

Get ready for Poke Run Church Vacation Bible School! July 21st—25th

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Get ready for an exciting time as we prepare for SonWest Roundup Vacation Bible School July 21 - 25! Out in the wide-open spaces, we'll discover a colorful old town where all the excitement of the Wild West awaits! We'll celebrate all the fun of being buckaroos—so grab a sarsaparilla and join in the jamboree! There'll be food, games, music, crafts—and amazing true stories that point you and our kids to Jesus! Ride with us under the deep blue skies. Feel the breezes rise through the shady purple canyons as we head out through this bright wilderness—we'll travel down the trail through the Old Testament stories of Moses to discover God's ultimate plan of salvation in Jesus, because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).



Dinner every evening from 5:45-6:15 p.m.
Evening Program from 6:20 to 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a Family Style Picnic on Sunday, July 21st and bring your favorite picnic dish to share if you wish. Have a relaxing Kid-Friendly Family Meal on Monday through Thursday. No cooking, Mom and Dad! We'll do it for you!

Closing Program

Late Worship Service, Sunday July 28th 11:00a.m.

Please note:
Our church hours
will remain the
same for the
summer.

VBS Helpers and Volunteers Needed

The apostle Paul wrote, "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith." Philemon 1:6. Vacation Bible School is a great opportunity to show and share your faith! We are in need of many teachers, helpers, and volunteers to allow our program to run smoothly. Please consider how you are willing to help. Forms are available in the bulletins,; contact the office or Linda Chicka at 724-422-3688. You can also email your information to Linda at lgchicka@gmail.com. Thank you!

And consider who you might invite to attend Vacation Bible School—forms will be available in the Narthex or again, call the office to register. (724-327-5563.)

Thank You

To everyone who served during our 11.am Worship services in June.

June Greeters: Glenn & Mary Ellen Ross, Jack & Jane Blair, Tim & Laurie Martin, Cindy & Nikki McQuaide, Karen Staymates and Dolly George

June Lectors: Patrick Wiilkinson, Connor Martin, Glenn Ross, Katie Ballas and Josh Porterfield



*Remember
In Prayer*

For our prayers Dolly Remaley, Thelma McCutcheon, Conrad McQuaide, Karen Lightner, Clifford Lightner, Irene Clark, Irma McDivitt, James Powers, Carolyn Buckley, Grace Hartman, Steve Morcheid, Robin, Tom Kimble, Grace Young, Amy McQuaide, Bob Bierer, Lil Bowman, Pat Lengauer, Norm Reinhart, Nelson Thompson, Joanne Fitzsimmons, Walt Lange, Jim Thompson, Amy Hartman, Eugene Witt and those who serve in the military.

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please call the church office.

Thank you to everyone who donates their time and energies around our church. Some very busy volunteers have cleaned out the downstairs storage room - and located dishes, baskets, and odds and ends that MIGHT BELONG TO YOU!!!! There are also some coats, jackets and umbrellas left behind. In addition, there are dining plates and bowls marked "Poke Run" available on the table, free to "first come, first serve." See the photo and please plan to check the table in Fellowship Hall and claim yours.

Anything left behind will be disposed of or marked for the fall rummage sale.



*If you have appropriate
News to share in the
Ranger—please submit it
to the office. The next
Ranger deadline is
July 22nd.*

*Circle 4 will meet on Thursday July 11th for a picnic.
Mildred Striner will be the hostess.*



Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session Minutes May 14, 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, Cindy McQuaide, Tim Martin, Ron Hileman, Glenn Ross, Meri Slaugenhaupt, Sandy Chappell, Linda Chicka

Guests: Doug Ross

MSC: To approve the Session Minutes of April 9, 2013

To approve the Session Minutes of May 12, 2013

MSC: To accept the Trustee Minutes March 6, 2013

MSC: to accept Treasurer Report Giving is less than last year First Fruits is at 38% Notice will be put in Bulletin and Ranger. We are Financially solid. Investments are doing very well.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: Tim Martin – Committee approved \$1,000 to be taken from Office Equipment to use for a new laptop for the Church

Christian ED – Sandy Chappell & Erin Bruce Committee will meet on May 28.

Mission and Stewardship: Linda Chicka Community garden is started few rows of beans planted. Will contact Adelphoi house to work one or two days a week. Next food bank Aug 17, 2013. Poke Run had 4 volunteers at the Food Bank in April. They packed 1,460 boxes. Committee is looking to do local mission work one weekend a month, and looking for word of mouth referrals. Robin is coming to Poke Run on Sept. 15, and she will speak at both services and Sunday School

Personnel: Bob Thompson & Doug Ross - Did not meet

Congregational Life: Glenn Ross Committee is planning the Music Appreciation Lunch after the 11:00 Service on May 19, 2013. Will not meet until September.

Technology – Josh Porterfield (did not meet) Will met May 30

Nominating – Pete will meet with the committee Wednesday: May 22, 29 and June 5 for half hour.

Pastor Pete's report: May 2013 Presbytery Community on Ministry visitations throughout the month, April 1- Deacons, April 8 - Mission & Stewardship, April 24 -Soup for the Soul, April 25-Trustee meeting, hospital and home visits, Marriage preparation for Amanda Berta,

Old Business:

Josh Porterfield will attend the Triennium at Purdue University July 16-2

New Business:

Doug Ross Reviewed our Insurance Policies. Separate report is attached.

Linda Chicka, the Boy Scouts and Trustees will plant red geraniums on the graves of our veterans. She is also looking to honor veterans who are living, if you know a vet please contact Linda

MSC: \$1,000 to be taken from Office Equipment to use for a new laptop for the Church

MSC: To approve payment of \$25 per week for financial secretary

MSC: To approve the use of Poke Run Church for Amanda Berta's wedding at 2:00 PM on May 25, 2013 followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. (Follow-up of on-line vote)

MSC: Accept the Annual Report prepared by Amy Wilkinson

Close with prayer: Ron Hileman
Respectfully Submitted:

Adjourn: 8:35
Approved: June, 11 2013



Connie Cauvel (Clerk of Session)

NOTE: May 12th minutes are not included here—but are available in the office upon request.



Found these photos in a file - does anyone know when this was?

OFFICE UPDATE & INFORMATION

First Fruits: Poke Run Church has committed to giving \$3,125 to Redstone Presbytery for the “Mission of the Larger Church.” This comes to about \$27.50 per member. To date, the congregation has given specifically to this in the amount of 40% of the pledge. The Budget & Finance Committee hopes that you will consider giving to *First Fruits* to close the gap on the remaining balance of our pledge. (see the *First Fruits* envelope included in the boxed offering cards, or indicate *First Fruits* on your check or envelope.) **As always, all checks should be made out to “Poke Run Church.”**

Road Fund: Session has approved the Poke Run Trustees’ recommendation to establish a “Road Fund.” They are now in the process of acquiring estimates of cost. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please indicate “Road Fund” on your gift, but **as always, all checks should be made out to “Poke Run Church.”**

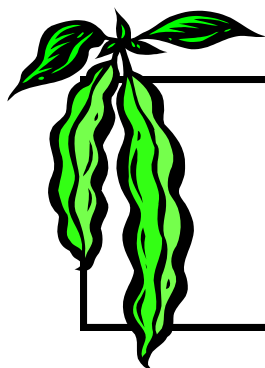
Secretary Lil Bowman is still out on an extended medical leave. Amy Wilkinson continues to fill in for her in the Poke Run office. **Summer daily office hours will be 9am-2, as much as possible. If you need to stop in during a weekday, it is best to call first.**

Current plans are to continue issuing a monthly “*Ranger*” through the summer. It will be an abridged version to keep everyone up to date with church happenings.

Pray for Poke Run Member *Josh Porterfield* as he attends the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University. At the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, through the presentations, studies, recreational events and mission experiences PCUSA strives to connect youth and adults with activities that inspire them to be alert, active and seeking ways to connect their lives with their growing faith.



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM
 July 16-20, 2013 • Purdue University
www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org



Mission & Stewardship has been hosting the kids from Adelphoi at the “Garden” at Bob Wilson’s house. This year’s crop—BEANS!!!! Volunteers have been working with the kids to grow beans in hopes to donate to our Community Foodbank. But as all gardens do—this one needs some TLC and WEEDING—if you have a little time to help in this effort, please contact Bob Wilson at 724-727-7581.

SUPPORT BSA TROOP 552

3rd ANNUAL MULCH SALE

HIGH QUALITY HARDWOOD MULCH

NATURAL – 3 CUBIC FOOT BAG – \$5.00

RED, BROWN OR BLACK DYED – 2 CUBIC FOOT BAG – \$5.00

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY: Contact Jeff Wilkinson at 724-335-0710

News from Poke Run's Presbyterian Women (PW)

Kathy Pehanich, the Volunteer Coordinator for Senior Independence at the Redstone Campuses spoke at the meeting of Poke Run Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, June 4. Kathy shared information about the hospice services offered at Redstone and detailed the benefits of volunteering in the Hospice Program. Hospice offers the opportunity to share Christian acts of kindness with patients nearing the end of their lives. As Kathy explained, hospice patients are the people who are TRULY LIVING because they are dealing with the REAL aspects of life, not the insignificant details that take up much of our time.

For many years Poke Run has had a close association with Presbyterian Senior Care. Several members of our Presbyterian Women work (Sandy Kemerer, Mary Ellen Ross, Bev Tagliati) or volunteer (Freda Bowman) at Redstone Highlands Presbyterian Senior Care. Mildred Striner is currently a resident at the Murrys ville campus. At the PW meeting several members expressed interest in volunteering in the Redstone Hospice Program. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laurie Martin, martinstlc3@verizon.net, 724-727-3361 or Kathy Behanich, kpenanich@redstonehighlands.org, 724-864-7388.

Other business of Presbyterian Women

Volunteers from PW, Deacons and Sunday School cleaned and organized the downstairs storage room. **TO ALL GROUPS: PLEASE DO NOT hesitate to use the table service products in the storage room. PW will provide and replenish all table service for church functions. We ask that you mark the quantity of items when you use them and notify Laurie Martin or Laurie Powers if you have a major event coming up that will require a large amount of silverware, cups, napkins, plates etc.**

Committee formed for the Church Picnic on August 18th with the Hillbillies. Will seek additional help from Congregational Life Committee.

Missionary, Robin will speak at Poke Run on September 15th. Will discuss at September meeting; we will host a lunch for her following the 11 AM service.

Investigating the installation of a dishwasher in the church kitchen.

\$2000.00 donation to the road fund.

Please plan to attend the next meeting of Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7 PM.

HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Vanderbilt, PA - 175th celebration dinner —July 13, 5p.m.

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

July 27th "Women of God" conference, New Life Baptist Church, Apollo 9:30am

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

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



PUT AUGUST 18TH ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Poke Run member Andy Caldwell and the Shriner's Three Rivers Hillbilly Clan #53 will be hosting a "Poke Run Picnic" after the 11a.m. service.

Poke Run Church

July 2013



Offering - Budget & Finance

“He brought me to the banquet room, his banner over me is love.” Song of Solomon 2:4

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2	3	4 Office Closed	5	6
7 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH 7pm BIBLE STUDY	8	9	10	11 6:30pm SCOUTS	12	13
14 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH 7pm BIBLE STUDY	15 MISSION & STEWARDSHIP 7pm	16	17	18 6:30pm SCOUTS 7pm Trustee Work Day!!!!	19	20
21 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH 7pm BIBLE STUDY VBS 5:45	22 VBS 5:45	23 VBS 5:45	24 VBS 5:45	25 6:30pm SCOUTS VBS 5:45	26	27
28 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH 7pm BIBLE STUDY	29	30	31			
NOTE THAT THE OFFICE OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY & POKE RUN'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY ON JULY 4TH.—Call Pastor Pete in case of an emergency 724-458-2278						



You can now find Poke Run Presbyterian Church on Facebook!

Facebook “Likes” as of June 24th— 45 Join in!

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

Poke Run web site is www.pokerunchurch.com

Poke Run Officers and Committees (rev. 5/30/2013)

SESSION

Sandy Chappell (15)
Ron Hileman (15)
Bob Thompson (15)
Connie Cauvel, Clerk (14)*
Meri Slaughaupt (14)
Tim Martin (14)
Glenn Ross (13)
Linda Chicka (13)
Cindy McQuaide (13)
Josh Porterfield (13) (Youth),
Assistant Clerk

BUDGET & FINANCE

Tim Martin, Ch.
Linda Chicka
Bob Fitzgerald
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Doug Ross
Ruth O'Connor
Amy Wilkinson (staff)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Glenn Ross, Ch.
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Connie Cauvel
Grace Hartman
Walt Lange
Mary Ellen Ross
Karen Staymates
Amy Wilkinson
Bob Wilson
Eleanor Zerbini

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Doug Ross, Ch.
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Laurie Martin
Cindy McQuaide
Linda Moorhead
Bob Thompson

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Karen Staymates (14)
Debbie Seighman. (14)
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Jan Fitzgerald (13)
Ruthie O'Connor, Vice Mod (13)
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Abbey Ballas (13) Youth

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Chad McCutcheon
Nikki McQuaide
Laurie Martin
Linda Moorhead
Meri Slaughaupt
Mario Tagliati
Jeffrey Wilkinson

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Erin Bruce, Ch.
Sandy Chappell
Linda Chicka
Laurie Martin

SEXTON (volunteers)

Jim Moorhead
Bob Wilson
Glenn Ross

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Lil Bowman
Connie Cauvel
Linda Chicka
Rev. Pete Goetschius
Chad McCutcheon
Josh Porterfield
Bob Wilson

TRUSTEES

Vince Goodiski (15)*
Dave Wilkinson (15)*
Robert Wilson (15)
Doug Ross, V. Pres. (14)*
Barry Kelley, Sec. (14)*
Walt Lange (14)
Robert Fitzgerald (13)
Jim Moorhead (13)
Mario Tagliati, Pres. (13)*

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Carl McCutcheon

HABITAT

Laurie Powers

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Linda Chicka, Ch.
Walt Lange
Meri Slaughaupt
Mario Tagliati
Robert Wilson

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Shyrl Stange (15)
Glenn Ross (14)
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Laurie Martin, Moderator
Amy Wilkinson, V. Moderator
Laurie Powers, Treasurer
Eleanor Zerbini, Secretary

TREASURER

Amy Wilkinson

Please keep all our committees and
volunteers in your prayers.

Poke Run Presbyterian Church

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**GET READY FOR POKE RUN
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 21ST -25TH**



**The next TRUSTEE WORKDAY is scheduled for Thursday,
July 18th at 7p.m. Lots of jobs for lots of skill levels,
please consider how you can help.**

