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# Doe Run News

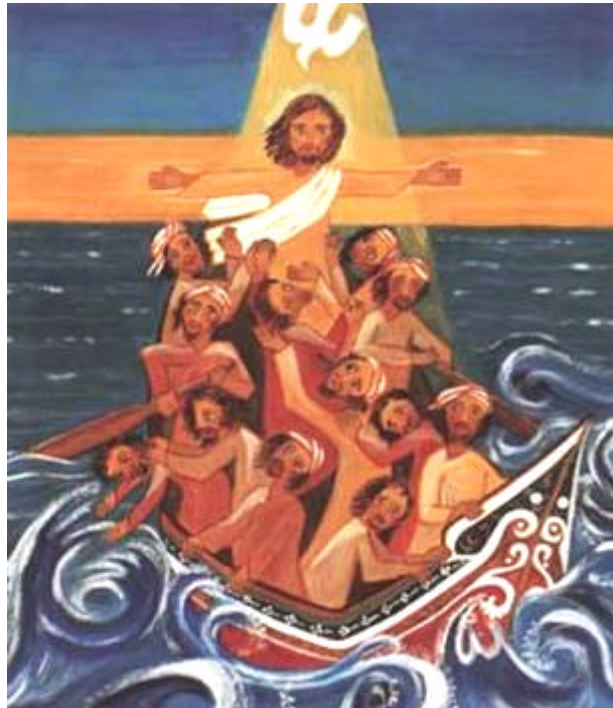
Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

March 2004

## *A Word From Your Pastor...*

As I write this the snow from yesterday is about gone and the weathermen are calling for a warm and sunny weekend. I hope this is a sign that the worst of winter is behind us. I don't know about you but this Southern boy has had enough cold and snow for this year. We have until March 21st before we officially get to spring and I am looking forward to it and warmer days. As we look forward to warmer weather and the longer days of spring we are already in Lent and have Easter fast approaching. The time of year we remember the death of our Lord and the events leading up to his death.

The time of Lent is important for us as Christians and I feel we don't use it for what it was designed for. Lent is that forty days leading up to Christ's death and is that period when we should reflect on where we stand with Jesus. It is that time to remember what we have done wrong and to repent of our sins and focus on how we can get closer to Jesus. Prayer is an important part of this



season as well as well as remembering how Christ suffered for us. Giving up something for Lent helps us daily to remember Jesus by us suffering a little.

As we go through Lent take time to evaluate your relationship with Jesus and think about what you do for him in relation to what he did for you.

Keep warm; spring is just around the corner.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Walt*

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We remember these friends in our prayers:  
**Genevieve Krause,**  
**Erica Pratt** and **Kathryn Robinson.**

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**Learn how to protect your child** – On March 29 at 7:30 p.m., Trooper Matthew Carr of the Pennsylvania State Police will present a **child safety awareness program** at the church. This program will cover the topics of runaway children, child abduction, crime prevention, and child safety. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative presentation offering advice on what we can do to keep children of all ages safe.

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## Special Events

- Mon. Mar. 1, 7:30 p.m. – Fellowship Committee meeting.  
 Tues. Mar. 2, 7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting.  
 Thur. Mar. 4, 7:15 p.m. – PW-Sarah Circle at the home of Sueann Robbins.  
 Fri. Mar.12, 6:00 p.m. – Deacons serving dinner at Safe Harbor.  
 Mon. Mar.15, 7:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee meeting.  
 Thur. Mar.18, 7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees meeting.  
 Tues. Mar.23, 7:00 p.m. – Session meeting.  
 Sat. Mar.27, Time TBA – Progressive dinner, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.  
 Mon. Mar.29, 7:30 p.m. – Child safety program at the church.



## Kudos . . .

- A big thanks to **Walter Carlin** for creating a useful storage area in a catch all corner of the cloak room. Walter built a much need historical storage closet where Doe Run's historical memorabilia can be safely housed. And he did a "Carlin" (aka-outstanding) job. Ed Martin painted the closet and cloak room. Take a look at the spruced up cloak room. You might even consider hanging your coat there next week.

*Do you have a congratulations or thank-you you'd like to share? We welcome your contributions to this column. – The Editors*

## In Brief . . .

- The report of the **Long Range Planning Committee** is now available online at <http://www.doerun.org/lrpc>. We urge you to read this document, which makes 14 recommendations to make Doe Run's mission more effective, to attract new families, and to help us achieve what God would have us do in our community. Listen for more information as the recommendations are shared with boards and committess of the church for discussion and implementation.

- With Easter around the corner we are planning Doe Run's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** to be held on April 10th. We are accepting donations of wrapped candy, stickers, or anything that can be put into plastic Easter Eggs. There will be a bag in the Nicholas room for your donations. More information in the April's newsletter about the Easter Egg Hunt. So mark your calendar. Anyone interested in helping should contact Lisa and Becky Urban at 610-466-0629. Thank you in advance for your help.
- The Annual Easter **Pancake Breakfast**, sponsored by the Men's Group, will be held immediately following the sunrise service. Even if you're planning to attend the 8:30 am worship service, you can still come a little early and enjoy some delicious pancakes and sausage! Please see Dan Robbins or Vince Cavacini if you have any questions.

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*Next Deadline is March 23rd*

# Reflections

*from the Journal of Mary Carlin*

Long Meadow Farm  
March 20th, 1944

Did I intimate just three days ago that Spring was peeping around the corner in readiness for her triumphant appearance in the 1944 reign today? Well, she must have gotten stage fright. Last evening snow began to fall and today we have Old Man Winter doing an encore number that promises to be a little long. All the earth is beautifully white again and I'm wondering where all the robins and bluebirds have gone for shelter and what they think of the whiteness.



We had a quiet, homey day yesterday with well attended services at Old Doe Run. The little Plymouth ran out of gas at Youngsburg last night and Walter had to walk home from there in the storm. Today he went into town when

Bill went to school for a visit to Dr. Taylor and to do the marketing.

– Mary Newlin Carlin

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The adult Sunday School class recently paraphrased the 23rd Psalm, using a unique form of Hebrew poetry. We are offering a prize to anyone who can read our handiwork and identify the poetic structure:

A shepherd is my LORD,  
Beyond which I will need nothing.  
Come, let us rest  
Down beside the quiet water.  
Everything gives me new strength,  
Following his right path.  
Great darkness  
Holds no fear for me.  
I feel your presence  
Just as your rod and staff protect me.  
Knowing you prepare a banquet for me,  
Let all my enemies see me.  
Make me an honored guest,  
Never allowing my cup to be empty.  
Oh, what goodness and love will be mine  
Perpetually!

# Duties

## ELDER

- Mar.7 – Ed Martin
- 14 – Lathea Moskel
- 21 – Sueann Robbins
- 28 – Steve Werner

## GREETING

- Walter & Dorrie Carlin
- John & Bette Downing
- Harry Johnston
- Nicole Ayers

## READING

- Walter Heindl
- Ed Martin
- Lathea Moskel
- Sueann Robbins



## FLOWERS

- Mar.7 – Janet Sammons, in memory of Helen Webster
- 14 – Louise Sapper and Rose Ann Hamilton, in honor of Jessi's birthday
- 21 – Floss Moskel, in memory of George Moskel
- 28 – In honor of Alice Thompson's birthday

## COFFEE HOUR

*VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!*



## NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Mar.7 – Betty Willmott/
- 14 –
- 21 – Sueann Robbins/
- 28 – Anne Croft/

## In Brief . . .

### ***From The Deacons***

- The Board of Deacons is really springing into Spring! Communion was held on Sunday, February 22nd and again on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Thanks to those Deacons who set up for these services!
- Our Outreach/Visitation list has been updated and the Deacons will be taking a bit of Spring to our shut-ins when we visit by providing them with flowers.
- Babysitting? Yes, this is another way our Deacons have found to help a family in the community who are long overdue for a night out! The Deacons will be on the job watching the 7 Maris children while the parents enjoy dinner and a movie compliments of the Deacons. A fun night will be had by all!
- The Deacons will also be collecting some much needed supplies for this growing family! A box will be placed in the Nicholas Room if anyone in the congregation would like to donate items for this family. During March we are collecting Pampers Wipes, Sippy Cups – with and without handles, and Gerber Crackers in the following flavors- Apple Graham Crisp, Banana Cookies, Veggie Crackers, and Sweet Potato Crackers. With 5 infants and 2 preschoolers, these items are used up in a hurry.
- The Maris family is looking for some extra help on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons between 2:30 and 5:30, so while the children are napping, they can do household chores and repairs without interruption. If you can help out at any of



these times, please see one of the Deacons who would be happy to forward your name. Basically all they ask is that you be there in case one of the children wakes up or needs attention. What a great way to share with others!

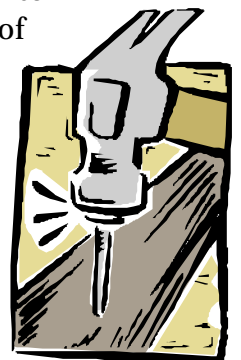


- We are happy to announce that Doug Dyke is safely back in the country after finishing his tour in Iraq. Welcome home, Doug!
- If anyone in the congregation knows of anyone who is ill, please let the Deacons know.
- Thank you all for your help in our local mission work! The congregation of Doe Run has always been most generous in helping us with our efforts.

– Penny Swank

### ***Trustees' Report***

- The Trustees are working on several maintenance problems within the church. The Bell Tower is leaking and we're looking into getting the roof fixed. We've also been contacting lift installers to determine the feasibility of installing a lift to the lower level. The front hall painting will be completed shortly. And, we plan to move on to the high school Sunday school room over the summer.
- There is a hedge trimming party scheduled for March 13th (rescheduled from an earlier date because of snow). Those of you who have chain saws are invited to attend. Party starts at 8:00 a.m. Look for upcoming news about the spring cleanup.



### Trustees' Report (continued)

- We are also looking for suggestions for raising additional funds to cover the budget for 2004. The Stewardship pledges do not cover the budgeted amount of expenditures; therefore, we need additional revenues. If you have suggestions for fundraisers, please let us know!
- At the end of January the current fund deficit was \$5,165.67. This increase was due mostly to the annual Per Capita payment of \$4487.79.

was a hand printed sign: "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "Sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."



## Just For Fun...

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage

## Happy Birthday!

Best birthday wishes to:

- Ellie Leach .....Mar. 2
- Emmy Leach .....Mar. 2
- Nicole Ayers.....Mar. 3
- Grace Blair .....Mar. 3
- Carol Williams .....Mar. 4
- Muriel Jefferis.....Mar. 7
- JoAnn Beam.....Mar. 10
- Greg Stefus.....Mar. 11
- JoEllen Frymiare ..... Mar. 13

- Timothy Heindl..... Mar. 13
- Katie Harper ..... Mar. 14
- Steven Silver ..... Mar. 15
- Kayleigh Ayers ..... Mar. 18
- Megan Hiller ..... Mar. 21
- Devyn Law.....Mar. 22
- Kurt Worley .....Mar. 23
- Melissa Hiller.....Mar. 24
- Wayne Woodward.....Mar. 27
- Irene Bird.....Mar. 28



- Tammy Holt.....Mar. 29
- Jill Worley.....Mar. 29
- Conner Young .....Mar. 29