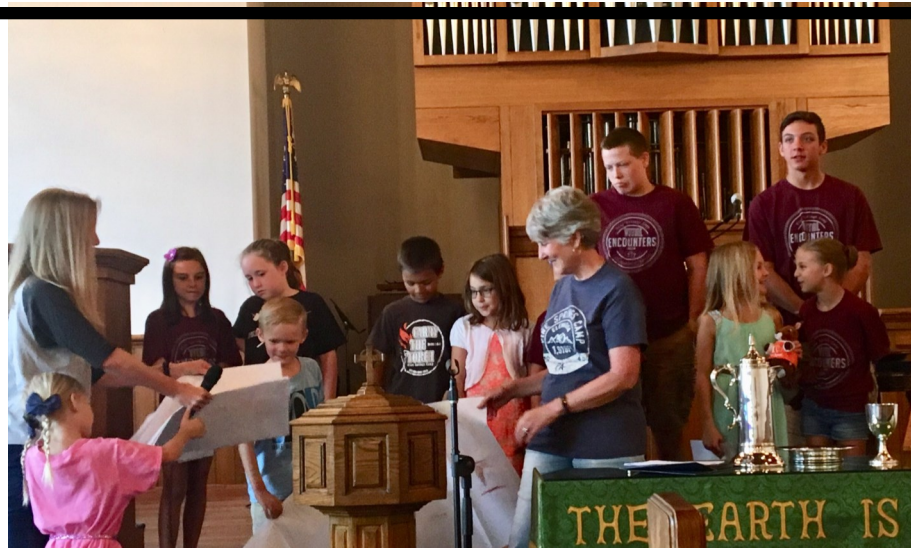


# Poke Run Presbyterian Church

## THE RANGER - AUGUST 2018



It was a great blessing to honor Poke Run's campers for 2018 and to hear the "Vital Encounters" they experienced during their time at Pine Springs Camp this summer. 15 of our 16 sponsored campers shared their camp encounters through a personal response of praise and gratitude.

This year's campers included:

Adleigh Fulton	Evan Hileman	Logan Hileman	Kaylee Holzer
Laurie Martin	Logan McGarry	Morgan McGarry	Payton McGarry
Callie Spaulding	Ellie Spaulding	Miles Spaulding	Brea Stevenson
Paige Stevenson	Austin Weyel	Jessica Slausenhaupt	Lucas Weyel

**Check out the Pine Springs Bulletin Board in the Classroom hallway; it includes notes and reflections from the campers.** Please continue to keep Pine Springs Camp and the children of Poke Run Church in your prayers. An event to support our campership fund is being planned, so keep your ears open! Also, consider personally supporting Poke Run's campership fund for 2019. Donations should be made out to "Poke Run Church" with a note of designation to the Pine Springs Campership Fund.

Dear PokeRun Church,  
Hi! I am Isabel and I go to the University of Massachu-  
setts in Amherst. I study English and Spanish, and I plan to  
pursue journalism. I am a senior and plan to join the  
Peace Corps after I graduate. I enjoy playing the  
piano and drawing and travelling (I spent my last semester  
in Spain)! I am the Chrysalis Queen here at PSC  
which means I am in charge of arts and crafts.

This is my 11<sup>th</sup> year at camp, and I love being here!  
Besides being the Chrysalis Queen, I also play piano for our  
worship night. I would appreciate if you could pray for  
strength, patience, and focus for me! I start the summer.  
Thank you for all of your support and prayer!

In Christ,  
Isabel



No changes: 2 Sunday Services,  
8:30am & 11am.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL  
CONTINUE THROUGH  
THE SUMMER—10AM**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY  
(will resume Sept 9)  
TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE  
STUDY 10am = ongoing**



**3 Generations of  
"Martin's/Spauldings" at  
Pine Springs Camp**

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INFORMATION!!!!**





*Some photos of our kids at  
Pine Springs Camp!*



**Thank you to our June & July Lectors:** Ruth O'Connor, Becky Lange, Walt Lange, Karen Goetschius, Brian Dombroske, Don Lengauer, Amy Wilkinson, Logan Hileman, and Laurie Martin

**Thank you to our June & July Greeters:** Freda Bowman, Cindy McQuaide, Amy Wilkinson, Connie Cauvel, Laurie Powers, Ken & Dolly George, Tom & Nancy Kimble, Doug & Deb Ross, Irma McDivitt, Ruth O'Connor, Ron & Heidi Hileman, Caileigh Chappell and Logan McGarry



### **THE POKE RUN TRUSTEES**

Thank you to our Trustees and everyone who came out to help on the July "Work Day". There is always plenty to do and extra hands certainly make the work lighter. Thank you Trustees for all that you do— and thank you to everyone who sees things that need done and does them—much appreciated.



**The Community of Poke Run Presbyterian Church is a community that knows and lives the POWER OF PRAYER.**

**If you would like to be included on the Poke Run Prayer list, or just want to ask for prayer—contact the church office. If you want to be on the email Prayer Chain—also 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.

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.





Scott Ankney, baby Noah, Carol Bartachellei, Renee Bates, Ronda Bertelle, Lil Bowman, Cindy Brooks, Max Brooks, Ralph Brown, Nancy Bruner, Carolyn Buckley, William Caldwell, Dave Carroll, Irene Clark, Collin, Kelly Daugherty Farley, Jim Dunmire, Sara Dyer, Shirley Elwood, Terry Fairbanks, Elmer Foley, Laurel Frey, Lee & Linda Gardener, Nancy Gearhard, Marnee Gormley, Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Betty Henry, Don Henry, Joyce Hodges, Brenda Hughes, Leland & Berenice Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Rob Kemerer, Kim, Joel Ladik and wife Katie, Rhett LaRue and family, Dana, Allison Lengauer Jordan, Steve Kosinski, Pat Lengauer, Tammy Libengood, Cliff Lightner, Norm Linhart, Heather Lynn, John Mango, the McCutcheon family, Irma McDivitt, Mary Lou McKay, Amy McQuaide, Conrad McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, June & Roy Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sam Musmanno, Sandy Nemetz, Thad Overly, Sandy Pajak, Sarah Parrish, Evelyn Pfeffer, Randy Pfeffer, Winifred Powers, Reno, Rafael Rincon, Steve Roman, Mary Ellen Ross, Bob Scott, Debbie & Larry Seighman, Valerie Shondelmyer, Joanne Smith, Carol Soule, Mary Jane Staite, Dinah Staymates, Jennifer Steiner, Mildred Striner, Ken Swank, Arlene Switzer, Bev & Mario Tagliati, Amy Teele, Craig Thompson, Jim Thompson, Jill Tocco, Adam Weaver, Linda Wengert, June Wiester, Terry Wiester, Clay Wilabee, Kate Wolford, Peter Yurtin, Those gripped by addictions, Those who serve in the military, Pray for Our country, and Our world.

Please keep the following in prayer who have experienced recent loss.

*Poke Run friends Dave & Penny Carroll and their family. Penny's mother Dorothy Vrudney, passed away on June 3rd.*

*Nancy Dombroske, Barbi Findley, and their families. Their aunt Nancy Zatezalo (Miriam Painter's sister) passed away on June 16th.*

*Ron, Heidi, Logan & Evan Hileman and their family. Ron's mother, Patty Simons passed away on June 26th.*

*Eva & Andy Bantroch in your prayers, as Eva's sister Jean Fanelli passed away on July 3rd.*

*Ken & Dolly George and their family, Ken's mother Dorothy George passed away on July 7th.*

*Tom & Nancy Kimble and their family. Nancy's father, Robert Chisnell passed away on July 30th.*

*Keep our neighbors Pine Run Presbyterian Church in your prayers, as they recover from flooding earlier in the summer.*



Thank you for  
your kindness...

*Ron Hileman would like to express thanks to everyone that helped his family through the recent passing of his mother Patty Simons. "God bless you all."*

*Andy & Eva Bantroch would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during Eva's sister Jean Fannelli's illness and passing. "Thank you and God bless."*

*"Dearest Poke Run Church Family, It is difficult to find the words to express our deepest heartfelt thanks. In our greatest time of need, you were there for us with love and support in so many ways. Pastor Pete and Miss Karen prayed with us, stood by us and gave us strength in our saddest moments. We are thankful for such a kind and giving church family – the flower arrangement in memory of our Chad was beautifully done. We received cards, flowers at home, food and many special messages. When we needed extra hands and help you were there. When we had many mouths to feed, Poke Run Church was there. We feel in our hearts Chad is smiling that contagious smile and telling God "That Poke Run Church you see there - that's my church!"*  
*With much love and deepest gratitude, Cal & Julie, Nate, Aubrey & Family*



FROM THE Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session meeting of May 8, 2018

NOTE: Session meetings are open to all members of the church. Complete Session Minutes are available in the office for Church member review.

The stated meeting of the Session met in the Sunday school rooms. A quorum was present and, Rev. Peter Goetschius, Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and devotions.

**2018 Theme: "How to bring God's Word to all people in this place and time"**

**Session Members present:** Rev. Peter Goetschius -Moderator, Assistant Clerk – Chad McCutcheon, Sandy Chappell, Tom Kimble, Bob Wilson, Brett Stevenson, Nikki McQuaide, Caileigh Chappell **Excused:** Laurie Martin, Ron Hileman, Clerk – Connie Cauvel,

**MSC:** To approve the Session Minutes of: April 10, 2018

**MSC:** To accept the Deacon Minutes of: April 9, 2018

**MSC:** To accept the Trustee minutes of: March 22, 2018

**MSC:** To: accept Treasurer's Report – 4/30/18 (Amy Wilkinson)

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance:** Tom Kimble -Tom & Bob Wilson led the discussion on the report from the Kitchen Committee on the attached form. **MSC** for the Kitchen committee to move forward upon the path delineated on the attached form.

**Christian Ed & Youth:** Sandy Chappell -Discussion was had on how to spread the word regarding our changes to the Pine Springs scholarship policy.

**Mission and Stewardship:** Bob Wilson – did not meet.

**Personnel:** Laurie Martin –Laurie submitted an update from the Personnel Committee delineating their agenda items for the year.

**Congregational Life:** Connie Cauvel = Committee will be preparing welcome bags to have at the Holiday Inn in Delmont for the Band. And also light refreshments for Saturday eve after their performance. Books for the Graduates will be presented at the 11:00 service on Sunday - we have 3 Grads. Jeff Wilkinson & Caileigh Chappell from High School, and Michael Goetschius from College.

**Technology:** did not meet

**Nominating:** will begin meetings in May

#### **Ad Hoc Committees**

**Fishing Team** – Tom Kimble - **MSC** for the fishing team to create and implement a church Twitter account under the handle @PokeRun.

**Kitchen** - Sandy Chappell, Laurie Martin, Bob Wilson - **MSC** for the Kitchen committee to move forward upon the path delineated on the attached form.

**Presbytery COM Liaison Report** – Connie Cauvel - Vandergrift voted to leave the Presbytery, they will be at the May 15 Presbytery meeting in Latrobe to be dismissed by Presbytery by vote.

**Old Business:** none

#### **New Business:**

**MSC:** To approve the following vacation days for Rev. Pete: 6/17, 8/12, 8/19, & 8/26.

**MSC:** To not have Session meetings in July and August.

Session will review the Cemetery Administration and Rules and Regulations policy as proposed by the Trustees and be prepared to vote on said policy at the June Session meeting.

ATTACHED TO MINUTES—The Kitchen Committee met on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 8 AM. Doug Ross-ch., Bob Wilson and Laurie Martin were in attendance

We reviewed and discussed a list of improvements for the kitchen. Immediate concerns are the floor and the stove. Since the floor in both the kitchen and storage areas may need to be replaced it was agreed that it is an appropriate time to update the kitchen and fellowship hall.

Suggested improvements:

- New floor in kitchen and storage room
- Electrical updates including three phase power
- Air condition kitchen and Fellowship Hall
- Beverage center in Fellowship Hall alcove
- Pass thru window for dishwasher sink
- Reconfigure center of the kitchen
- Refurbish kitchen cabinets
- New stove
- New dishwasher
- Paint walls
- Reconfigure lights in storage room
- Reorganize items in cabinets and mount shelving
- Lower washing sinks and replace faucets
- Re-hinge kitchen doors
- Purchase serving tables

These tasks are complex and far reaching. We will ask Ron Hileman and Tim Martin if they will serve with Bob Wilson on the Kitchen Project Team to facilitate the renovations.

Timetable; Between VBS (July 29) and soup for the Soul (October 10)

A rough cost estimate for the project is \$100,000 - \$125,000.

It has been recommended by Leslie Craven, our financial advisor, that if we are planning to undertake any major expenditures in the near future that we withdraw the money now from our invested funds due to the great volatility of the current market.



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**The Poke Run Nominating Committee has begun their work to prepare the slate of Elders, Trustees and Deacons for the 2019 year. Please keep this group and those who are called to serve the Poke Run Congregation in your prayers.**



**COMMUNION**  
SCHEDULE

Communion is shared during the 8:30am Early Worship service every Sunday morning.

Additionally, Communion will be celebrated during the following Worship services in 2018.

August 5th(11am)

September 9th(11am)

October 7th(11am)

December 2nd—1st Sunday of Advent(11am)

December 24th—Christmas Eve (5pm & 7:30pm)



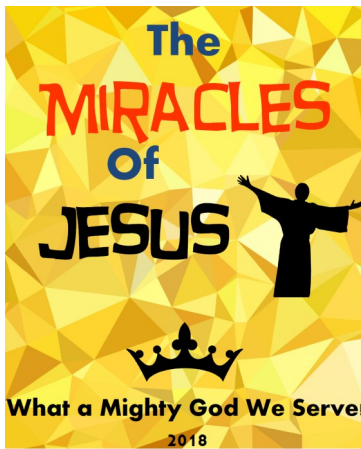
**CHOIR INFORMATION**

A "Starter" Praise Band met this week with Melissa Goetschius. This core group will begin practicing on Wednesdays at 6pm starting August 22<sup>nd</sup> – there is plenty of room to grow – see Pastor Pete or Sean O'Neil if you might be interested in this ministry! **Regular Choir practice will begin on Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> and**

**Handbell Choir will begin on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> ! Be a part of Poke Run's**

**Musical Ministry – no musical training required !**





Vacation Bible School 2018, "The Miracles of Jesus, What a Mighty God We Serve" was successfully held during the last week of July, and joyfully celebrated during the July 29th 11am Worship Service. Thank you to **EVERYONE** who participated in, donated to, and prayed for Poke Run's VBS program. A very special thank you to Karen Goetschius for writing this year's curriculum and for Linda Chicka's leadership.

This year's VBS offering was donated in Chad McCutcheon's memory to two special hospitals that are dedicated to serving children and performing Miracles every day, St. Jude's and the Shriners Hospitals. In addition, Foodbank donations were collected each night.



Don & Pat Lengauer again donated their talents as they illustrated the Miracles of Jesus (pictured ABOVE). Be sure to see them in the Narthex.





Thinking we may have started a new VBS tradition. The pictures below are from an "adult event" held on Tuesday night. It was great; more than 25 came out to the field above the cemetery, for a campfire and some friendly cornhole. BECAUSE—why should the kids have all the fun—Don't miss it next year!







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

Classes meet each Sunday at 10am.

**FOR THE KIDS** Children's Class! – for all ages

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Meeting in the West Wayside room (on the left at the end of the hall) - using the David C. Cook series titled **"Justice in the New Testament"**

*Join in the fellowship area for refreshment and conversation between the early service and Sunday School.*



**THE UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

FREE—in the Narthex: copies of the two publications,

***The Upper Room*** - daily devotional, and ***Today's Christian Living*** - magazine



The church is need of Notary services for new volunteers. If you are able to donate these services or have suggestions, please see Linda Chicka or contact the office.



## **Deacon Ministry**

**The Poke Run Deacons** - Our Deacons spend time caring for our Poke Run Community and beyond. Please keep the Board of Deacons in your prayers as they minister God's love. If you are aware of someone who might benefit from the care of our Deacons, or a visit or call from Pastor Pete, do not hesitate to contact the Church Office.

## **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 dear ones.

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

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS**



**Women of the Church/Circle 2** will meet again in the Fall—starting in September.

**You can find Poke Run Presbyterian Church on Facebook!**

**- featuring the "Daily Verse"**

Poke Run's email address:

**pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net**

Poke Run web site is [www.pokerunchurch.com](http://www.pokerunchurch.com)







**Are you interested in providing or dedicating Sanctuary flowers for our Sunday Worship?** A calendar is located in the Narthex of the church. You can provide your own, or order two altar arrangements at a cost of \$44.00.  
Call the office if you have any questions. 724-327-5563



#### **From the Poke Run Office**

**Office Hours at the Church** 9:30am—2:30pm most days.

**Never hesitate to contact Pastor Pete 724-454-2278.**

**Next Ranger Deadline: Aug.27th**

A Directory update is Happening! I PROMISE—wanting to be as accurate and inclusive as possible.- Check with the office to verify and update your information. 724-327-5563 or email your information to [pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net](mailto:pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net) Hoping to publish soon. Thank you.

## Directory



**The "FIRST FRUITS" offering is Poke Run's commitment to the larger church. Please consider an offering beyond your local giving, of \$35 per member. We have collected about 70% to date.**

**Legacy Giving: Did you know you can help take care of your church after you die? Remember to give to Poke Run Presbyterian Church in your estate planning.**



**Westmoreland  
County  
Food Bank, Inc.**

Poke Run will volunteer at the Westmoreland County Foodbank on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 8:30am at the Foodbank, You must be aged 14 to participate. See Linda Chicka or contact the office for details.



**Kiski Area Youth Network**

#### **Poke Run Benevolence benefits the Kiski Area Youth Network**

**(KAYN)** which "...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." The KAYN annual Golf Outing will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Willowbrook Country Club –

Registration Pamphlets are in the narthex.



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

The Office can use emailed photos from cameras or cell phones. Share your good news!!! We'd love to include more pics from church functions and from YOU!



### **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

Nathan McCutcheon provided this picture of JR MCCutcheon - BIG NEWS!!  
Congratulations JR!

### HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

8/18 Peach Festival—Delmont—see below.

Friendship Dinner—2nd Wednesday of every month, 5-6pm New Kensington  
United Presbyterian



### HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

8/8 National Night Out—Northmoreland Park

8/12 Festa Italiana—Kennedy Park Vandergrift

8/11 Amateur Astronomers—Kunkle Park—FREE Star Gazing



### COMING IN SEPTEMBER

9/2-3 Labor United Celebration—Northmoreland Park

### Farmer's Markets:

Tuesdays—4-7pm, Export—Kennedy Avenue June—September

Tuesdays—3-6pm, Greensburg—Lynch Field April—November

Wednesday 3-5:30pm & Saturdays 9-noon, Indiana—Church St June—October

Thursdays—3-6:30pm, Vandergrift—Columbia Avenue June—October

Thursdays—3-7pm, Murrysville—Sardis Road June—September

Saturdays—9-noon, Monroeville—Community Park March—November

Saturdays—8-noon, Ligonier May—October

## **Delmont Presbyterian Church Annual Peach Festival**

**Saturday, August 18, 2018 4:00-7:00 P.M.**

**Cost: \$10.00: Adults \$5.00: Children  
\$5.00: Dessert only**



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**GEARHARD FARMS**



**CORN MAZE**



**Corn Maze opens on Sat, Sept 1st**

**Website: [www.gearhardfarms.com](http://www.gearhardfarms.com)**

Menu: Hamburger or Hotdog, Potato Salad, Baked  
Beans, Macaroni and Cheese for the kids, Cake, Ice Cream  
and Fresh Peaches, Hot and Cold Beverages

**101 Church Street  
Delmont, PA 15626  
(724) 468-5804**

Sponsored by The Delmont Presbyterian Women's Association

**Rev. Peter M. Goetschius**

**Pastor**

**Amy Wilkinson**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Shyrl Stange**

**Financial Administrator**

**Sean O'Neil**

**Choir & Musical Director**

**Linda Moorhead**

**Early Service Musical Director**

**Tom Kimble**

**Cemetery Administrator**





# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7pm Mission & Stewardship	2	3	4
5  8:30 & 11am Worship 10am SunSch 7pm Bible Study	6	7 10am Womens Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am SunSch 7pm Bible Study	13	14 10am Womens Bible Study	15	16	17	18  8:30am <b>FOOD-BANK</b>
19 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am SunSch 7pm Bible Study	20	21 10am Womens Bible Study	22 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir	23 7pm <b>Trustees</b>	24	25
26 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am SunSch 7pm Bible Study	27	28 10am Womens Bible Study	29 6pm Praise Band Handbell Choir 7pm Choir	30	31	



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### *Worship* SCHEDULE

**Sundays: 8:30am Worship Service,  
11am Worship Service  
Sunday School at 10am  
Bible Study: Sunday 7pm Tuesday/Women 10am  
WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS—9:30am-2:30pm**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**August 15 7:30pm** - Poke Run will be sharing the movie "I Can Only Imagine" We're planning an outdoors show—so bring a chair, but we can move inside if the weather requires. Movie will start at 8pm. Spread the news, invite friends! FREE!



"Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe." ....

As of June 24, 2018, *I Can Only Imagine* has grossed \$83.4 million in the United States, and Canada and \$1.8 million in other territories, for a worldwide total of \$85.2 million, against a production budget of \$7 million. It is the third-highest grossing music biopic of all-time in the United States, behind [Straight Outta Compton](#) and [Walk the Line](#). It is also the highest-grossing [independent film](#) of 2018.

**Rated PG for thematic elements including some violence**