



Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

November 2005

From The Pastor...

November is that time when the weather starts turning cold and we all plan our time together for Thanksgiving. It is also that time of year when it is easier to curl up in the warm covers and stay there instead of coming to church but you should try.

It is a genuine ministry for you to be present at church. It is a ministry, first of all, to yourself. You need worship, Bible study and other activities because your Christian life needs constant attention, nurture, and support.

It is a genuine ministry for you to be present at church...for the rest of us who attend. When you are here you strengthen my resolve to follow Christ in every way. I enjoy it when you sing with me. I am enriched when you share with me what God is doing in your life. I am called to prayer when you share with me your burdens. You allow me to share my gifts with you.

It is critical ministry for you to be here for the lost and for the ones searching for a church home. When you are here, they sense that God

is real and necessary. When you are absent, God does not seem as important. When you are here, they see a very different testimony.

Think about this the next time you are tempted to say, "I won't go today. No one will miss me," or "What difference does it make whether I'm at church or not?" Remember, just being here is a ministry!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Rev. Walt

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Congratulations to Walter and Dorrie Carlin, who celebrate 60 years of marriage on November 10th! – *Becky Mountain*

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The deficit at the end of September was \$21,994.00

The per capita apportionment for 2006 is \$5,198.00. This bill must be paid in January 2006. This equates to \$21.48 per member. Members are asked to please consider contributing to this expense.



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What's Happening!

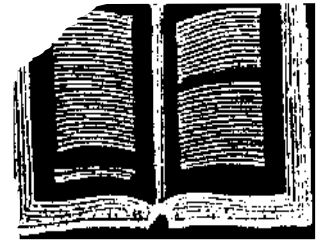
- ▶ The Fellowship/Hospitality Committee is planning an **International Covered Dish Dinner** on Saturday, November 19th. Mark your calendar! Watch your mailbox for more information.
- ▶ **PW-Sarah Circle** will be meeting on November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lathea Moskel, 40 Carlin Drive, Coatesville. Call Lathea at (610) 486-0343 or E-Mail Lathea@ccis.net. This month the women are having a fund-raiser party after the 7o'clock meeting. "Tastefully Simple" is a home tasting party where a consultant will offer samples, easy ideas, recipes and serving suggestions. Please plan to attend and help the ladies have a successful fund raiser. A catalogue will be available for viewing at the church.
- ▶ The Trustees will sponsor **Fall Clean-Up Day** on Saturday, November 19th. Please come join us as we rake leaves and clean the church and grounds in preparation for the holidays. Lunch will be provided.
- ▶ The **PW Splinters** will meet at the church on Tuesday, November 1st at 11:30 a.m. Patsy Johnston is the hostess. Lib McGibbon will lead devotions. Doris Spencer will help us do a Christmas craft. So make a sandwich and join us!
- ▶ You're invited! Please join the PW Splinters on Thursday, December 8th. We are going on a guided tour of



the **Chester County Historical Society** and then to lunch at Arianna's Gourmet Cafe in West Chester. Hope Forbes has a copy of the menu if you are interested in seeing it. If you're interested, call Hope at (610) 269-3592 as reservations must be made.

In Brief...

- ▶ The Fellowship/Hospitality Committee are selling newly designed Doe Run short and long sleeve T-shirts and Hoodies (Pullover Sweatshirt with a hood). They are available, until November 13th, in royal blue or oxford gray. Order forms are available at the church. If you have any questions, call Nancy Hensel, (610) 857-3771, or give orders to any Fellowship/Hospitality Committee Member.
- ▶ The Doe Run Sunday School is teaming up with Barnes & Noble at the Main Street shopping center in Exton for a fund raiser on November 25-27 (Thanksgiving weekend). A percentage of the revenue from the products purchased by fund raiser participants will be designated for the Doe Run Sunday School. Barnes & Noble sells books, CD's, calendars, games, wrapping paper, DVD's and other items which make great Christmas gifts. Vouchers for the fund raiser will be available at Doe Run and should be presented at the time of purchase. Please look for details to follow in the coming weeks and support the Sunday School while getting ready for Christmas!



Reflections *from the Journal of Mary Newlin Carlin*

Long Meadow Farm
October 31st, 1960

Thirty six years ago today I was in Room 4 of the Coatesville Hospital, having given birth to our first child, Walter D. Carlin, Jr. at 6:40 in the morning.

I can still call up the feeling of wonder that came to me when I first held him in my arms. And I would like to say here that he has continued to be a source of humble pride and joy to me ever since. I think he is one of God's finest men!

Nothing too exciting to report for the last couple of weeks. Of course the progress of the work at Doe Run Church is the most interesting project.

The Boys have each said since yesterday that they are about to resume work on the Little House and I look forward to that. The corn is all harvested and crops planted and these couple of days are being used to tie up loose ends of jobs about the buildings and with the chickens.

On October 22nd after Farmers Club the Man and I went to Glenolden and visited with Aunt Hester Dripps for a couple of hours. On the 23rd we took Carolyn and Harry Clinton for a drive and visited Longwood Gardens and then Landenburg where the Man had a fine time showing us places of interest to him when he lived around there as a boy. We were back and at D and W's by 6 o'clock to stay with the children while they went out to supper. Last Saturday evening we stayed with their children from 6 until 8 o'clock while they went to a supper at South Brandywine School and then came home to look after J and B's family while they went to a Halloween party.



November 19, 1960

The work at Doe Run Church is still progressing very nicely. Most all of the work on the outside is finished except some of the finishing coat of plaster. Most of the inside is about ready for the finishing coat of plaster. Most of the outside doors are on and the floor was partly laid this week. We are looking forward eagerly to moving back into the building. This afternoon a good crew of men worked at cleaning up around the outside.

The Boys got in one good day and a half's work at the Little House before Bill and Jean and Billy and Lynda left last Tuesday for a two weeks vacation in Florida. We have had a card and a letter and they are fine. Ann is staying with friends in Coatesville. We have attended a Bridge Party at Hoods, had lunch at Collegetown with the Willards last Friday, visited Mother on Sunday evening and went to Collegetown

Inn again last evening with Carrie and Charlie Case, Laura and Fred Deckman and Walter and Dorrie. Enjoyed it very much. The Smorgasbord is fantastic and such a variety of foods. This morning we had breakfast with Janet and Richard and went to the Episcopal Bazaar for an hour and then enjoyed a roundabout ride home over back roads. It was a lovely day.

Tomorrow we are having Dorrie and Walter and the children for dinner.

The election is over and was won by a very close margin by John Kennedy, Democrat, and our first Catholic President.

— Mary Newlin Carlin

We sealed a jar of papers and records concerning Doe Run Church under the pulpit. — M.E.N.

Food for Thought...

Thankfulness

"Then the sicknes begane to fall sore amongst them, and the weather so bad the Gov/r and cheefe of them, seeing so many dye, and fall downe sick dayly, thought it no wisdom to send away the ship..."

Capt. Miles Standish had been much at his wife Rose's bedside. As much time, that is, as he could spare from stalking game, guarding against savages, and felling trees to construct crude homes on shore.

A bitter wind whistled through chinks and cracks in the Mayflower, anchored in Plymouth harbor that winter of 1620-21. Rose's chills would turn to uncontrollable shaking. Then just as suddenly, her body would be ablaze with fever. Herbs from the surgeon's chest did little to relieve her. By spring only five wives remained out of the eighteen who had sailed to Plymouth. Rose was not among them.

Thanksgiving? What was that? The golden dreams of a New World that Miles and Rose had cherished together had evaporated into hollow hopes. And yet that fall Capt. Standish joined other bereaved Pilgrims in the first Thanksgiving celebration.



The real test of thankfulness is whether we can give thanks from the heart for what we do have, despite the wounds and pains of yesterday's struggles. Ours is not some fair-weather faith, but a resilient trust in in the midst of pain. The Pilgrims lived close to the edge of survival. Perhaps that is why they were so thankful.

Sow about you? Does your material bounty cause you to neglect thanks? When your clan gathers this Thanksgiving will a prayer of thankfulness be forgotten between moist turkey and pumpkin pie? Will your children see you bow your head to give thanks, or merely ask for another helping of dressing and cranberry sauce?


Children will be watching, you know. And their little faith is being formed by what they see. Your family's Thanksgiving celebration will instruct them about thankfulness, for good or ill.

Will they see you too wealthy to be thankful? Too independent to need God any more? Too bitter, perhaps? Or will they watch you truly give thanks for God's blessings on this special day? And maybe as they watch, they'll catch a hint that mom and dad and grandmother, in spite of painful seasons they have faced, have seen these bitter winters bear fruit in better thanksgiving.

– Dr. Ralph Wilson

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November 2005 at Doe Run Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct. 30 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study	31 Happy birthday Walter Carlin and Danielle McFaden	1 11:30 a.m. – PW Splinters Happy birthday Sarah Leach and Mark Miller	2 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice Happy birthday Julia Harper	3 7:15 p.m. – PW-Sarah Circle meeting	4 	5
6 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study Coffee Hour: The Leonhard family	7 7:30 p.m. – Fellowship Committee Happy birthday Floss Moskel	8 Happy birthday Kim Stefus	9 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice	10	11 6:00 p.m. – Deacons serving dinner at Safe Harbor	12
13 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study Flowers: 50 years of love & memories at Doe Run Happy birthday Laura Parrott & Kim Prindle	14	15	16 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice	17 7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees Happy birthday Amanda Hensel	18	19 8:00 a.m. – Fall Clean-Up TBA – Covered Dish Supper Happy Birthday Lathea Moskel & Sue Richardson
20 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study Flowers: In memory of Ed Duffy Happy birthday Kay Bartholomew	21 7:30 p.m. – Christian Ed. Committee	22 7:00 p.m. – Session meeting	23 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice	24 HAPPY THANKS-GIVING! Happy birthday Ben Russell	25 	26
27 First Sunday in Advent 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; Contemporary Worship 10:45 a.m. – Worship 6:30 p.m. – Bible study	28	29 Happy birthday Jacob Fry	30 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice	Dec. 1 Happy birthday Harry Johnston	2	3 Happy birthday Dave Ayers