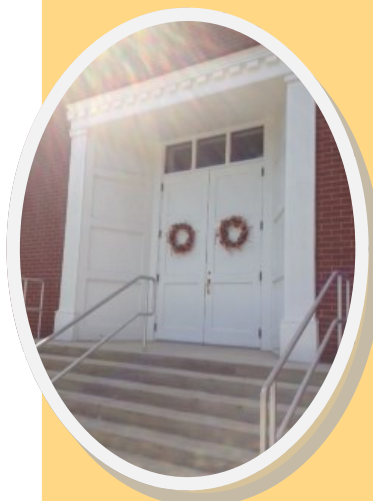


THE RANGER

OCTOBER
2013

POKE RUN



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Is not life more than food? (Matthew 6:25)

To this I will add the question, "Is not worship more than liturgy"?

As I mentioned Sunday morning during our worship services we decided to wait to send out the Ranger. The reason for this is that we wish to include pictures and reflections on the ordination service of Sue Washburn. For everyone who was there it was a time of celebration. From beginning to end one could feel the energy. It is safe to say that the Spirit was there. What was it? Was it the praise band? They certainly helped. Was it the format of the service? If you look closely the format of the service was little different from any other service.

This leads me to reflect on a worshipping congregation like Hot Metal Bridge. I will admit that I have not attended any of their services. However people who have, tell me that they are full of energy, drama, and near chaos. They reflect the lives of the younger people who attend: frantic, disconnected, and dynamic. Yet, again, if you look at the form or liturgy of the worship service, it is pretty ordinary; for it comes from the PC(USA) worship book. All services are served well by gathering, speaking and hearing the Word, giving thanks, and being sent into the world to witness. In this way, Hot Metal Bridge is no different from us, and last night's service in its basic form was not different from ours. What then is the difference?

To think about this question, we'll think about food for a few moments. No one would argue with Jesus I think, that life is more than food. We also know that there is no life without food. Without food we would soon

starve and the human race would be no more. Food provides the energy that we need to continue to exist. It is also true that the quality and quantity of the food we eat determines the health of our bodies and the energy available to us in the living of our daily lives. We also know that Jesus is right; we can be perfectly healthy in our bodies and still lead a dry drab existence. Life is more than food; food is necessary for our continued existence.

The same can be said for our worship. We cannot worship without some kind of prescribed format. Gatherings of any sort without a form and a direction and a purpose soon degenerate into anarchy and chaos. Liturgy, the form of the service, is necessary. We have a liturgy that provides for the energetic flow of the Spirit into our lives. It is ancient, perhaps as ancient as humanity itself. Still today it sustains us in our weekly worship. What is different in a service in which energy is high and the Spirit invades is the energy that each individual worshipper brings with them and injects through their particular participation. Expectations drive the reality of the worship.

Music is important; music that invigorates and inspires us to participate. Still we must participate, music is not

everything. It is the entire service. It is the exchange of energy between the congregation and the musicians, liturgists, speakers, and pastor. We also know that the music that we like best is the music of our youth, the music that we listened to during our late teens and early twenties. These rhythms and melodies stick with us throughout our lives and inspire us and bring us happiness and familiar memories.

Now let's put this together. The "food" that gives full life and energy to our daily lives and to our worship services is spiritual. Without zest for life, we can barely get through each day. Jesus said that he came to give us life, full and abundant life. Faith in Jesus gives us this life. This new spiritual life gives us the energy that we need to get up daily seeking God's will. Living God's will energizes us and gives our lives meaning. When we live meaningful lives we come to Sunday worship full of the Spirit. We explode with praise. We open more fully the flow of love between God and us. We celebrate the goodness of the Lord. We are, as the ancients said and still say to us, fed from the Word. We become alive.

Let us worship God!

Pastor Pete

For our prayers

Thelma McCutcheon, Conrad McQuaide, Karen Lightner, Clifford Lightner, Irene Clark, Irma McDivitt, James Powers, Carolyn Buckley, Steve Morcheid, Robin, Tom Kimble, Grace Young, Amy McQuaide, Bob Bierer, Lil Bowman, Pat Lengauer, Norm Reinhart, the family of Nelson Thompson, Joanne Fitzsimmons, Jim Thompson, Eugene Witt, Berenice Jones, Cathy Washburn, Kristen Fairbaugh, Jean Campbell, Tom Martin, Devon, Anna Mae Chicka, Helen Grayem and those who serve in the military.



We prayerfully acknowledges the passing of Poke Run Presbyterian Church members, Nelson C. Thompsen and Ada “Dolly” Remaley. Please continue to keep their loved ones in your prayers.

Thank You

Thank you to our September Greeters: Ethel & Gary Brewer, Shyrl Stange, Dorothy Sottoriva, Chad McCutcheon, Freda Bowman and Edyth Elwood.

Thank you to our September Lectors: Shyrl Stange, Jeffrey Wilkinson, Douglas Bruce, Ruth O'Connor and Glenn Ross

Thank You from Robin Webster:

“Thank you so much for having me come and join you... It was so great to see many of you again and meeting many new faces. I had such a good time sharing at your services and Sunday School! Thank You & God Bless”

In addition, Robin presented Poke Run with the gift in the photo to the right. Look for it on the table in the Narthex. It depicts Petra—Petra is a historical and archaeological city in the southern Jordanian governorate of Ma'an, that is famous for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system.



EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

The office is putting together an email phone chain for those who wish to ask for prayer. If you wish to be part of this outreach, please email the office. pokerun@windstream.net

POKE RUN COMMUNITY DINNER

OCTOBER 5, 2013

4 TO 7 PM

ADULTS \$12.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

**TAKE OUT'S AVAILABLE
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL**

724-396-3227

OR

724-327-5563

**Volunteers are still needed—
please contact Laurie Powers**

Special thanks to those who spent Monday
cleaning the kitchen in preparation for the dinner.

If you are able, please come on Thursday,
October 3 at 6pm to help prepare the Dining Room.



“Soup for the Soul” will resume on Wednesday, October 9th.
(Chicken Noodle Soup!!!!)

11:30am—doors open, Noon—”Soup’s On”

Mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of the month
October through May. If you would like flyers to distribute,
please contact the Church office.

Remember to invite a friend.

If you are able to volunteer a dessert or your time, please contact
the Poke Run Office.

*If you have appropriate News to share in the Ranger—please submit it
to the office. The next Ranger deadline is October 28th.*



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Circle 2: will meet at the church on October 10th, 7pm. The hostess will be Amy Wilkinson. The leader will be Linda Moorhead.

Circle 4: will meet on October 10th at 12:00pm. Eleanor Zerbini will be the hostess and Jane Blair will be the leader.

The "Fall Gatheing" of the Redstone Presbyterian Women will be held at Vandergrift Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 26th from 9am until 2:30pm. The leader will be Rev. Donna Havrisko, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensburg with Captain Pamela Rhodes from the Greensburg Salvation Army; they will be speaking on human trafficking. Also SERV International, specializing in "fair trade", sale will be available for early Christmas shopping. Deadline for registration. Is Friday, October 18. Please contact the church office at 724-327-5563 or Laurie Martin at 724-727-3361 to register.

The Redstone PW Mission Trip to New Windsor, MD is completely full with 30 volunteers. Please keep participating individuals in prayer as they work to serve missions.

Poke Run Presbyterian Women will be preparing for the Community Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6pm. Everyone who can help is asked to pitch in for cleaning and conversation. The profit from the October Community Dinner will benefit the Poke Run "Road Fund." And don't forget your pies!

Thank you to everyone who heard Robin's story of the current situation in Jordan and her ministry there. Please continue to keep her in prayer and support her financial needs through International Temas as she finalizes her plans to return to Jordan for two more years of mission service.

The next meeting of the Poke Run Presbyterian Women will be held on Tuesday evening, December 3 with Circle 2 serving as leaders and hostess.



In 1988, **Presbyterian Women** was created, bringing together the best of the women's organizations from the two denominations that merged to become the Presbyterian Church (USA.) So for 25 years now, our beloved organization has been witnessing to the promise of God's kingdom and transforming lives around the world. And of course, this young group is carrying on the more-than-200-year-tradition of Presbyterian women meeting, praying and acting together in shared love of God!

A Timeline of Presbyterian Women's 25 year history is available at www.pcusa.org/resource/25-years-pw/

The Boy Scout troop is also looking for someone to help and advise them while pursuing the "Railroading" merit badge. Contact the Church office if you can help. 724-327-5563.



SUPPORT BSA TROOP 552 POKE RUN, PA 2ND ANNUAL MULCH SALE

HIGH QUALITY HARDWOOD MULCH

**NATURAL - 3 CUBIC FOOT BAG - \$5.00 RED,
BROWN OR BLACK - 2 CUBIC FOOT BAG - \$5.00**

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY

**Contact Jeff Wilkinson at 724-335-0710 OR Logan
Hileman at 724-325-4786**



CIRCLE 2 CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013 8AM TO 1PM “BAG SALE” AT NOON

**Donations accepted during the week before, call the church for times:
724-327-5563**

**NO LARGE APPLIANCES, COMPUTERS OR TELEVISIONS PLEASE
If help is needed for a large item for donation please contact a
Circle 2 member or the Church Office.**

POKE RUN TRUSTEES

Have you seen the new Poke Run sign at the end of the drive? Wow—what a Punch! Great job Trustees—special shout out to Mario Tagliati.

The next big issue is a “road” project. Plans include paving the road from the bend in the parking lot by the manse to the crest by the pavilion. The current bid is about \$25,000. The present “Road Fund” balance is \$5,400.00 – **Please consider donating to this project.** They are also working on securing a new office copier. In addition, a sub-committee has been working on cemetery issues. If you have any suggestions or concerns about the cemetery, please see one of the Trustees.



Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session Minutes June 11, 2013

The scheduled meeting of the Session met in the Sunday school rooms @ 7:00 pm. A quorum was present and, Rev. Peter Goetschius, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and devotions.

Elders present: Rev. Peter Goetschius -Moderator, Connie Cauvel - Clerk, Josh Porterfield – Assistant Clerk, Bob Thompson, Tim Martin, Ron Hileman, Glenn Ross, Meri Slaugenhaupt, Sandy Chappell,
Excused: Cindy McQuaide, Linda Chicka

Guests: Doug Ross

MSC: To approve the Session Minutes of May 14, 2013

MSC: To accept the Trustee Minutes April 25, 2013

To accept the Deacon Minutes

MSC: to accept Treasurer Report

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: Tim Martin –

Tim reported that counting our offering each Sunday is working out very well with Sheryl Stang as Financial Secretary and Amy Wilkinson as Treasurer

Christian ED – Sandy Chappell & Erin Bruce

Committee met and discussed ideas to draw people in from community.

Mission and Stewardship: Linda Chicka

Will contact Adelphoi house to work one or two days a week. Next food bank Aug 17, 2013. Finished work in Saltsburg for a lady in Saltsburg who was very appreciative.

Session is willing to communicate the need for help.

Personnel: Bob Thompson & Doug Ross -

Doug Ross and Linda Moorhead are reviewing our Insurance. Doug presented an insurance update to the Session.

Congregational Life: Glenn Ross

Will not meet until September 19.

Technology – Josh Porterfield

Updating locations within our website so Church website will get more hits

Nominating – Pete will meet with the committee Wednesday: May 22, 29 and June 5 for half hour. Met twice, now committee will start their search for officers.

Pastor Pete's report: May 2013

Strawberry Festival – May 18, 2013, Pentecost with Communion May 9, Wedding Amanda Berta – May 25, 2013, Funeral Florence McDivitt, May 31, 2013.

Old Business:

Josh Porterfield will attend the Triennium at Purdue University July 16-20.

MSC: Vacation dates for Pete August 4 and Aug 11.

MSC: to continue to pay Rogers Agency monthly payment of \$634.40 for comprehensive insurance through State Auto.

New Business:

Pete is considering a Session Retreat in the fall perhaps at St. Emma's

MSC Session will not meet in July and August continuing past tradition.

Discussion: Diane Scott asked us to consider a sign on 66 to advertise Poke Run and our activities. This has been considered before. The first step is to find a place for the sign, which will involve gaining permission from a landowner to use a small piece of their property. Ron Hileman and Bob Thompson will check into land options for location of a new sign and cost.

Close with prayer: Tim Martin

Respectfully Submitted:



Adjourn: 8:08 PM

Approved: September, 10 2013

HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Oct 4-6 Pine Springs Camp—The Big One” - youth retreat
 Oct 12—Turkey Dinner—Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria PA
 Oct. 26—PW Fall Gathering at Vandergrift Presbyterian Church

Coming in November—

Nov. 16—”11th Annual Highlands Fling—Spirit of Giving Gala” for Redstone Highlands
 – information available in office



HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Oct. 3—Alle-Kiski Job Fair—Penn State New Kensington, 10am-2pm
 Oct 5—Roaring Run Columbus Day 5K Run/Walk
 Oct 5-6 Delmont “Applle Fest”
 Oct 12—”Pugtoberfest” - 11am-4pm, Kunkle Park, Wash. Twp.
 Oct 13—6pm -”5th Annual Music Celebration in honor, memory and appreciation of those whose lives have been touched by cancer.” - Apollo Free Methodist Church
 Oct. 13 Kiski Area Marching Band “Big K Car Cruise”
 Oct. 25—Westmnd County Parks & Rec “Hobgoblin Hike”, Northmoreland County Park, 7-9 pm
 Oct 26—”Stargazing Party” - Kunkle Park, Wash Twp.
 Oct. 26 Lion’s Club Halloween Party—Kunkle Park , Wash. Twp. 5pm

Coming in November—”Christian Art Show” Nov 2-3—Calvary Lutheran Church, Murrysville—
 more info in office. Registration due Oct 18th.

Tuesdays 4-7pm Export Farmer’s Market—located near Kennedy Ave.

Monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at the Wash. Twp. Firehall

—11:30am—noon Blood Pressure Clinic for Seniors—

Bring your table service and a covered dish.

Thursdays 3-5:30pm Vandergrift Farmer’s Market—located along Columbia Ave.

DEACONS WATKINS SALE

The annual Poke Run Deacon’s Watkins Sale is underway. Deacons have books and order forms for you to place your orders by October 20th. Products will be delivered in time for the holiday baking season.



In addition, the Deacons will once again be doing cookies for the Troops. Anyone wishing to donate cookies should have them to the church by Saturday, November 2nd when packaging will begin at 9am. Volunteers are welcome and “seal a meal” units to borrow should be left in Fellowship Hall with your name on them. Thank you!

Information from Poke Run Boards & Committees



Congregational Life Committee

...will meet on Monday, October 7th at 10am to plan the luncheon following the Congregational Meeting on Sunday October 20th to be held immediately following the worship service at 10am. Please consider helping this committee with prep and clean-up. **Also, the meeting date of the committee will be changing to the first Monday of the month at 10am.**

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has been working hard all year preparing a list of candidates for 2014 Boards. This slate will be presented at the Congregational meeting for vote. As always please pray for all Poke Run volunteer Committee and Board members, and prayerfully consider how you can support Poke Run through your gifts and talents.

Christian Education

Christian Ed continues to develop and support the Sunday School classes, special events and “nursery” services during Worship. **They are in need of people to teach the 3rd-6th grade children; this can be part-time and/or tag team. All curriculum is already prepared. There is also a need for Worship service nursery care providers. Please see Erin Bruce if you can help with any of these needs.**

Mission & Stewardship



In October, the committee will be holding a drive to support the Union Mission of Latrobe. The Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc., is a Judeo-Christian based, non-profit mission, providing temporary shelter and needed services to homeless men in Westmoreland County and surrounding counties, while assisting them in their move toward self-sufficiency. Dan Carney, Union Mission Executive Director, will be addressing the Poke Run Congregation on Sunday Oct. 6th at both services.

Their current needs include: Twin bed mattress and box springs, twin sheet sets, Men’s jockey shorts and socks (various sizes), New bedroom slippers (various sizes), bath towels and wash cloths, personal care items (soap, shaving cream, etc.), food and merchandise giftcards, 2gallon and 1gallon freezer bags, paper towels and pre-paid phone cards. Also needed are heavy blankets, white crew neck tshirts (sizes L and XL), single subject spiral bound notebooks and 2 pocket portfolios with metal fasteners. A place for donations will be located in the Narthex.

After a year break, Mission & Stewardship is planning a Mission Trip for 2014. Tentative departure dates include June 15th or 22nd, 2014. More information will be available very soon.



World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by [Christian denominations](#), taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and [ecumenical](#) cooperation. This year it will be celebrated on Sunday, October 6th. The tradition originated in the [Shadyside Presbyterian Church](#) of Pittsburgh, PA in 1933, was adopted throughout the [US Presbyterian Church](#) in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the [National Council of Churches](#)), endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.



Established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in 1979, World Food Day, October 16, was first observed in 1981. Organizations around the world mobilize advocacy campaigns and events on October 16 to strengthen the political will to end hunger. World Food Day offers the opportunity to strengthen national and international solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty and draw attention to achievements in food security and agricultural development. Pray for hungry people in the world and the work being done to eradicate hunger.



Reformation Sunday

The Church celebrates Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday of October, commemorating a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg.

POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • OCTOBER 20th –

- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE.
– NOTE THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE ON THIS DATE

A luncheon sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee will be provided immediately following the meeting.

Ordination of Sue Washburn, Sunday September 29, 2013



Sue with Alice Tondura, Moderator

Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." What he shows us in his ministry is that The Way isn't a path that we travel alone. Jesus' Way is a way that calls us, nurtures us and guides us as a community of Christ. It is a way of love and instruction and compassion. As a congregation we journey Jesus' Way together. I want to thank you for guiding me along this way during the time that I was at Poke Run. I'd especially like to thank Pete for his ongoing friendship and guidance. I am looking forward to my call at Reunion Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant, though I expect that I will still see many of you around and about as our paths continue to cross.
Sue Washburn



Sue with Justin Bradley of praise band "Thy Will Be Done," Mike, an acolyte, and Nachael who performed as a mime during the service.



Sue and Laurie Martin of Poke Run.



Sue with Connie Cauvel, Rev. Marnie Silbert of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church and Liz Montgomery of Reunion Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant PA,



Sue with Rev. Marnie Silbert of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church



Sue with Rev. Glen Burrows, retired, the pastor of Sue's childhood church in Delmont, PA.



Sue with Joanne Crosby.



As Sue's "home church," Poke Run Presbyterian Church was her sponsor on this incredible journey. Poke Run Session officially endorsed her candidacy per Seminary requirements, and it has been a joy to follow Sue's faith journey these past years. It is indeed a special honor to have one of our own ordained.

Pastor Pete officiated at Sue's ordination preaching a sermon entitled, "'Bigger than Ourselves.'" Attendees report it was a night of "praise, worship, reverence and joy."



Sue with Jesse Geiser of Poke Run.



Special Music featuring Sue's daughters, Sarah (second from left) and Abby (far right) as well as her nephew and niece, Robert and Nathalie.





Poke Run Church

October 2013

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

World Communion
Oct 6th
Jan Fitzgerald and
Linda Chicka

Offering-CE

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6pm Bell Choir
7pm Choir
7pm—
TRUSTEES
CEMETERY

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6pm—
Dinner Prep—
Help!
6:30pm Scouts

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Community
Dinner 4-7pm

6**World Communion**
8:30 & 11 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
7pm Bible Study

7

10am Cong. Life
7pm Deacons

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7pm Session

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11:30am Soup
for the Soul
6pm Bell Choir
7pm Choir

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Circle 4
6:30pm Scouts
Circle 2

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8:30 & 11 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
7pm Bible Study

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7pm Mission &
Stewardship

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6pm Bell Choir
7pm Choir

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6:30pm Scouts

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Circle 2
Rummage Sale
8am-1pm

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9am Sunday school
10am Worship
Cong. Meeting
Luncheon
7pm Bible Study

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6pm Bell Choir
7pm Choir

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7pm Scouts
7pm Trustees

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8:30 & 11 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
7pm Bible Study

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6pm Bell Choir
7pm Choir

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You can now find Poke Run Presbyterian Church on Facebook!

Poke Run's email address: pokerun@windstream.net

Poke Run web site is www.pokerunchurch.com

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1091 Poke Run Church Rd.

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Phone: 724-327-5563



Poke Run Church Congregational Meeting Is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th

**There will be only one 10am worship service
Sunday school will be a 9am**

**The Congregational Meeting will immediately follow
the worship service.**

**Following the meeting, everyone is invited to
Fellowship Hall for a church luncheon. Please mark
your calendar and plan to attend.**