



Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

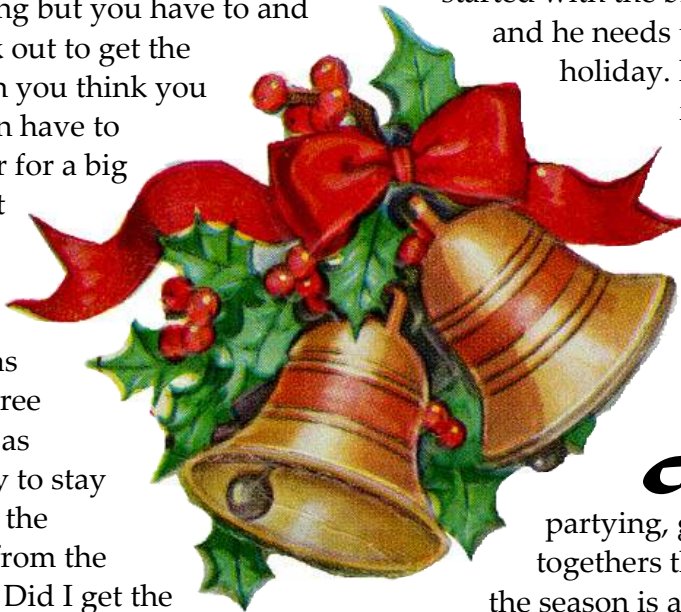
December 2005

From The Pastor...

What a time of year! The weather is finally getting cold and the malls are getting crowded. The traffic is getting so bad you don't really want to go shopping but you have to and then you have to go back out to get the things you missed. When you think you have everything you then have to get the groceries together for a big Christmas dinner or start to pack for the traveling you will do. Besides all the shopping there is the decorating. The house has to be decorated and the tree put up and done exactly as tradition requires. We try to stay happy but sometimes all the preparations take away from the enjoyment of Christmas. Did I get the children what they wanted? Will Uncle Bob's shirt fit? Did I forget anything or anyone? And lastly, how am I going to pay for all this?

As Christmas draws closer we start to think about family, gifts, meals, and friends even though it has been tough getting through it all. We look forward to Christmas morning and the opening of presents and the gathering of family and friends and even if we don't admit it, tearing into our own gifts. Christmas morning makes us all children again and just feels special.

So many of you go through all that I have been talking about. Most of us go through some or all of this but something is missing. Can



you figure out what it is? Of course I have not mentioned the name of Jesus in any of this and we went all the way to Christmas Day. Christmas has become so much a secular holiday that we can take Jesus out and still have a great day. As Christians how are we able to do this? Christmas started with the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ and he needs to be a large part of the

holiday. In fact, I think he should come first and all the celebration should come second. As we have heard many times before, "Jesus is the reason for the season." Christmas is all about Jesus and our salvation but it has been turned into something else.

As we go through all the shopping, visiting, partying, gift opening, and family get-togethers this year let's remember what the season is all about and make Jesus a big part of the holiday. It is a good time to spread the good news of Jesus for most everyone, Christian or not, will be celebrating so why not bring up the real reason and let them know what they are really celebrating. You may surprise some and you may bring some to Jesus.

Merry Christmas and may you all be blessed this season.

Rev. Walt

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Please consider contributing \$21.48 (per member) towards the **per capita** bill - which must be paid in January. The total bill for Doe Run will be \$5,198.16.

Kudos...

- ▶ Thank you to **Howard Folk** for the great breakfast on clean-up day. Thank you to all the volunteers who came and did such a great job cleaning up inside and out of the church. Everything looks great! Thank you to PW for serving lunch on clean-up day.
- ▶ Congratulations to **Amanda Miller** for singing her way to the district chorus. Amanda is one of only 2 young women from the whole high school to make districts.

What's Happening!

- ▶ The Doe Run Youth Group will be marching in the annual **Coatesville Christmas Parade** on December 3rd. Everyone is welcome! If you're coming, please contact Lisa Urban, Lathea Moskel, or Kiran Young Wimberly for details about meeting place.
- ▶ The **Forty-Niners** Christmas Program is always a special treat, and we are planning a trip to West Chester on Dec. 9th to see Kris McGuckin lead this program. Tickets are free. We need a count so we can order tickets. We are planning to car pool from the church. Sign up TODAY! If you have any questions, call Lathea Moskel at (610) 486-0343 or any member of the Fellowship Committee. If you need a ride to and from the church just let us know.
- ▶ The Sunday School will be presenting the annual **Christmas Pageant** at the 10:45 service on December 11th, and will also be holding a **Craft Fair**. Crafts created by the students will be available for sale between the church services and during coffee hour. Funds generated from the craft sale will be used to purchase Sunday School materials for our growing Sunday School.

- ▶ It's that time of the year for scarves and mittens and . . . **caroling!** Our preferred date is December 18th. If you're interested, please contact Kiran Young Wimberly.
- ▶ The **Youth Group** will be going on a retreat to Jack Frost for skiing, snow tubing, and other adventurous snow-sports on the 4th weekend of January, from Friday the 20th to Sunday the 22nd. The congregation is welcome to join us for skiing during the day on Saturday or Sunday! More information T.B.A.
- ▶ Thank you to all who participated in donating turkeys, food and clothing for the **Modena Family Center**. Doe Run contributed fourteen turkeys this year! Rachael Evans, the advocate at the family center, explained that the donated turkeys will feed many families not only on Thanksgiving day but for several subsequent meals as well. Your tremendous generosity is greatly appreciated!



Mary & Becky Woodward with youth director Kiran Young-Wimberly, who, with her husband Alex, presented pictures from their mission trip to Sri Lanka at a recent covered dish supper.

Reflections *from the Journal of Mary Newlin Carlin*

The Little House
December 12th, 1965

So long since I have been to these pages! On the 5th of December Janet C. came and took me to Longwood to see the Garden. On the 6th we had a covered dish supper at the Church – followed by a Budget Meeting and the announcement that Dr. Patterson would be leaving us after the December 12th service. He is going home to Scotland for a while.

The Trustees met here on the 10th to plan the 1966 Budget. Jack and Jean and Dick Johnson came on the 11th and showed me the slides Dick had taken while stationed in Turkey for the past year. Walter and Dorrie came in later and we all enjoyed the Mince pie Jean had brought.

Soon after we arrived Walter told me the sad news of the death of Laura George. She had died on the afternoon of the day we left, of a very sudden heart attack just like Walt did. It was decided by the family here not to tell us until we got back. Now French is alone too. I called him the next day and he and French, Jr. came for supper with me on Thursday evening and French and I had a good talk after Frenchie had gone. We both agreed to go to the Christmas Eve supper at Harry and Peg's.

Last Tuesday evening we had a very nice Christmas meeting of our Women's Association at Virginia Copeland's. The next day Gloria Sammons and Miss Jennie and I took our gifts to the Pocopson Home and fetched Helen Webster home from her place of employment for a four day vacation.

On Saturday Jack and Jean Johnson took me to West Chester for a showing of early Chester County furniture at the Historical Society and in the evening Walter, Dorrie and the children took me to hear the

lovely Christmas program at the Coatesville High School.

This morning Dr. Patterson preached his last sermon here and sang a solo for us and we observed Communion. And I have spent the afternoon and evening quietly at home.

The Little House
Christmas Day Evening.

And the first Christmas I have observed without the Man in forty six years is drawing to a close. It has been a quiet and pleasant one and I have thought much of the sweetness and dearness of him.



Last Saturday Richard brought me a wreath of living greens to put on the Grave and I took some of the lovely red firethorn from the bush which was planted for him three years ago and laid it there too. I also placed a sprig on Laura's grave.

The Little House
November 6th, 1966

This has been a very quiet week in which to close this twenty first volume of my Journal begun some fifty years ago. What a full, rich life it has been, especially at the beginning pages

of this volume when the Man was retiring and we were doing so many pleasant things and making plans to do so many more. All this wonderful companionship came to a sudden and unexpected end when the Man died suddenly on the morning of March 7th, 1965 of a heart failure.

But Life has gone on as it always must and God has been so good to me, through my dear family and friends and in this lovely little Home and my Garden and Books, and so much of beauty all around. Life has been good and I am so grateful.

– Mary Newlin Carlin

Our Mission...

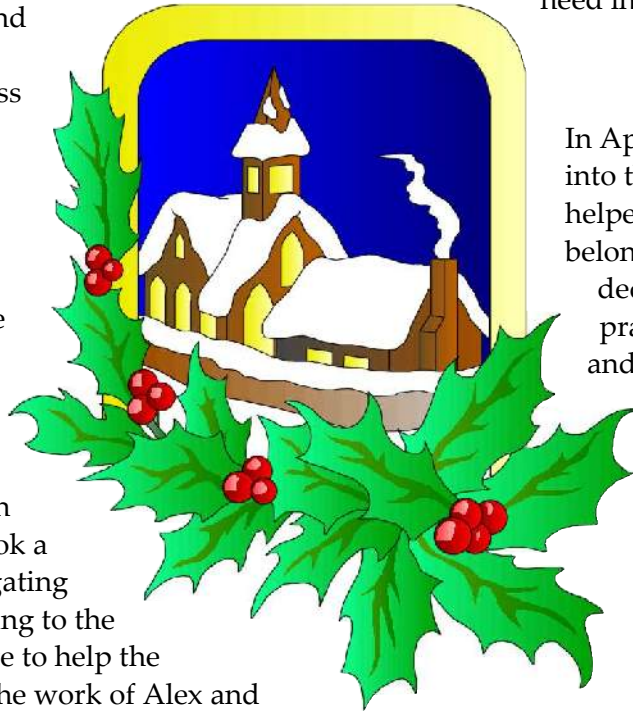
Here's a snapshot of mission activity during 2005 by groups and individuals within the church, as compiled by the Mission Committee.

Tsunami was the word that some of us (unfortunately) learned to spell at the beginning of 2005. The day after Christmas a series of giant waves formed by a powerful undersea earthquake struck the coasts of Indonesia, India and Africa causing catastrophic devastation and tremendous loss of life. Where there had been villages and resorts suddenly everything was gone. It just didn't seem possible for that much destruction to occur so quickly and unexpectedly. One day we were celebrating Christmas and the next day staring in disbelief and horror at the disturbing images on the news. Doe Run responded with generosity and concern. We took a special offering as well as delegating part of the Christmas Eve offering to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help the victims. In May, we followed the work of Alex and Kiran Wimberly as they went to Sri Lanka to assess the damage done by the tsunami. In October the Hospitality Committee sponsored a covered dish dinner where Alex and Kiran presented their findings to us.

Disaster struck again in late August and early September when **Hurricane Katrina** and then **Hurricane Rita** annihilated the gulf coast leaving thousands homeless and causing the largest mass migration of U.S. citizens since the Civil War. The television images of our fellow Americans suffering and dying from shortages of food and water in New Orleans was heartbreaking. Doe Run responded again with many prayers and a special offering for the Katrina victims through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Individuals also donated

clothing and other needed items through local organizations who transported the items to distribution areas in the south. The Sunday School is collecting items for making health kits to be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance warehouse and stored in wait for the next emergency.

2005 has been a year of disaster and suffering for many people. In the midst of chaos, God has given Doe Run the grace and the strength to focus on His work. The following list is a summary of the other ways in which Doe Run has reached out to those in need in the name of Jesus Christ.



Men's Group

In April the **Maris family** moved into their new home. Doe Run helped the family move their belongings. The house was dedicated to the Lord through a prayer offered by Reverend Walt and the Maris family was given a plaque to hang on their wall to commemorate the occasion. In September the old house was demolished and some of the grading work completed on the landscaping.

PW-Sarah Circle

- ✓ CYWA (Community Youth and Women's Alliance)
- ✓ Church World Service
- ✓ College students from congregation (care packages and gasoline cards)
- ✓ Meals on Wheels
- ✓ City Gate Mission
- ✓ Bridge of Hope
- ✓ Chester County Association of the Blind
- ✓ Domestic Violence Center
- ✓ Coatesville Food Cupboard
- ✓ Pocopson Home
- ✓ Ware Presbyterian Village
- ✓ Modena Fire Company
- ✓ Neighborhood Services of Oxford
- ✓ Local families via Tree Trimming Offering

- ✓ Congregation shut-ins
- ✓ Congregation families for funeral luncheons
- ✓ House of His Creation
- ✓ Earlene McKean, Missionary, Japan
- ✓ Care package to Doug Dyke serving with the military in Iraq
- ✓ Lions Club

Mission Committee

Our church has supported these missionaries:

Caryl Weinberg serving in Cameroon. Caryl is an AIDS consultant for Central and West Africa.

Dennis and Maribel Smith serving in Guatemala. Dennis is a coordinator for publications and community training. Maribel does team ministry.



Marcia Towers serving in Guatemala. Marcia is site coordinator for the Young Adult Volunteer Program working with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala.

There are four **special offerings** each year which go to world missions through the Presbytery.

- ✓ One Great Hour of Sharing
- ✓ Christmas Joy Offering
- ✓ Peacemaking
- ✓ Hunger

This year we also had special offerings which went to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** for the Tsunami (January) and for Hurricane Katrina (September).

The **Christmas Eve offering** was designated for both local and world missions as follows:

For local missions we supported a young church in Kennett Square, La Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Toughkenamon.

For world missions we sent funds to the USO and requested the funds be used to purchase phone cards for hospitalized soldiers. We also supported Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and requested the funds be used for Tsunami victims' assistance.

Doe Run hosted the April Presbytery Meeting. Donation baskets were set out and funds collected for La Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Toughkenamon and also for the Oromo Fellowship.

Doe Run participated in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** in January. The funds and soup collected supported the Umtata Garden Plots in South Africa and the Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard.

Board of Deacons

Designated funds for the following organizations:

- ✓ Safe Harbor shelter in West Chester (We also provide dinner the second Friday of every month)
- ✓ Coatesville Association for the Blind
- ✓ Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard
- ✓ Good Works in Coatesville
- ✓ CYWA (Community Youth and Women's Alliance) shelter in Coatesville

Organized the Doe Run participants for the **CROP Walk for World Hunger**.

Facilitated the turkey and food drive for the Modena Family Center.

Coordinated the Angel Tree for the CYWA for Christmas.

Sunday School

Vacation Bible School: donation for Duck Rey Elementary School in North Philadelphia.

One Great Hour of Sharing (collected money in cardboard fish containers for Presbytery)

Peacemaking Offering (decorated coffee cans and collected money for the environment via Presbytery)

Sponsor two children overseas through the Christian Children's Fund: Sandeep in India and Linawati in Indonesia

Collected items and put together Health Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Made decorative magnets for the Doug Dyke care package so the soldiers could display their cards and pictures.

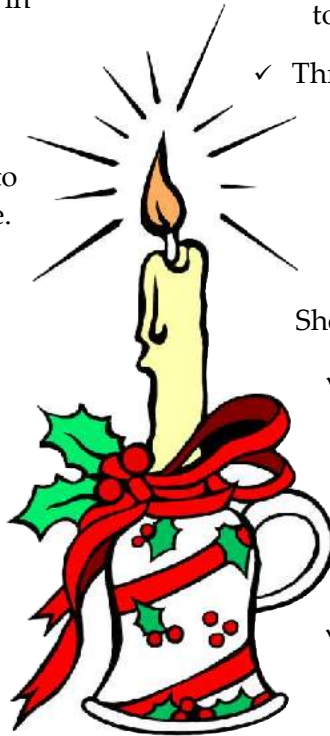
The Youth Group

The Youth Group is currently in the process of creating a float for the Coatesville Christmas Parade.

The Youth Group partnered with the Deacons in serving dinner at the Safe Harbor shelter in November.

Our Members

- ✓ In charge of **Toys for Kids**, a dinner to raise toys for the needy in Coatesville. This was sponsored by the Masons and will be held again this year under the same supervision.
- ✓ Serve **Meals on Wheels** - 2 Fridays per month.
- ✓ Serve on Board of The **Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard**. Also distributed baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Gave rides to shut-ins to the Salvation Army for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Also delivered meals on those dates. This was a Lion's Club project.
- ✓ Drove a lady from Thorndale to her appointments with doctors in the area and in Philadelphia. Sat with her husband (who was dying of brain cancer) while she was at her appointments. Sat with the family as he was dying and helped with funeral arrangements as they are from England.
- ✓ Take another shut-in shopping weekly as well as for blood work and doctor's appointments.
- ✓ Aided another senior citizen when her husband had a bad heart attack and was hospitalized and in a nursing home for a month. Drove her to doctors, rehabilitation for her back, and to the nursing home to visit and picked her up later. Also helped her with shopping.
- ✓ Do paperwork and make phone calls for another gentleman who is disabled and hearing



handicapped.

- ✓ Through **Lions Club**, have collected used glasses, shoes for victims of the Tsunami, raised money for the Coatesville Blind Association.
- ✓ Packed and carried boxes of used books for the public library to take to The Strawberry Festival to raise funds for the library.
- ✓ Through Delta Kappa Gamma have supported The **Samara House shelter** at the CYWA. Take toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, body wash, bubble bath, etc 6 times a year and adopt a child for Christmas gifts.
- ✓ Collect used clothing for the Women's Shelter at the CYWA.
- ✓ Provide meals to those in need due to illness or recent deaths in the family.
- ✓ Support the **Race Track Chaplaincy of America**
- ✓ Sponsor a child in Ethiopia
- ✓ Gathered clothing and other items to be sent south for victims of Hurricane Katrina
- ✓ Participate in **Good Works** work days.

Just for fun

Church Signs

There was a church that had problems with outsiders parking in its parking lots, so they put up a sign: "Church Car Park – For Members Only. Trespassers will be baptized!"

"Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!"

"People are like tea bags -- you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

"This is a ch__ch. What is missing?" (U R)

"If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd."

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