



## DOE RUN NEWS

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### **Come See "RED" in our "Field of Dreams" on Sunday May 11!**

I love being a Phillies fan. Maybe it is because reds my favorite color! In the spring, I join with millions of fans who welcome the coming of our national sport. Thinking of baseball, I am reminded of a movie a few years ago that created a phrase that still lives today: "Field of Dreams." This phrase is now a motto that means "daring, optimism, and hope."

Do we ever equate a field of dreams with the Christian church, whose birthday is coming up? May 11 is Pentecost, the day we remember where the church came from, what mission it was given and dream what the church of the future should look like. Maybe as we dream about our future, the church needs to go back to its roots, to its beginning at Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit to a small, frightened but excited band of disciples. Maybe we need to do a few old fashioned things in order to dream for the future.

*Maybe the church needs to get on our knees!* We must continue to pray together. Doe Run is a praying church, let that never change! The Spirit must be allowed to move and circulate through prayer in the church and push us to our knees at unexpected moments. We must pray for God to do things that will challenge and surprise us. This will keep us alive and growing in our faith and in our community.

*Maybe we need to pour out our hearts!* What makes us different from any service group? The church is not a club to join and pay dues and receive services. It is a live organism of which we are living members. Pentecost reminds us that our purpose is to be the living body of Christ. What we need is the spirit of Christ to continue to be obvious in our words and our deeds of love. The self-sacrificing love of Jesus must always fill and flow out of our hearts into the community and the world. This is what makes us unique.

*Maybe we need to spread our wings!* We must trust the Spirit to take us flying to new heights and lead us in new directions with new leaders. A new Pastor sent from God is on the horizon to lead Doe Run in new directions. We cannot fly under our own power! We must ask Christ to help us dare to step off the ledge of tradition and comfort and keep us airborne as we see and experience new vistas with new people.

Doe Run is a church that will remember its roots on Sunday May 11 as we celebrate what God has done in creating the global and local branch of His church called Doe Run. He sent His spirit and tongues of fire to the disciples which enabled them to speak to all cultures. We remember the tongues of fire by wearing red clothing on Pentecost. Come to church on May 11! Join with us as we worship a God who created us to pray, love and fly together in His Church, His Field of Dreams!

In His Service,

Ann G. Dickey, Interim Pastor

## **“SPEAK UP!”**

The Rev. Dr. David Dickey

Will Doe Run Church be the quiet church, or will it reach out to welcome the surrounding community to share in its work and ministry in the love of Jesus? This was the question I put to the congregation in my sermon on Sunday, April 19. I challenged us not to let the light of our church be hidden under a basket, but held high for all around to share.

In order to get a read on member's willingness to witness to others, I gave a questionnaire that asked people to rate their willingness to share the good news of Doe Run with others. The results were a resounding “YES.” People are enthusiastic about our work and ministry, and are excited to tell others about it and to share the love of Christ. Three-fourths of you responded with a high probability that you would say something positive to a neighbor and friend about Doe Run. Those who did not so respond, felt very positive about the work of the church, but either did not come into contact with people to talk to, or were too shy to share in that way.

Members felt most positive about the warm and friendly atmosphere of the church. They cited the love of fellowship, caring and community they found here. Some expressed greater interest in more fellowship activities, and some suggested more adult education and opportunities for deepening of their spiritual lives.

The future therefore looks bright for Doe Run's work and worship. What remains is for the leadership of the future to design a program to reach out to the surrounding community.

**“WILL YOU SPEAK UP?”**

## ***Doe Run News***

***Welcome New members!*** Doe Run welcomes Charlie Zahm and Charlie Coyne into membership! Charlie Coyne returns to Doe Run and lives just up the hill on Doe Run Church Road. He and his wife, Paula, enjoy the scenery. Charlie Zahm lives in Coatesville and is a well known and beloved singer. He gave a concert at Doe Run in November and fell in love with the church, its history and its warm and friendly congregation. He sings in the Contemporary service band and also gifts us with his solos in worship. Welcome both Charlies!

***Contemporary Worship Leader Bill Anderson and his wife Stephanie*** are going to become parents of a baby girl! Steph served as youth leader for Doe Run for a year. Session would like to invite anyone who would like to contribute to purchasing a gift certificate for Babies-R-Us for them from the congregation of Doe Run to send money to Treasurer Ed Scott or put it in the offering plate labeled for the Andersons at any time between now and July 1. At that time, the gift certificate will be purchased and given to them so that they will be ready for Baby Anderson due in early August! Let's keep this a secret!

***National Day of Prayer:*** 4<sup>th</sup> Greater Coatesville Prayer Gathering, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Thursday, May 1 at Towerville Christian Church, 10 Hannum Drive at Strasburg Road, East Fallowfield Township. Personal prayer will be available for a half hour beforehand. Focus of the evening will be Isaiah 9:6, with prayer for local, school, county, state and the US government and their leaders. A team from the Bernardtown Baptist Church in South Coatesville will provide a dance number and a video clip will be shown about how government in Cali, Columbia, and the country were transformed as a result of prayer in churches there.

**Hadley Memorial Fund Programs:** Everyone is welcome at the Hadley Memorial Fund Programs. Charlie Zahm will be entertaining with his collection of Celtic and Maritime Music, Friday, May 2, 8:00 pm, Unionville High School. Admission is free.

**Doe Run Annual Chicken Dinner BBQ** Saturday, May 3, 11:00 am-3:00 pm (last pickup at 2:30 pm). \$8.50 for ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, cookies. Benefits Doe Run Church General Fund. Tickets available from the Fellowship Committee. Get your tickets early and Support your Church.

**Splinters:** Did you know the Splinter group is three years old this May? This group averages 11 people (actually 10.6, but who wants to be the .6 person?) at each meeting, and there is always room for another chair in the circle. Our next meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup>. The hostess is Phyllis Russell. Laura Deckman will have devotions. Doris Spencer will have a good lunch time joke to make us chuckle.

By now you have completed your calendar booklet “Giving For the Fun of It.” It was fun, wasn’t it? Please put your money in the envelope and place the envelope in the Sunday offering plate or give it to Hope Forbes.

If you haven’t spent all your money, the Splinters have another outing planned. On Thursday, May 22 the group is going on a tour of QVC. Leaving the church at 9:15am, our tour starts at 10:00 am, cost is \$6.00 and each person is required to bring identification. After the tour, lunch at Arianna’s in West Chester. Let Hope Forbes know if you are going by Tuesday, May 20 as both places want exact numbers.

For the June meeting be sure to read Jan Karon’s “Return to Holly Spring”? This book is the latest in the series in which the newly retired Father Tim finds himself being called to Holly Springs in Mississippi where he spent his early years. I can’t wait for a piece of the Orange Marmalade Cake.

Are you cleaning house? Don’t know what to do with all those nice, gently used stuffed animals? Child Evangelism of Coatesville has a need for them. Give them to Laura Deckman and she will deliver.

**Financial News: March 31, 2008**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>March Surplus</u>	<u>Long-Term Deficit</u>
\$14,320	\$13,028	\$1,292	\$3,812

**Wear Red on Pentecost!!!** Pentecost is May 11 (also Mother’s Day). This holiday is the Birthday of the Christian Church, the day when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and sent them out to spread the gospel. The Spirit came in tongues of fire to the disciples and so the color of the days **red**! The paraments will be **red** in the sanctuary and all worshippers are encouraged to wear **red** as we celebrate the Birthday of the Church at both services!

**Mother/Daughter Banquet:** Friday, May 16, 6:00 pm. All ladies and friends of Doe Run are invited. Bring a covered dish and a place setting (plate and silverware). Rolls, beverage and dessert will be provided.

**Baptones Concert:** Sunday, May 18, 6:00 pm, East Brandywine Baptist Church, Downingtown, PA. Information on this group and any questions see Mary Woodward.

***Come Get Wet at Camp Donegal this Summer!*** The water pounds down on your head feeling more like ice water than creek water. All around you are laughing, screaming friends enjoying the waterfall, but just as startled by the coldness of the water. As you look downstream, you are amazed by how green everything is. There isn't a house or a road or a bike or an electric wire in sight! On the hike down you hadn't noticed because all you could think about was the picnic lunch at Lok 12 park. That sub tasted really good! But now that you're hiking back up and wading in the stream with your friends and standing under a waterfall... This is great! And you still get to go swimming in the pool later! Come get wet at Camp Donegal this summer. Brochures are available in the Nicholas room at the entrance to the Sanctuary or visit the camp online at [campdonegal.org](http://campdonegal.org).

***Summer Worship schedule announced:*** From Sunday, May 25 (Memorial Day weekend) through Sunday, September 7, Doe Run will worship at a blended worship service at 9:30 am. The Session will be creating the blended order of worship for the summer at its next meeting taking great pains to provide the best parts of each style of worship and balance the amount of components from each style. The projector will NOT be used this summer as songs will either be printed in the bulletin or found in the hymnbook. The choir will be on vacation for the summer. Solos or duets any Sunday will be welcome! Sunday School will be held during the service after the Thought for Children and will be a video series for viewing, hosted by an adult, downstairs. Fellowship hour will be at 10:30 am each Sunday downstairs.

***Sunday School Sunday and Senior Recognition will be Sunday, June 1!*** Plan now to attend as the children of the Sunday School lead worship and present a play, instead of a sermon, at the 9:30 worship service. Also that day, High School graduates will be presented with a gift during worship and Communion by Intinction will be offered.

***Message from the Graves Family:*** We are hosting a graduation lunch for James immediately after church on June 8. Please stop by and have a bite to eat and congratulate the graduate. No gifts please!

***Modena Town Walk!*** As part of the Chester County "Town and Village Walks" sponsored by Chester County Commissioners, Chester County Parks and Recreation Department, Historic Preservation Network and Chester County Conference & Visitors Bureau; on July 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Will feature many of the historic buildings in Modena and the story of the Mode family as well as the Modena Chapel, which was completed in 1915 where regular church services were held by the pastors of Doe Run. In 1953 it became the Modena Presbyterian Church, the first new church of the Presbytery of Chester since 1911. A Sunday School was organized meeting at the school and residences starting in 1887. To register for the walk, please call (610)384-6777 or (610)470-7162. More information is available at [www.modenaborough.com](http://www.modenaborough.com).

***Church Picnic at Bert Reel Park!*** Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14.

***PNC:*** During the month of April, the PNC completed Doe Run's Church Information Form (CIF). The CIF was approved by Session at a special meeting and was sent on to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). The COM approved the CIF, and it was entered into the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connection online system where a matching process is done to match our church with potential candidates. To date we have received 47 Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) which are currently being reviewed. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we work towards finding the next leader for Doe Run.

This book has proven helpful with helping congregations gain 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 the last one: “Ministers are People Too!”**

Clergy live in both private and public worlds but the division between their worlds is very blurred. They live their faith in public and in private. People expect clergy to be paragons of virtue because of their professions. Clergy must accept that they have roles that often have double standards of behavior and often find themselves being faulted for not living up to the expected standard. They must accept that they live in a gold fish bowl.

A clergy family is first a family, second a family composed by individual people, and third, it is a family in which there is a clergy person. The role of the pastor’s wife is long gone due to the change in society and the existence of women pastors. Most clergy spouses have outside jobs these days. Old expectations of a pastor’s spouse should be discarded and church people should expect the spouse to volunteer in the church at the same level as any church member. Although “Preacher’s Kids” have less pressure today, they still grow up in the public eye under great scrutiny and face pressure from the congregation when it comes to expressing their individuality. Stresses that face a clergy family today are more cultural than ecclesiastical: divorce, addictions, i.e. the stresses that face any American family today. Clergy families have pains and hurts like any family. Clergy should be friendly but friendless in many church members’ eyes. Many times people feel that a clergy person who has friends within the congregation “play favorites.” The price of this state for clergy is loneliness. Because of the risks involved in intense friendship with church members, clergy tend to have intense relationships with their spouse and their peers. Clergy can provide many traits of friendship for parishioners but parishioners cannot really return the relationship with their clergy. Therefore, many clergy look for and need friends outside of the congregation they serve. Many clergy need and would love to have their own chaplain.

A normal change in a pastor’s life is a change that any other person might have, but because of the public side of the pastor’s life, such changes precipitate congregational response. Most pastors add children to their family at some time and when they do, the congregation is forced to see him/her as a parent but oftentimes the child is seen as a rival for the pastor’s time and attention. Open discussion between the pastor and church governing board to redefine time and energy spent on church work is helpful in dealing with this natural change. Another natural change is when church staff is added or replaced. All roles change on a church staff when the makeup of the “team” changes. Again open discussion helps provide transition. When a clergy person leaves a church, a grief process for both pastor and congregation will ensue. Healthy closure on both parts will enable this process to progress through various stages and encourage a new pastorate to get started in a healthy way.

A healthy pastor-parish relationship is built on trust. To sum it all up: to have a healthy pastorate, let the conversation begin and continue!