

## Get ready for Poke Run Church Vacation Bible School! July 20th—24th



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Get ready for a life-changing adventure that leads kids in search of a priceless treasure! At Jungle Safari kids will participate in the excitement of Toucan Jam, experience God's Word at Zip Line Bible Time, learn ways to serve others at Slug-a-Bug S.W.A.M.P., create fun-filled, musical crafts at Lizard's Leap, and enjoy snacks and games at Jaguar Junction. There's even a place for the littlest explorers at Lily Pad Play Land!

Along the way, kids will encounter clever clues, mysterious symbols, and cunning creatures. Through Jungle Safari, they will walk away with solid truth—knowing they can always count on God . . . the greatest treasure of all!

So, mark it on your calendar and reserve July 20 – 24 to bring your kids to Jungle Safari at Poke Run. It promises to be an unforgettable adventure where your kids will come to know the living Jesus who said: "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).



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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:** Doug & Debora Ross, Lillian, Kelly & Christina Linsenbigler,

Jeff Wilkinson, Connor Martin, Ruth O'Connor, Cindy Brooks, and Cindy & Nikki McQuaide,

**June Lectors:** Walt Lange, Karen Goetschius, Laurie Martin, Eleanor Zerbini and Ruth O'Connor



## Thank You

**Jean McQuaide's** family *gratefully thanks our church community, who has been "a part of our lives for generations." The prayers, cars, flowers, comforting words and extreme kindness are appreciated more than words can express. Many who are not from our church, commented on our loving church community, homelike environment and support at the service and funeral meal.*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

Welcome "Elle!" **Amy Heinlein Woodhall and Chuck Blair** became the proud parents of daughter Elle Jordan Blair on June 20. Please keep Elle and her family in your prayers.

**Missionary Robin** is married! Robin's ministry has been supported by the Poke Run congregation in the past, and many of you have met Robin when she has visited. She and her husband Aaron shared the happy news and thank you for your continued prayers.

## *For our prayers:*

Thelma McCutcheon, Conrad McQuaide, Clifford & Karen Lightner, Irene Clark, Irma McDivitt, James and Winifred Powers, Carolyn Buckley, Steve Morcheid, Robin, Tom Kimble, Grace Young, Amy McQuaide, Bob Bierer, Lil Bowman, Pat Lengauer, Norm Linhart, Joanne Fitzsimmons, Jim Thompson, Leland & Berenice Jones, Jean Campbell, Helen Grayem, Sandy Nemetz, Anna Mae Chicka, Roberta Caldwell, Lee & Linda Gardener, Geniene Ciuca, Linda Steele, Terry Wiester, the family of Jean McQuaide, the family of Cynthia McQuaide, Terry Wiester, Bill Bert, Betty Schmidt, Liz Maher, Brian Orlic, Elle Blair, SSG James Bishop (Poke Run's "adopt a soldier") and others who serve in the military.



Poke Run Church mourns the death of two of our members. Please keep their families in your prayers.

*Cynthia Sue McQuaide* passed away on June 11th. Cyndy was the daughter of the late James and Margaret Brinker McQuaide. She is survived by her sisters and brothers, Patricia, Joan Stairs(Jess), James (Cindy), Keith (Rose), Karen Cunco (Mark), Greg (Linda) and Jeff (Susie) and loving aunt Eleanor Zerbini.

Long time Poke Run member *Jean McQuaide* died June 14th. Jean was very active in the Poke Run congregation, especially with the Poke Run Presbyterian Women organization and Circle 4. Jean is survived by her children, Renee Bates (James), Sheree Wagner (John), Jodee LaCelle (James), Curtis (Amy), and Marnee Gormley(James) in addition to many grandchildren and a great grandson.

*"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."* 1 Thess 4:13-14

### **Things the Trustees want you to Know:**

Thank you to Cal McCutcheon and Ron Hileman for their help with the removal of the old manse fuel tank.

The next “Trustee Work Day” is scheduled for Monday night, July 14, 2014, 6:30-9:30pm. There will be jobs for all ages and abilities—consider coming out to help.

The Trustees continue to investigate options for paving the roads of the church. Current quotes include the loop around the church including the portion that goes through the cemetery. It has been broken into three sections with the primary focus on the area that starts near the manse and ends just past the pavilion. It is their hope and desire to have as much of the driveway paved as possible, but the cemetery portion and the initial driveway into the church may not be included in the first “Road Project.” Your continued support of the “Poke Run Road Fund” is appreciated. At this time a “Cemetery Road Fund” does not exist.

Poke Run Cemetery Fees have been increased 5% effective July 1, 2014. Contact the office for more information.



Thank you to everyone who donates their time and energies around our church.

**HELP NEEDED!** The weeding around the church is an ongoing process. The scouts have placed bags of mulch in various spots where mulching needs finished. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated! Stop by and “dig in” whenever you’re available.

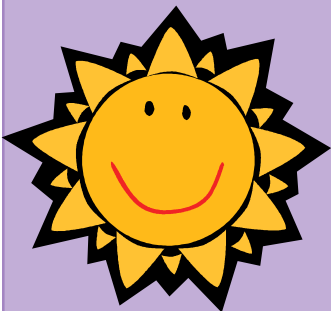


### **Calling All Women in the Church**

**Circle 2:** will not have any meetings in June, July or August.

**Circle 4:** will meet on July 10th, Mildred Striner will be the hostess.

PW is joining the Redstone Presbytery Mission Coordinator and other area PW groups in an effort to raise \$10,000 to host a “STOP HUNGER NOW” event in October. This will purchase 40,000 meals for programs at schools to encourage children to attend because it might be the only meal they have that day! Here’s how you can help: Keep collecting Shoes, gently used textiles for “Pack the Pod”(boxes located in the Narthex.) Shop at the “Town Wide Yard Sale”, June 21<sup>st</sup> in New Alexandria. Buy a ticket for the “Redstone Mission Tea on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Participate or sponsor a walker for the “Hunger Walk” at Keystone Park – September 14<sup>th</sup>. Make a monetary donation to “Stop Hunger Now.” Help pack the meals in October! Call the office for more details about all of these opportunities.



The recent Community Dinner, sponsored by the Poke Run Presbyterian Women netted a profit over \$2,000 for Poke Run’s Road fund and 10% of the dinner profit to the Current Fund. Many thanks to all that helped in any way, but especially to *Laurie Powers* for coordinating the dinner.

**And remember —Circle 2 will be holding their annual rummage sale in October. SAVE YOUR GOOD JUNK FOR THEM!!!!**

### From the Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session Minutes May 13, 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, Chad McCutcheon Assist. Clerk, Meri Slaugenhaupt, Linda Chicka, Tim Martin, Sandy Chappell, Ron Hileman,

**Elders excused:** Bob Thompson, Josh Porterfield, Cindy McQuaide

**Guests:** Doug Ross

**MSC:** To approve the Session Minutes April 11, 2014., To accept the Deacon Minutes-April 7, 2014 To accept the Trustee March 27, 2014 To accept Treasurer Report of April 2014

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance:** **Tim Martin** Tim reviewed the Treasurer's April 30 report prepared by Amy Wilkinson.

**Christian Ed** - Sandy Chappell Good Friday TGIF went very well. Laurie Martin did the planning and it was very successful.

**Mission and Stewardship:** Linda Chicka 26 People came to the first Mission Trip meeting and they expect 30 will go to the meeting on June 9. The group is staying in Saltville, Virginia.

Robin is back in States and planning to be married on June 14. She will be joining the Evangelical Alliance Mission with her husband to continue to work with Syrian Refugees. Poke Run will continue to keep her in our prayers.

The kids from Adelphoi house came & helped with Community Dinner.

We have Pine Springs Staff Member Erin Frey to support this summer "care packages" and notes.

**Congregational Life:** Connie Cauvel-Committee is preparing a breakfast for Music Appreciation Sunday May 18.

**Technology** – Chad McCutcheon - Did not meet. Committee will meet on May 29. Chad plans to Promote "Soup for the Soul" and other events more on Facebook. He suggested we do a survey monkey.

**Pastor's Report** – Rev. Goetschius May 13, 2014

Soup for the Soul – April 9, 2014,

Two New Members – Palm Sunday: – April 13, 2014- Gary Brewer and Chuck Blair

Communion

Palm Sunday – April 13, 2014

Maundy Thursday – April 17, 2014

Easter Sunday – April 20, 2014

Terry Weister, Marge Kaiser – April 22, 2014

TGIF - April 19, 2014

Nate Watkins praise music – May 4, 2014

Baptism – Isaac Cox – May 11, 2014

#### **Old Business:**

Road Fund up to almost \$20,000.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Review of Poke Run Insurance Policies by Doug Ross:**

Doug reviewed our insurance policies with both Brotherhood and Church Mutual. We have 4 insurance companies and 2 brokers. He reviewed our coverage. When Brotherhood comes due next year he will review and consider consolidating. Good news even with higher deductible our insurance is lower this year.

It has been suggested that we include our hours of worship and Phone Number on the road signs. We will gather suggestions for several months and then decide what additional signs to have made.

Nate Watkins is willing to return twice a month and do Praise Music during the 11:00 Service. He is an ordained Minister and was very well received when he came in April.

**MSC:** To ask Nate Watkins to be a guest musician 2 Sundays a month through August. The funds will be taken from the Youth Director portion of the budget.

**MSC:** Vacation for Pete the weeks of July 13 & 20.

Close with prayer: Ron Hileman

Adjourn: 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: June 10, 2014





## **HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY**

### **July 26—"Redstone Mission Tea"**

*United Mornings*—United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington—Community hot breakfast, 3 days each week June 8 through August 24, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 9-10am.

Volunteer, contribute or attend!

**The Redstone Office will be closed on July 4th for the Holiday.**

## **HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY**

*Summer Women's Bible Study*—Wednesday

Nights, 6:15pm—Pavillion #7 at

Babysitters available, "Cold drinks—Warm

**ACT** *justly* **LOVE** *mercy* **WALK** *humbly*



Northmoreland Park.  
Fellowship"

*109th New Wilmington Mission Conference*

July 19-25 at Westminster College

Programming for all ages, no registration required—Just Drop In! Over 30 states and 20 countries represented by missionaries, participants and speakers.

*Blood Pressure Clinic for Seniors*—Monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at the Wash. Twp. Firehall 11:30am—noon Bring your table service and a covered dish.

THREE RIVERS

**FESTIVAL  
OF  
HOPE**  
WITH  
FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Franklin Graham "Crusade", Consol Energy Center, August 15-17

Dish: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Recipe**

Serves: \_\_\_\_\_

**BROWNIES**

from the kitchen of Jean McQuaide

Melt these & cool:

1 C Crisco 1 sq. chocolate

Sift these together:

1 1/2 C flour 1 tsp salt

1 tsp baking powder

Beat 4 eggs till thick. Add 2 cups sugar, chocolate mixture with 2 teaspoon vanilla and 1 cup chopped nuts. Mix well. Spread in greased and floured pan (9X13 inch). Bake at 350 ° for 30 minutes.

From the Poke Run Cookbook 1985

*If you have appropriate  
News to share in the  
Ranger—please submit it  
to the office. The next  
Ranger deadline is  
July 25th.*

### **PHOTOS WANTED!!!!**

The Office can use emailed photos from cameras or cell phones. We'd love to include more pics from church functions.



NATHAN WATKINS WILL BE JOINING OUR 11AM WORSHIP SERVICES OCCASIONALLY THROUGH THE SUMMER TO LEAD US IN CONTEMPORARY "PRAISE MUSIC!" HE WILL BE HERE JULY 13TH AUGUST 3RD AND AUGUST 10TH.



### TREASURER AND OFFICE UPDATE

**First Fruits:** Poke Run Church has committed to giving \$3,125 to Redstone Presbytery for the "Mission of the Larger Church." To date, the congregation has given specifically to this in the amount of 60% of the pledge.; suggested donation is \$30 per member 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."**



Copies of the "**Poke Run Veterans**" list as prepared by Linda Chicka are available in the Narthex or through the office.

An updated **Church Directory** is available in the Narthex or through the Office.

If you have any additions or corrections, please contact the office.



Poke Run is planning on adding some congregation photos to our Website - if you **DO NOT** wish to be included in any of these photos please contact the office.

**Summer Office Hours at the Church** remain at 9am—2:30pm most days. Call ahead to be sure I am there! The office will be closed on Friday, July 4th and I will be on vacation, July 18th—July 25th. The messages and emails will be checked; **And don't be fooled** if you don't see a vehicle—all our family drivers are home for the summer—so "mom" is quite often a DROP-OFF at the church.  
Amy Wilkinson, Poke Run Office

### **Pine Springs Camp**

Poke Run has "adopted" a 2014 Pine Springs staff member, to keep in prayer and encourage through the summer. *Erin Frey*, of Jeannette is a recent grad from Pitt/Greensburg and will be working as the HEAD LIFEGUARD. Linda Chicka is preparing a "care package" for Erin, if you would like to contribute something for that—see her. (gift cards, notes, candy, other fun or encouraging items) If you would like to send directly to Erin: Erin Frey , Pine Springs Camp, P O Box 186, 371 Pine Springs Camp Road, Jennerstown PA 15547 PREPARED MAILING LABEL FOR ERIN ARE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOUR USE.



Poke Run is participating in the PSC "Light the Fire" project by sponsoring a new campfire bench. The project will contribute to the camp's next large project—a New Recreational Building! So if you are at the camp—look around for the POKE RUN BENCH!



**Jesus said, "When you serve others you also serve me." Matthew 25:40**

June 15-20, Poke Run once again worked with Project Crossroads, a mission of [The United Methodist Church](#). Project Crossroads is headquartered in Marion, Virginia, serving the needs of God's children through home repair, new home construction, firewood delivery, and emergency assistance. By working with Project Crossroads, **Poke Run and 1st Baptist Church of Apollo** had the opportunity for faithful witness of Christ's presence through love in action.

*Thank you for your prayers for those who attended the Mission Trip and continued prayers for those that the group served. The group worked primarily in the town of Saltville, VA. Mr. Harris (in his 70's) has no running water, just an outhouse some distance from his home. The group began work needed to add a bathroom to his home. Shirley and Michael, mother and son, had work done on their houses.*







MISSION TRIP 2014  
SALTVILLE, VA




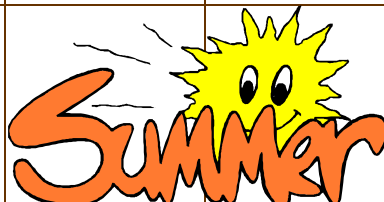
"Head Cook" Freda Bowman celebrated her 81st Birthday on the trip!







## July 2014—Poke Run Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday night Bible study will not meet in July!</b>		1	2	3 6:30pm SCOUTS	4 	5
6 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH	7	8	9	10 6:30pm SCOUTS	11 6:30pm SCOUTS	12
13 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH Rev. McClure	14 MISSION & STEWARDSHIP 7pm TRUSTEE WK DAY 6:30PM	15	16	17 6:30pm SCOUTS	18	19
20 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH Lynn Mance <b>VBS 5:45</b>	21 <b>VBS 5:45</b>	22 <b>VBS 5:45</b>	23 <b>VBS 5:45</b>	24 6:30pm SCOUTS 7pm Trustees <b>VBS 5:45</b>	25 6:30pm SCOUTS	26
27 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH	28	29	30	31 6:30pm SCOUTS		

**Trustee Work Day**  
**Monday, July 14th 6:30-9:30pm—work for all ages and all abilities!**  
**Could use your help!!!**

**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 724-454-2278

Pastor Pete will be on vacation July 7-20—Please contact the office for any pastoral needs you might have.  
 Rev. John McClure will preach on Sunday July 13th and Laypastor Lynn Mance will preach on Sunday, July 20th.  
 Secretary Amy will be on vacation the week of July 21st—messages and emails will be checked.

### PUT AUGUST 24TH 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.

More details will follow!



**GET READY FOR POKE RUN  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 20TH -24TH  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND  
TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**



If you haven't provided the office with your email address yet, you are missing out on a lot of information.  
And a RANGER in COLOR!!!!

- Please use the *Attendance Pad* or call to give this detail to the office!

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