



# Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

January 2006

## From The Pastor...

Once again a year has passed us by and we are now in 2006. The older I get the faster time seems to go by and I have less time to accomplish the things I want to do in life. It seems like just a few years ago Tracy and I left all we had to go to Seminary and now it's eleven years later and I have been here four years. Time stands still for no one and we all need to understand that and live our lives accordingly.

I have heard people say that they will do things later. Things like going to church, serving as a church officer, or even tithe.

These things seem like little events in our daily lives and something we can live without. There are so many important things to do the church will just have to wait until I get the time, but when will that be? One of these days the time will run out and all the things you have put off to do won't get done. Church is one of those things you don't want to miss out on.

Church is not all about attending worship, giving money, and wasting your time serving on committees. Church is about being part of a family, a family made up of a lot of different personalities. All of these personalities are needed for the church to be successful and if we don't toss in ours the church is missing out.



Church has been around long before us and will be here after we are gone and like time it can't wait for us. The church needs us and needs us while we have the time to do it and be an active part of it.

The church is a gift of God and founded on his Son Jesus Christ. We just celebrated the birth of Jesus and are starting a new year. Now is a good time to enjoy this gift of God and start the New Year off right. Make church one of your resolutions and be an active member before you run out of time.

Happy New Year and I will see you in church!

*Rev. Walt*

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Please have the committee reports for the Annual Report in to Kim Boulger by January 4th.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on January 22nd after the second service. Please plan to attend.

Please consider giving to the per capita fund. Each member is assessed \$21.48. Doe Run's total bill (payable in January) is almost \$5,200. This is usually the largest bill we will pay from the current fund each year.

# Christmas At Doe Run

Doe Run kicked off the Christmas season with a first: a float in the Coatesville Christmas Parade. Cold temperatures, and being lined up #239 in the procession, chilled the bodies but not the spirits of the Doe Run Youth Group. Becky Urban and Victoria Sapper walked alongside the float, passing out candy to parade-goers. Thanks to Matt Herzog for driving the float, and to Kiran Young-Wimberly for organizing this event.



Doe Run's Sunday School presented the Christmas message during the 10:45 a.m. Worship service on December 11th. Our Christmas Worship season also included a musical presentation by the choir on December 18th, and the traditional candlelight Christmas Eve communion service, featuring a beautiful solo of "O Holy Night" presented by our choir director, Emily Bullock.

The Youth Group also renewed a Doe Run tradition with Christmas caroling on Sunday evening, December 18th. Five carloads of carolers visited shut-ins and also a community of senior citizens in Parkesburg, wrapping up the festivities with sloppy joe, hot chocolate and cookies back at Doe Run.



## Mission News

### Mission: Africa

The Mission Committee would like you to know more about the missionaries we sponsor, and the focus this month is on Caryl Weinberg. Caryl is a Registered Nurse, and holds a Master's Degree in adult education. In June 2004, Caryl began her new assignment as regional liaison for West Africa, having just completed a three-year term of service as AIDS consultant for Central and West Africa. Her previous assignment in ministries in Cameroon, Kinshasa, and the Congo was to be a visible sign of encouragement to Presbyterian churches in central and West Africa in the midst of the AIDS pandemic. She also gave technical support so the churches could better understand and respond to HIV/AIDS. Caryl believes that the church's response to AIDS comes from being committed to discipleship in Jesus Christ. "As disciples," writes Caryl, "we acknowledge that people get AIDS because of certain actions. We seek to change behavior out of a desire to be Christ like, not out of judgment or condemnation. We seek to improve the quality of life for all people because we have been created equal in the sight of God. We respond to people infected and affected by AIDS with love and compassion, just as Christ has responded to each of us."



Caryl's work with churches in Cameroon and Congo has included holding focus groups to discuss the realities, causes, consequences and strategies around HIV/AIDS; starting income generation projects for women; helping churches organize an AIDS team to engage all church members and departments; starting AIDS testing and mother-to-child transmission prevention in the health centers of the church; facilitating the writing of Bible

studies. Caryl has engaged churches in the United States to help in areas where they have expertise.

Caryl experienced some health problems in late 2005, and is on the road to recovery. Please keep her in your prayers. To read her letters and check out pictures, go to [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

## What's Happening

*At the Doe Run News, we hunger to report on the most newsworthy information we can about goings-on in the church. To prove that we take this mission literally, we are sharing a recipe for sausage balls, provided by Lathea Moskel, which was a hit at the Christmas Carol party hosted by the Hillers on December 16th.*

### Sausage Balls

2 cups Bisquick  
1 lb. pkg. hot sausage  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Mix together with hands form into balls, Place on cookie sheet lined with foil that has been lightly greased. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes or until lightly browned.



Bob and Lathea Moskel and Penny and Paul Swank brought Christmas cheer in the form of 150 Christmas morning breakfasts delivered to Coatesville senior centers. The four have been delivering Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas breakfasts to our seniors for several years.

## Reflections *from the Journal of Mary Newlin Carlin*

Long Meadow Farm  
January 19th, 1961

Time goes by so fast that it hardly seems possible I haven't written anything here since January 6th. These days have been full-up with working at the Church most every day.

The Church is nearing completion and we expected for sure to have services there this Sunday. However, it began snowing this morning and has snowed all day and reached blizzard proportions tonight and is drifting before gale winds. The radio says 8 inches has fallen in this section.

I must describe the Church briefly here. A new entrance has been added – two stories with the Sunday School office and closet with stairs on the lower floor and hallway, reception room and coat closet on the upper floor.

The main lower floor is divided into seven classrooms by fold doors and partitions of lovely gray – the floor is painted a darker gray and the new block walls are green and the woodwork white. The office walls are pink and the reception room and closet yellow.

The entrance hall and the Sanctuary walls are painted dove gray. The oak pews were cleaned down to the wood, re-stained and varnished and are back in place. We have ordered new red carpeting for all the aisles and the pulpit and choir loft. The pulpit was cleaned of some eight or more coats of paint as was the Communion Table of its varnish and both refinished. Some do not like the pulpit and it may be painted white. There is a lovely white railing around and leading up to the choir lofts to the right and left of the pulpit. A lovely white grill and oak cross cover the old window space above the pulpit and the ceiling has been refinished and the sunburst decoration in the center partly painted

white. All the woodwork is white. At the north end on the main floor are two lovely rooms, one blue and one pink for the Nursery and the Kindergarten with a closet for the Choir Gowns and music between them. There is a hall and children's bathroom on that floor – painted yellow and stairs leading to the lower floor. There we find a hall – a closet, women's and men's washrooms on one side and the heater room and kitchen on the other. The kitchen is well stocked with cupboards, sink and gas stove and almost a whole wall of pass through counter and cupboard space. It will have yellow walls. Everything is lighted beautifully upstairs and down. New lantern type lights in the Sanctuary are very nice.



The old Session House has been incorporated with the whole building and will be the Church office for Trustee and Session meeting – probably a pastor's study, if necessary. We plan to hang white shades in all the windows except in the Sanctuary which has double shutters inside.

The outside is beautiful with long low lines – all white except the east and west walls of the Sanctuary which are still fieldstone and ivy covered. We have a bell and bell tower over the new entrance.

It has been very hard work for some of our people and numbers have given hours of labor and service but I'm sure it is all going to be very worthwhile and we hope and pray that God will bless and prosper the work carried on here in His name.

Yesterday we painted all the tables and chairs for the Nursery and Kindergarten in lovely shades of pink and blue.

– Mary Newlin Carlin