



# DOE RUN NEWS

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## *A Holy Lent*

Stan Hall, Ph.D., was a seminary professor of mine, the “worship” professor, or in more formal terms, Professor of Liturgics. It was Stan who taught me that leading worship was a privilege of the highest order and it is Stan whose voice I hear in the back of my head whenever I am planning a worship service. I hear Stan direct me when I preside at the Lord’s table and, most particularly and oddly, when I say the words of benediction at the end of each service. Stan had some great words to say about Ash Wednesday and about Lent, which I’d like to share with you as we begin our Lenten journey together:

“Flannery O’Connor said it: ‘You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you odd’. It is an odd thing we are here to do today on this Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent. It is a very odd thing, it is a downright dubious thing, to ask someone to put dirt on your face. It is no less odd to gather in the name of One who died on a cross, to read and sing ancient texts, to pray. A very odd thing, to act as though sins can be forgiven, that life can come from the grave, from all our little graves.”

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“So, I invite you to play at being odd today, . . . novice and pro, serious and shoddy Christians all; risk the truth, and come and play in the dirt. I invite you get dirty, child-like, marked with the sign of the cross on your head – as on that day when through the cross you, too, were called to be a child of God; as on that day when through the Spirited waters you, too, were sealed in the promise of God, full, free and forever.”

“A bit of dirt, a seam of ashes, to help you play out the awful truth, the cruciform grace of one who, like us, too, goes down to the dust; one who having loved his own, loved them to the end. Today marks the beginning of Lent, forty days telling the truth of the gospel, rehearsing the claims of grace, the extravagance of God who gets down in the dirt to meet in love with the likes of us.”

“I invite you to keep a holy Lent. Let this be a time of hope. Play at it, until you get it right, this solemn play of the children of God. But remember: you are already marked for life. Know the truth; it shall make you odd. I commend to you the chance to be so odd, at least for today.”

Wishing you a Holy Lent,  
Pastor Brynne

**Financial News: December 2008, January 2009**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Monthly Expenses</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Overall Status</u>
December 2008	\$12,061	\$ 9,654	\$ 2,407	\$ 6,449
January 2009	\$ 9,111	\$14,360	\$ 5,249	\$ 1,200

Per Capita charges for **2009** will be **\$26.51** per member.

**Splinters News:** Next meeting (if the weather allows) will be Tuesday, March 3 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Rose Ann Hamilton will be hostess, Laura Deckman will lead us in devotions. Our program will be about gourds by Helen Olena. How to grow them and preparing them for different uses. Just lots of information you've always wanted to know! Please plan your schedule to include this date.

Thanks to all who donated items for the kitchen. With coffee hours and other activities the supplies dwindle quickly. Your donations, were, are and will be appreciated. It's difficult to eat egg casserole with no plate or fork!

The Splinters have been waiting not so patiently for the spring thaw so we can go, go, go. In April we are planning to have tea on a Thursday at Hibernia Mansion. For May, a Tuesday trip is planned to Lancaster Central Market for food shopping. Just a half block from the market is Lancaster Quilt and Textile Museum with a tour taking 1-1/2 hours. Of course we'll stop for lunch. There might be a trip in March, if I get a return phone call! Details of these outings will be coming later, please help to make these trips more fun by joining us.

Did you receive a birthday or anniversary card in the last year from the church! Well, you have Louise Sapper to thank! This is a home mission that the PW have sponsored in the past. Louise has extended this to the entire church. She takes time each month to send birthday, anniversary and get well cards (15 to 20 each month). Oh! You didn't get a card! Maybe you need to give her your important dates and addresses. Thanks Louise, I got my card in January.

**Deacon of the Month:** March-Donna Thompson; Assistant Doris Spencer

**Trustee of the Month:** March-Jeanie Silver

**Fellowship/Hospitality Committee:** The Fellowship Committee is planning for the following. Mark your calendar. Saturday, April 4, 5:30 pm, covered dish dinner. Theme--Spring and Easter Bonnet Parade. Bring a covered dish and an Easter Bonnet made by your family (think unusual or refurbished hat) and join in the Parade of Easter Bonnets and Win a Prize!

Friday, May 29, 7:00 pm, Charlie Zahm Concert. Spread the word and bring your family, friends, neighbors. Thanks to Charlie: all the offering collected will be going to Doe Run Church.

Sunday, September 13 after church. Church Picnic at Shamrock Tree Farm in Pomeroy, PA

Saturday, October 24, Harvest/Halloween Celebration.

**UPW, Sarah Circle:** Meeting March 5, 7:15 pm, at home of Sherry Woodward.

**Adult Lenten Study:** Sundays at 7:00 pm, March 1, 8, 15. Ever wonder why it's called Lent? Do we give something up or take something on? Why is Lent so gloomy? For the answers to these and other burning questions, come to Pastor Brynne's first ever Adult Lenten Class in fellowship hall. (Coffee, soda and snacks provided.)

**Worship/Music Committee:** We will be ordering Easter flowers for the Sanctuary again this year. Orders need to be in by March 29<sup>th</sup>. See flyers in your bulletin and at the entrance to the church. Flowers can be taken home after 11:00 service on Easter Sunday. You will have the opportunity to order flowers in memory of someone.

**Christian Education Committee:** Met February 14, 12 people in attendance. Discussed growth of the Sunday School, with an increase in the last 6 years from 6 to 44. With increase comes the concern for safety. After Sunday School on Sundays, children leave going separate ways with a teacher not knowing where they went. So it was decided that on Sunday, February 15 we would start having each parent sign out their child at the end of class. It was well received and worked wonderfully.

On March 1 we will start a new nursery at 9:30 am for all the small attendees, under preschool age, of our church. We will continue to have the 11:00 am nursery. We have been asked on numerous occasions for a 9:30 am nursery by parents, who attend regularly, but would normally leave younger children at home with mom or dad. The idea went to session and was approved.

In order for us to have the nursery, we are asking for volunteers (once a month, once a year, how often is up to you) to be in the nursery during the 9:30 am service and take care of our youngsters (an easy and rewarding job). Clearances will have to be obtained for insurance purposes. Our children really are our future and we as a congregation are charged with nurturing their growth and faith. **Please consider volunteering to teach Sunday School or staff the nursery.** There are signup calendars for both the 9:30 and 11:00 service in the nursery or contact Lisa Last (610)466-9757.

**Sunday School Children's Lent Mission:** We will be collecting items for soldiers in Iraq. The following, due by March 15, is a list of items, if you would like to help. Wrapped hard candy/mints/gum, Pringles, individually wrapped snacks, ink pens/paper/pads, cards, plastic eggs, granola bars, cocoa mix, puzzle books (word/number), dice.

**Lent Scripture Readings (March):** Are you interested in a regular program of Bible readings during Lent? Enclosed with this newsletter (a separate attachment to the email version) are daily bible readings for the month of March. They are part of the "Daily Lectionary," a system of daily Bible readings for use throughout the year. Readings for April will be included in the April newsletter—or can be found on the Presbyterian website: [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org). Click on "devotions and readings" on the right side of the screen. You may also read the daily readings "online" at the same site.

**March 8, Sunday, 7:00 pm:** Charlie Zahm concert at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 316 Kennett Pike, Kennett Square, Route 52 South (across from the Mendenhall Inn). No charge.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** April 11 (day before Easter) at church (rain or shine) 2:00 pm. We are asking for donations of wrapped candy or anything that will fit in plastic Easter eggs. We have 300 eggs to fill! There is a box in the Nicholas room for donations. Thanks in advance for your donations.

***Holy Week Schedule:***

Palm Sunday, April 5	9:30 am & 11:00 am worship (One Great Hour of Sharing)
Maundy Thursday, April 9	7:00 pm Tenebrae service and stripping of the sanctuary
Good Friday, April 10 no service	Sanctuary open for personal prayer 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday, April 11	Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 pm (rain or shine)
Easter Sunday:	7:00 am Sunrise Service followed by a pancake breakfast 9:30 and 11:00 am services

***Volunteer Opportunity at Ware Presbyterian Village in Oxford:*** The Chaplain's office at Ware Village is looking for volunteers to act as "Chaplain Assistants," visiting, reading scripture aloud and praying with the residents. The chaplain's office would provide a list of people that need visits and are asking for a time commitment of only one hour each month. Please let Pastor Brynne know if you are interested in participating in this program. Doe run members Doris and Norman Diem reside at Ware Village.

*Dear Friends at Doe Run Church: Thank you very much for the flowers that have been sent to me while I am recovering from a recent illness. The Prayer Shawl that was sent from the Spinters Women's Group is just lovely and keeps me warm on these cold days. I hope to get home soon; but until then, I thank you for your gifts and prayers.--Marie Miller*

*Doe Run Church would like to extend its condolences to the families of Katherine Speakman, Irene Bird and Frances Auer; long-time members of Doe Run.*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Quilters  11:30 am Splinters	<b>4</b> Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts  7:15 pm PW	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Baptism— Max Hiller  Charlie Zahm at Bethany Church 7:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Quilters	<b>11</b> Choir	<b>12</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts  Deacons	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Christian Ed
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Quilters	<b>18</b> Choir	<b>19</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Presbytery
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Quilters  7:00 pm Session	<b>25</b> Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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