



DOE RUN NEWS

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Nurturing our Children

We are blessed here at Doe Run with a large number of children of all ages. We are indeed blessed by the children in our midst, because too many small churches today are slowly dying because of a lack of young people to take on the mantle of the church leadership. Whenever we baptize a child into the body of Christ, the entire congregation promises to “guide and nurture the child, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and be faithful members of his church.” If children have a positive experience in church, it is far more likely they will be active church goers as adults. We have a healthy Sunday School here and we are looking forward to a successful VBS this summer. But none of these can happen without volunteer teachers and nursery workers.

At the January 20 meeting, Session approved the addition of a nursery during the 9:30am contemporary worship. We hope to have this in place by March 1, but a lot has to happen by then. We will need several volunteers to work in rotation, and clearances will have to be obtained for insurance purposes.

Our children really are our future and we as a congregation are charged with nurturing their growth and faith. Please consider volunteering to teach in Sunday School or staff the nursery at either service. You don't have to be the parent of a young child to volunteer! A lot of volunteers means a long rotation cycle – you can help our childrens' programs and still be present in worship most Sundays.

Thanks in advance!

Lent Approaches . . .

The forty days of Lent begin on February 25, Ash Wednesday. It's well known that Lent consists of 40 days, but if you look at a calendar, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending the Saturday before Easter, there are 46 days. Why? Because the forty days of Lent are a time of fasting and self-discipline, but Sunday, the Lord's Day, is always a feast day regardless of the season. So we have forty days of discipline with one feast day each week. Ash Wednesday and the early days of Lent are a time for serious contemplation of our failings as we seek to follow Christ. As we move on through the days of Lent, we are also to consider the new possibilities offered to us in Jesus Christ and how we can live into those possibilities.

On Ash Wednesday, we will have a service at 7:00pm during which (if you choose) ashes will be imposed on your forehead as a reminder to “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return.” Ash Wednesday rites are meant as a bold confrontation with death. The ashes, however, are applied in the sign of a cross, which reminds us that while death is inevitable, we are promised eternal life in Jesus Christ. In the meantime, we are to live in the light of that promise.

I am also planning to do a three-week adult study of Lenten practices, both ancient and modern, on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning March 1. The discipline of Lent has evolved from harsh fasting and other marks of sacrifice into activities that provide personal growth and active participation in the world around us. Come, ask questions, discuss and learn about this deeply meaningful season of the Christian year.

In the peace that is Jesus Christ, Pastor Brynne

Financial News: October, November, December 2008

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Monthly Status</u>	<u>Overall Status</u>
October	\$14,834	\$ 9,378	\$5,456	\$1,635
November	\$10,547	\$ 8,140	\$2,407	\$4,042
December	\$12,061	\$ 9,654	\$2,407	\$6,449

Per Capita charges for **2009** will be **\$26.51** per member.

Splinters News: Splinters will be meeting Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 11:30 am. Laura Deckman will be our hostess and Lib McGibbon will have the devotions. Pastor Brynne will do a Bible study. Bring a baby picture so we can see how cute you were when you were little! So pack a sandwich and join us.

Our prayer shawl cupboard is bare! So warm your fingers and your heart and knit or crochet a shawl.

The kitchen cupboards are also bare. Napkins, paper towels, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, juice cups, coffee cups (8 or 10 oz), dessert plates, and coffee are needed.

Deacon of the Month: February-Anne Croft and Assistant, Doris Spencer

Trustee of the Month: Trustee for February-Kitty Miller

UPW Sarah Circle: Thursday, February 5th meeting will be at the home of Lathea Moskel at 7:15 PM. It's going to be a fun evening! Game night. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. All ladies invited! Come and enjoy the Fellowship!

Fellowship/Hospitality Committee: Monday, February 2nd, 7:00 PM. Bring ideas for 2009.

May 29, Friday: Charlie Zahm concert at Doe Run Presbyterian.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the Narthex.

Church Membership List is being updated. Any comments please let Session know.

Session Notes – January 20: Session met on Tuesday, January 20 and discussed the following items:

- Lisa Last/Shelly Van Koevering presented plans for Vacation Bible School, to be held the week of June 29, Theme-Crocodile Dock. Watch for announcement of April 4th yard sale to benefit VBS.
- Approved having a nursery available during the 9:30am contemporary worship beginning March 1.
- Planned for the congregational meeting on January 25.
- Cleared the way to plan for Pastor Brynne's installation – date TBD.
- Pastor Brynne's plans to hold an evening adult study on Lenten practices beginning March 1.
- An Ash Wednesday service will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00pm with imposition of ashes.
- Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, January 27 – Paul Swank attended.
- Began planning for a new photo membership directory in the spring.

Aid to Victims of the January 25th Fire in Coatesville

The Coatesville Ministers' Alliance has been working with the county to coordinate aid to the victims. Apartments have already been found and the families are expected to move in the weekend of February 1. Below is contact information for various forms of aid. The needs will be ongoing, so please consider giving if you can.

Point of Contact

The Community, Youth, and Womens Alliance (CYWA) will serve as the main point of contact for all families who were victims of the Coatesville Fires. Mimi Wealer and Karen Newman at the CYWA may be contacted at (610) 384-9591.

Monetary Donations

All monetary donations should go to Citadel Federal Credit Union, located at 3030 Zinn Rd., Thorndale, PA 19372. An account has been established at Citadel. Donors can earmark their donation for:

- a.) Victims of the Coatesville Fires
- b.) Reward fund for locating the perpetrators of the arsons. Citadel Federal Credit Union can also be reached at (610) 380-6000.

Gift Cards

Any individual or agency that would like to donate gift cards should contact Mimi Wealer at the CYWA at (610) 384-9591. Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for the Coatesville Fire Victims.

Food

Food will be coordinated through the Coatesville Food Cupboard, 1001 E. Chestnut St., Coatesville, PA 19320. For more information, please contact Doris Span at (610) 383-6577 or at (610) 384-7809.

Clothing

Tabernacle Baptist Church, 819 Coates St., Coatesville, PA 19320, is collecting clothing donations. For more information, please call Pam Dept at (610) 384-7445.

FEBRUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion	2 7:00 pm Fellowship/ Hospitality	3 9:30 am Quilters 11:30 am Splinters	4 Choir	5 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 pm UPW	6	7
8	9	10 9:30 am Quilters	11 Choir	12 7:00 Boy Scouts	13	14 10:00 am Christian Ed. Meeting—all are welcome
15	16	17 9:30 am Quilters	18 Choir	19 7:00 Boy Scouts	20	21
22	23	24 9:30 am Quilters Session	25 Choir Ash Wednesday Services 7:00pm	26	27	28