



DOE RUN NEWS

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Looking in Two Directions at Once!

Did you know that with the exception of April 15, January 2 is the most ~~deaded~~ dead day of the year? It seems that Americans give themselves permission to stuff their faces with turkey and pie, stay up late, and spend lots of money from Thanksgiving thru January 1. But what do we get for it? We get January 2. Overweight, exhausted, and in debt, we wake up the day after New Years and find...January 2! And we realize that now it is time to go on a diet, get on a budget and go back to work. Along with the shortened hours of daylight, grey skies and months of wet weather to go till spring, it is no wonder that we feel blue! If we are going to make it through this tough cold season, it seems like we need to get a better perspective on January 2.

The month of January takes its name from a Roman deity, a twofaced being who faced opposite directions at the same time. That too is appropriate since January is a hinge time, a point from which we normally look back at the year just ended and forward toward the year that has just begun. Doe Run can look backwards at 2007 as a year that saw new leadership emerge in the boards of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, a successful Stewardship campaign and the completion of the Mission study. We also can look forward to 2008 as the year of the election of a Pastor Nominating committee and the arrival of a new installed Pastor! That means that we can use January 2 as the start of the month of hope, not just the end of the holiday party! In scripture, we hear assurance that "God has a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth." (Eph 1:10) With God's promise that "we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of His glory", (Eph 1:12) we can use January 2 to create a year of joy and excitement, always boking forward to the things that will come! January 2 then becomes the first day of living a faith that looks backwards to the proof of God's love for us and his greatest gift in his son Jesus, and forward to the day when God will do a new thing, especilly here at Doe Run. A light shines in the midst of darkness, even the darkness of January and winter! We have been given a New Year and a new beginning. Let's celebrate the coming of 2008 and let us use it wisely, to the glory of God!

Expectantly,

Ann G. Dickey, Interim Pastor

Financial News

Session Approves 2008 Budget: At the December 18 meeting of Session a budget was approved for 2008 on recommendation of the Budget and Staff Review Committee (Budget Committee). Each year the Budget Committee meets to review and project the Church's financial needs for the upcoming year. The money to fund the resulting budget figure comes from the Current Fund. The budget but serves as an estimate as to approximately how much money we will require for the Current Fund if the Church is to operate in the black.

The Session, at its above meeting, approved the Budget Committee's recommendation for a 2008 budget of \$151,358. The breakdown for the budget follows.

This budget is considerably higher than previous budgets, mainly because since first adding a contemporary service to our worship program the costs for the Contemporary Service Leader as well as the Youth Director have come from funds other than the Current Fund. The Shaneman Fund and a grant from Donegal Presbytery have funded these programs in the past. This year we have decided that the Shaneman Fund used--as limited by Shaneman Fund policy--will go directly into the Current Fund so that they can be budgeted just as all our other sources of income. And, the remaining grant money from Donegal, which is nearly exhausted, will also be used to support the 2008 budget following the intent of that grant.

The projected income for the year, not counting the grant money since we don't know how much will remain at the end of the year, is about \$148,500. The sources for this income follows. As you can see, this leaves a shortfall between expenses and income of \$2,858.

Further, it is likely this shortfall will grow from each month that we are not receiving rent for the manse. The Trustees are actively working on getting a tenant and we need to support them in this effort. If you know of someone looking for a rental home, please let one of the Trustees know. How close we come to meeting our 2008 budget depends directly on how soon we start receiving manse rental income.

If you have any questions about the budget please see one of the members of the Budget Committee (Paul Swank, Manley Case); the Clerk of Session (Bill Dyke) or the Church Treasurer (Ed Scott).

For the Session, respectfully submitted by Manley Case

Do You Pay Your Dues?

Most all of us receive dues notices each year from the organizations to which we belong. Lions Club, Rotary Club, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Masonic Bodies, Sportsmen's Clubs, Fire Companies, V.F.W., American Legion, school fraternities--to name a few. We are assessed a fee for the privilege of belonging to our groups and to fund the expenses of the groups. In most cases, if we don't pay our dues, our memberships are dropped. In case you are not aware, each member of Doe Run is charged a "dues" by Presbytery. The term is "per capita assessment." This year the treasurer will send \$25.39 for each member of Doe Run to Donegal Presbytery totaling over \$5,000, which is reflected in the budget. I know many of us have pledged a regular amount and are faithful to our pledges...but if sometime during the year we add the per capita assessment or "dues" to our giving, it will greatly help the budgeted income. Unlike many of our other organizations, we will not be dropped if we don't pay; but if we do, we will have the added satisfaction of supporting the Doe Run budget.

DOE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2008 BUDGET

	INCOME	
1.	Altar Flowers	\$ 500.00
2.	Current Fund Offering	\$116,500.00
3.	Interest & Dividends	\$ 2,500.00
4.	Manse Rental	\$ 12,000.00
5.	Shaneman Fund Transfer	\$ 10,000.00
6.	Other Income	\$ 3,000.00
7.	Per Capita Income	\$ 4,000.00
8.	Total Income	\$148,500.00
	EXPENSE	
	ADMINISTRATION	
9.	Advertising	\$ 500.00
10.	Copier & Office	\$ 2,300.00
11.	FICA Tax	\$ 2,650.00
12.	Insurance-Workers Comp	\$ 800.00
13.	Internal Service	\$ 480.00
14.	Per Capita	\$ 5,484.00
15.	Secretary	\$ 2,505.00
16.	Telephone	\$ 1,300.00
17.	Treasurer	\$ 1,610.00
18.	Total ADMINISTRATION	\$ 17,629.00
	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	
19.	Building Repair & Improve	\$ 5,000.00
20.	Electric – Church	\$ 3,500.00
21.	Electric – Manse	\$ 450.00
22.	Heating Oil – Church	\$ 5,000.00
23.	Heating Oil – Manse	\$ 1,700.00
24.	Insurance	\$ 3,000.00
25.	Maintenance Supplies	\$ 300.00
26.	Mowing	\$ 2,100.00
27.	Real Estate Taxes	\$ 2,550.00
28.	Sexton	\$ 2,365.00
29.	Transfer to Mem Endow/Capital Bldg Fnd	\$ 2,400.00
30.	Total BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$ 28,365.00
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
31.	Education Supplies	\$ 400.00
32.	Sunday School	\$ 50.00
33.	Vacation Bible School	\$ 50.00
34.	Total CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$ 500.00

	MISCELLANEOUS	
35.	Deacons Supplies	\$ 50.00
36.	Flowers	\$ 600.00
37.	Hospitality	\$ 400.00
38.	Other	\$ 1,200.00
39.	Total MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 2,250.00
40.	MISSION	\$ 6,000.00
	PASTORAL MINISTRY	
41.	Contemporary Service Director	\$ 11,800.00
42.	Pastor – 403b Retirement	\$ 12,000.00
43.	Pastor – Auto Expense	\$ 4,200.00
44.	Pastor – Base Salary	\$ 20,000.00
45.	Pastor – Housing Allow	\$ 9,400.00
46.	Pastor – Medical Reimburs	\$ 1,000.00
47.	Pastor – Dental Reimburs	\$ 675.00
48.	Pastor – Pension/Maj Med	\$ 12,962.00
49.	Pastor – Social Security	\$ 3,167.00
50.	Pastor – Cont. Education	\$ 1,000.00
51.	Pastor – Communications	\$ 250.00
52.	Pastor – Book Allowance	\$ 250.00
53.	Pastor – Nominating Committee	\$ 2,000.00
54.	Supply Pastors	\$ 800.00
55.	Youth Leader	\$ 8,000.00
56.	Youth Leader Mileage	\$ 150.00
57.	Youth Group Expenses	\$ 300.00
58.	Total PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$ 87,954.00
	WORSHIP & MUSIC	
59.	Choir Director	\$ 4,045.00
60.	Music	\$ 250.00
61.	Organist	\$ 4,000.00
62.	Worship Supplies	\$ 365.00
63.	Total WORSHIP & MUSIC	\$ 8,660.00
64.	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$151,358.00
65.	PROJECTED NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$2,858.00)

Income	Expenses	November Surplus	2007 Deficit
\$9,600	\$9,102	\$498	\$3,775

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Congregational Meeting called by Session for Sunday, January 6 at noon to elect Pastor Nominating Committee! After approving the Mission Study, Area One of the Committee on Ministry of Donegal Presbytery has given permission for the Nominating Committee to present a slate of nominees to the congregation on January 6. Nominations may be made from the floor but the nominee must be present to agree to serve. Please plan to attend this most important meeting of the congregation on January 6!

Annual Meeting: January 27, noon. Please plan to attend.

Ann Dickey will be on vacation out of the country from January 12-25, 2008. Preaching on January 13 will be the Rev. Beth Engel of Parkesburg, formerly of Wilmington, DE. On January 20 will be the Rev. Steve Getty, longtime former pastor of the Pequea Presbyterian Church in Gap, now retired and serving as Parish Associate at Latta Memorial in Christiana. If you have an emergency pastoral care need, contact Clerk of Session Bill Dyke.

The Session is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Reed and David Ayers have been hired to be Youth Directors for the youth program at Doe Run beginning January 6, 2008! Both are members of Doe Run. Liz has served faithfully in the Sunday school program and Bible School and is a part-time nursery school teacher and full-time wife and mother of two. David has been an Elder for six years and is a therapist and full-time dad to two youth. May God Bless them both and the Youth program!

Former Clerk of Session and Elder, Ed Martin, will represent Doe Run and Donegal Presbytery at the General Assembly meeting of the PCUSA meeting June 21-28, 2008 in San Jose, California! Congratulations Ed on this honor and privilege!

Doe Run Silent Auction, save the date, February 23, 2008, 6:30 pm for this fun evening of food, fellowship and bidding! We are asking all Doe Run Members to think about what they may be willing or able to "donate" to be auctioned off. Do you have a great talent or skill that you would be willing to share? Do you know of someone who owns a restaurant or any kind of business that would be willing to donate something? Any Questions? Contact Sueann Robbins (610)3839847 or email srobbins@immaculata.edu.

Three not-so-little kittens who have not lost their mittens but would like to find a good home. They have been spayed and neutered. If you know of someone who would like to adopt a friend, please contact John or Suzanne Graves.

Laura Deckman and her family would like to express their appreciation to all for their cards, concerns, thoughtfulness and prayers.

Splinters News:

Our January meeting will be Tuesday, January 8 (second Tuesday this time) at 11:30 am. Penny Swank will be hostess and Lib McGibbon will have the devotions. After we have lunch we will be playing games. So....bring one of your family games and join us.

On Thursday, January 10th the Splinters will be going on a tour of Wegman's Food Market. We will meet at the dining area at 10:30 am to look behind the scenes. Afterward we will have lunch at the Market. Won't you join us?

Quilters News: SOS—May Day! May Day!

We are sinking with a work overload and we need your help! We need help to both sew squares and quilt after they are sewn together. Could you help us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Questions? Call Patsy Johnston.

The PNC will study this book which has proven to be very helpful toward providing insights into the kinds of challenges and conflicts that pastors confront and work to resolve and how they do so. (Reprinted from the Articles of the PNC of Unionville church in 2005) This month’s installment describes the journey that one takes to become a minister.

Part Three: What Is A Call to Ministry?

The first step of the process in preparation to become a minister is **“the call”** to ministry. But what does it mean to be called? In a strict sense everyone is called of God to their work. Clergy are twice called: first to be a Christian, a calling which they share with lay people. The second calling is **the** service of other Christians. The all to the ministry emerges in the consolidation of events, experiences and persons seen retrospectively. It can come at any time in one’s life. To be sure, the call to the ministry involves a heightened sense of God-consciousness. It is a response to the wonderings and longings of life that made the presence of and power of God vivid and real. The most important aspect of the call is not the call itself, but **the response** to it. The validation of the call is tested by a process of preparation.

The second step in the typical process for Protestant clergy to become a minister is three years of graduate study in a theological seminary. A seminary is an institution of higher learning, preserving and extending standards of scholarship, teaching accepted methods of theological inquiry, research and discussion. A seminary is a community of scholars sharing a quest for the nature of religion and the sharing of a religious life. The purpose of a seminary is to serve Christ and the church through intellectual disciplines. These disciplines are: 1) Study of the Bible 2) Church history 3) Historic and constructive theology (constructive theology is the process in which the enduring questions of God and humans are addressed in comprehensive, cohesive thoughts relevant to contemporary understandings.) A seminarian will create, articulate and defend a comprehensive faith statement. 4) Religion and Psychology 5) Ethics and the Social Sciences 6) Religion and Art 7) World religions 8) Practical curriculum (courses in preaching, Christian education, and governance of a church which require “field work” as an intern in local churches.) Upon graduation from seminary, a seminarian receives a degree of Master of Divinity.

The third step in the process of becoming a minister is **ordination**. When Jesus selected Peter as “the rock upon whom I will build my church” (Mt.16:18) he laid his hand on Peter’s head. In the ritual of ordination, the previously ordained place their hands **on** the head of the person to be ordained and pray with him or her. This is a symbolic gesture transferring apostolic tradition to the new clergy person. The meaning of ordination has three aspects: First, it is a certification that the ordained is **qualified** to perform ministerial duties. Second, ordination is a “setting apart.” The phrase denotes a distinction between lay and clergy in the life of the congregation. Third, ordination means one will be a pastor of a church and is entitled to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments. After ordination, one is addressed as “The Reverend” or “Pastor”.

Next month: the Care and Feeding of Clergy.