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# Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

December 2004

## A Word From Your Pastor...

It's that time of year again. That time when everyone seems to be happier. That time of year when there is supposed to be peace on earth and love of all.

Christmas brings not only joy, but suggests peace for the heart. Our Savior brought peace through love. This Christmas you may know deep in your heart whether or not you have Christmas peace.

Has a friend asked your forgiveness and you would not forgive? This Christmas, forgive those that need forgiveness.

Did something in your past hurt or frighten you terribly - so much that you thought you could not forget? This Christmas put it away, forget.

Was there a time your own strength faltered and you forgot to believe? This Christmas, renew your faith.

Have you been postponing a kindness because you did not know exactly what to do, and so, with the passing of time, did nothing? This Christmas do that kindness. Do you know of a need, even a word of support or cheer or praise that can enrich another's life? Fill the need: say those words of kindness, support and cheer.

Are you seeking Christmas peace? Then this Christmas forgive, forget, renew your faith, create a kindness and start to live a new life.

Merry Christmas to all and may you have a great and blessed Christmas.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Walt*

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Some time ago, a friend of mine punished his 3-year old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father on Christmas morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy."

He was embarrassed by his earlier over-reaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty. He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present there is supposed to be something inside of it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box, all for you, Daddy."

The father was crushed, he put his arms around his little girl and he begged for her forgiveness.

My friend told me that he kept that gold box by his bed for years. Whenever he felt discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

## Special Events

- Mon. Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. – Fellowship Committee meeting.  
 Thur. Dec. 9, 7:15 p.m. – PW-Sarah Circle meeting.  
                   7:30 p.m. – Board of Deacons meeting.  
 Fri. Dec.10, 6:00 p.m. – Deacons serving Dinner at Safe Harbor.  
 Sun. Dec.12, 10:45 a.m. – Worship; Sunday School Christmas pageant.  
 Thur. Dec.16, 7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees meeting.  
 Sat. Dec.18, 8:00 a.m. – Men’s Group meeting at the church.  
 Fri. Dec.24, 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Worship Service.  
                   8:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Communion Service.  
 Sat. Dec.25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
 Tues. Dec.28, 7:00 p.m. – Session meeting.



## December

## In Prayer . . .

We remember these friends in our prayers:  
**Kathryn Robinson.**

## Kudos . . .

- Dear P.W. Group and Friends at Doe Run, Thank you so much for the surprise of a wonderful package of goodies. I’ve made some really really nice friends, mostly from the soccer team. Our team had an awesome season and I was doing great as well, until I sprained my ankle in October and was done for the season....my first soccer injury :( So that was a bummer but I enjoyed traveling with the girls and supporting them until the end of our season. Anyways, things at Kutztown are pretty good and I do appreciate your thinking of me (and Scotty and Kristen too)...the freshmen. Thanks so much!

*Love, Becky Worley*

## In Brief . . .

- Trinity Episcopal Church in Coatesville is looking for volunteers to work with students in the after school program. Skills needed

include story telling, homework tutoring and career presentations. Volunteers are also needed to help run the food co-op. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sherry Crompton at 610 384-4771.

### ***Fellowship News***

- On November 20th, a group of 14 traveled to Delaware and enjoyed an evening of fellowship, good unusual food, and was entertained by dancers at the Casablanca Restaurant in Wilmington, Delaware. Hope and Ted Forbes dressed in their Moroccan garb which they purchased when they were in Morocco several years ago.
- On December 5th at 7:00 p.m., the Greenwood Singers will present their Christmas Concert at Doe Run. The concert is free. A Love offering will be collected. This year they will be featuring “Quintessence,” a woodwind Quintet. Bring you family, neighbors, and friends. Let’s give this very talented local group a big Doe Run Welcome. Refreshments will follow.
- The Forty Niners concerts are coming up on Wed., Dec. 8 - Sat., Dec. 11 at 8:00 p.m., and a Saturday matinee at 2:00 p.m. The show is entertaining and appropriate for kids. If you’d like tickets, please call or email me. I’d love to see you there. And bring your friends! – *Kris McGuckin*

# Sunday School News

■ Thanks to all the children for making crafts and the parents and church members for all their help in making it such a great success. We managed to raise about \$300.00

■ The children started practicing for the Christmas pageant on Nov. 28 and practices will continue up to the day of the Christmas Pageant. The Christmas Pageant this year will be held in place of the regular sermon on Dec. 12th, most of the worship service will be as usual, and there will be music as well. Coffee hour immediately following church will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee.



■ There will be a Barnes and Noble Fundraiser on Sat. Dec. 4 and Sunday Dec. 5. Vouchers were included inside the church bulletin on Nov. 28, and are also downstairs in the Sunday School area. Barnes & Noble will give our Sunday School 15% of total sales with the vouchers. Books make great gifts!

■ We recently received letters from our CCF children: Linawati and Sandeep. Come read them – they are posted on our Sunday School bulletin board.

■ Sunday School lessons will be held on Dec. 19th, but there will be NO Sunday School on Dec. 26th due to the holidays. We will resume again in January.

■ Our children have been filling shoeboxes with necessities to give as gifts to the children of the local shelter in Coatesville, the CYWA, and we plan to fill these boxes and wrap them on Dec. 19th. They will be delivered that day with the help of the children, and the Youth Group with Kiran Young-Wimberly, our Youth Director.

# Duties

**ELDER**

- Dec. 5 – Suzanne Graves
- 12 – Ed Martin
- 19 – Tom McFadien
- 24 – Sueann Robbins (6:00)  
Paul Swank (8:00)
- 26 – Steve Werner

**GREETING**

- The Fenimore Family
- Nikki & Donnie Davis

**READING**

- David Ayers
- Suzanne Graves
- Ed Martin
- Tom McFadien (6:00)
- Sueann Robbins (8:00)
- Paul Swank



**FLOWERS**

- Dec. 5 – Paul & Penny Swank, in memory of Paul Swank, Sr.
- 12 –

**COFFEE HOUR**

Fellowship and Hospitality Committees

**NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- Dec. 5 – Sueann Robbins/
- 12 – Anne Croft/
- 19 – Kim Boulger/
- 26 – Karen Principe/



## In Brief . . .

- The flower chart for 2005 is now available. You will find it on the door of the Nicholas Room. If you have a special date for flowers, be sure to sign up early. If you have a preference for the type of flowers to be purchased (carnations, mixed bouquet, roses), please indicate that as well. Remember to indicate if the flowers are provided for a special reason such as "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of." A special flower envelope will be placed in your mailbox at the beginning of the month when you have signed up for the flowers. Our thanks to those who provided the flowers in the past and to those who will provide them for the year 2005.

## Deacons' News

- The Deacons have had a busy fall so far this year. Since the last newsletter, we have finished one project and started on another. Kudos to the Committee headed by John Graves, who collected food and delivered no fewer than 12 turkeys to the Modena Family Center. Again, we thank our congregation for their generous support. It makes one proud to be a member of such a loving family here at Doe Run!
- The Chesterbrook Academy in West Chester also donated numerous boxed and canned food items as they have in previous years (Bob and Bev Hiller's daughter Melissa teaches at the school). Games, clothing and other items for children were also donated by members of the congregation.
- The Angel Tree project is up and running! Have you noticed the trimmed tree in the Nicholas Room? The Deacons volunteered our church to support 20 needy children in our community. Names and information

are on the cards decorating the tree. This is certainly one time when we would like to see a bare tree! If you can help a needy child, just choose a name and help bring joy to an underprivileged child right here in the community! Gifts need not be wrapped unless you choose to do so and then please clearly mark the gift with the child's name. An older child might appreciate a gift certificate to the Mall. Please consider helping with this mission work.

- Don't forget that Communion will be served at the later Christmas Eve Service. Our Deacons will be on duty that night preparing for and cleaning up after the service.
- Our thanks to those folks who have forwarded names for our prayer chain. If you know of anyone who is ill or needs prayers, please let the Deacons know.



**Kim Campbell, Melissa O'Hara, Bev Hiller, Bob Hiller, Suzanne Graves and James Graves drop off Thanksgiving food donations at the Modena Family Center.**



## Mission News

### ***The Right Tool for the Right Job***

Have you ever discovered that you are a hammer in a world that really needs a saw? There is need all around us in God's broken world. It's natural to want to help in any way we can but it's hard to know what to do and how to do it. God has retooled the people of Doe Run so that we can do His work in the world. We won't mention people by name, but we can tell a little of their story.

A man spent his life with cars. Give him a wrench and he can fix anything. Then he saw a family living in a house too far gone to fix.

In January 2004 he and his fellow concerned members of the Men's Group put together a plan to help a neighboring family. The Maris family had been blessed with twins and quintuplets and needed new housing. The plan was called the Five and Two Project and began with a letter which was distributed to local churches. The news also spread through word of mouth. The Holy Spirit moved the hearts of many people to give of their time, talent, finances and provisions (including a new kitchen!). A talented man in the Men's Group drew up an architectural plan for the house. He attended township meetings accompanied by a supportive and honorable member of the Men's Group and had the plan approved. The builders broke ground in July. A house raising was held on October 9th in which dozens of volunteers gathered to put up the framing and the floors. Presently, the house is completely enclosed and approximately 50% finished. There is still some interior work that needs to be completed. Because one person saw a need and God drew others to help, Doe Run became a tool for sharing God's love with our neighbors.

A story like this lies behind every mission activity at Doe Run. Here is a list of how the

people of Doe Run have risen to God's challenge in 2004. His call for us to love the world.

### **Doe Run Presbyterian Church Mission Activities for 2004:**

- Doe Run Presbyterian Women Sarah Circle Mission Giving
- CYWA (Community Youth and Women's Alliance) Church World Service College student from congregation (care packages) Maris family, Five and Two Project (including spaghetti dinner fund raiser) Doe Run Presbyterian Church Meals on Wheels City Gate Mission Needlework Guild of America Bridge of Hope Chester County Association of the Blind Domestic Violence Center Coatesville Food Cupboard Pocopson Home Ware Presbyterian Village Modena Fire Company Neighborhood Services of Oxford Local families via Tree Trimming Offering Congregation shut-ins Congregation families for funeral luncheons House of His Creation

### **Mission Committee (World Missions)**

- Caryl Weinberg serving in Cameroon. Caryl is an AIDS consultant for Central and West Africa.
- Dennis and Maribel Smith serving in Guatemala. Dennis is a coordinator for publications and community training. Maribel does team ministry.

### **There are four special offerings each year which go to world missions through the Presbytery.**

- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Christmas Joy Offering
- Peacemaking
- Hunger

### **Deacons**

- Collect items for the Maris family and also baby sit and collect outdoor play toys.

- Good Works (participated in work days)
- Participate in the CROP Walk for world hunger Coordinate the Food/Turkey Drive with Chesterbrook Academy for the Modena Family Center.
- Make meals for Safe Harbor shelter in West Chester.
- Deacons who are also ordained elders assist Reverend Winegar in serving communion to shut ins and those in the hospital.
- Angel Tree for the CYWA
- Transported bottled water to New Jersey for flood victims

### **Sunday School**

- Vacation Bible School: donation for the Special Olympics CYWA, (shoeboxes – gifts collected for children in the shelter at Christmas); One Great Hour of Sharing (collected money in cardboard fish containers for Presbytery); Peacemaking Offering (decorated coffee cans and collected money for the environment via Presbytery); Christmas Pageant last January (offering went to the Modena Fire Company); Mitten Tree (collect mittens); Joy Boxes

### **Sponsor two children overseas through the Christian Children's Fund**

- Sandeep in India
- Linawati in Indonesia

### **Individuals in the Church (apart from committee projects)**

- Collect coats for the Salvation Army to be cleaned at the Orth Cleaners Participate regularly feeding the hungry through Meals on Wheels
- Drive patients to the hospital and to the doctor's office for medical treatments and also do grocery shopping and cook meals for them.

- Work with the Masonic Lodge to organize a dinner in December where toys are collected and donated to the CYWA for distribution to the needy at Christmas.
- Serve on the Committee for Operation Christmas and Operation Thanksgiving (attend monthly meetings and deliver food baskets to shut ins at Thanksgiving and Christmas.)
- Drive a patient in Parkesburg to her doctor there and then take her shopping. Also help her senior citizen neighbors with some chores (like changing a lightbulb or moving a chair so they can clean behind it.) Participate as a substitute driver for Meals on Wheels
- Collect eye glasses for the Lion's Club and participate actively in fund raising including being chairman for the golf outing (the Lion's Club has given over \$5,000 to local charities).
- Do shopping and run errands for the victim of a terrible auto accident.
- Visit shut ins including a person on Hospice Care and provide both emotional support and meals.
- Sponsor a child in Ethiopia
- Participate regularly in Good Works work days.
- Contribute to the Racetrack Chaplaincy of America
- Contribute to the Special Olympics
- Contribute to the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals
- Contribute to the CYWA Teach Sunday School
- Publish the Doe Run newsletter
- Conducted the Maris family, Five and Two Project yard sale fundraiser

# Reflections *from the Journal of Mary Carlin*

Long Meadow Farm  
December 13th, 1942

Today the Dull's walked over the hill and returned our call and a book we had loaned them. It is a very blustery cold day and they were pretty well blown when they arrived. This morning Virginia and Gloria Copeland, Henrietta Pierson and Roberta Newlin came to Old Doe Run for the church service and called for a few minutes afterward and Don Windle was here for our noon dinner so we feel we have been blessed with friendly contacts today.

We have our Family Christmas gift – a two piece living room suite upholstered in Teal blue wool and it looks very well. It was the Boys' idea and they expect to pay for most of it. I am pretty well prepared for Christmas because I do not do much in the way of gift buying any more. We expect to be at Mother's for Christmas dinner, to have the George's for Christmas Eve and to entertain my folks at a buffet supper on the day after



Christmas. Mrs. Bronson said this evening that she and Melvin may get here for next Sunday, which is the day for our annual Christmas entertainment at Sunday School.

This week brings our Secret Pal party at Cases (Tuesday), Hephzibah operetta (Wednesday), and Scott High School Christmas program (Thursday), our stint at the Post tomorrow, packing S.S. Christmas candy on Wednesday afternoon. A full week.

We had one especially beautiful day this week when, with a light snow already on the ground, we awoke to a world of fairy like beauty created by a hoar frost. Every tree and shrub and usually brown dry grass and weed was turned into a lovely vision by a coating of the frost which clung all day and filled one's breast with joy and wonder and love for the Creator of it all.

– Mary Newlin Carlin

# Happy Birthday!

Best birthday wishes to:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Harry Johnston.....Dec. 1  | Steve Swank.....Dec. 9       |
| David Ayers.....Dec. 3     | Arnold Herzog.....Dec. 10    |
| Cory Walton.....Dec. 3     | Jeanne Burke.....Dec. 12     |
| Joelle Worley.....Dec. 4   | Bob Moskel, Jr. ....Dec. 12  |
| Nancy Heindl.....Dec. 5    | Bob Sparr.....Dec. 13        |
| David Hibbard.....Dec. 5   | Kim Bireley.....Dec. 14      |
| Richie Woodward.....Dec. 5 | Howard Folk.....Dec. 17      |
| Avery Johnston.....Dec. 5  | Becky Berkheimer.....Dec. 19 |
| Tracey Johnston.....Dec. 7 | Elizabeth Clark.....Dec. 19  |
| Albert Hollway.....Dec. 9  | Matthew Deckman.....Dec. 22  |
|                            | Ron Parrott, Jr. ....Dec. 25 |



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| Allen Mummert.....Dec. 26 |
| Bradley Leach.....Dec. 31 |
| Jeff Sapper.....Dec. 31   |