

January 2007

Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church
3104 Doe Run Church Road
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A New Vision for a New Year!

The prophet Joel writes: *"Thus says the Lord: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions."*

The time has come for dreaming! The time has come for creating a new vision of ministry at Doe Run! Would you like to be a part of this endeavor?

The Elders of Doe Run want to begin work on the Mission Study this month and are seeking church members to be part of the Mission study committee. The Mission study is intended to guide a congregation through a review of its life and mission as it prepares for new professional leadership in the form of a new installed Pastor.

The creation of this study paper is the first step in the call process for a new pastor. It is a vital step in assisting the church to select new leadership with abilities that match the new vision of ministry and needs of a Presbyterian congregation. Good communications and accurate self-description described in the Mission study are perhaps the most important and timesaving factors in making a healthy match between congregation and

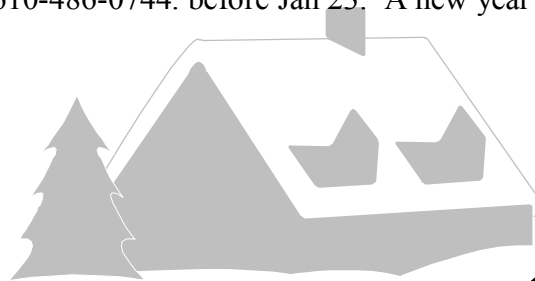
Donegal Presbytery requires a congregation evaluate its past and present ministry and conduct a self-study before it begins the process to elect a Pastor Nominating committee that seeks a candidate for a new pastor position. Besides including congregational statistics, the Mission study asks a congregation to answer such questions as: What are we doing to carry out the biblical and constitutional purposes of the church? What are our goals and objectives? What needs to happen for us to be more faithful to the Great Ends of the church?

Are you a dreamer? Are you a visionary? Is God calling you to be part of this process of discernment? All that is required is a desire to serve, an openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit and a willingness to spend several months in hard work with other members of the Mission study committee. To volunteer to be part of the "dreamers and visionaries" contact Clerk of Session William Dyke at wjdyke1@verizon.net or call the church office at 610-486-0744. before Jan 23. A new year is the time to dream about the future of Doe Run church!

With great expectations ,

Rev. Ann Dickey

Ann G. Dickey, Interim Pastor





New Times for Worshipping

- * 9:30 am: Contemporary service and Sunday School
- * 10:30am-11:00 am: Fellowship Hour
- * 11:00 am: Traditional service

Sacrament of Holy Communion to be offered monthly!

Most Presbyterian churches celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of each month as well as at special times of the year (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday etc.) The Session of Doe Run voted in December to begin this practice in 2007. The Sacrament will be offered at both Sunday worship services on Sundays Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4 and December 2. Baptized children are welcome to the Lord's Table in the PCUSA. Home Communion can be scheduled for homebound members upon request. We hope you will join us at the Lord's table each month!

Interested in learning about the Presbyterian Church? Interested in joining Doe Run church?

Then plan to attend the Inquirers Class on Sunday, Jan 14 from 6:30-8:30pm with Interim Pastor Ann Dickey. Christian and Presbyterian beliefs, history and practice will be discussed. An intro to the ministries of Doe Run will be offered. At the end of the evening, those desiring to unite with Doe Run may do so at a brief meeting with the Elders from 8:30-9:00pm. Sign up by calling the church office at 610-486-0744 or email adickey543@comcast.net by January 11.

Bible Study offered on Sunday evenings during Lent!

Interim Pastor Ann Dickey will lead a Sunday night Bible study from 6:30-8 beginning February 25-April 1 on the topic "**Lord, Teach Us to Pray**": Six studies on spirituality and the Lord's Prayer. Based on the thoughts of John C. Purdy, this Kerygma program study deals with such questions as: "How can I find inner peace? What is the right way to pray? How can I achieve harmony between mind and body? What is the way that leads to God? What is the way that leads God to me? How should we live with creation?". Each week is a separate topic so an attender may miss a week and still be an integral part of the discussion. Get more of out it by ordering the Student study book for \$17.00!(suggested by not required). Sign up and/order a student book by emailing adickey5433@comcast.net or call the church

office at 610-476-0744 by Feb 18! Plan on being part of this study this Lent.

We remember these friends in our prayers:

- Francis Auer
- Irene Bird
- Elizabeth Clarke
- Ann Croft's sister, Amy
- Ann Davis
- Laura & Fred Deckman
- Norman and Doris Diem
- John and Bette Downing
- Muriel Hibbard
- Kathryn Robinson

Annual Meeting set for January 28!

The congregation of Doe Run is called to meet for its 2007 annual meeting at noon on Sunday, January 28. The Annual report will be received and 2007 budget will be presented.



Psalm 19: 1,4

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Their voice goes out into all of the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Lent begins February 21, Ash Wednesday!

Doe Run will observe the beginning of Lent with a Service of Holy Communion and the voluntary imposition of ashes at 7:00pm. Plan to attend and observe the Lenten season with your brothers and sisters at Doe Run.

PW Splinters

The PW Splinters will meet at the church Tuesday, February 6th at 11:30 am. Patsy Johnston is the hostess and Penny Swank will lead the devotions. For the program, Rev. Ann Dickey will introduce a knitting mission. Sew we are calling all knitters to attend.





Give Your Opinion on a proposed change to the Order of Worship at 11:00am! Many Presbyterian churches offer the sermon earlier in the order of worship during Sunday morning worship. John Calvin's (the father of Reformed Presbyterianism) order of worship included preparation for the Word, the Word read and preached and then a response to the Word each Sunday. This translates into Praise, Confession and Pardon preceding the Thought for Children, reading of Old and New Testament scripture, and the Sermon. According to Calvin, the congregation responds to Word of God in thanksgiving through the Offering of time, money and talents, time of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the People and closing Hymn of dedication. This is the order of worship already in use at the 9:30 Contemporary worship at Doe Run. The Session voted in December to give it a try one Sunday in January at 11:00 and invite the congregation to give feedback using a questionnaire afterwards. January 7's worship includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion following the Sermon, so January 14 will be the date to try this order of worship at 11:00am and invite comments using a questionnaire. Following feedback from the congregation, the Session will decide whether or not to implement it each Sunday or remain with the current order of worship with the Sermon at the conclusion of the service. Come to worship at 11:00am and experience this trial and give your feedback!

To Our Doe Run Church Family,
 It's hard to believe 7 weeks have gone by . . . We have been very busy settling into the house, new jobs, new community and getting to know the folks here at Mildren Pres. We have not been too busy, however, to reflect on the warmth of Doe Run and the love we felt there. We greatly appreciate the beautiful reception our last Sunday there with you, the beautiful book set on Chester County, the wonderful memory album and all of the other many generous gifts. You remain close to our hearts and in our prayers as you go forward in His Service. A very joyful Christmas to you all!
 With love, Rev Walt and Tracy
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Grant Money given to Doe Run!

Highlighting Contemporary Worship and Youth, this grant received through Donegal Presbytery seeks to continue the valued ministries created by Rev. Kiran Young Wimberly. The hope is that the grant will give a temporary solution to budget constraints for 2007 while we work to increase congregational stewardship with the goal of including these ministries in the 2008 budget.

The Session of Doe Run church voted 12/28/06 that the grant of \$40,000 will be used in the following ways:

- 1) To fund the employment of a person/persons to be Youth director responsible for weekly activities for youth ages middle school thru high school at the rate of \$20 an hour. This would include planning and caring out activities such as occasional lock-ins, outings, and mission efforts. The Youth leader would work with the Youth committee, Session and Interim Pastor to develop the youth program and parental and congregational support. Mileage would be reimbursable at .485 cents a mile. (20 hours a week) Staffing is in the works.
- 2) To fund the employment of a person/persons to be the Worship Leader for the 9:30am Contemporary weekly worship service at the rate of \$20 per hour. This/these person/persons would select the music, format the bulletin, recruit worship leaders and readers, rehearse the songs and confer with the Interim

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Pastor as to the content of the service. The Worship Leader would work with the Worship and Music committee, Session and Interim Pastor to develop congregational support for contemporary worship. Mileage would be reimbursable at .485 cents a mile. (20 hours a week) Staffing is in the works.

- 3) To purchase new or additional equipment and curriculum for the use of the Youth Leader and Worship Leader in their programming. (Includes a budget of \$1000 for youth needs and as needed for Contemporary worship)
- 4) To provide additional publicity of church and ministry to the public. This grant money would not be used to pay regular monthly expenses. It would not be used to pay the salary of the Interim Pastor or any member of her family. The use of this money will be supervised and managed by the Doe Run church Treasurer and a quarterly accounting will be provided to the donor through the Donegal Presbytery office.



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