, James O. Knepshield, William and Betty Knepshield, Ruth K. Kistler, Mrs. Vera Little, Dale and Shirley Moorhead, Fay Manifest, Paul and Martha Moats, Randall Mellinger, Pete Penrose, Mrs. Violet Ressler, Karen and Jay Sharer, Mrs. Arlene Switzer, Ms. Tammy Schmeltz, Rev. Marnie Silbert, Teady Simmons and Family, Jeane E. Suche, Roma Sarn, Claude, Joan, Jill and Jay Wilhelm, Linda Wilhelm and Mrs. Louise Wagner.

Return to
FALL SCHEDULE

Church School -- 9:45 A. M.
Worship Service -- 11:00 A. M.

Church School
Time
Change

THANK YOU'S

Our thanks to John Wigle and Tim Martin for building and painting the mail-boxes in the hallway across from the Church Office. Boxes have been designated for chairpersons of Session Committees, Church School Officers, Board of Trustees Officers, Board of Deacons Officers, Clerk of Session, Bldg. Fund Treasurer, Benevolence Fund Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Current Fund Treasurer, Choir Director, Caretaker, Pastor, Church Office (includes secretaries and Ranger newsletter items). Please check the box each week as this will be how the mail is distributed.

Our thanks also to Milton and Audrey Brinker for the beautiful flower beds around the sanctuary that have given us so much pleasure throughout the spring and summer. And now we notice the mums bursting forth in bloom for the fall.

Irene Long wishes to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Petach.

And from Melinda Heinlein -- I would like to thank all the people that contributed this year so that we could go to Pine Springs Camp. We really had fun, met a lot of new friends. The counselors were great, and we even learned a few things! Thank you again.

Also, thanks to Ruth Speer for the new green Paraments for the Lord's Table and Lecterns given in memory of her husband, C. McKee Speer.

And from Ruth Ryman, thanks for all the donations and opportunity to participate in the Youth Caravan Trip they were greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed articles to this issue of "The Ranger" and to Pat Lengauer for the front cover drawing.

From our Heifer Project Chairman - Rick Learn: Many individuals and groups contributed to the success of the project: the Carnival Committee, the Women's Association, Church School teachers and students, Individuals cash donations, the Wiesters, Hartmans, James McQuaides, Bernard McQuaides, Krokoskys and Lengauers -- Many thanks to all for their individual contribution and also the Washington Twp. fireman for filling the dunking booth with water. Also, the computer quiz which was designed by Bill Yelenik and had been planned for the carnival and will be used during the craft sale in the fall.

THANKS! The carnival project raised about \$500.00.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Academy Bldg. Adult Sunday School Class of Poke Run Church held its tenth Annual Picnic at the home of Mollie and Lynn Waltenbaugh on July 13, 1984 with forty-four present.

The pool was definitely the most popular place - age being no factor. The next most popular place was the lovely table covered with delicious, delectable, dietary delights with Harry Penrod and assistant Ruth Speer "man"-ing the hamburg-hotdog grill on the side.

Our hostesses deserve a good deal of credit for making our evening thoroughly enjoyable. We all appreciated it. It was a lovely picnic.

June D Penrod, Secretary

*PX Trail Bosses
Signing On*

SOMEBODY, NOBODY, ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY

Once there were four neighbors who lived side by side. Their names were Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Pete Anybody and Joe Nobody. They were very odd people and it was difficult to understand them or the things they did. The way they lived was a shame and everyone knew it.

For example, Somebody talked about his neighbor and Everybody was afraid to say anything because Somebody might find out. But Everybody knew that Anybody talked about Somebody too, so he was getting what he deserved.

It wasn't a very pleasant neighborhood. There was the time Anybody's house caught on fire. Everybody thought Somebody had called the fire department. Somebody thought Everybody had done it, so it turned out that Nobody called the fire department and Anybody suffered a terrible loss.

All four belonged to the church. Everybody went fishing on Sunday. Anybody wanted to worship but was not very friendly and was sure that Somebody would not speak to him, so Nobody was the only one who went.

Nobody was the only decent one of the four. Nobody was very faithful. Nobody paid the Lord's tithe. Nobody sang in the choir. Nobody took up the offering. No matter what had to be done, Nobody did it. When they needed a schoolteacher, Everybody thought that Anybody would teach but he wouldn't. Neither would Somebody, so guess who finally did it? That's right: Nobody.

Which of the four finally got to heaven? NOBODY!!!

(Submitted by Sandy Chappell)

INTERESTING ITEMS

Stella Elwood was honored at a program at the Upper Burrell Elementary School on June 5, 1984, along with Anna Hughes and all former teachers in Upper Burrell Township. The occasion was the closing of the Upper Burrell Building after forty years as the center of Education in the area. Mrs. Elwood was the first head teacher, a position she held until her retirement in 1966.

Look out, Hollywood! In June, our Music Director, Rick Learn, had a leading role in the musical comedy, "Ernest in Love" at Sherwood Forest, and his wife Amy was the pianist. This past month, John Rubright performed in "Take Me Along" and Paul Fantaski was the pianist.

Ed and Shyrl Stange and family had a weird experience this summer driving through Willoughby, Ohio. They were arrested! But it wasn't all that bad! For 33 years the Lions Club of Willoughby has picked a day in August to stop a car with out-of-state license plates and cite the driver for passing through the town without stopping to be friendly! The victims of the "mock arrest" are then the toast of the town the rest of the day. They were treated to lunch and presented gifts in honor of their visit. What a great way to be arrested!

Joe and Freda Bowman entertained several out-of-state relatives this summer-- Joe's sister and her husband, Margaret (Peg) and Harold Troup of McGregor, Minnesota, and his daughter, Blanche Hamler of Lomita, California.

Irene Long, with her son Pat and his wife Joan, traveled to Brookfield, Wisconsin, in June, to visit Bob Long and family and do some sightseeing.

Congratulations to Ruth Ryman, daughter of Richard and Ronna Ryman, who was awarded the Rugh Scholarship this year. She will attend Penn State University and she will major in Elementary Education, specializing in Pre-School and Kindergarten. This is the Viola C. Rugh Memorial Scholarship -- Members or sons and daughters of members of Poke Run Presbyterian Church are eligible to make application for this scholarship which is administered by the Board of Trustees Kiskiminetas Spring School. High School seniors interested and accepted at a four-year college may contact: Ms. Beverly Rumbaugh, Secretary -- Kiskiminetas Springs School, Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681. Our Session or Pastor are not involved in determining who will be awarded this scholarship.

Doug and Nadene Bruce, with their small daughter Natalie Nadene, are making their home at University Park, PA., where Doug is enrolled in the Penn State School of Engineering.

Ruth Speer went to son Jack's in Chalfont, PA, to help welcome home her granddaughter Sharon Speer, who returned August 20th from an 8 week visit in Holland. Sharon, a high school junior, had received a travel scholarship for this most interesting trip. On September 15th Ruth left for a visit to the World's Fair in New Orleans.

Vida B. Wigle, Poke Run's oldest member, was honored with a card shower on her 94th birthday, on July 9, 1984.

Circle 3 Announcement--

Beginning Friday, October 12, 1984, all Circle 3 (Rugh Circle) meetings will be held in the daytime at 12:30 p.m. Beginning in 1985, there will be an August meeting, but none in January. Hostesses for the October 12th meeting of a Luncheon are Garnette Orr, Vera Thomas and Jane Zimmerman. Mabel Kiebler will be the program leader.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE announces that Presbyterian Media Mission has developed a public service announcement for radio. These announcements, entitled "Food for Thought" deal with the hunger issue. If you live in a community served by these stations, urge them to use them. The spots should have been sent to the following stations:

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| WPQR - FM, Uniontown | WAJE - AM, Ebensburg |
| WASP - AM, Brownsville | WTYQ - FM, Johnstown |
| WCNS - AM, Latrobe | WCRO - AM, Johnstown |
| WBCW - Jeannette | WGLU - FM, Johnstown |
| WNCC - AM, Barnesboro | WJAC - AM/FM, Johnstown |
| WHJB/WOKU, Greensburg | WJNL - AM/FM, Johnstown |

When you hear a program or spot produced by Presbyterian Media Mission, please let the station know that you appreciate hearing these announcements.

PASSAGES can be heard on the following stations and at these times:

KQV	AM	1410	Pittsburgh, PA	Sunday	8:30 p.m.
WDUQ	FM	90.5	Pittsburgh, PA	Friday	11:00 a.m.
WAMQ	AM	1400	Loretto, PA	Sunday	9:30 p.m.
WPQR	FM	99.3	Uniontown, PA	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
WARO	AM	540	Canonsburg, PA	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
WCYJ	FM	88.7	Waynesburg, PA	Sunday	4:00 p.m.
WEDO	AM	810	McKeesport, PA	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
WPLW	AM	1590	Pittsburgh, PA	Sunday	10:30 a.m.
WTKN	AM	970	Pittsburgh, PA	Sunday	5:30 a.m.

THE PONY EXPRESS

"WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO PASS IT ON"

HARVEST HOME -- JOHNSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN HOME
 787 Goucher Street
 Johnstown, PA

The Harvest Home at Johnstown Presbyterian Home will be Sunday, September 30, 1984. Open House --

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Auxiliary Meeting -- 2:45 p.m.

Suggested Donations are being gathered at a table in the Poke Run Church and will be delivered to the home at 12:30 p.m. by our Johnstown Home Representative, from the Women's Association, Miss Louise Hall.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS: Staples: sugar, rice, etc.; Commercially Canned Foods (The Home cannot use home-canned tomatoes, etc.), Jams and Jellies -- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Coffee, Tea, Peanut Butter, Tea Towels, Dish Cloths, and Paper Products. CASH is always appreciated.

Checks may be made payable to "Redstone Presbyterian Home" and are tax deductible.

Harvest Home



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1984
 immediately after worship

ELECTIONS	
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ELECTION OF ELDERS, DEACONS and TRUSTEES

ELECTION OF MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM COMMITTEES

ELECTION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

ADOPTION OF 1985 BUDGET

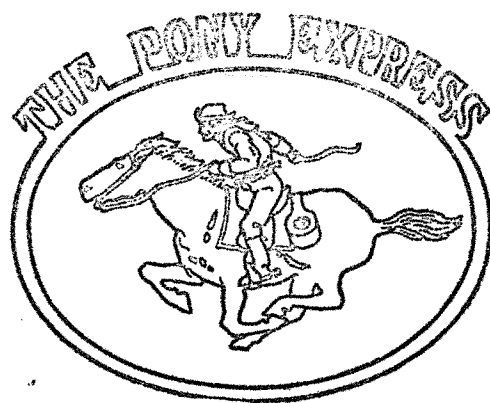
OTHER BUSINESS OR CONCERNS MAY BE PRESENTED BY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Please telephone the church office from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, with any announcement for the bulletin. Please also telephone if you have a member of your family hospitalized or if you have a birth of a new baby. Rosebuds are placed in the Sanctuary by our Women's Association for the birth of a new baby to a member of the congregation. The office telephone number is 327-5563. If it is not convenient for you to telephone at these times please call any time and leave your message on the answering machine and we will return your call.



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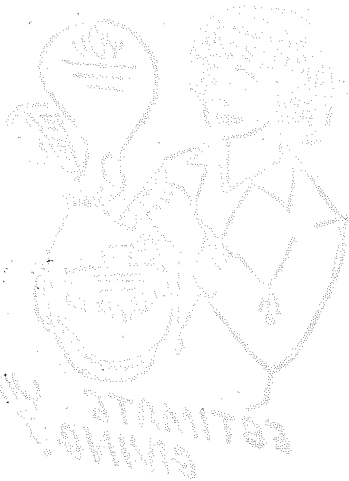


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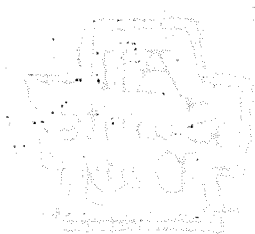
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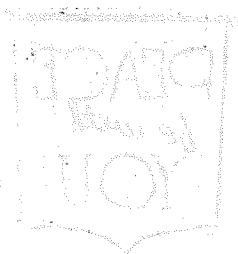
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