



DOE RUN NEWS

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Easter and Spring: times of Rebirth!

What would it be like to experience Easter in the fall as they do in the southern hemisphere? It would be so strange to see the leaves turn orange and red and fall to the ground and prepare for winter. How blessed we are to celebrate Easter in the spring as the grass turns green, the trees put out shoots and blossoms and crocus and daffodils peek their heads out of the ground and bloom in all their glory! Spring is a visible reminder of the Easter story! Our Lord was tried, convicted and crucified and died. He was placed in a tomb but after three days, arose in heavenly glory! We see that reenacted in the seeds that have lain dormant for months in the cold ground and then raise their heads and proclaim life in their abundant colors! Easter is everywhere and everyday for us as we go through the months of March and April. A song by Avery and Marsh proclaims that "Everyday is Easter morning!" and that is true for Christians. Everyday is new and fresh in Christ's love for us shown on the cross. Life begins anew with every sunrise and we live each day in freedom and love. We live each day to serve him in thanksgiving for his gift of forgiveness and eternal life. I pray that this Easter season will find you worshipping with us at our Holy Week services to remember the sacrifice Christ made for us but also that you rejoice anew with us at his conquest over death on Easter and each day of spring!

May God bless you and yours in these seasons of life!

Ann G. Dickey
Interim Pastor

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V.B.S. is just around the corner!!! This year Shelly VanKoevering and Lisa Last will be co-directing. Everybody is invited to help plan this year's VBS. Meetings will take place during the Christian Ed meeting every third Monday of the Month. The next meeting will be February 21, 2008.

Interested in Joining Doe Run church? A new class for April is forming (formerly announced as March 2, it has been pushed back till after Easter). Three adults have already signed up and the more the merrier! Let Pastor Ann know of your interest and a convenient one session date will be chosen for learning about the beliefs, history, government and mission of Doe Run and the PCUSA. Elders will also attend to accept new members at the close of the session. This is an exciting time in the life of this church and you can be a part of its present and its future!

Camp Donegal is a great place for children and youth in the Summer! Most adults say that their most singular spiritual growth experience was in attending church camp as a youth. Do you or your children want to learn more about nature and God's creation? Then Camp Donegal is for you this summer! Located in Annville on the Susquehanna River, Camp Donegal served over 2700 youth and adults last year, nearly 300 of them during the summer program. It is not too early to start planning summer activities! Danni and Cameron Robbins went to two camps last summer and plan on returning again this summer! Brochures about the entire program for summer 2008 are available in the Narthex and church office. You will be hearing more about Camp Donegal as the spring progresses.

The Souper Bowl was a success! Thanks to the hard work of the Youth, Doe Run raised \$146 for the Coatesville Food Cupboard on Super Bowl Sunday. It was a lot of fun doing it as well! Thank you for your support in helping others be fed.

Thanks for the Great Response! The Silent Auction on 2/23/08! A good time was had by 65 people and \$1600 was raised toward the 2008 budget! Many thanks to SueAnn Robbins and Sherry Woodward for organizing and implementing this night of fun and food!

PNC has received instructions and direction on the process of nominating a new pastor. Group is currently working on writing the Church's CIF (Church Information Form). The CIF will be looked at by potential candidates to determine if they are interested in interviewing with Doe Run.

Would you be willing to help a bereaved family with their needs? Anyone interested in becoming part of a group to provide casseroles or desserts, babysitting if needed or transportation to family members attending a funeral is invited to email Rev. Ann adickey543@comcast.net and become part of a Bereavement Support Committee. Members of the congregation have provided care at the time of a death in the congregation on their own and now a desire to become part of an identified group is being explored. This group could be called on very quickly if and when needs arise after the death of a Doe Run member. There will be no meetings involved, just a list of responders to be contacted as needed. Thank you for considering this ministry of caring.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: Saturday, March 15, 9:00 am until noon, \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12 and under 3 free! Free crafts for the children. All proceeds go to Lion's Club Charities. Menu is pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Special shaped pancakes for the kids.

Holy Week Events:

Palm Sunday, March 16, Palm Crosses will be given at both 9:30 and 11:00 services.

Maundy Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm Worship Service of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Tenebrae (service of lights and shadows)

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 22 at 2:00 pm, for kids up to 6th grade

Easter Sunday, March 23, 7:00 am Sunrise Service on the hill

7:45 am-9:00 Traditional Congregational Pancake Breakfast

9:30 am Contemporary Easter Worship

10:30 am Fellowship hour

11:00 am Traditional Easter Worship

(One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be taken on Easter Sunday at 9:30 and 11:00 services)

Splinters News:

Meeting at the church on Tuesday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. The hostess will be Patsy Johnston and Lib McGibbon will have devotions. Candice McCoy from the CYWA in Coatesville will provide the program. Bring your sandwich and join us. Keep your ears alert! The Splinters have several special events coming up in April and May and we want to include you. Details will be coming soon. So polish your walking shoes and save your small coins!

Fellowship/Hospitality News:

We are planning a night out for dinner, car pooling to Newark, Delaware to the Blackstones Restaurant on Tuesday, March 25th, where Charlie Zahm will be singing. If you enjoyed his wonderful voice at the Doe Run Concert or Christmas Eve Service why not plan to join us. Contact Lathea Moskel or Ted Forbes to sign up. Check out the restaurant at <http://www.blackstonespub.com>

What Every Church Member should know about Clergy” by Rev. Robert Kemper. This book has been proven to be very helpful toward providing PNCs and congregations 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 2005) This month’s installment is entitled **“In the beginning...Trust” and speaks about how pastoral relationships are established, part one.”**

There is a pastoral vacancy in your congregation. In this circumstance, there are some things known, some unknown and some to become known. Begin to understand this unique moment by considering what is already known by the laity. **First**, church lay people know the recently departed pastor. What they know about the previous pastor is quite varied. The significance about this is that lay people have attitudes, images, models, ideas and previous experiences about clergy in general. The role is there even when the person fulfilling the role is not. **Also known** in this transitional moment is that it is just ~~tha~~ a transition and that it will come to a conclusion when another installed pastor comes to this church. **The third** known quantity is the church itself. The most common and most important knowledge is that this is a church of Jesus Christ. This fellowship aspires to be in fellowship with Christ through fellowship with one another. And that, personally and collectively, they have a mission to perform. This is reassuring knowledge, for it means there is some existent consensus about the nature of this institution. **Fourthly**, church members know that their congregation is about to receive some help in their special situation. Long before the congregation is in need of a pastor, a process was working on their behalf. Another church “out there” had encouraged a person to consider the ministry. A seminary with a faculty of Christian teachers had taught students about the ways of God and the church. A Presbyterian denominational structure was in place to help. It is important to know this church is important to these helping Presbytery lay people-important in diverse ways and for multiple reasons. Knowing that, they will want to do their best.

On the other side of this transitional moment are some **unknowns** among the laity. These unknowns center on the new pastor and the future of the church. What will the new minister be like? While the laity of the church ponders in the transitional moment, simultaneously a different set of questions is forming in the mind of a pastor. What had God called me to be and to do? What will God call me to next? What will happen next is the church without a pastor and the pastor “out there somewhere” will begin a process. This process will include three steps: 1) Identification and selection 2) Negotiation and establishment and 3) Introduction and inauguration. What this process intends to accomplish is the establishment of trust between a pastor and a congregation. **More on this next month!**