



The Ranger

July 2015

**Get ready for Poke Run Church
Vacation Bible School!
July 26th—30th**

At the amazing **SonSpark Labs**, children will explore God's life-changing plan as they find out the answers to life's most important questions. They will discover that God loves them and that **through Jesus** they can be members of God's family and personally experience God's plan for each of us—**GP4U=J!**



FREE FAMILY 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 26TH 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!

NEEDED FOR BIBLE SCHOOL!

2 liter clear pop bottles (clean)

Pop up tops from dish detergent or drinking bottles.

Old CD disks

Empty thread spools

THANK YOU! – place in the box in the Narthex!

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! (If you do not have your necessary clearances yet—no worries—contact Amy in the office and she will be happy to set up a time to help you get them—Poke Run will pay all fees for clearances.)

And consider who you might invite to attend Vacation Bible School—forms will be available in the Narthex or again, call the

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

June Greeters: Bev & Mario Tagliati, Ed & Betty Schmidt, Karen Staymates & Jessica Slaughaupt, and Tom & Nancy Kimble

June Lectors: Katie Ballas, Doug Ross, Connor Martin and Debbie Seighman

A special thank you to Karen and Jessica who shared a special treat for Father's Day when they greeted.

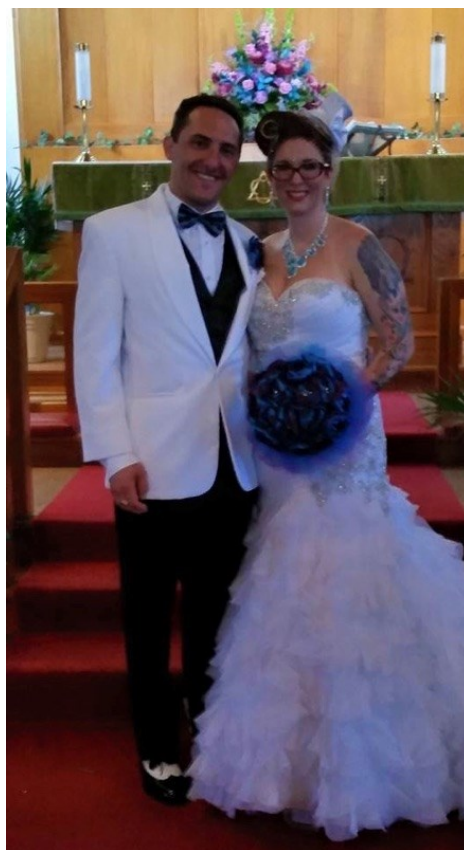
Thank You

Karen Goetschius would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers , thoughts and cards sent in celebration of her retirement.

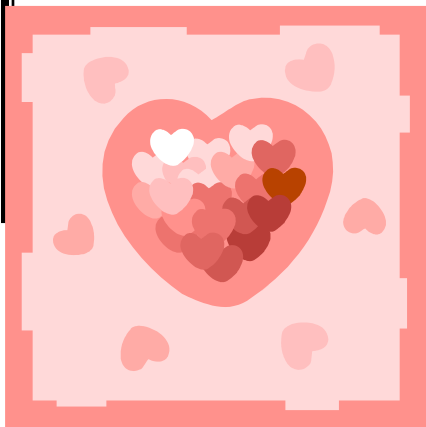
Prayers of Thanksgiving



Poke Run's Chuck Blair and Amy Heinlein Woodhall Celebrated their engagement with baby Elle!
Congratulations Chuck & Amy!



Poke Run's organist Sean O'Neil was married to
Brittany Brosius on June 21, 2015.
Congratulations Sean & Brittany!



Veteran List for Poke Run Church

An updated list of the veterans who have been or are part of Poke Run Presbyterian Church can be found in the Narthex. Contact the office if you need help obtaining one.





*Remember
In Prayer*

For our prayers:

Thelma McCutcheon, Conrad McQuaide, Clifford & Karen Lightner, Irene Clark, Irma McDivitt, James & Winifred Powers, Carolyn Buckley, Steve Morcheid, Grace Young, Amy McQuaide, Bob Bierer, Lil Bowman, Pat Lengauer, Norm Linhart, Joanne Fitzsimmons, Leland & Berenice Jones, Helen Grayem, Sandy Nemetz, Anna Mae Chicka, Lee & Linda Gardener, Bill Bert, Skip Elwood, Donna Blaser, Wanda Petrilla, Renee Beck, Elvira, Thad Overly, Max Brooks, Leonard Hartman, Marjorie Kaiser, Lyndsey Coulter, Tiffany Jensen, Allison Grundy, Ralph Brown, Ed Bahney, Ron Rubright, Grace Kennedy, Terry Wiester, Rafael Rincon, Bob McBride, Jeffrey Clark, June Moorhead, Melissa Goetschius, Shyrl Stange, Anna, those gripped by addictions, and those who serve in the military.

Occasionally names are removed from the prayer list when the office has not been updated, if you see one removed that should remain, please contact the office.

Harry "Skip" Pfeffer passed away on June 2nd. Skip, Becky Lange's brother was a member of Poke Run until moving to Ohio in 1988. Please keep Skip's family and friends in your prayers. A memorial service is tentatively planned for October.



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reaches out to its sisters and brothers of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston

JUNE 18, 2015 LOUISVILLE

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reaches out to its sisters and brothers of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, South Carolina, where nine people were killed when a gunman opened fire Wednesday night during Bible study. We grieve with the families of the victims and members of their church community.... The chief of police in Charleston has named this a hate crime. We know of no other name for a crime that forces a five-year-old child to play dead in her church in order to live. Arresting the shooter is the job of law enforcement. Arresting hate is the work we are all called to do as disciples of Jesus Christ. May God never give up on us as we face our own racism and its tragic impact on congregations, their communities, and our very souls.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, God who has brought us thus far on our way, only you know why someone would enter into your house of worship and open fire on your children. Only you know why hate would run so deep that it would cause one of your creations to kill others you have formed. In our confusion over this senseless act, we appeal to you for understanding and courage to continue to fight for justice. We pray right now for the families of those who lost lives at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. on June 17, and ask that you would wrap your loving arms around them and the entire community. Likewise, we pray for an end to the continued racial unrest and violence that permeates the United States and the world, and ask you to guide us to work earnestly for change. Now unto you who is able to keep us from falling, we pray all these things.

Amen

From the minutes of the Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session meeting of May 12, 2015

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.

Session Members present: Rev. Peter Goetschius -Moderator, Chad McCutcheon – Assist. Clerk, Bob Thompson, Linda Chicka, Sandy Chappell, Linda Moorhead.

Clerk: Chad McCutcheon filled in for Connie. **Guests:** Robert Wilson

Excused: Cindy McQuaide, Connie Cauvel-Clerk, Tim Martin, Meri Slaughenhaupt, Ron Hileman, Connor Martin.

MSC: To Approve Session minutes: April 14, 2015, To accept Deacon minutes: April 6, 2015,
To accept Trustee minutes April 23, 2015 and To approve April 30, 2015 Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: Tim Martin -Giving is behind approximately \$8,900 possibly due to people giving to the Road Fund rather than the Current Fund. We expect this to rectify itself now that the road project is finished.

Christian Ed - Sandy Chappell & Erin Bruce - Did not meet. Committee will meet this Summer to discuss procedures for Sunday School this fall when Erin Bruce moves to University Park.

Mission and Stewardship: Linda Chicka, Mary Slaughenhaupt -The committee expects to have approximately 25-30 participants from three churches total. Poke Run, First Baptist Church of Apollo and New Beginnings Baptist are the three churches represented. Linda Chicka worked the Food Bank in April. Adelphoi Kids helped during the Community Dinner. This went very well.

Personnel: Linda Moorhead – Did not meet.

Congregational Life: Connie Cauvel -Provided great snacks for the April Presbytery Meeting. Did meet this month, Connie is not present to provide a full update.

Nominating –Meri Slaughenhaupt & Chad McCutcheon- Mtgs are scheduled for May 20th & 27th.

Technology Committee: Did not meet.

Old Business: Clearances needed to work with children-progress report (to date 10 have been filed). Amy will be available May 13th from 3-pm and May 27th from 6pm-9pm for those who may need help with obtaining their clearances.

Road project/paving completed-Special thanks to Bob Wilson & the Trustees. Chad will draft a letter of thanks to Sharp Paving for the job well done. Amy will mail it.

New Business:

Reminders to be placed in the bulletin and the Ranger to close the fire doors when your group finishes using the church. Amy can put them in the committee chair mailboxes.

Annual review of Poke Run's Insurance Policies (Doug Ross or Bob Wilson)-Bob has reviewed the policies along with Doug. There is one that renews in May and it is Worker's Compensation insurance, we need to make sure that Amy is reporting the proper amount of church employees to this company.

New Member and Baptism approval **MSC**

Presbytery Meeting May 19 @ West Newton Linda Chicka will be delegate for this meeting.

Pete's Vacation days

MSC for Rev. Goetschius to take the weeks of July 12 & July 19th for vacation.

Close with prayer: Chad McCutcheon

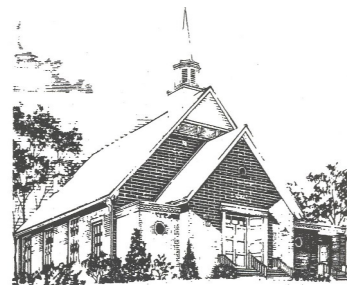
Adjourn: 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: June 9, 2015

Chad A. McCutcheon

Chad A. McCutcheon (Assistant Clerk of Session)



The following individuals were commissioned for the mission trip to Virginia, June 21-26. This year's group represents the congregations of Poke Run, 1st Baptist Church of Apollo, Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Beginnings Baptist, 1st Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Amplify, Park Baptist of McKeesport, and St. Ambrose of Avonmore.

<i>Carley Bell</i>	<i>Sydney Bell</i>	<i>Dalilah Bonelli</i>
<i>Destiny Bonelli</i>	<i>Dom Bonelli</i>	<i>Rachele Bonelli</i>
<i>Freda Bowman</i>	<i>Linda Chicka</i>	<i>Debbie Delfavero</i>
<i>Leslie Fairman</i>	<i>Bill Fazi</i>	<i>Cheyenne Fazi</i>
<i>Hunter Fazi</i>	<i>Mike Hammond</i>	<i>Colton Kemerer</i>
<i>Rick Kemerer</i>	<i>Sandy Kemerer</i>	<i>Allison Lohr</i>
<i>Jacob Richie</i>	<i>Katlin Richie</i>	<i>William Thompson</i>
<i>Kaley White</i>	<i>Rachael Winiesky</i>	



Project Crossroads

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

Project Crossroads is a mission of [The United Methodist Church](#). With headquarters in Marion, Virginia, Project Crossroads serves



the needs of God's children through home repair, new home construction, firewood delivery, and emergency assistance. By working with Project Crossroads, our group had the opportunity for faithful witness of Christ's presence through love in action.



New to Poke Run's Benevolence Budget this year is the Kiski Area Youth Network (KAYN.)

KAYN exists to Connect Students to Christ, Church, and Community by helping them to:

- *Discover a relationship with Christ and His Church
- *Develop their gifts, habits, and character
- *Deploy to serve and lead in their community

Watch for KAYN in the community and support it when and where you can!

www.KAYN.org

BUDGET & FINANCE/ TREASURER UPDATE

Tim Martin, chair of the Budget & Finance Committee reported to the congregation that even though Giving is solid and generous, unfortunately our Current Fund is behind in excess of \$8,000. Spending is well in check with budget expenditures at only 40% (Half way through the year!)

The deficit is probably the result of a few factors. The first being the Road Fund. Members were generous in directing their donations to this worthy cause, but unfortunately it has resulted in lower Operating/Current fund gifts. Severe cold temperatures in January and especially February resulted in very low attendance and collected offering, and finally, directed donations to One Great Hour of Sharing and the Mission Trip again resulted in lower offering to Current Fund expenses.

So, please know that **the Road Fund is now closed** as the project is complete. In addition, **the Mission Trip is completely funded**. As you plan your gifts to Poke Run Church, consider all of this information.

If anyone has questions, would like further details or would like to see the monthly Treasurer's report, please do not hesitate to contact the Church Office or speak to Tim directly.

Summer Office Hours at the Church remain at 9am—2:30pm most days. Call ahead to be sure Amy is there! The office will be closed July 24th—July 31st while Amy is on vacation.

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. Best policy is to CALL AHEAD to the office!

As always—please share any contact information updates with the Church Office so that you do not miss out on any information. If you have an email address to share, you can start receiving informational emails as well as the Poke Run "Ranger" online—IN COLOR. Office promise: you will NOT be inundated with emails!



New Phone Numbers for Langes: Becky: 724-433-6158, Walt: 724-331-0509



Pastor Pete will be on vacation July 6th—July 20th. Please contact the office with any emergencies or pastoral needs.

Preaching for us will be: Susan Blank—August 12th
Bill Wiegand—August 19th



Trying something different in August!

There will be one 10AM service on August 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

The 9th and the 23rd will follow the 11AM service format and the 16th and the 30th will follow the format of the early service.

See you there!! – then!

2015 CHURCH PICNIC CANCELLED!

Unfortunately this year's Church picnic has been cancelled.

Plans are underway for next year. Spread the word :(



Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst

Creating Community With a Farmers' Market

Coffee, music and fellowship may not be the hallmarks of a farmers' market, but they are what sets the Westmont Presbyterian Church's Community Farmers' Market apart from others. The market reflects Westmont's desire to reach out beyond its walls and share the love of Christ with their community.



The market supports local vendors—farmers, bakers, growers of fresh flowers and plants, etc. who grow or produce in the area. Several of the vendors have been members of the market from its inception seven years ago, and have developed a strong relationship not only with the church, but also with those in the community that support the market.

There is a fellowship table where shoppers can have a complimentary cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and music is provided by one of the church's members playing the keyboard. There is free face painting for the children, and an ice cream social once a month. The market is open, rain or shine, each Saturday from 9:00AM to noon from late May to the second week in October.

It is through Christ that the Community Farmers' Market has been a success and continues to provide a valuable service to the vendors and shoppers.

*Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World
Together!*

Come one! Come all!
Before school starts!



Join in the fun!

11 am - 4 pm, Saturday, August 1

It's Redstone Presbytery FUN DAY at Pine Springs Camp!

Picnic lunch at noon, with hot dogs and burgers, plates, utensils, and drinks provided by the Presbytery, with our EP Skip Noftzger at the grill! Bring a covered dish to share with others.

Then the camp will be open for walking about! The climbing wall will be available and games will be played from 1 – 3 pm. The pool will be open from 1 – 4 pm, so bring your swimsuits and towels along!

When was the last time you were at camp? Are you longing for camp? Maybe you want to find out what camp is all about? Come on and join friends (or make some new ones!) from other churches in our Presbytery! Picnic clothes are appropriate, and especially comfortable shoes! Hope to see you!

RSVP by July 27 (so we make sure to have enough food!) to Rev. Alice Tondora, First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, by calling 814-536-8141, or emailing revatondora@atlanticbbn.net.

Free will donation taken toward the cost of the food and beverages.

HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

July 18—"Redstone Mission Tea" (see info under PW)

Aug 1—Pine Springs "Fun Day" - (see above notice)

*Friendship Dinner—2nd Wednesday of every month 5-6pm—
United Presb. New Kensington*

New Wilmington Mission Conference July 18-25 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. See flyer in Education Wing.

The Poke Run and Redstone Offices will be closed on July 3rd for the Holiday.

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.



Sunday School at Poke Run Church

Classes meet each Sunday at 10am.

There are age specific classes for Children and youth.

(Children's classes will resume in September)



POKE RUN HAS A GREAT NEED!!!!!! Erin Bruce has let the Christian Ed Committee know that she will be unable to continue teaching the class this fall as she will be transferring to Penn State's main campus. So, we are looking for someone, or a group, of volunteers that might be interested in continuing our children's Sunday School class in the fall. Please contact the office if you think this could be YOU!

FOR BIG KIDS

We have two adult Sunday School classes.

The class meeting in the West Wayside room (on the left at the end of the hall) is using the David C. Cook series titled "God's Prophets Demand Justice"

The class meeting in the Session Room (on the right at the end of the hall) is working through a study guide from Max Lucado's Life Lessons series. "Galatians, Free in Christ"

A REMINDER: When using the Poke Run Kitchen facilities, please DO NOT LEAVE ANY FOOD ITEMS ON THE COUNTER OR IN THE REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS. It is kind to think that someone else might use it—but it is SAFER and MORE CONSIDERATE to take it with you. Please do not leave leftovers including condiments, freezer items, etc.



ANOTHER REMINDER:

Please keep all Fire Doors closed—they are marked. This is especially important when leaving the church after using the facilities.

THANK YOU!!!



82 percent
of people are likely to attend church
if invited
by a friend or relative.

Thank you to everyone who comes out to help the Trustees on their Work Days— and to all those who see things that need done—and do them! Your acts are noticed and appreciated.

This month the group built up the berms of the new road surface (see Walt, Bob Fitzgerald and Bob Wilson at right) in addition to “housework” in the church building itself. Trustees would like to send a SPECIAL shout out to Bob & Diane Scott and Ron Bowman - !!!!

Next Trustee Work Day: August 1



Calling All Women in the Church –PW

If you did not receive your 2015 Poke Run Program—Check in the Church Narthex (bookshelf) or please contact Amy in the Church Office.

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

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

FROM “THE REDSTONE LINK” - PW of Redstone Presbytery

Sign Up Now— the 5th PW Mission Trip to New Windsor, VA Oct. 4-6th—Linda Chicka and Deb Delfavero attended in 2014—contact the office for more information.

Redstone PW is having a “Christmas in July Tea” at Congruity Presbyterian Church in New Alexandria on Saturday, July 18 at 1pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Laurie Martin (724-727-3361, martinstlc3@verizon.net .)



Recipe	
Dish: _____	Serves: _____
SAUERKRAUT SALAD	
from the kitchen of Karen Staymates	
2C sauerkraut(draind)	1 3/4 C sugar
1 C celery (diced)	1/3 C oil
1 onion (diced)	1/4 C water
1 green pepper (diced)	1/2 C vinegar
1 can pimentos	
Mix all together and let stand 24 hours.	
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**WE'RE LOOKING FOR MORE RECIPES TO SHARE—SUBMIT YOURS!!!! -
Call or email the office**



Photo submitted by Pastor Pete



Congratulations to Dave Wilkinson who participated in the annual MS150 Bike ride from Moraine State Park to Lake Erie, to raise awareness and money for Multiple Sclerosis research.



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

If you have appropriate News to share in the Ranger—please submit it to the office. The next Ranger deadline is July 20th.

Welcome Aubrey McCutcheon, new Poke Run member. Pictured are Aubrey's parents, Julie & Cal McCutcheon, Aubrey, Preston, JR, & Nate McCutcheon, and Pastor Pete.

Called 2 Serve

The Poke Run Nominating Committee has begun their work to prepare the slate of Elders, Trustees and Deacons for the 2016 year. Please keep this group and those who are called to serve the Poke Run Congregation in your prayers.

DONT INVITE
BRING

**GET READY FOR POKE RUN
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 26TH -30TH
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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