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# Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

January 2005

## *A Word From Your Pastor...*

We have just come through Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We had a great celebration and with the beginning of a new year I think we should try to keep that celebration going.

2005 can be a fantastic year for all of us if we remember the birth of Jesus and keep him in our heart every day. If Jesus is in our hearts all the time it is hard to worry about the things we can't control. This helps us celebrate the things we have. We are the children of the Lord and it is only through Him that the world was created and it will be through Him that the world will end.

God sent his Son to save us and we need to keep that celebration going. Talk to the Lord, thank Him for His gifts and pray for the New Year and what it will bring. This New Year is a chance for a new beginning not just in our hearts and our lives but in the church and the world. Instead of worrying about the New Year let's join together and make it one of joy, peace, love kindness, and a renewal of our faith to the One who made it all and controls it all.

While we are doing this in our lives let's pull together to make our church a place we want to gather and not a place we feel we need to go.

2005 is a good year to grow together in our faith and in our church.

Happy New Year,

*Rev. Walt*

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## *From the Trustees....*

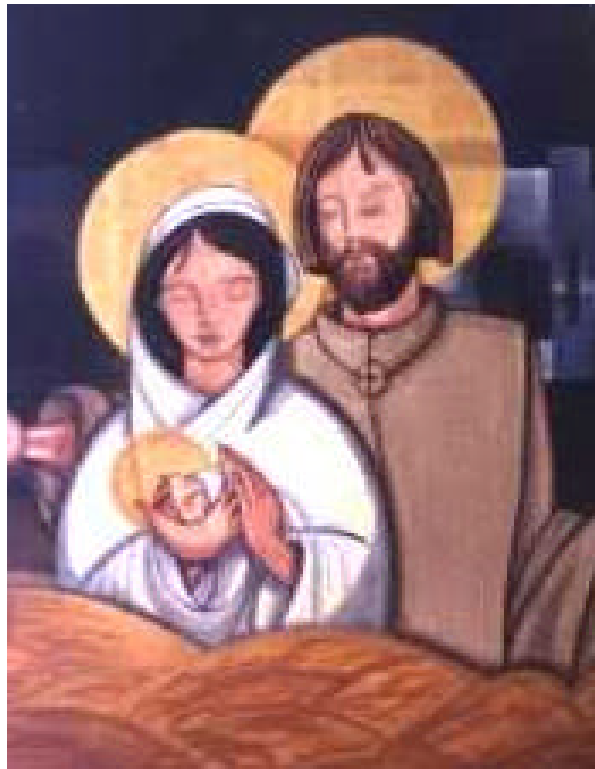
In a recent Newsletter, the Trustees submitted a plea to church members to increase their financial support. In this Newsletter, we would like to give you some concrete reasons that you should consider when determining the amount of support you can afford to give the church.

Doe Run Church has been here more than 260 years, and to be sure, some of those years were

lean. While the church building itself has not been standing for 260 years, it certainly has been here quite some time. And, as many of you who live in old homes know, an old building requires a lot of TLC (and repairs).

In 2004, the repairs to the cemetery, parking lot, window wells, and the new signs cost the church \$16,115.00. Our budget for repairs was \$4,500. Some of these expenses were covered by the generous endowment of Jean Shaneman, but we cannot continue to use that endowment for ordinary operating expenses. We need to increase our revenue to cover our expenses.

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## Special Events

- Mon. Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m. – Fellowship Committee meeting.  
 Thur. Jan. 6, 7:15 p.m. – PW-Sarah Circle meeting.  
 Thur. Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Deacons meeting.  
 Fri. Jan. 14, 6:00 p.m. – Deacons serving dinner at Safe Harbor.  
 Sat. Jan. 15, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Group meeting at the church.  
 Mon. Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee meeting.  
 Thur. Jan. 20, 7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees meeting.  
 Sun. Jan. 23, 10:45 a.m. – Worship, followed by Stated Meeting of Congregation and Corporation.  
 Tues. Jan. 25, 7:00 p.m. – Session meeting.  
 Sun. Feb. 6, 10:45 a.m. – Worship; Souper Bowl of Caring.



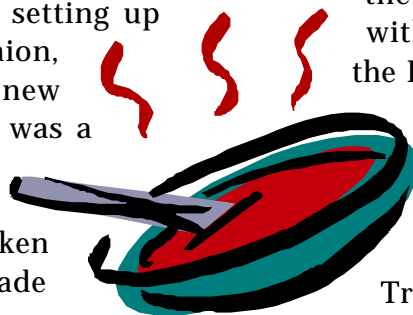
## In Prayer . . .

We remember these friends in our prayers:  
**Jack Constable** and **Kathryn Robinson**.

## In Brief . . .

### *Deacons' Report*

The Deacons had a busy month in December. Besides the usual duties of picking up and arranging the flowers as well as setting up and cleaning up after communion, the Deacons took on the task of a new project. The Angel Tree Project was a great success due to the generosity of the Doe Run members. All 20 names were taken the first day and a request was made for an additional name. When we called the administrator of the project to request another name, we found out that there was only one child who had not made the list and needed someone to provide for this child. She said that this phone call was indeed made by an angel. Gifts were collected and transported and a lot of children were given some joy for Christmas thanks to the Doe Run Angels. Thank you very much!



The Deacons will continue to visit the shut-ins and send cards to those in need of receiving a greeting for whatever reason. Thanks to those who have contacted the Deacons with prayer requests and special needs.

We will also continue providing dinner once a month at Safe Harbor. Anyone interested in helping to cook or make a salad should contact Lisa Urban. I'm sure your help would be greatly appreciated by Lisa and the people at Safe Harbor.

The Deacons meet on the second Thursday of the month. Any ideas of ways to help with Local Mission would be helpful to the Board.

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

### *Mission Opportunity*

Trinity Episcopal Church in Coatesville is looking for volunteers to work with students in the after school program. Skills needed include story telling, homework tutoring and career presentations. Volunteers are also needed to help run the food co-op. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sherry Crompton at 610 384-4771.



## From The Trustees

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In 2005 we are expecting to repair the Bell Tower (it's leaking) and the Manse roof. Together these two projects will cost nearly \$5,000. And these are the one's we know about now.

The Building & Grounds maintenance budget for 2005 is \$4,500. If we repair the tower and the roof in January, we'll be out of money for repairs and maintenance for the entire rest of the year!

Our plea for increased stewardship was to meet our basic needs. Our budget is lean; in fact, expenses for 2005 have been decreased from the 2004 level. This, of course, means we won't be spending money on some of the "nice to have" items, such as education supplies or music. It also means

the employees of the church won't be getting any salary increases.

As mentioned before, you may think we have a large endowment that funds most of our operations. We don't. The endowment we have generates about \$8,000 per year in interest and dividends. Not nearly enough to fund our operations.

Our budget deficit did not arise because of high expenses, but because we have too few people financially supporting the church.

As we begin 2005, consider our stewardship of Doe Run Presbyterian Church, and remember that each of us decides at the beginning of a new day how we will live. We are at the beginning of a new year, and now is the time to ask, "What can I do?"



## Duties

### ELDER

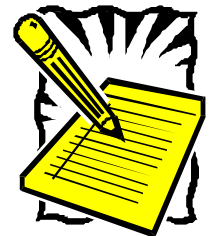
- Jan. 2 – David Ayers
- 9 – Suzanne Graves
- 16 – Ed Martin
- 23 – Tom McFadien
- 30 – Sueann Robbins

### GREETING

- Nancy Bookmiller
- Gary & Deb Leonhard
- The Ayers Family
- The Mountain Family
- The Graves Family

### READING

- Steve Werner
- David Ayers
- Suzanne Graves
- Ed Martin
- Tom McFadien



### FLOWERS

- Jan. 2 – Sign up on the flower chart in the Nicholas Room!
- 9 –
- 16 – Aunt Rebecca, in honor of Lance's 1st Birthday
- 23 – Aunt Rebecca, in honor of Jayden's 1st Birthday
- 30 –



### COFFEE HOUR

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



### NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Jan. 2 – Betty Willmott/
- 9 – Sueann Robbins/
- 16 – Anne Croft/
- 23 – Kim Boulger/
- 30 – Karen Principe/

# Reflections

*from the Journal of Mary Carlin*

January 20th, 1938  
"Long Meadow Farm"

Well, I believe this is actually the longest period of neglect this Journal has experienced since I began it about twenty years ago. Today is my birthday, the thirty-eighth, and I think it is a propitious day for beginning once again the good habit of jotting down at more or less regular periods the more or less interesting things that happen in my Life. I have a small calendar which has this quotation on its first page, "Life begins each morning." I have almost unconsciously adopted it as a sort of slogan and each morning wake with an eager sense of wonder as to what the new day will be like and what it holds for me and mine.

On a birth-day card from Mother today are these words:

I surely hope that each new day  
Has lots of gladness tucked away  
For you alone to see—

I am sure that the Days ahead do hold much of gladness for me and mine and much of Living because six months ago the Man decided to buy a Farm and in that busy six months he has bought it — we have labored over the House

for hours and days on end cleaning and scrubbing and repairing, remodeling, painting and papering and making the House livable and on December 3rd, 1937 we moved in. I feel I have come Home to stay and that I shall never wish to leave this House and these Acres. It is a Dream actually come true and I can scarcely yet really feel that it isn't just a dream from which I must some day wake up.

The House is an old one, so old that we do not know its beginning, with thick stone walls and with a look of having grown right out of the earth. It is ugly and mean looking now on the outside as the result of long neglect but we hope to make it beautiful in the Spring with a coat of white and trim of green.

The garden is very large and I can have all the space for flowers I could possibly wish for. There is a large Spring house in the south end with a tiny overflow stream running down thru the meadow to join a larger one.

The House is surrounded by meadows, fields, woods and hills and the outlook in every direction is pleasing to the eye. There are a number of Springs which feed the nice stream which runs the length of the Long Meadows from which we have given a name to the farm.




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The House itself is lovely with many, many interesting things to make one love it. There were sixteen rooms, now fourteen as the result of some remodeling, eight of which we use and the other six make a home for Evelyn and Lee Baker. There are five fire-places ranging in size from one tiny corner bedroom one to an enormous cavern of a one in the old kitchen but the sad part of that is that they are all in Evelyn's house – the oldest part.

But barring the lack of a fireplace our House has many interesting features. There is a large entrance hall, with a lovely staircase, running thru to the kitchen and with doors opening right and left into the large Living room and the Dining room.

The Dining room is possibly the most interesting room in the House with a wall cupboard – a mantle and a tiny tobacco and pipe shelf – four doors opening from it and wide deep window sills. All the windows with the exception of the kitchen and bath have deep, wide sills.

The kitchen is so cheerful and such a pleasant place to work with three exposures and bright

painted walls and woodwork of buff and green. The woodwork downstairs is ivory and upstairs and in the hall – white. The stair rail is walnut and the spindles maple. The paper, where done, is quite attractive, green in our room, an interesting fox hunting scenic paper in the Boys room, plastic in the Living-room and a soft toned scenic in the hall and dining room. The floors which are wide boards have all been done a good looking light oak.

It has been such fun working and planning for all that is done and there is still so much to do! We have had so many callers and Christmas has come and gone with all its attendant busy happy times. We have had a jolly surprise housewarming party, the Boys are so busy and apparently so happy, and now here is my Birthday with a dinner last night at Elsie's, gifts and cards and such a lovely gift from the Man today – a walnut tea table! I've longed for one ever since I have kept house. Now I must stop and get ready for bed but I promise myself to come soon again.

– Mary Newlin Carlin

# Happy Birthday!

Best birthday wishes to:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Matthew Blair ..... Jan. 2      | Doris Spencer..... Jan. 12     |
| Lynn Monarch..... Jan. 2        | Kathy Young..... Jan. 12       |
| Winnie Haines ..... Jan. 5      | David Woodward..... Jan. 13    |
| Nancy Hensel..... Jan. 5        | Susan Folk ..... Jan. 14       |
| Robert Moskel..... Jan. 6       | Nancy Bookmiller..... Jan. 16  |
| Brad Rhoades..... Jan. 6        | James Davis..... Jan. 16       |
| Joanna Sutton..... Jan. 6       | Jessica Booth..... Jan. 17     |
| Lisa Urban..... Jan. 7          | Jason Dyke..... Jan. 19        |
| Tonya Smith..... Jan. 7         | Jennifer Forbes..... Jan. 22   |
| Brent Courtney..... Jan. 8      | Kristen Cheek..... Jan. 23     |
| Richard Prindle..... Jan. 8     | Kathryn Davis..... Jan. 23     |
| Rebecca Riley..... Jan. 8       | Kristen Hollway..... Jan. 23   |
| Leslie Ann Rosario ..... Jan. 9 | Susan Scott ..... Jan. 23      |
| Jonathan Huyard ..... Jan. 10   | Melissa Riley..... Jan. 24     |
|                                 | Jeffrey Goepfert ..... Jan. 25 |



- Sherry Woodward..... Jan. 25
- Billie Courtney..... Jan. 27
- Kevin Mountain..... Jan. 27
- Lance Rhoades..... Jan. 27
- Maryellen Abel..... Jan. 29
- Hope Forbes..... Jan. 30