



DOE RUN NEWS

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HAVE YOU BEEN CONSECRATED?

At a recent gathering of church leaders I circulated a poll which asked the question “What is the greatest strength of the Doe Run Church?” Virtually everyone in attendance answered that Doe Run’s greatest strength lies in its caring. People valued the fellowship, the spirit of cooperation, the tolerance of differences among members, and the willingness to help each other out. “I remember times over the years that I have prayed for each of these people,” confided one member of the group, “And I remember times in my life when each of them has prayed for me.”

Truly the words the Apostle Paul addressed to the Ephesians apply to all of you who are part of the Doe Run Community: *“I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason, I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.”* (Eph 1:15f.)

Having been blessed to be a part of this fellowship for the last nine months, I would echo these sentiments, for you have reached out in love to Ann and me in remarkable ways, and we feel truly blessed to have this time to be partners with you in ministry.

This season provides each of us with an opportunity to continue to dedicate ourselves to God’s work in the world and to Doe Run Church in particular. Consecration Sunday provides a time for each of us to consider what we will give to God in the year ahead. Its primary focus is spiritual. The word “consecrate” means to set something aside for a Holy Purpose. On Consecration Sunday, we set ourselves aside for God’s Holy Work. The secondary focus is on financial giving: What will you set aside financially for God’s work at Doe Run in the year ahead? The church needs its members to be intentional in their giving in this crucial year as it seeks to become financially solvent as part of its search for a new pastor. But the financial commitment is really only a symbol of our decision to set ourselves aside, our total beings as an offering to the Lord.

Will you allow yourself to become re-dedicated to God’s work at Doe Run in the upcoming year, and continue to be a blessing to this truly amazing community?

Gratefully,

Dr. David W. Dickey, Consecration Sunday Guest Speaker

It's Coming! Will You Be Part of It?

Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 am is our congregation's **New Consecration Sunday**. We urge you to plan now to attend the two important events: **Sunday morning worship at 9:30 and the Celebration Brunch** immediately following worship that same day (a free catered meal, not potluck).

Our congregation's Stewardship committee has selected the ***New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program*** as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. ***New Consecration Sunday*** encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" (To that end, we are enclosing a chart for you to consider when responding to God's grace for 2008.)

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily during morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. During morning worship our guest leader, Dr. David Dickey, will preach and conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a **confidential** act of worship. Since we will make **no follow-up visits** to ask people to complete their cards and will only later invite those who cannot be present on September 9 to participate, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

We believe that you are concerned enough to attend on Consecration Sunday and make your financial commitment as an act of worship in the church sanctuary. Be part of the action!

Financial Summary: As of July 31, 2007

Income	Expenses	July Deficit	2007 Deficit
\$7,597	\$9,785	\$2,188	\$3,420

Christian Ed Committee:

Christian Ed is getting ready for Sunday School. We will be trying a new curriculum called Gospel Light. This is the same one used for VBS for the past few years. Lessons are easy to follow and to prepare for. They will include a Bible story and activities to back up the lesson from the story. This year there will be four classes: Preschool – Kindergarten, 1st - 2nd, 3rd - 4th, 5th and up. To help us get organized with teachers we are asking volunteers to sign up now for classes they are willing to teach. As we get closer to Rally Sunday, I will have sign up sheets for days that people are available to teach at the entrance of the church or you can call or email Kim Boulger at (610)387-907 or kboulger1@yahoo.com

Fellowship/Hospitality:

Doe Run Church Covered Dish Picnic, Bert Reel Park in Bomeroy, Sunday, September 23, 2007. Activities—fellowship, bingo, games for children—start at 2:00. Dinner at 4:00. Eagles/Detroit game will be over in time for dinner. Check Bulletin Board for more information and sign up for casseroles. Bring prizes for bingo (put in a bag), something you have around the house that you don't need and would like to pass on.

Committee Meeting, Monday, October 1, 2007 at 7:15 pm.

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

November 4, 2007, 7:00 pm, Charlie Zahm: Singer/Songwriter of Celtic, Maritime, Early American and Civil War Music. Please invite family and friends! We need a full church to hear this wonderful singer! Concert is free! We will be taking an offering to defray expenses.

If you have ideas for the Committee, please call Lathea at 610-486-0343.

Splinters:

After a restful summer the Splinters are ready for action! And we have room for new members. If you are free the first Tuesday of each month, we would like you to join our very informal group. Pack a sandwich, cut into fourths to share at lunch. The hostess provides a dessert and there is always a lunchtime joke. Give us a try. Questions, see Hope Forbes 610-269-3592.

The first meeting is September 4th at 11:30 am. Patsy Johnston has the devotions. Our program will be "Attack the Dirt." Bring pails and cleaning cloths so we can clean the tables, chairs and window sills of the Fellowship Hall. If we work this month, we can play the rest of the year.

September 20th, Thursday, we will be going on the Snack Factory Tour at the Herr's Plant in Nottingham. The tour is free and our reservation is for 10:00 am. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am to car pool. After the tour we have lunch reservations at Peppercorns in Oxford. Each person will pay for her meal there.

Do you like to laugh? We have reservations at the Rainbow Dinner Theatre in Paradise for Thursday, October 25. A buffet lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Showtime is 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 \$36.00. Again we will meet at the church to car pool.

**The Presbytery of Donegal
Celebrates
Our 275TH 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); 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.

SEPTEMBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Communion 9:30 am	3	4 9:30 am Quilters 11:30 am Splinters	5 7:00 pm Choir	6 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm PW	7	8
9 7:00-8:15 pm Youth Group Consecration Sunday Choir returns	10	11 9:30 am Quilters	12 7:00 pm Choir	13 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Deacons	14	15 8:00am Mens' Breakfast
16 7:00-8:15 pm Youth Group Return to 9:30 am and 11:00 am service Noon: De- velopmental Committee	17 7:00 pm CE	18 9:30 am Quilters	19 7:00 pm Choir	20 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Trustees 9:00 am Splinters to Herrs	21	22
23 7:00-8:15 pm Youth Group 2:00 pm Covered Dish Picnic—Bert Reel Park, Pomeroy	24	25 9:30 am Quilters 7:00 pm Session	26 7:00 pm Choir	27 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	28	29
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