



Doe Run News

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A Word From Our Pastor:

SUMMER: A FUN AND ACTIVE TIME AT DOE RUN!

Relaxing may be what church members are doing at home this summer, but Doe Run Church is a happening place in July and August.

June 25-29 was a very successful Bible School week with the theme of “SonForce,” a mystery focused way of learning about Bible characters such as Esther and Moses. Each morning, adults and youth led songs, games, stories, snacks, and crafts around that theme. Around 35 children attended and almost half of them came from outside the church—a wonderful outreach to our neighboring community. Even though it was hot outside, the children and leaders were smiling and having a great time learning about how God works in the world and the story of Jesus and salvation. Friday night’s wrap-up was an ice cream social. The children shared what they learned in song during worship on July 1. Thanks go out to Tracy McFadien, Director and all her helpers and staff!

Camp Donegal has welcomed Doe Run youth as well! Samantha Martin, Danni and Cameron Robbins are spending time learning about God, nature and each other through camping experiences provided by Donegal Presbytery.

The Quilters are busy in the nursery on Tuesday mornings quilting a beautiful log cabin themed quilt to be sent to the Winegars in Virginia. The knitters have now made and given away nine Prayer Shawls to members of our church and community who need prayers and support.

The Mission Study Committee will be working through the summer to compile data and write the Mission Study document in preparation for permission to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee this fall.

Summer blended workshop has been well supported with 70+ at worship each week. The Contemporary worship team continues to grow with the addition of Dan Robbins on bass and James Graves on drums along with Bill Anderson leading the singing. (More singers are desired!)

The Veggie Tales videos are popular for those children who cannot sit through the entire worship service. Coffee hours take place each Sunday downstairs after worship providing refreshment and fellowship. August 12 will invite children to stay after worship to learn about the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper in a Childrens’ Communion workshop.

A full slate of church officers and committee members have been elected and installed and are at work already in a new term!

Mission work continues in the summer with the addition of the Garden Table: a place downstairs on Sundays for growers of vegetables and fruit to donate excess produce for those without a green thumb to take the produce home and leave a donation. So far, the Garden Table has raised over \$30. At the end of the summer, the money will be sent to the Coatesville Food Cupboard.

These are just some of the things happening at Doe Run this summer...and the summer is really just beginning! Many people are traveling this summer, and wishes go out for rest and recreation for all. But, when you are home in July and August, join us for worship service and fellowship at Doe Run!

Thankfully,

Ann G. Dickey, Interim Pastor

Stewardship Committee:

Financial Summary: January thru May 2007

	Income	Actual expenses	Average monthly budgeted expenses	Deficit	
				End of 2006	-\$22,831
January	\$7,830	\$15,054	\$10,374	end of January 2007	-\$30,055
February	\$7,943	\$9,374	\$10,374	end of February 2007	-\$31,486
March	\$9,234	\$9,372	\$10,374	end of March 2007	-\$31,624
April	\$18,167	\$11,079	\$10,374	end of April 2007	-\$24,535
May	\$8,292	\$7,506	\$10,374	end of May 2007	-\$23,749

Note: There was an anonymous gift, for deficit reduction, of over \$8,000 in April.

Consecration Sunday is Coming!

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship program as a way to teach biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this fall.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship at 9:30 am on Consecration Sunday, September 9, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and education ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily when attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader, Dr. David Dickey, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team (the Stewardship Committee) and board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday and brunch.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in the upcoming Consecration Sunday events. Please save the date of September 9 on your calendar! (More details to come in August newsletter.)

The Stewardship Committee

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Sunday, June 17: Congregation of Doe Run met in a duly called meeting and elected the following officers: Elders: Manley Case, Suzanne Graves, Paul Swank; Deacons: Kim Campbell, Louise Sapper, Donna Thompson, Betty Prindle, Megan Snyder, Doris Spencer; Trustees: Tim Tipton, Jeanie Silver, Garth Monaghan, Ed Law, Sherry Woodward. They will be Ordained and Installed in worship on July 1 and July 8. All outgoing officers are to be thanked for their service! They are: Elder Steve Werner; Deacons Brenda Reif, Nancy Hensel, Becky Urban, Billie Jo Belcher; Trustees Steve Boulger and Lew Molner.

July 8 at 10:30 am: There will be a Corporation meeting to elect one more Trustee to the class of 2009. The nominating committee will nominate Tom McFadien to fill the term formerly held by Lew Molner.

July 12, Thursday, Mortonville, 6:00 pm: Walking tour of Mortonville. Tour is free, reservations are required, call 610-384-7144.

Interim Pastor Ann Dickey will be out of the country on vacation July 11-25. Filling the pulpit on Sunday, July 15 will be Jeff Nagorny, a seminary student at Palmer (Eastern) Seminary and Candidate for the Ministry under Donegal Presbytery. Sunday, July 22 will see Doe Run welcome Bill Wisneski, a Candidate seeking his first call for ministry under care of Donegal Presbytery. Since Bill Anderson, Contemporary Worship Leader, will also be gone on July 22, only traditional music will be used in worship that day. Please come support these candidates for ministry with your presence in worship! During Rev. Dickey's absence, pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Anne Park of the Phoenixville Presbyterian Church. For emergency care during July 11-25, call Rev. Park at her church (610-933-8816) or at home (610-525-2535) or call Clerk of Session Bill Dyke (610-383-9018).

Sunday, August 12 from 11:00-1:00, Childrens' Communion Workshop: Graduates of Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to come learn about the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in a hands-on way! Participants will bake bread to be frozen and used later in worship, touch the plates, chalices and cups used for the Sacrament, do puzzles, crafts, Bible readings and other activities to learn about the history and meaning of the Lord's Supper. Children are always welcome at the Lord's table! Sign your child up for this fun activity hosted by the Christian Ed Committee and the Interim Pastor by emailing doerunchurch@verizon.net or calling the church office at 610-486-0744!

Youth group is alive and kicking this summer! The youth group is meeting this summer on Mondays, except 3 once-a-month-off-site events: the first a dinner out at Old Country Buffet on June 28. Laser Tag at Grand Slam in Fraser is scheduled for the end of July. There is a TBA event in mid-August. July 2 will be a pizza dinner and time for discussion. Stephanie Anderson, Youth Director purchased some new bibles, easier to read and understand ones that have a "youthful" cover. She also purchased the Nooma video series. They are a great video resource for all ages and will aid in getting the youth interested in learning about their faith and their relationship with God. After being given permission by the Trustees, the youth group is getting ready to make the downstairs room under the stairs their own meeting place. They will paint and do things to the room to make it inviting to the youth. They will also possibly work on coming up with a name for the Youth Group: a more inviting, "youthful" title might be in order! The schedule for the Fall is still being planned. Since incoming 6th graders are now welcome, Stephanie is planning a parents meeting in the beginning of September to introduce herself and to lay out to all the parents her goals, desires, and that which excites her regarding the Youth Group. Parents will be invited to ask questions or give thoughts/ideas/opinions as well. From this parent meeting, she is also hoping to create a support/prayer group. Not only will this group serve to support the youth group and Stephanie, but it will lead the parents into praying for their own kids and finding fellowship/community with other parents who desire the same thing! The goal of the youth ministry is to introduce these kids to Jesus Christ, help them to understand their need to be in a relationship with Him, and give them a joy in knowing God through knowing Jesus Christ. The youth need to know that God and knowing God is not boring, but FUN, EXCITING and ADVENTUROUS. Jesus said, "I have come that thee might have life and life to the full." Life can only be found in God through Jesus and any life without Him is LACKING! Stephanie is constantly praying for discernment of God's will regarding these kids and this group.

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism was administered on June 17 to Cassin Grace Schwartz, daughter of Kerri and Stephen Schwartz and granddaughter of Gary and Deb Leonhard. On June 24 to Avery O'Hara, daughter of Kevin and Melissa O'Hara and granddaughter of Bob and Bev Hiller.

Welcome New Members! The Session of Doe Run Church met Tuesday, June 19 to receive five new members: Lisa M. Last by Reaffirmation of Faith; Shelly VanKoervering by Transfer of Letter from Upper Octorara Presbyterian; Joanne, George and Angela McGinnis by Reaffirmation of Faith. Let's make them welcome in our fellowship!

Remember the old red "Hymnbooks" that used to be in the Sanctuary? They are now on their way to Sierra Leone, Africa to be used to praise God in a church in that country! Stewardship means a wise use of God's gifts to us and Doe Run has put this belief into action by donating 100 hymnbooks to a new congregation. May God use them to His glory!

Signups are needed for summer Sundays! Coffee hours are always a great time following worship to meet new friends in the church and enjoy food and fellowship with the church family. Signups are needed for hosts for coffee hours in July and August. Can you help? Sign up on the list in the Narthex or email the church office at doerunchurch@verizon.net to volunteer. Help is also needed this summer to run the projector during the worship service. All it takes in pushing one button when directed! Sign up on the list in the Narthex or contact Contemporary Worship Leader Bill Anderson.

Feedback wanted!!! Doe Run has witnessed a lot of changes since last October when Rev. Winegar left Pennsylvania. Since I arrived, almost 8 months ago, I have been impressed with your ability to adapt to change. A new order of worship, a blended summer worship service, a computer and projector in worship, a new sound system, a fellowship hour, new staff in worship and leading youth, and new officers are just a few of the changes to the practices and traditions at Doe Run. How do you feel about all these things? I would like to hear how you, as a congregation member, are thinking and feeling about many new ways of doing things. I would also like to hear about your vision and dreams of the future as you see it for this church. I hear very few comments, positive or negative, from church members. I would like to hear them both! I am here to listen and be a "non-anxious" presence during this Interim time. Let me hear from you so that I know what the temperature of the congregation is after 8 months of ministry. The Mission Study Committee would also appreciate your feedback and vision for the future. Contact them (jeffsapper@msn.com) and/or fill out the questionnaires in the Nicholas room near the front door of the Sanctuary. A new pastor will need to also hear what is going on in the hearts and minds of the congregation and learn of your traditions as he/she gets settled and becomes part of the Doe Run community. Now is the time to start the chatter! Talk to me about the church and/or what is going on in your life by stopping by the church office most Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-1:00 or call me at 484-467-3885 or email adickey543@comcast.net Let's talk this summer! Thank you. Rev. Ann

City Gate Mission items: July-foam soup bowls; August-plastic eating utensils; September-bleach; October-cleanser; November-canned potatoes; December-tuna fish

Hello from Kiran in Ireland! The past four months have flown by—it's hard to believe we've been here that long, but at the same time it feels like we've been here forever! It's been one big, long adventure—a lot to get used to but also a lot of fun. Everything is going well for me at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, where I work. I know that God has brought me to the right place, which is a good feeling. Alex is doing really well at McCracken, and he also feels he's in the right place. So we're both happy. I just wanted to say "hello from Ireland" and let you know I'm thinking of Doe Run. I've been meaning to write for ages! It was great working with you there and may God bless you!" Rev. Kiran Young Wimberly

Donegal Presbytery may lose three of our sister churches to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The congregations of Upper Octorara, Forks of the Brandywine and Great Valley have voted to ask for dismissal from the PCUSA. An Administrative Commission Committee from the Presbytery is negotiating and providing pastoral care for these congregations who wish to join a more theologically conservative denomination. These churches have objected to some of the opinions of past General Assemblies concerning the issues of abortion, homosexuality and other issues and have voiced their opposition by withholding per capita funds from the General Assembly for several years. They have given their support to a new movement called New Wineskins which calls for more conservative traditions and policies. Let us keep our brothers and sisters in these churches, on the Administrative Commission, in our Presbytery and in the entire PCUSA in our prayers.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Officers Ordained/ Installed Communion 9:30 am	2 7:00 pm Youth Group	3 9:30 am Quilters	4 July 4 Holiday	5 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6	7
8 New Officers Ordained/ Installed Corporation Meeting 10:30	9 7:00 pm Youth Group	10 9:30 am Quilters	REVEREND 11	DICKEY 12 6:00 pm walking tour of Mortonville 6:00 pm Work at Manse 7:00 Deacons 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	ON 13	VACATION 14
VACATION 15 Jeff Nagorny Preaching	----- 16 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm CE	----- 17 9:30 am Quilters	----- 18	----- 19 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 Trustees	----- 20	----- 21 Men's breakfast
VACATION 22 Bill Wisneski Preaching	----- 23 7:00 pm Youth Group	----- 24 9:30 am Quilters	----- 25	26 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Stewardship	27	28
29	30 7:00 pm Youth Group	31 9:30 am Quilters				

