



Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

March 2006

From The Pastor...

Christmas is over, the winter is almost over (I hope) and Spring will soon be here. One of the first things that alert me to the coming of Spring is Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday comes late, March 1st, so Spring should be here soon. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Season known as Lent and runs until Easter. A few years ago I wrote about Lent and for those of you who didn't see it or for those who forgot I am doing this again.

The 49 Days of Lent

Lent is the name given to the period of preparation for the chief Christian festival, Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lenten, meaning "Spring." Christians have developed various traditions within their respective denominations for the preparation of the great festival of Easter.

Questions have been raised about the symbolism of this significant season. Why is it

40 days long? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Forty hours were first devoted to this observance in token of the time Jesus spent in the tomb. By the third century, however, this observance had been extended to a 40-day period.



The 40 days have been likened to a number of biblical parallels: Moses' fast on Mt. Sinai; the number of years of wandering in the wilderness; Elijah's fast on his journey to Mt. Horeb; the 40 day's grace given to Nineveh in Jonah's preaching; and Jesus' fast at the beginning of his public ministry.

As Lent arrives and we start our journey toward Easter this is just something for you to think about along with the arrival of Spring on March 21st.

Happy Spring,

Rev. Walt

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We remember these friends in our prayers: **Jeanne Burke, Bette & John Downing, Kathryn Robinson and Cameron Sherman.**

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In Brief...

- ▶ The current fund deficit at the end of January was \$23,500. Expenses for January exceeded income by \$4,060 primarily due to the per capita expense paid to Presbytery of \$5,198.
- ▶ The weather in February forced us to miss one Sunday of worship. And with a missed Sunday is a missed Sunday offering. But remember that Doe Run doesn't miss any bills or expenses because of the weather. Thank you for your continued support!



What's Happening!

- ▶ The Fellowship Committee is planning a **Covered Dish Luau** on Saturday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m. Everyone will be tired of winter, so we decided to heat it up with thoughts of summer! Get out your Hawaiian shirts and look for those Polynesian recipes. Bring a covered dish and place setting. Beverages and dessert will be provided by the committee. Come bring your family and friends and join the fellowship!
- ▶ Come pitch in and help the church building and grounds look beautiful for springtime and Easter at our **Spring Clean-Up Day** on Saturday, April 1st, starting at 8:30 a.m. Just bring your hands and the desire to share in this service and fellowship – equipment and lunch will be provided.
- ▶ With Easter right around the corner, it is time to prepare for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. This year it will be held on April 15, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. here at the church. We are requesting wrapped candy and other things that can be stuffed into plastic Easter eggs. Donations may be placed in a bag in the Nicholas Room.



Congratulations to Emily Bullock, our choir director, and Keith Emmons, her husband and one of our tenors, who welcomed into their home two foster children. We welcomed their new arrivals with a baby shower during a recent coffee hour.



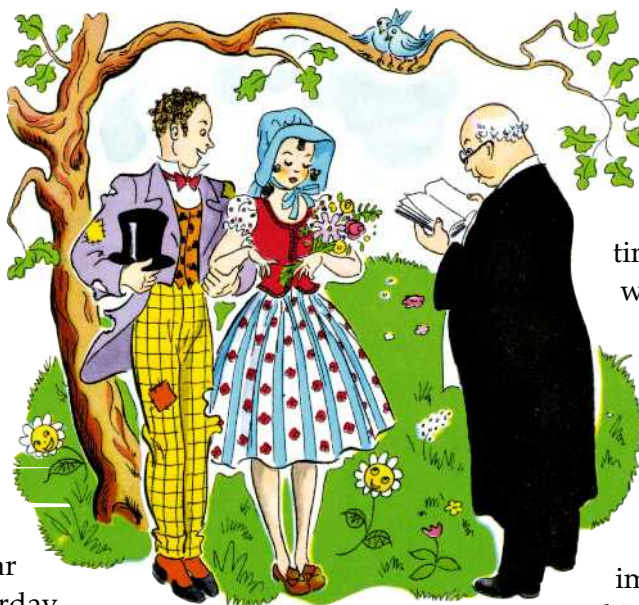
Reflections *from the Journal of Mary Newlin Carlin*

March 15, 1920

All the sweet, tender dreams of an engaged girl – and oh, how wonderful they are going to be I can't even imagine – because you see I've only been engaged one blissful-dreamy week and nineteen hours and fifteen minutes – but these dreams will all be confided to you, Journal o' mine. Only a little over a week but most of that time I did not know where I was and I didn't seem to care. And now I know what it means to be desperately glad and happy – and frightened most to death, all at one time – because I've felt that way so much during the past week. But mostly I'm happy – oh so happy!

After being separated for almost a whole week with the exception of a bare twenty minutes – walking down Lincoln Highway the dear Man and I went to movies Saturday afternoon. There it was so stormy and the trolleys were running so irregularly we decided to go to Frank's instead of coming home. We had lots of fun buying supper and running out to "The Nest" in the storm. After supper I washed up the dishes and the Man dried them while Dorothy put Frank, Jr. to bed. Finally the family went to bed and the Man made up to me for the week of wanting, wanting him.

Journal dear, if Love is in any way based on faith and trust surely I love the Man. He is so dear and



good and I'm sure we are going to be wonderful pals. 'Twas awfully early when he left. Post haste. There's a reason. I told it to you I came home early yesterday afternoon and the Man came up at three o'clock. I enjoyed the afternoon and evening with him so much. Journal dear, he doesn't want to wait longer than January, 1921, but he must. What girl wants the greatest day in her life to be in January?

The greatest day in mine yet did come in January, so if for no other reason than having two anniversaries in the same month – the Day couldn't be in January. But there's lots of time to settle that question so why bother now? Anyway, I haven't even started my "hope chest!" And I simply won't be hurried, so there!

Goodness, I haven't even mentioned something that, if this more important event had not been taking all of my attention, would have been given pages of space here. We are going to move again! Yes, into town this time – 50 West Fifth Ave. – quite distinguished, isn't it? Family scrap with the land lady touched off the bonfire and Daddy has bought the house and we are moving at once. I'm as much excited about it as I have time to be.

Oh, this is a dear big funny world with dear big funny people in it!

– M.E.N.

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Food for Thought

The Carrot, The Egg, And The Coffee Bean

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft.

The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity . . . boiling water. Each reacted differently.

The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

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Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?

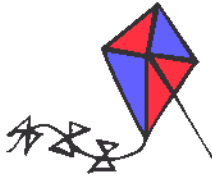
Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean

actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, the bean releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level?

How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?



March 2006 at Doe Run Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb. 26 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study	27	28	1 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice	2 7:15 p.m. – PW-Sarah Circle meeting Happy birthday Ellie Leach & Emmy Nolan	3 Happy birthday Nicole Ayers & Grace Blair	4 Happy birthday Carol Williams
5 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study Flowers: In honor of Jessie Sapper's birthday	6 7:30 p.m. – Fellowship Committee	7 Happy birthday Muriel Jefferis	8 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice	9 	10 6:00 p.m. – Deacons serving dinner at Safe Harbor	11 Happy birthday Greg Stefus
12 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study Flowers: In memory of Darlene Belcher	13 Happy birthday JoEllen Frymiare and Tim Heindl	14 Happy birthday Katie Harper	15 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice Happy birthday Steve Silver	16 7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees	17 	18 8:00 a.m. – Men's Group meeting Happy birthday Kayleigh Ayers
19 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study Flowers: In memory of George Moskel	20 7:30 p.m. – Christian Ed. Committee	21 Happy birthday Megan Snyder	22 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice Happy birthday Devyn Law	23 Happy birthday Howard Willmott and Kurt Worley	24 Happy birthday Melissa O'Hara	25 5:30 p.m. – Covered Dish Luau
26 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study Flowers: In memory of C. Clair Mouldor	27 Happy birthday Wayne Woodward	28 7:00 p.m. – Session meeting Happy birthday Irene Bird	29 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice Happy birthday Tammy Holt, Jill Worley and Conner Young	30	31	Apr. 1 8:30 a.m. – Clean-Up Day