



# DOE RUN NEWS

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## This I Believe.....

My continuing education course in June at my college in NC was called "This I Believe." The goal of the course was to have participants consider one of the main themes in their lives and write about it in a 500 word essay in the manner used on the NPR radio spot called by the same name. Maybe you have heard these spots, first broadcast in the 1950s but revived in the past few years. The writers/speakers on these spots range from celebrities, to politicians, to writers and also to ordinary Americans. We had the chance to hear the essays of professors, alumni, students, fellow course attendees; and yes, even the basketball coach which led my small college to the NCAA Elite Eight with the motto of "witness." At the end of the course, we all had the chance to read our essay for others and record it to be made into a CD given to each participant at a later date. This was a most productive exercise, one that I would not have chosen to do on my own. I wish to thank Doe Run for allowing me to attend this conference and spend some time reflecting on what has been the basis of my life and ministry. Priced below is my essay for you to read. I would welcome your comments. I also invite you to reflect on your life themes and write your own essay.

*This I Believe....by Ann Garrou Dickey*

*I guess I am just my daddy's girl. I have based my life on what he taught me every day. His values are my own. I absorbed them over time without ever choosing to. He adopted me and I adopted him. I believe in my daddy. I truly am his flesh and blood.*

*"The sun is up, the moon is low, so let's get up and go, go, go!" Every morning Daddy would wake me up with these words, and that was the way he lived. That's the way I am: always looking forward to each day and its possibilities. Always ready to go. Always ready to be productive. Always believing that today will be a good day because God is in His heaven and all is right with the world.*

*Daddy never wavered from his faith even after he watched my sister die right before his eyes in an instant. I kept on going after his lengthy illness and death, my mother's suicide and my bout with cancer. The love of family and fellowship of my church family kept us both going after these trials.*

*I get to live out Daddy's fantasy by being a church pastor even though he ministered every day to his colleagues at the textile mill office, offering an encouraging word or a listening ear. Like him, I am a cheerleader to others, urging them to use their talents or keep putting one foot in front of the other in tough times.*

*Once during the war in Europe, Daddy heard a heavenly voice telling him to move out of immediate danger. I too have heard God's voice telling me to go to Davidson College, to move to Pennsylvania and to adopt a son from Korea.*

*Daddy only cried once in my presence: when his mother died. I too have a hard time crying, only recently coming to tears over losses years ago. But I find it easy to "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" as he taught me by quoting this verse from the New Testament.*

*At the end of my life, I pray that I will be remembered as one who valued people over money as he did. I wish to be known as one who was a "light shining in darkness" as he was. It will be an honor to be known as his girl.*

Gratefully,

Ann G. Dickey, Interim Pastor

**Financial News: May 31, 2008**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>April Surplus</u>	<u>Long-Term Deficit</u>
\$9,887	\$9,069	\$818	\$2,421

Per Capita charges for 2008 are \$25.39 per member.

**Trustees:** Scraping of basement walls, every Wednesday 6:30 pm, during the summer. All help welcome.

**Class of 2011 elected/approved at Congregational/Corporation Meeting, June 14, 2008:**

Elders: Manley Case, Ella Davis	Hospitality: Hope Forbes, Rose Ann Hamilton
Deacons: Ann Croft, Bob Hiller, Louise Sapper	Mission: Lisa Urban
Junior Deacon: Jessica Sapper	Nominating: Dave Ayes, Kathryn Case,
Trustees: Gary Leonhard, Kitty Miller, Tim Tipton	Tracy Johnston, Louise Sapper
Child Welfare: Betty Wilmott	Stewardship: Scott Cheek, Tracy McFadien,
Christian Education: Ellie Abel, Lauren Gill	Carolyn McGaughey
Fellowship: Nancy Hensel, Lathea Moskel	Worship & Music: Lisa Last, Penny Swank
Cemetery: Bob Hiller	Audit: Sue Tipton

**Welcome new members!** Doe Run Session received two new members on June 24. Welcome to Kelly and RJ Bretz and infant daughter Allie. The Bretz family lives just up the road from the church on Hatteras Drive and came to Doe Run because the people of the church welcomed them so warmly when they visited. Kelly teaches elementary school in the Avon Grove School District and RJ teaches high school in the Owen J Roberts School District. Baby Allie was born in March and will be baptized at Doe Run sometime in the near future. They will be recognized in worship soon as well. Welcome to the Doe Run family Kelly, RJ and Allie!

**Don't forget Doe Run in the summer!** Summer months are usually lean times for church giving. Expenses continue all year long. Please don't forget to support Doe Run during July and August. Finances are going well in 2008 and we need to keep it that way to meet increasing expenses! The church officers thank you for your continued support!

**Volunteers are needed this summer!** Signups are still needed to: 1) host coffee hours at 10:30 am downstairs, signup sheet downstairs in fellowship hall; 2) host the Video Sunday school hour beginning June 8 for children who leave services after the Thought for Children. The program will be Christian videos for the children to watch. No experience needed, just supervision. All ages welcome! 3) Provide music for the Offertory slot during the worship at 9:30 am. Anyone desiring to play or sing, welcome! Signup sheet in the Webster meeting room upstairs.

**Garden Table open again this summer:** Bring your extra flowers, fruits and vegetables to worship with you on Sunday and place them downstairs on the Table near the fellowship hour table for all to share. Those who would like to enjoy your extra bounty can take it home and leave a donation in the can labeled "Garden Table." At the end of the summer, the money will be given to the Coatesville Food Cupboard. Last year we raised \$200 for this worthy cause!

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be held July 14-18 this year, from 8:45-noon each day. Please go to [www.doerun.org](http://www.doerun.org) to register your children (or neighbors) and to see what and where volunteers and help are needed. This year's theme "The Power of Jesus...Aha!" We need lots and lots of helpers. Please sign up for the whole week or just a few mornings. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

**Vacation:** Rev Dickey will be on vacation from July 14<sup>th</sup> (in the pm) thru July 30<sup>th</sup>. Annalie Lorgus will be preaching on Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Modena Town Walk!** Here's a local summertime activity that won't cost you a lot in gasoline. Modena Town Walk will be this July 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come and learn about the neighboring borough of Modena. Did you know that a local resident and Doe Run church member, William Mode Elliott was named for one of the Mode Family? He served in the Emergency Troops at the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War and was a Chester County Commissioner. He was a carpenter by trade and built the church manse in 1885. Please call (610)3846777 or (610)470-7162 for a reservation for this free tour. See John Graves for more information. Brochures for the Chester County Town Tours and Village Walks series (including Modena) are in the Nicholas Room.

**Victoria Sapper** would like to say "Thank You" to the congregation for all their prayers, cards and for the book when she graduated.

**Splinters:** No meetings in July or August. September 9 (yes, the second Tuesday) will start our fall season. Lunch prepared by "Cooking with Susan." Susan will demonstrate and entertain us as she prepares our meal. Cost will be \$20.00 per person-so save your pennies or get a summer job! More details in the August Newsletter.

**Church Picnic at Bert Reel Park!** Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14.

**PNC:** Committee is now in the process of contacting and setting up interviews with the most promising candidates. Committee feels confident we are getting closer to finding the pastor who will fit the church's needs.

**City Gate Mission:** July-spaghetti sauce; August-hot sauce; September-napkins; October-coffee creamer; November-all size freezer bags; December-creamed soups

### TO EACH HIS OWN

I cannot change the way I am, I never really try,  
God made me different and unique, I never ask him why.  
If I appear peculiar, there's nothing I can do,  
You must accept me as I am, as I've accepted you.  
God made a casting of each life, then threw the mold away,  
Each child is different from the rest, unlike as night from day.  
So often we will criticize, the things that others do,  
But, do you know, they do not think, the same as me and you.  
So God in all his wisdom, who knows us all by name,  
He didn't want us to be bored, that's why we're not the same

-- Author Unknown

