



# DOE RUN NEWS

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## ***Give Peace A Chance!***

An art competition awarded a prize for the best expression of peace. One painting depicted a deer and a fawn grazing at the skirt of a mountain meadow rimmed with pines and cedars stretching heavenward. Another showed a cat curled up in a basket, resting with all its being, as only cats can do. But the first prize went to the painting of a tumultuous waterfall. Torrents rushed downward, crashing on the rocks below, sending spray high above. A tree branch extended just above the mist, with a bird's nest in a fork. Safely within were the mother bird and two babies. That's tranquility: the ability to relax in the most rushed circumstances. Serene surroundings don't produce peace. Peace is being in harmony, allowing God to fit all the pieces of our lives together. That is what Paul is trying to tell us in his final words to the Philippians (4:4-7)

**“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

Paul makes three suggestions of how to attain inner peace: 1) be anxious in nothing, 2) be prayerful in everything and 3) be thankful in anything. When you are able to do these things, then comes the inner peace. Only then does the “peace of God” settle quietly in your mind and heart.

October 7 is World Communion Sunday and the annual Peacemaking offering in the PCUSA. It is a time where we focus on how we can bring peace to the world and its many people. **But here is my thought: how can we promote peace to the world without first finding peace for ourselves?** Only then can we share it with others. Maybe a look at Paul's suggestions on how to attain inner peace is the way to prepare for World Communion Sunday!

**“Be anxious in nothing”.** To get rid of anxiety, we need to trust that God is in control of our chaotic lives and world. If we let our anxieties rule us, we become incapable of accepting God's grace toward us and others in this world. But if we trust in an all powerful God, we can relax because He is in control and we don't have to be! Be anxious in nothing because God is God today, tomorrow and always!

**“Be prayerful in everything”.** God is always available through prayer. We can seek Him out with specific needs and requests. It is easy to pray when things are going right but God also wants us to pray when things are disappointing and tough. God wants us to communicate with Him. As the song says: “there ain't no busy signals on the hot line to God!”

**“Be Thankful in anything”.** It is easy to give thanks for happy events in our lives but not so easy to give thanks for the challenges that come our way! It is unrealistic to believe that on the 39<sup>th</sup> day of rain, Noah went up on the deck of the ark and thanked God for rain falling on his face! Being thankful doesn't mean being false and acting cheery when we don't feel like it! It means believing that the guiding, guarding hand of God is constantly present. It means believing that God's love remains steadfast no matter what we face. That is the reason we can be thankful in anything, even the bad things.

**“Then comes the peace”.** It is “in Christ” that we will experience the gift of the peace of God that will guard our hearts and guide our minds.

Peace is my wish for the people of Doe Run during this Interim time of change and transition. This is my wish for Donegal Presbytery and for the PCUSA. This is my wish for the USA and the entire world. And to make that happen for God's children everywhere, I invoke the words of the song **“Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.”**

**Consecration Sunday News Update**

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Doe Run’s congregation held its New Consecration Sunday worship service and celebration. A special sermon was given by Dr. David Dickey, and following the service, a celebration brunch was served. The brunch was served by our friends at Honey Brook Presbyterian Church, who did an amazing job. There was plenty of food and time for the congregation to enjoy this time of celebration and fellowship. Support and response to the celebration was beyond our wildest dreams. Well over 100 people came out to celebrate the day.

The Stewardship Committee is proud to announce that through September 26<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges totaling \$106,844. This amount is up from last year, when we received pledges totaling \$70,525.

The Stewardship Committee will be trying to return the favor to Honey Brook on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and will be catering and serving their Consecration Sunday celebration luncheon. We hope and pray that we do as well for them as they did for us and that their celebration is as successful as ours has been thus far.

Thank you to all who participated and helped make this day so special. May God bless you for all that you have done.

The Stewardship Committee

**Financial Summary: As of August 31, 2007**

Income	Expenses	August Deficit	2007 Deficit
\$ 7,532	\$ 11,902	\$ 4,371	\$ 7,745

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World Communion Sunday, October 7 at both 9:30 and 11:00 am Services! We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and our unity in Christ. The bread used for Communion will be a variety of breads from around the world and will be prepared by the children of the church who attend the previous day’s Communion workshop. Let’s celebrate our diversity within unity by wearing or bringing something that reflects your ethnic background to worship. We will sing songs that reflect the world at peace and unity in Christ and also have Bible readings in foreign tongues (if members volunteer to read a short line in another language). Do you speak another language and would you be willing to participate? Email Rev. Ann at [adickey543@comcast.net](mailto:adickey543@comcast.net) to do so!

All Children Kindergarten age up are invited to the Children’s Communion Workshop to be held at the church on Saturday, October 6 10:00 am till noon. Parents are invited to stay or leave and pick up. Hosted by Kim Boulger, Chair of the Christian Education Committee and Rev. Ann. The children will do activities to learn about the meaning of the Sacrament in the Presbyterian tradition. They will prepare the bread and juice to be used the next day in worship for the Sacrament. They will complete activities in a booklet, hear stories about the meaning of the Lord’s Supper and do a take home craft about the Last Supper. Plan to attend this event! No sign up necessary, just show up! Questions--Contact Rev. Ann at [adickey543@comcast.net](mailto:adickey543@comcast.net).

New Members Class to be held Sunday, October 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Come learn about the history, beliefs and traditions of the Presbyterian Church and explore being a member of Doe Run. The first hour and a half will be lecture/discussion about the history of the Christian church, the Presbyterian Church and its government and Doe Run's ministry in particular. An invitation to join Doe Run will be offered at 8 pm and those desiring to join may stay for a short meeting of the Elders from 8:00 -8:30 pm to join the church that night. No need to sign up, just show up. No pressure to join, inquirers welcome! Led by Rev. Ann.

New Bible Study/Discussion class to begin Tuesday, October 9 from 7:30-8:30 pm. The theme is "Who You Are When No One's Looking" based on a book by Rev. Bill Hybels of the Willow Creek church in Chicago. Each week is a separate theme so come one night or come all nights. The schedule is: October 9, Courage, I Corinthians 5; October 16, Discipline, Galatians 5; November 6, Vision, Matthew 19; November 13, Endurance, Jeremiah 29; December 4, Compassion, Luke 10; December 11, Self-Sacrifice, Mark 10. (Not meeting October 23, 30; November 20, 27) Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up is welcome! No sign up needed, just come and bring your Bible!

Vacation: Rev Ann will be taking her last week of vacation during her first year at Doe Run October 24 -30 to go to Disney World with her husband and friends. During that time, emergency care will be provided by a local Presbyterian Pastor. For emergency care, contact Clerk of Session Bill Dyke or call Rev. Ann's cell phone, which will be on while she is in Florida, (484)467-3885. Rev. Phoebe Kitson, formerly of First Presbyterian West Chester and now working at Paoli Presbyterian will preach at both services October 28.

### ***Presbyterian Women***

Next meeting, Thursday, October 4, 7:15 pm at the home of Kim Stefus, 345 Misty Patch Road, Coatesville, 610-384-3973. Hostess: Lisa Urban. We will be decorating fall wreaths. Base for the wreath will be provided. Bring ribbon and decorations we can all share. If you have a glue gun bring it along. **ALL** the ladies of the church are invited. Come and enjoy the fellowship. You **must sign up** on the sheet in the vestibule or call **Bev Hiller 610-384-5336**, so she will know how many bases to buy.

### ***Splinters***

Kathryn Case will be the hostess at the Splinters meeting on Tuesday, October 2 at 11:30 am. There will be a Bible study by Rev. Ann. Can you join us?

We have reservations at the Rainbow Dinner Theatre in Paradise for Thursday, October 25, 2007. A buffet lunch will be served at 11:30. Showtime is at 1:00 pm and we will see the comedy "Tons of Money." To get the group price we need at least 18 people to sign up. The cost for lunch and show is \$38.00 (I know, it went up.) Please let Hope Forbes know if you are attending.

The Prayer Shawl "Industry" is booming! The idea was introduced in February and now eight months later, 15 shawls have been "produced" with love and care, each has found a home. The most productive "employee" is Kathryn Case with Phyllis Russell a close second. Other productive "employees" are Ann Dickey, Julia Harper and Hope Forbes. The industry is very successful, but the demand is still larger than the production line. Would you like to help?

### ***Fellowship/Hospitality:***

Committee Meeting, Monday, October 1, 2007 at 7:15 pm. If you have any ideas for the Committee, please come to the meeting or give information to anyone on the Committee.

The Church Picnic was a huge success, 75 in attendance and a beautiful day. Thanks to Ann Croft and Sueann Robbins who stepped in at the last minute to help with games for children. Thanks to Dale, Steven and Matt Hensel who brought their grill and cooked so the committee could enjoy the fellowship. Everyone enjoyed the Bingo! Sharon Law, a new committee member, organized. Thanks to everyone for the delicious food and help cleaning up. Good job Committee!

Saturday, October 13, 2007: Movie and Ice Cream Social at Doe Run—watch bulletin for more information.

November 4, 2007, 7:00 pm, Charlie Zahm Concert. We are fortunate to get on Charlie's Concert schedule. Invite family and friends to this great Concert of Celtic music. Songs from Ireland, Scotland and the Sea. Concert is free! We will be taking a free-will offering to cover expenses.

### ***Thank You! From the Coatesville Area Lion's Club***

For the used eyeglasses donated in the Nicholas Room box. Lion Secretary Bob turned in 200 pair to the Blind Association, a portion of these were from your donations at Doe Run. These lenses are sent to poor regions of the world where people cannot afford eyeglasses. They are sorted and given to patients in need. Please continue to fill the box with your old eyeglasses.

Lion's is an International Club that raises funds for Blind and Diabetes (which is the leading cause of blindness) Awareness. They also become involved when there is a disaster anywhere in the world.

Doe Run members in the club are: Louise Sapper; Penny, Paul and Kathy Swank; Allan Huskins; John Downing and Bob Moskel.

Would you like to know what Lionism is all about? This is an invitation for you to join us and learn about our projects. Contact any of the above.

Secretary Lion Bob

### ***Presbytery News:***

**The Presbytery of Donegal  
Celebrates  
Our 275<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary  
October 14, 2007, 3:00 PM  
Hempfield High School Performing Arts Auditorium  
Landisville, PA**

There will be a mass choir consisting of members of our Presbyterian Churches, each Church is requested to bring a banner (carried by a youth from their congregation, if possible). We are seeking members for the mass choir. Please contact Bill and Nance Brown if you are interested or have any other questions. Browns: (717) 397-1253 or email [wjb453@verizon.net](mailto:wjb453@verizon.net). A choral group from Lincoln University will also be a part of our program.

BUT THERE IS MORE... A **Skit** will glimpse some highlights of our Presbytery's history, **Guest speaker**, Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will speak to the Church's current mission and ministry; and a **Look Ahead** of where we are going in Mission and Ministry in the Presbytery of Donegal.

**Prayer booklets** have been distributed to every Congregation, and will be available at the Anniversary Celebration (\$5.00 donation) and a **Commemorative Coin** will be available (\$3.00 each). There will be a time for greeting one another following the Celebration.

Let's make this a time of united fellowship as we celebrate our history and our future.

*May God Truly Bless Us All.*

