



*Poke Run Presbyterian Church*

**AUGUST 2015**

# THE RANGER

**It's Back ON!!!!!!**

**Poke Run Church Picnic Sunday August 9th**

Plan on attending the Poke Run Church picnic at the church on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> IMMEDIATELY following the 10AM worship service. The Dombroske's have generously donated the picnic meat. Poke Run Presbyterian Women will add to the table, and are signing up side dish donations. Please consider donating!

If you can donate contact Laurie Martin at 724-727-3361 or the church office at 724-327-5563.

**It's sure to be a fun and "DELICIOUS" gathering. Hope to see you there!**



**SUMMER  
WORSHIP**

## Trying something different in August!

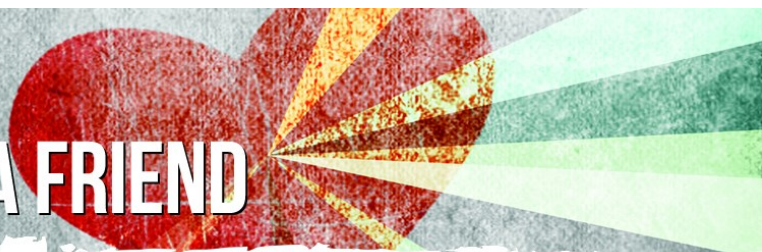
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**BRING A FRIEND**



## THANK YOU

**Thank you to our July Lectors:** Cindy McQuaide, Walt Lange, Becky Lange, and Tom Kimble

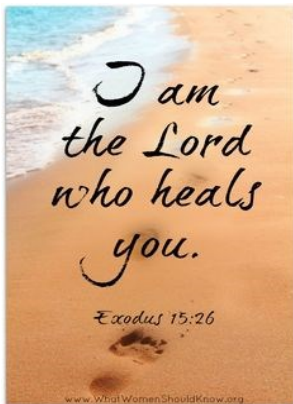
**Thank you to our July Greeters:** Andy & Eva Bantroch, Walt & Becky Lange, the Martin's, Larry & Debbie Seighman

*For our prayers:*



Anna, Ed Bahney, Renee Beck, Bill Bert, Bob Bierer, Donna Blaser, Lil Bowman, Max Brooks, Carolyn Buckley, Anna Mae Chicka, Irene Clark, Jeffrey Clark, Lyndsey Coulter, Carol Croff, Elvira, Skip Elwood, Joanne Fitzsimmons, Lee & Linda Gardener, Melissa Goetschius, Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Leonard Hartman, Tiffany Jensen, Leland & Berenice Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Grace Kennedy, Pat Lengauer, Clifford & Karen Lightner, Norm Linhart, Bob McBride, Thelma McCutcheon, Irma McDivitt, Conrad McQuaide, Amy McQuaide, June Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sandy Nemetz, Thad Overly, Wanda Petrilla, James & Winifred Powers, Rafael Rincon, Ron Rubright, Carol Thompson, Terry Wiester, Grace Young, Peter Yurtin, the family of Brittany Hansen, Renee Bates, Caleb Hill, JoAnn Miller, Ralph Brown, Steve Roman, 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.*



**Pastor Pete has been exploring the idea of providing a series of “Healing Services,” with the purpose of drawing God’s people near, to hear the Word and lead to the understanding of God’s healing grace in all situations.** The Veteran’s Service held earlier this year was a beginning in this direction.

Three services have been scheduled. Pray about who you can invite or bring. Consider that even if you feel you or someone is not directly affected; healing is needed in ever widening circles around those we love.

**September 26th = for those affected by Cancer**

**November 28th = for unbelievers & those who experience doubt**

**January 30th = Veterans**

If you have questions or ideas on how to spread the word about these services, contact Pastor Pete.

**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 and August 18th and 19th for Lizzy's return trip to school! 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!**



### **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"



Thank you to everyone who will be helping with next week's Vacation Bible School at Poke Run. Remember, each night starts with a "Free Family Friendly Meal" at 5:45pm—stop by for dinner and meet the folks coming to Poke Run—introduce yourself and invite them back for worship!



# Stories of Redstone

## Christ at work in our midst



### Building Hope

#### *Redstone Mission Team Restores Hurricane Damaged Homes*

Eighteen volunteers from West Newton, Congruity, Community, Uniontown, Westminster, Avonmore, Harmony, and Maplewood churches cleared out a basement, finished drywall, installed cabinets and leveled floors in homes devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

Many of these same volunteers had traveled to help on previous trips starting after Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005.

Each mission trip is different because of the people and the work that is assigned. Each trip is successful because God always provides right tools for the job. The team stayed at Morningstar Presbyterian Church, a PDA camp offered by a community of caring church members.

Each trip reminds the mission team of how fortunate they are. As they help to rebuild the homes, they also rebuild hope by listening to the stories of survival. But the volunteers always receive more than they give. They are blessed by being God's hands and feet in a disaster area.

Want to do a mission trip but don't have enough people in your church to plan your own? Be part of the Redstone Mission Team! Individuals and churches welcome. Contact Judy Koontz 724- 668-2843 or the Redstone office 724-837-6737.

Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World

**Together!**

## FROM THE SYNOD E-NEWS

### **First PC of Irwin, PA, helps rebuild in West Virginia**

Congregation members from the First Presbyterian Church of Irwin, PA, and Community United Methodist Church from Irwin joined together to volunteer with West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (WV VOAD) and the Mingo County Long Term Recovery Group recently to repair two homes damaged by March flooding in Wayne and Mingo Counties. The First Presbyterian and United Methodist group is one of many teams volunteering to help West Virginia recover from damages caused by March and April 2015 storms.



### HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

**CANCELLED Aug 1st**—Pine Springs "Fun Day"

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

### COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Redstone and Poke Run offices will be closed on September 7th in honor of Labor Day.

### 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.

**July 25th 7pm** "Outcry Pittsburgh" contemporary Christian concert at First Niagara

**July 26th 3pm** Gibbons Big Band concert—First Lutheran Church of Apollo

**August 15th 10am** - Kiski Area Soccer team Car Wash at Advanced Auto in Allegheny Twp

Look for Poke Run members Jacob Slaughaupt and Jeffrey Wilkinson.

**August 16th**—Festa Italiano—Kennedy Park, Vandergrift, PA

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

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

**Thursdays 3-7pm** Murrys ville Farmer's Market—Murrysville VFC

## Next Trustee Work Day—August 1!

Can you dust, weed, sweep ? There are jobs for all ages and all abilities. Please consider coming out on August 1st , 8:30am—noon.

Thank you to everyone who participates. If you ever need something added to the job list—contact the church office.



**The Poke Run Deacons** - Our Deacons spend time caring for our own Poke Run Community and beyond. Please keep the Board of Deacons in your prayers as they minister God's love.

Also, if you are aware of someone who might benefit from a Deacon, or Pastor Pete visit, do not hesitate to contact the Church Office.

**Thank you Deacons for all that you do.**



## 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.**

**AUGUST 17—9AM—**Come help clean the kitchen and storage room.

All help REALLY appreciated. There will also be Community Dinner meeting sometime in August—watch the bulletin for a date.

**Circle 2:** next meeting September 24, hostess Heidi Hileman. Leader Linda Chicka

**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.

**Mark your calendar for the next PW Quarterly meeting: September 1st—7pm.**

*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.



Been down the Education Annex Hallway lately?

In addition to “artwork” old and new – there is a bulletin board about half way past Pastor Pete’s office that features good information and contact information for various resources.



HAVIN (Helping All Victims In Need) is one of those resources. HAVIN provides FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services for anyone impacted by sexual violence, domestic violence and child abuse. See the flyer for more info and phone numbers.



Alle-Kiski Faith in Action is a program of the United Way of Westmoreland County aimed at enriching lives and supporting seniors of Lower and Upper Burrell, New Ken, Arnold, and Washington Twp. Nonmedical senior assistance for individuals 60 and older. See the flyer for more information.

**FAITH**  
IN ACTION



Medi Home Hospice A division of Medical Services of America – information is available about the hospice program as well as how to become a volunteer. “The Gift of Giving”

**August 15th!**

**VOLUNTEER WITH POKE RUN CHURCH AT THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY FOODBANK!**

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Call office for details.

**Saturday August 15th, 9am-noon—Foodbank warehouse in Delmont, PA**



***If you have appropriate News to share in the Ranger—please submit it to the office. The next Ranger deadline is August 24th.***

**PHOTOS WANTED!!!!**

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

**WE’RE LOOKING FOR MORE RECIPES TO SHARE—SUBMIT YOURS!!!!**

**Call or email the office**

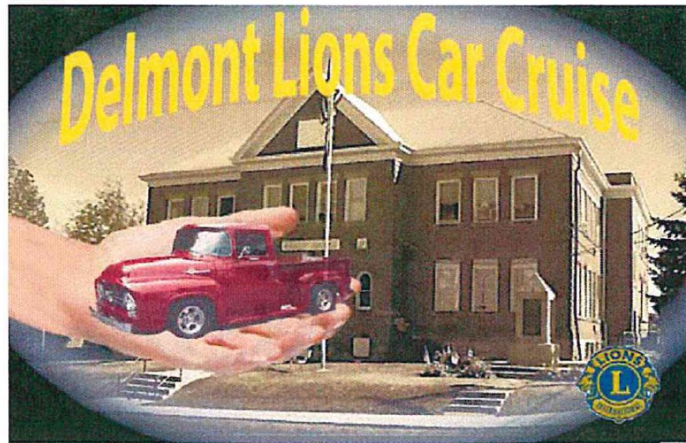




50/50  
Basket Auction  
Door Prizes  
Food

Monster Trucks  
on display

Entertainment  
DJ Larry



Flea Market  
&  
Car Swap

Let's Help  
The Food Bank!  
Bring A  
Canned Good to  
Donate

## 1st Annual

**Vintage - Classic & Custom Car - Truck and Motorcycle Show**

Dash Plaques to first 100

Donation: \$7.00 per vehicle

Registration: 11:00am to 1:00pm

Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a fun filled day. **(No Pets)**

**Sunday, August 16, 2015**

**Shields Farm in Delmont PA**

**9 am to 4 pm (Car Cruise 11 - 4)**

**Rain Date: Sunday, September 13, 2015**

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### **SIX LITTLE STORIES THAT SAY IT ALL.....**

*Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered,  
but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's FAITH*

*When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's TRUST*

*Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. That's HOPE*

*We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's CONFIDENCE*

*We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE*

*On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old....  
I am sweet 16 with 64 years experience' That's ATTITUDE*



# August 2015

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Bible Study on 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
Offering: Trustees

**1**  
8:30am  
Trustee Work Day

Secretary Amy will be on vacation the week of July 27th—messages and emails will be checked.

**2**  
COMMUNION  
10am  
WORSHIP

**3**

**4**

**5**  
7pm  
MISSION &  
STEWARDSHIP

**6**

**7**

**8**

**9**  
10am  
WORSHIP  
7pm Bible Study

**10**

**11**

**12**

**13**

**14**

**15**  
8:30am  
FoodBank



CHURCH PICNIC!!

**16**  
10am  
WORSHIP

**17**  
9AM  
Clean  
Kitchen &  
Storage  
Room

**18**  
POKE RUN  
OFFICE  
CLOSED

**19**  
POKE RUN  
OFFICE  
CLOSED

**20**

**21**

**22**

**23**  
10am  
WORSHIP  
7pm Bible Study

**24**

**25**

**26**

**27**

**28**

**29**

**30**  
10am  
WORSHIP

**31**

Bring  
a  
Friend  
Share the Word!







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An LED sign warns motorists of upcoming road work on Route 66 southbound.

## Months of work ahead on Route 66

*Delays likely during PennDOT's \$2.4M restoration project in Washington Township*

BY TOM YERACE

Starting Monday, motorists traveling Route 66 in Washington Township might want to allow more time to reach their destination.

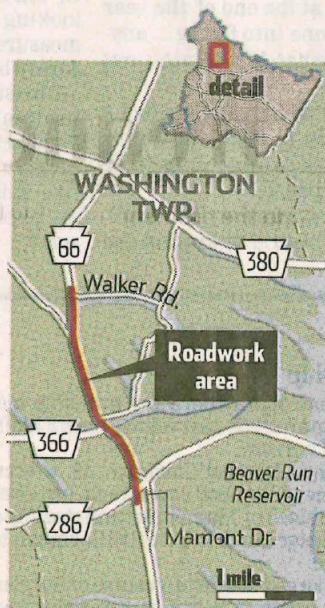
That's when a \$2.4 million road restoration project will start on the Alle-Kiski Valley's main route to Greensburg.

According to PennDOT, the project will be along a 1- to 1.5-mile stretch of Route 66 from a point near Walker Road, north of the intersection with Route 366 (Greensburg Road). From there, work will continue south to a point near Mamont Drive, north of where Route 286 crosses Route 66.

All the work will take place within Washington Township.

PennDOT spokeswoman Valerie Petersen said the project will involve a variety of improvements, including repairs to the road base; shoulder reconstruction; milling and resurfacing; tree trimming; minor drainage repair; guardrail replacement; line painting; and sign installation.

The work, which is being done



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by Tresco Paving, is expected to be completed by mid-October, Petersen said.

Sections of Route 66 were so badly degraded by severe winter weather that PennDOT had to perform emergency repairs in March.

The upcoming project is not a response to that, according to Petersen. She said it had been one of the projects scheduled as

part of PennDOT's 12-year road improvement plan.

"There was a lot of damage on that road from the winter, but it was on the plan," said Rich Gardner, Washington Township supervisors chairman.

Petersen said there are no plans to add temporary lanes to maintain two-lane traffic, as is done for some PennDOT projects.

"As of right now, they are going to do it with flaggers who will maintain traffic," she said.

That means that there will be alternating lanes of traffic and delays are likely.

"That's how they did it the last time — and it's definitely an inconvenience for traffic," Gardner said. "That is a busy road."

"It has not been determined if they will be working day or night," Petersen said. "Our interstate projects are done at night, but for other projects, it's up to the contractor."

Gardner said he doesn't expect the project to cause any major problems for businesses since there aren't many in that area. He is glad the work is being done.

"I think it will be good when it is done," he said.

Tom Yerace is a staff writer for Trib Total Media. He can be reached at 724-226-4675 or tyerace@tribweb.com.

The article at left recently ran in the Valley News Dispatch. This project will definitely affect road conditions around Poke Run Church—  
Be cautious!







## Poke Run Picnic

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immediately following the 10am service  
at the Church

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