

'The Ranger ' Poke Run Presbyterian Church



POKE RUN 2018 VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP CANCELLED

Low committed turn-out for the annual Poke Run Mission trip in Virginia has brought the Mission & Stewardship Committee to cancel the 2018 trip.

Poke Run has participated with the mission work of *Project Crossroads* in the Marion, Virginia area for quite some time. Poke Run will continue to pursue Mission opportunities. Pray that we will be led to God's next calling for Poke Run.

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June & July 2018



Get Ready for Poke Run Church Vacation Bible School! July 22nd—26th *"The Miracles of Jesus"*

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. Contact the Church office or Linda Chicka (724-422-3688.) You can also email your information to Linda at <u>Igchicka@gmail.com</u>. Thank you! (If you do not have your necessary clearances yet contact Amy in the office and she will be happy to set up a time to help you get them—they are FREE.)

And MOST IMPORTANTLY, 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.)



No changes: two Sunday Services, 8:30am & 11am. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER—10AM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 7PM

Thank you to our May Greeters:



Andy & Eva Bantroch, Nancy Dombroske & Nicole Goodiski, the Hileman family, and Doug & Deb Ross

Thank you to our May Lectors:

Diane Scott, Jeff Wilkinson, Barbi Findley, and Lizzy Wilkinson

Thank you to all "phantom weeders and planters" who help keep the church property looking so nice.



Thank you to everyone who came out and helped mark the Poke Run Cemetery graves of those who served in the US Armed Services. If you know of anyone who was missed, please contact Linda Chicka or the church office. 724-327-5563 Below is a shot of the scouts who came out to help— Linda reports there were about 35 people in all.



In addition, Linda Chicka continues to maintain a database acknowledging all our church members and attendees, past and present, who have given service to our county. Please let her know if you or any of your family have served, and the timeframe and branch of the military in which they were active. The current database is on display in the Narthex check it out and help keep the



HUGE thanks and appreciation to *Ron and Carole Bowman* and their "Soup Crew" for another successful season of the "Soup for the Soul" outreach. *Serving soup since 2012 !* See you in the fall! (October 10, 2018)



For our prayers: Scott Ankney, Anthony, baby Noah, Carol Bartachellei, Renee Bates, Ronda Bertelle, Lil Bowman, 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, Jean Fanelli, Barbi Findley, Elmer Foley, Laurel Frey, Lee & Linda Gardener, Nancy Gearhard, Marnee Gormley, Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Frank Hansen, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Joyce Hodges, Brenda Hughes, Leland & Berenice Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Kim, Joel Ladik and wife Katie, Rhett LaRue and family, Dana, Pat Lengauer, Allison Lengauer Jordan, Tammy Libengood, Cliff Lightner, Norm Linhart, Heather Lynn, John Mango, the family of Chad McCutcheon, Irma McDivitt, Mary Lou McKay, Conrad McQuaide, Amy McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, June & Roy Moorhead,

Steve Morcheid, Sam Musmanno, Sandy Nemetz, Thad Overly, Sandy Pajak, Sarah Parrish, Evelyn Pfeffer, Randy Pfeffer, Winifred Powers, Rafael Rincon, Reno, Steve Roman, Mary Ellen Ross, Bob Scott, Debbie & Larry Seighman, Valerie Shondelmyer, Patty Simons, 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, Terry Wiester, Clay Wilabee, Kate Wolford,Peter Yurtin, those involved in the recent shootings, those gripped by addictions, those who serve in the military, our country, and our world.

Poke Run is sending 14 campers to Pine Springs Camp this summer – pray that this will be a safe and meaningful time for all of them.



Please keep the family of *Chad McCutcheon* in your prayers, Chad entered glory on June 4th. Chad grew up in the Poke Run congregation, baptized in 1982 and joined membership in November 1994. Chad served the Poke Run congregation on the Session, as an elder,

specifically serving as Clerk and Assistant Clerk, He also served on many committees, most recently and dynamically on the Technology Committee and Poke Run Fishing team. Chad was a devoted VBS volunteer and supported EVERYTHING and EVERYONE Poke Run. Recognizing Chad's great faith, we celebrate that he is in the presence of his Lord and Savior, but the loss that Poke Run feels is great on our hearts.

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.



<u>June 17, 2018</u>



Poke Run has "adopted" a 2018 Pine Springs staff member, to keep in prayer and encourage through the summer. <u>Isabel Fowler, Pine Springs Camp</u> P O Box 186, 371 Pine Springs Camp Road, Jennerstown

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ADDRESS LABELS FOR Isabel ARE LOCATED IN THE

NARTHEX FOR YOUR USE SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND A CARD OR SMALL TOKEN.



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. Also please prayerfully consider your calling at Poke Run. Next meetings: June 6 and 13

FROM THE Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session meeting of April 10, 2018 <u>NOTE: Session meetings are open to all members of the church.</u> 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, Clerk – Connie Cauvel. Assistant Clerk – Chad McCutcheon, Ron Hileman, Sandy Chappell, Tom Kimble, Bob Wilson, Brett Stevenson, Laurie Martin, Caileigh Chappell Excused: Nikki McQuaide Absent: Brett Stevenson

MSC: To approve the Session Minutes of: March 13, 2018 MSC: To accept the Deacon Minutes of: March 5, 2018 MSC: To accept the Trustee minutes of: February 22,2018 MSC: To: accept Treasurer's Report – 3/31/18 (Amy Wilkinson)

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Skip Noftzger

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed & Youth: Sandy Chappell -The Good Friday program "Feed our Sheep" was very successful and enjoyed by both our children and adults. Special thanks to Laurie Martin and everyone who made this day a success. **Personnel:** Laurie Martin –Committee made Safe Environment posters to post as a reminder to people who deal with our children.

Congregational Life: Connie Cauvel -Committee will be ordering books for our Graduates. Will make welcome bags for "Remedy Praise Band" to put at the hotel for them. Committee is Planning light refreshments for after their service on Saturday eve. They will be invited to our Breakfast Sunday. Music Appreciation May 20 All of our musicians will be honored at late service and we will serve breakfast @ 10 am everyone is invited to thank our dedicated, talented musicians.

Ad Hoc Committees

Fishing Team – Tom Kimble - Considering Twitter, perhaps a weekly tweet from Pete. Kitchen - Sandy Chappell, Laurie Martin, Bob Wilson - Bob got quote on three phase power if needed for a stove

Presbytery COM (Committee on Ministry) Liaison Report – Connie Cauvel -COM will attend Vandergrift service on April 15 and conduct the vote as they complete their discernment process and vote to leave the Presbytery.

Old Business:

Special thanks to the Deacons for preparing our delicious ham dinner on Palm Sunday A grateful Congregation thanks you!

New Business:

MSC: To invite Praise Band "Remedy" with Melissa Goetschius on May 12 & 13. (Electronic vote 100% approval March 26, 2018)

MC: To Approve Pine Springs Camperships Policy and Application – Laurie Martin MSC: Angel Davis & Greg Hixenbaugh to be Married October 6, 2018



Communion is shared during the 8:30am Early Worship service <u>every</u> Sunday morning. Additionally, Communion will be celebrated during the following Worship services in 2018.

June 3rd(11am) July 1st (11am) August 5th(11am) September 9th(11am) October 7th(11am) December 2nd—1st Sunday of Advent(11am) December 24th—Christmas Eve (5pm &

Pastor Pete will be on vacation June 14th —June 21st. Please contact the office with any emergencies or pastoral needs.

Preaching for us on June 17th will be:





Retired Pastor John Pressler

Baptized this month, Ansley Corinne Remaley, daughter of Julie & Frank Remaley, granddaughter of Bob & Diane Scott. Sponsors: Jarrod Remaley and Amy McNulty.

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Early in May, Poke Run was honored to provide a joyful worship service featuring

"Remedy." Remedy is the resident praise band at Loch Raven Presbyterian Church in Parkville, MD. Their primary goal is "...to make the Gospel Message accessible through the use of song and praise. We believe that music is a form of worship and we strive, humbly, to use the talents we have been given to glorify God and bless those attending our services." *Remedy* provides quarterly evening worship services at Loch Raven as well as serving local congregations during Sunday worship services. *Remedy* included:

Sue Milligan, Vocals Josh Stenger, Lead Guitar Rachel Stenger, Vocals Melissa Goetschius, Drums

Stephanie Case, Piano & Vocals Kirsten Wallace, Sound





And now—FROM *Sean O'Neil*, Poke Run music Director: "*Pete and I have discussed how great the idea would be to have a home grown praise band of our own. The point of the praise band is to bring people together who love to listen and perform music in the name of the Lord. If you have any interest in starting something like this please email or call me. Please keep in mind, praise style of music is much different from our choir anthems; however, the same goal is achieved, to praise the Lord through music. We would welcome any talent whether it be guitar, piano, vocals, percussion/rhythm. We would love to create something like this.* "

So consider if you might like to be involved in this and if you are, talk to Pastor Pete or Sean!

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In May, Poke Run Presbyterian Church recognized those who share their musical talents. The Congregational Life committee prepared a breakfast in their honor that was shared by many.

Organist & Choir Director

Sean O'Neil **Early Service Music Director** Linda Moorhead

Choir

Jan Fitzgerald Nicole Goodiski Valerie Hansen Evan Hileman Logan Hileman Becky Lange Don Lengauer Patty Lengauer Laurie Martin Summer Mazur **Cindy McQuaide** Nikki McQuaide Albert Moorhead Amy Wilkinson

Handbell Choir

Freda Bowman Edyth Elwood Jan Fitzgerald Cindy McQuaide Sean O'Neil Debbie Seighman Amy Wilkinson Jeff Wilkinson

Vocal Soloists

Don Lengauer Laurie Martin Summer Mazur

Instrumentalists & Special Guests

Remedy Carin Rushnock, flutist Karen Goetschius - piano Linda Moorhead – piano Sean O'Neil – organ, piano Amy Wilkinson – piano

Sunday School Choir

Alivia Ankney Francesca Chappel-Vaia Adleigh Fulton Addie Goetschius Nathan McCutcheon Morgan McGarry Peytan McGarry Silas McIntyre Jessica Slaugenhaupt Bria Stevenson **Paige Stevenson** Austin Weyel Lucas Weyel Director: Karen Goetschius













Poke Run Presbyterian Church Recognizes Graduates These graduates were recognized during the 11am Worship service on Mother's Day...

Caileigh Chappell—Poke Run member, daughter of Shelly Chappel-Vaia, and granddaughter of Robert & Sandy Chappell, 2018 graduate of Greensburg Salem High School and CWCTC. Caileigh is a 3 year letter winner in soccer and a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She will be attending Saint Francis University this fall pursuing an education in the field of health sciences.

Michael Goetschius—Poke Run member, son of Pastor Pete & Karen Goetschius graduated from the University of Maryland, University College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science with a minor in Business.

Nicole Goodiski—Poke Run member, daughter of Nancy & Brian Dombroske and Vincent Goodiski and granddaughter of Richard & Miriam Painter. Nicole graduated from IUP in December 2017 with her Masters in Health and Physical Education, Pre-K-12. Nicole has had the opportunity to substitute teach at Franklin Regional School District since January 2018.

Jeffrey Wilkinson—Poke Run member, son of Dave & Amy Wilkinson, 2018 High Honors graduate of Kiski Area High School. Jeff will be attending Washington & Jefferson College where he plans to pursue a double major in science and the humanities. He will also participate in varsity soccer and track.

Kara Gibbon—granddaughter of Karen Staymates, 2018 graduate of Indiana Area High School. Kara will attend Penn State University, University Park Campus to study Actuary.

Mia Hartman—granddaughter of Leonard and Grace Hartman, 2018 graduate of Kiski Area High School. Mia will attend Carnegie Mellon University to study Chemical Engineering.



Pictured at left—Pastor Pete with graduates Mike Goetschius, Caileigh Chappell, Nicole Goodiski and Jeff Wilkinson.





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) Sunday School - 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.

FREE—in the Narthex: copies of the two publications, The Upper Room - daily devotional, and Today's Christian Living - magazine



DEACONS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Deb Ross, Nancy Kimble, Nancy Dombroske, Shyrl Stange, Sandy Ballas, Barbi Findley, Deb Seighman, Ruthie O'Connor, Diane Scott, and Shelly Chappell-Vaia

Absent: Tammy Kelley

Ruth opened with prayer and a devotional reading.

The minutes for March were MSC. The treasurer's report for March was MSC.

3/5/18	Balance	\$3,279.49
Debits	service charge	2.00
	outstanding checks	167.20
	Easter Food Baskets	510.50
	Palm Sunday & Easter flowers	236.60
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Credits	Easter Flowers in honor/memo	ry 210.00
4/9/18	Balance	2,573.19





<u>Old Business</u>-The Easter Flowers and the Palm Sunday Luncheon were reviewed and discussed. There were 6 Easter Food Baskets that were prepared and picked up/ delivered. Thank you notes, from the Westmoreland County Food Bank and college students, were read and shared. Nancy Kimble sent the gift boxes for the current semester.

<u>New Business</u>: The Strawberry Festival will be held on June 2. Cindy Brooks will be in charge of advertising. Pre-planning was completed. Diane Scott will be in charge of centerpieces. Gas cards will be sent to several families, in need. Poke Run Friends list, and needs, were discussed.

Next meeting will be on May 7, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Seighman, secretary



Thank you to everyone who attended, donated to or helped at the annual POKE RUN CHURCH DEACON'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL So much delicious fun for all!



From the Poke Run Office

Office Hours at the Church 9:30am—2:30pm most days. Call ahead to be sure Amy is there! The office will be CLOSED on July 4th.

Never hesitate to contact Pastor Pete 724-454-2278. Next Ranger Deadline: July 24th



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 <u>pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net</u> Hoping to publish soon. Thank you.

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.



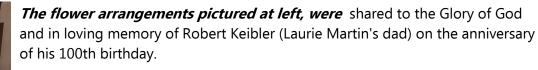
The Budget & Finance committee is looking for an additional member to represent the congregation. Please contact Tim Martin if you are interested.





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



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







Women of the Church/Circle 2 will meet again in the Fall.

The REDSTONE MISSION TEA—is scheduled for Saturday, July 21st, 1pm \$20 donation—held at Congruity Presbyterian Church





Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst

In 1990, James Calvin Davis began the Preparation for Ministry process as a member of the Colver Presbyterian Church. Under the "care" of Redstone, he completed his studies at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond (M.Div.) and at University of Virginia(Ph.D). Ordained by this Presbytery (1997), he became pastor at a Presbyterian Church in Virginia. In 2001, called to be a professor at Middlebury College, he was received



into Albany Presbytery. Recently, Dr. Davis was elected by the GA to serve on the Presbytery Cooperative Committee for Examination of Candidates. The "PCC" prepares the standard ordination exams for the PC(USA) that assess the readiness of future pastoral leadership. There, he reconnected with another "Redstone person." Rev. Marnie Silbert of

Newlonsburg who serves the PCC as chair of the Polity task force and just so happens, was the chair of our CPM during James' years of preparation. Thus, bringing the connection *"full circle."* In addition to this service, Redstone Presbytery annually elects ordination exam readers. This year, Rev Vickery, Elder Lynn Mance (Delmont), Rev Foust, and Ray Edelman (Irwin) served the Presbytery, the PCUSA and our future leadership.

An educated clergy has been a hallmark of Presbyterianism. Yet, God's call is often surprising leading people at different times in their lives to undergo this preparation to serve. Someone reading this may be feeling God's stirring in them to inquire if Ministry of Word and Sacrament is God's call on their life. *If so, contact your pastor or contact the Presbytery. You never know where it might lead.*

HELP NEEDED:

With the good weather comes the growing green of "weeds." If you have any spare time, feel free to ATTACK a flower bed around the church. And

watch for opportunities to join others – Thank you in advance for all your help. The work of "phantom" planters and weeders has not gone unnoticed and is appreciated!



From the Poke Run Trustees: The Trustees are busy as always— To the right are the new cemetery rates. Remember to report facility problems and needs to the office and or the Trustees. Thank you as always for your help and support - so many contribute in so many ways.

JUNE 10-13, 2018 "Thomas Merton" with L. Roger Owens www.pts.edu/Merton_2018

Spiritual Formation at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary







Poke Run Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fees Approved: June 1, 2018 EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2018 1. Lot Purchases:

Lots will only be sold to church members at the time of purchase

Size	Area	Price
1 plot		\$260.00
2 plot	Sections F, H, I	\$486.00
3 plot	Sections I only	\$594.00
4 plot		\$676.00
5 plot		\$800.00

2. Grave Openings

Burial	Member Price after 7/1/2018	Non-member Price after 7/1/2018	
Cremation	\$173.00	\$195.00	
Adult	\$892.00	\$973.00	
Infant	\$541.00	\$594.00	

Member/Non-member is based on time of burial.

Administrative fee of \$50.00 for Cremation Burials applies on previously purchased and occupied lots.

<u>NEWS FROM THE PEWS</u>



Welcome Adeline Ava Quinn McCutcheon, born on May 3, 2018 to Nate & Aubrey McCutcheon, proud grandparents, Cal & Julie McCutcheon.

Welcome Collins Leigh Wright, (pictured here) born on May 15, 2018 to Will & Jamie Wright (McQuaide), proud grandparents, Jim & Cindy McQuaide, proud great-grandma Freda Bowman.

Dave & Janet Thomas are pleased to announce the birth of their first great-grandchild. *Everett Thomas Puechl* was born on May 18th. Grandparents are Bob & Deb Puechl and parents are Curtis and Alison Puechl.





Sean O'Neil's

grandfather, Vito DonGiovanni, was recognized for the Vandergrift Memorial Day Celebration. You can see this banner on Longfellow Street across from where he was born and raised.



Liz McQuaide

submitted this striking picture of the sycamore tree in the Poke Run cemetery. Thankfully it is now full of leaves.



Poke Run's **Jeff Wilkinson** graduated from Kiski Area as a highest honor student for the class of 2018. Jeff delivered a commencement speech at the June 1st graduation ceremony.

congrals! GRAIDUATE

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!



HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

6/9 Strawberry Festival —New Hope Presbyterian, North Huntingdon
6/10 Gospel in the Garden—Delmont Presbyterian
6/21 RedStone Presbyterian Women Mission Tea—Congruity Presbyterian Church

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

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

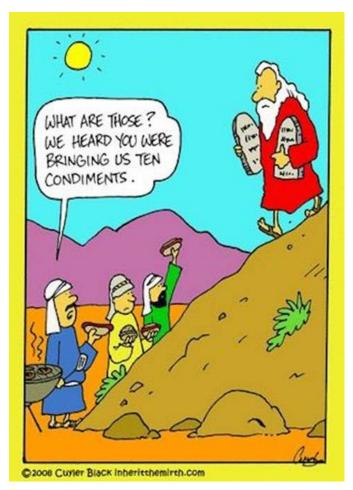
HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

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 Satrudays—8-noon, Ligonier May—October

June 27—June 30 "Creation 2018" - Christian Music Festival—Mt. Union PA

PLEASE NOTE THE POKE RUN AND REDSTONE PRESBYTERY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4TH.





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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 Doug Ross Poke Run Board of Trustees, President Connie Cauvel Clerk Of Session



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