



Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

September 2005

From The Pastor...

As September starts there are things that we come to expect. The hot days and nights of summer will gradually turn into cooler days and nights. Our trips out will take longer if we have to go during the time the buses are picking up or dropping off children. We go back to our normal worship time and Sunday school starts back.

Life is like that. We come to expect certain things at certain times and prepare for them even if we are not ready for them to come. Summer, winter, spring, and fall and what they bring continue to be expected. Birthdays, holidays, vacations, special events continue to come and we must expect them and be ready.

We try to be ready for everything but are you ready to die? I don't mean right now or ready for death in general; I mean are you prepared as a Christian to die? Are you prepared as Jesus told us we needed to be? Are you ready to meet Jesus and be able to say that you have done all that is necessary to be prepared? We do all the earthly things, in life, to be ready but few are really ready to leave the earthly life and go to eternal life. We may prepare by getting our affairs in order but what about our spiritual preparation? It is as important as any earthly preparation if not more so.

As we go about planning and getting ready with

life, don't forget to take the time and do some spiritual planning as well. This is something that we often overlook but it is the most important planning we can do. Plan your future, the future on earth and your eternal future with Jesus.



Happy Labor Day,

Rev. Walt

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Winnie Haines**, who passed away during August.

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Hurricane Katrina flattened buildings in New Orleans and along the Gulf coast, flooding streets and snapping utility poles like matchsticks. But, there is a force that is even stronger than the devastating effects of wind and weather: God's

boundless love. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has committed an immediate \$500,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing and undesignated funds to respond to the needs of disaster survivors and to support the deployment of members of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team to help presbyteries, congregations and communities organize their response to Hurricane Katrina. And this is just the beginning of a \$10 million relief appeal. Join PDA in making God's love felt to the thousands of victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Visit www.pcusa.org/pda to assist in PDA's ongoing relief efforts.



Kudos...

- ▶ **Kudos to Doug Dyke**, who is now Sergeant Doug Dyke. The congregation recently sent a card to Doug who is serving in Iraq.
- ▶ Dear Pastor Walt, Session, and Doe Run Congregation, Thank you for helping to send me to Camp Donegal. I had a fabulous time and I'm looking forward to next year. Sincerely, Dani Robbins
- ▶ Thank you to all who helped with the Winnie Haines funeral luncheon. Also a thank you from the Moskel family for all the sympathy cards, kind words, prayers and donations sent to Doe Run. – *Lathea Moskel*

Do you have a congratulations or thank you you'd like to share? Please let us know! Send contributions to newsletter@doerun.org. – Editor

Welcome!

Doe Run welcomed several new members into our family in the month of August. The **Thompson family**, though attending for quite some time, became official members on August 14th as Donna, Maggie and Jack were baptized and Terry became a member through reaffirm-ation. Also joining Doe Run that day by reaf-firmation were **Lew and Charlotte Molner**. Please welcome and congratulate our new members. We hope they will all spend many happy years in our family here.

What's Happening!

- ▶ The **PW Splinters'** first fall meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a sandwich to share. Be ready to clean windows and window sills in the basement.
- ▶ The Sunday School year kicks off with **Rally Sunday** on September 11th. This year we have a new Junior Sunday School for middle school and high school students that will meet in the

choir room at 9:30 a.m. during Sunday School. We are also looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers. Even if you can only give one week a month your time would be greatly appreciated. Please call or email Kim Boulger at (610) 380-7907 or kboulger1@yahoo.com.

- ▶ September 11th is the first day for Doe Run's second **Alpha Program**. The spring program was a big success and we hope to carry that over into the fall program. All spring participants are asked to come out at 5:00 p.m. for a fellowship dinner to kick off the program; the video starts at 6:00 p.m. Everyone who wants to connect, reconnect or learn more about the Christian faith is welcome to attend. Bring friends!
- ▶ Starting at the same time on the 11th will be a new **Bible Study** program entitled "I Want to be a Christian" led by Reverend Walt. If you went through Alpha in the spring, this will build upon and go beyond what Alpha covered and promises to get even more in-depth.
- ▶ Doe Run is hosting a **Chicken Barbecue** on Saturday, September 24th from 12:00 p.m. To 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 and orders will be taken through September 19th; contact Paul Swank at (610) 383-7951 or pasnuf@aol.com. We are also looking for volunteers willing to help that day. Proceeds will benefit the current fund.
- ▶ Doe Run is participating in the **Downingtown CROP Walk for World Hunger** again this year. The CROP Walk benefits local food cupboards and Church World Service. The date is set for Sunday, October 2nd. It will begin and end at Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown. For more information including the times, registration, a list of the local cupboards, or for information on CWS, please contact Kim Campbell, (610) 384-8272.



In Brief...

- ▶ We're sounding the alarm on the **current fund deficit**. The deficit at the end of 2004 was \$12,770. As of the end of July, 2005 it had increased to \$18,500. As of the end of August it had increased to \$23,200. This situation is becoming critical and we need the support of all our members to help support our church's mission and program to our church family and community.
- ▶ Our worshiping congregation now sings to the new Presbyterian **Hymnal**, which made its debut this summer. The Worship and Music Committee thanks all those who have paid for the new hymnals. We are busy putting in the name plates and putting them out into the church for their use. Hymnals are still available if anyone would like to purchase one for use in the church in honor or memory of someone. Please see Dave Ayers for the forms.
- ▶ One a similar note (pun intended), the old Hymnals are being re-cataloged and will be offered back to those who originally donated. We'll notify everyone once we have them organized.
- ▶ The **nursery** is in need of a few more volunteers. Thanks to Bev Hiller and Sue Ann Robbins for recently washing down all the toys in the nursery room and sprucing things up. Other thanks to Kim Boulger for her hours in the nursery as she is going off of the schedule due to her many other church commitments. Nicole Urban will be added on to the schedule, thanks Nicole. Just a few more young moms added to the schedule would be a nice help. If you are interested please contact Laurie Worley at 610-486-6738 by September 11th.
- ▶ If you are no longer serving on a church board or committee, and have a church key that you no longer need, please return it to one of the Trustees. We have a limited number of keys available. Thank you.



Doe Run welcomes Emily Bullock as choir director. Emily comes to us from West Chester University where she is a vocal instructor and a classical singer. We are excited to resume choir as a regular program and we invite new voices to join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Just for fun!

Best Position For Prayer

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said. "No," said the minister, "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to heaven." "You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."



Reflections *from the Journal of Mary Newlin Carlin*

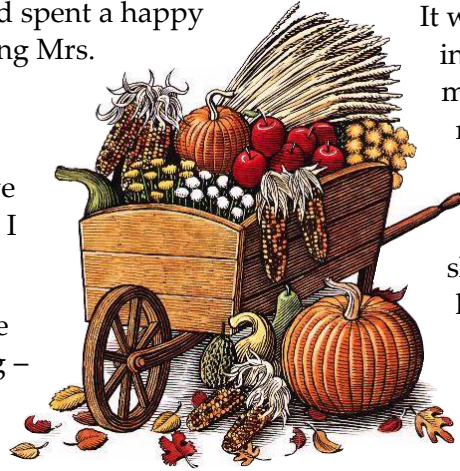
The Little House
September 6th, 1961

Three years ago today the Man and I were in New York where we received the news of the birth of Jennifer Newlin Carlin when we returned to the Manhattan Hotel at midnight. We enjoyed Jennifer's dinner of spaghetti and spent a happy evening with the family, including Mrs. MacDonald.

And today is the fifteenth of September. Something must have interrupted me the last time and I never got back to this.

Much has happened in the meantime. Jelly making – baby sitting – an evening spent at London Grove meeting to hear young Tommy Kirk tell of experiences in England and Germany this summer and to view some fine pictures.

Then on last Sunday we went to Ercildoun for the



celebration of the Founding of Fallowfield meeting. I can recall the one hundredth anniversary because I attended Meeting there while I was growing up. I walked in the burying-ground and found again the places where my Great-Great Grandparents – James and Sara Newlin – are buried.

It was fine to renew old friendships and to sit in the Meeting House again and to have our memories concerning the Meeting refreshed. I'm enclosing a program here.

Rev. Olsson has just been in to collect his first checks and to be shown the "Little House" and to talk. I look forward to hearing him preach on Sunday and to further association with him. We are trusting that he is the man God has prepared and chosen to serve His Church at Doe Run.

We are planning a Church family covered dish lunch after the service on Sunday so that our Congregation can meet the Olssons socially.

– Mary Newlin Carlin

Food for Thought...

God's Cake

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wroang, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

– contributed by Carol Folk