

# *Poke Run Presbyterian Church*

## *THE RANGER - AUGUST 2016*



**Get Ready for Poke Run  
Vacation Bible School  
July 24th - 28th  
Register at the door!**

Thank you to everyone who will be helping at next week's Vacation Bible School. 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! ALL ARE WELCOME!



Welcome back! Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Virginia Mission Trip and special thank you to all who prayed for and supported this group.



Thank you to Gavin, Angeles and Isabella Ondish for presenting a patriotic medley as a prelude to the July 3rd Worship service.

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**Thank you to our June & July Lectors:** Cheyenne Fazi, Sandy Chappell, Jeff Wilkinson, Laurie Martin, Karen Goetschius, Cindy McQuaide, Nikki McQuaide, and Linda Chicka.

**Thank you to our June & July Greeters:** Larry & Debbie Seighman, Freda Bowman, Edyth Elwood, Jessica Slaugenhaupt, Karen Staymates, Jack & Eleanor Zerbini, Bob & Darleen Thompson, Walt & Becky Lange, Jim & Carol Thompson, and Brian & Nancy Dombroske.



For our prayers: Ang, Ed Bahney, Renee Beck, Bill Bert, Bob Bierer, Lil Bowman, Sarah Brank, Max Brooks, Ralph Brown, Carolyn Buckley, Roxy Chickar, Irene Clark, Jim Dunmire, Elvira, Lee & Linda Gardener, Marnee Gormley, Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Leonard Hartman, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Joyce Hodges, Tiffany Jensen, Leland & Berenice Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Jodee LaCelle, Pat Lengauer, Cliff Lightner, Norm Linhart, Samantha McCutcheon, Irma McDivitt, Conrad McQuaide, Amy McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, June Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sandy Nemetz, Sean O'Neil, Thad Overly, Sarah Parrish, Wanda Petrilla, James & Winifred Powers, Rafael Rincon, Steve Roman, Ed & Betty Schmidt, Callie Spaulding, Dave Speer, Dinah Staymates, John Steele, JD Strait, Terry Wiester, Clay Wilabee, Peter Yurtin, Jill Tocco, those gripped by addictions, and those who serve in the military.

*Thank you for  
**Praying***

***“Greetings Poke Run family! Thank you for all your prayers, thoughts, cards, and well-wishes during this challenging season of my life. My recent scans show that I still have a brain lesion. However, I no longer have any noticeable symptoms. Praise God! In the Bible, King David, and the disciple John, speak of our prayers as burning incense rising up before God. What love you have shown to our Father and for me by your prayers! Thank you! Blessings, Callie (Martin) Spaulding”***

***“ To the congregation of Poke Run Church, Thank you for your prayers and thoughts. .... The family of Don Bowman”***

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.

It is a privilege to lift up those we care about in continued prayer and Poke Run Church rejoices that many of those included on our “Prayer List” are healing and strengthening. If you placed names on our “Prayer List,” please contact the office to update us.



The Poke Run Congregation witnessed the Christian baptism of our friend Ronda Bertelle, pictured here with Linda Chicka and Pastor Pete.



The Poke Run Nominating Committee has begun their work to prepare the slate of Elders, Trustees and Deacons for the 2017 year. Please keep this group and those who are called to serve the Poke Run Congregation in your prayers.

*Called 2 Serve*

**Summer Office Hours at the Church** remain at 9:30am—2:30pm most days. Call ahead to be sure Amy is there! The messages and emails will be checked. The Church Phone directory has been updated, copies are available in the Narthex. **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.**

**The Office promise: you will NOT be inundated with emails!**



**Secretary Amy will be out of the office July 22-29, phone messages and emails will be checked.**



**POKE RUN HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!**

**[pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net](mailto:pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net)**





### **Sunday School at Poke Run Church**

Classes meet each Sunday at 10am.

There are age specific classes for Children and youth which continue through the summer months.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Make the Connection*

Thank you to Shelly Chappell and Bob Thompson who have provided the much needed place for the older kids, our teens and tweens.

### **FOR REALLY 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 "Toward a New Creation."

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"



**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.**

### **Have a student going back to College or someone separated from us for a time?**

The Deacons would love to keep in touch. Send your student's information to the Church office or call it in—the Poke Run Deacons have a special place in their hearts for these special ones.



**Thank you to everyone who comes to help the Poke Run Trustees on their scheduled work days. It is indeed a great time of community.**

The Trustees have several big projects going on—seen and unseen. A large portion of the ramp to the sanctuary from the rear of the church has been removed in order to hopefully alleviate water seepage into the Fellowship Hall. The manse will be getting a new roof this month, and watch for road improvements in the Poke Run cemetery.

Work also continues on the dishwasher installation in the Church kitchen.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE POKE RUN CEMETERY!**

Our groundskeeper requests that you **NOT** place sod and dirt in the waste cans in the Poke Run cemetery. These cans are emptied by hand and sod and dirt make them unmanageably heavy.

Your consideration is much appreciated.

# Stories of Redstone

## Christ at work in our midst

### 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly

A "YAAD" Perspective—Mandi Pascarella



"Young adults in the church often get a bad reputation. Many feel that we don't know what is going on, or we just don't care. While this sometimes is true, it is not always the case.

I was given the opportunity to attend General Assembly as a YAAD. On this trip, I met many *amazing young adults*, as well as many *inspiring and influential* members of the church. I was honored to share my thoughts and feelings on issues the church

faces today. While much of what we did raised discussion and debate, at the end of the day we all came together in prayer and song. I believe the church is headed in a good direction with the current commissioners and will be in good hands in the future.

I'd like to thank you for selecting me to represent Redstone Presbytery. I would also like to thank my congregation (First, Greensburg). When I was baptized 19 years ago, they promised to love and support me as their own. I can affirm that along this road I have felt nothing less."

(For more information on General Assembly...[www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org))

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

**Together!**

Poke Run has "adopted" a 2016 Pine Springs staff member, to keep in prayer and encourage through the summer.



**Maddie Cerra**

**Pine Springs Camp,**

**P O Box 186,**

**371 Pine Springs Camp Road,**

**Jennerstown PA 15547**

ADDRESS LABELS FOR Maddie ARE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOUR USE SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND A CARD OR SMALL TOKEN.

### August 20th!

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

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old.

Call office for details.

**Saturday August 20th, 9am-noon—**

**Foodbank  
warehouse in  
Delmont, PA**



### HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY & CHURCH WIDE

September 14-17—"The Desert Abbas and Ammas" Pittsburgh Theological Seminary presentation by Roberta C. Bondi as part of the "Spiritual Formation" series 2016.

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

### HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

**August 14th—Festa Italiano—Kennedy Park, Vandergrift, PA**

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

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

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

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.





LEFT: "We would like to thank Jessica Slaughaupt for sharing her talents in the beautiful and loving gifts she makes to share with her Poke Run Family. The love of God shines through no matter how small."

RIGHT: Karen Staymates and Vinnie Goodiski added a loving touch to the Poke Run cemetery.  
(photos submitted by Tammy Kelley)

**If you have appropriate News to share in the Ranger—please submit it to the office.  
The next Ranger deadline is August 24th. The Office can use emailed photos from cameras or cell phones.  
We'd love to include more pictures from church functions.**

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

**Call or email the office**



Recipe	
Dish: _____	Serves: _____
<b>SPAGHETTI PIZZA ...from the kitchen of Carole Bowman</b>	
1 lb. spaghetti or linguine	1/2 C milk
2 eggs	3/4 tsp garlic salt
4 C shredded mozzarella	large jar of Spaghetti sauce
1 1/2 tsp oregano	1 pkge sliced pepperoni
<p>Break pasta into 2" pieces, cook, drain and cool. Beat eggs lightly in large bowl, stir in milk, 1 cup mozzarella , and garlic salt. Add cooked spaghetti and stir. Spread spaghetti mixture in greased 9X13 pan. Bake 15 minutes at 400° Remove from oven, reduce heat to 350°, spread sauce on top and sprinkle with oregano, and remaining cheese. Top with pepperoni and bake 30 minutes more. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting. (add onions, mushrooms, peppers etc. if you wish.)</p>	





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 7pm Mission & Stewardship	4	5	6
7 COMMUNION 8:30-11 Worship 10am Sunday School 7pm Bible Study	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 8:30-11 Worship 10am Sunday School 7pm Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19	20 9am Foodbank
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