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# Doe Run News

Doe Run Presbyterian Church Newsletter

September 2004

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

I want to take this opportunity to share with you some issues relating to Doe Run's financial status. Money is never an easy subject to discuss, especially in a church newsletter.

We all understand that Doe Run is first and foremost a Church, a house of God, a place we come for our spirituality and fellowship. However, like all houses, Doe Run needs to be maintained. There is routine maintenance of systems within the Church, activities the Church sponsors, both here and in the community, and salaries for the staff.

Despite the fact that our budget is modest, we are in financial difficulty. We have spent more that we have received. In 2003 we spent nearly \$8,000 more than we took in and this year we are more than \$11,000 behind as of July 31. In order to make up the shortfall, we have had to take money from our endowment and other funds that were intended for other purposes. In effect, we are borrowing from our future to pay for ordinary operating expenses of the Church. While the size of our endowment may make it appear that we have a lot of money, we are using money in a way in which the donors never intended and we are jeopardizing the future of Doe Run.

In addition, we will soon be facing a number of very costly repair bills. For example, our parking lot will need to be repaved within the

next three years, the roof is nearing the end of its useful life and our plumbing system is fragile. Also, certain areas of the church are antiquated and in need of substantial upgrade. This includes the kitchen and restrooms. If we try to grow the membership of the church, we

might need to add additional parking spaces. The Long Range Planning Committee issued a report that specified it would like to see the Church handicap-accessible. That is a very costly remodeling project.

There is no one right answer to this problem. We have established a special committee to look into the problem and make recommendations. The committee met in July and met again in August. Everyone is welcome to attend future meetings. Whether or not

you choose to attend the committee's meetings, I would like to ask each of you to give serious thought to our financial state and think about what you might do to help solve this problem that threatens Doe Run's future.

Here are some issues I would like you to consider:

- ✓ For 2004, there were only 44 financial pledges and these totaled less than half of our operating budget. Did you make a pledge? If you did make a pledge, have you fully honored your commitment? If you didn't, consider making a pledge now, it's not too late.

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# Special Events

- Sun. Sept. 5, 10:45 a.m. – Worship (resume fall schedule).  
 Wed. Sept. 8, 7:00 p.m. – Christian Education Committee meeting.  
 Fri. Sept. 10, 6:00 p.m. – Deacons serving Dinner at Safe Harbor.  
 Sat. Sept. 11, 2:00 p.m. – Family Picnic and Pig Roast.  
 Sun. Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Rally Sunday.  
 Thur. Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees meeting.  
 Sat. Sept. 18, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Group meeting at the church.  
 Mon. Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee meeting.  
 Tues. Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m. – Session meeting.  
 Sun. Oct. 2, 10:45 a.m. – World Communion Sunday.



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- ✓ Each January, Doe Run pays to Presbytery almost \$5,000. This cost is based on a fee of nearly \$20 for each of our members. Last year we collected only \$1,546 for this expense. Have you paid your per capita this year? Again, if you haven't, why not?
- ✓ Is there something the Stewardship committee should be doing to secure more pledges?
- ✓ Are there other ways you would be willing to support the needs of the Church, such as a capital campaign or building fund?

Doe Run Presbyterian Church has been in this community for more than 260 years. Over that time, I'm sure that other difficulties have threatened our existence, but they have been overcome. I'm also sure that we can overcome this difficult time if we all work together.

Sincerely,

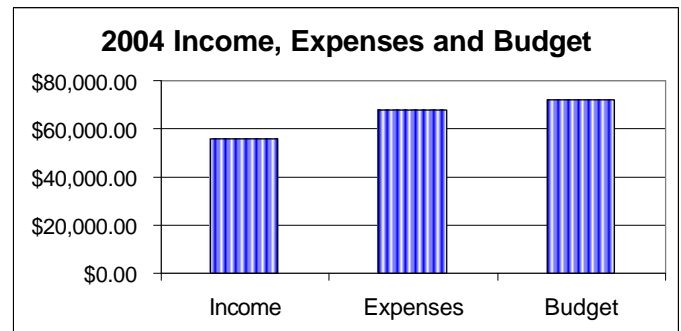
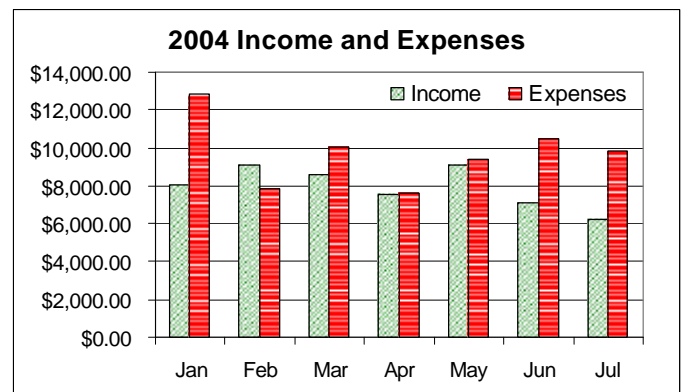
*Rev. Walt*

## In Prayer . . .

We remember these friends in our prayers:  
**Glen and Barb Kuhn, Kathryn Robinson**  
 and **Barbara Seeger.**

## Treasurer's Report

While expenses year to date are nearly \$4,000 less than budget, they still exceed our income by more than \$12,000. The graphs below show how income compares to expenses for each month in 2004, and how both compare to the budget for 2004 year to date.



# In Brief . . .

■ The **Men's Group** met on August 21st and began to solidify plans for the **5 and 2 Project** as groundbreaking occurred on August 23rd with foundation walls planned to be erected on August 30th. Harry Johnston has been documenting the process through pictures and video. Once the foundation is ready, the Men's Group will be looking for volunteers to provide sweat and energy to help us complete construction as quickly as possible. If you want to donate your time, please contact Dave Ayers or Harry Johnston. The project is also still short of reaching our financial goal, so we will gladly accept monetary or material donations.

The next Men's Group meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 8:00 a.m. Any and all men are invited to attend for fellowship, to help with the 5 and 2 Project, or just for a great breakfast.

- The Worship and Music Committee and the Choir have assembled a joint committee to search for a new **Choir Director**. If anyone knows of a prospective candidate, please ask that person to contact Dan Robbins, who is Chair of the search committee.
- The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a family **Pig Roast** on Saturday, September 11th, starting at 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Dinner is at 4:00 p.m. Come for fellowship, fun, good food and games for all. Bring a side dish, casserole, salad or dessert – meat, beverages and rolls will be provided. Bring a bag or lawn chair. But especially – bring your family and friends!
- On September 12th during the Worship Service, Doe Run will formally introduce our new **Youth Leader, Kiran Young-Wimberly**, who will also provide music for the service. Everyone is invited to come to a special coffee hour afterwards where they can meet and talk to Kiran and learn a little about the future of Doe Run's Youth Group.

# Duties

**ELDER**

- Sept.5 – Ed Martin
- 12 – Tom McFadien
- 19 – Sueann Robbins
- 26 – Paul Swank

**GREETING**

- The Hendersons
- Rebecca Urban
- Hattie Cheek
- My-asha Garrett

**READING**

- Suzanne Graves
- Ed Martin
- Tom McFadien
- Sueann Robbins

**FLOWERS**

- Sept.5 – Janet & Steve Werner, in celebration of their anniversary
- 12 – Jeff Sapper, in honor of Kim Sapper's 16th birthday
- 19 – Walter & Dorrie Carlin, in honor of the Mountains' anniversary
- 26 – The Werners, in memory of Ed Duffy

**COFFEE HOUR**

The Session

*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!*

**NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- Sept.5 – Kim Boulger/
- 12 – Karen Principe/
- 19 – Betty Willmott/
- 26 – Sueann Robbins/

**DEACON**

- Sept. – Becky Urban
- Oct. – Jeff Sapper

**TRUSTEE**

- Sept. – Janet Moore



## In Brief . . .

### **Christian Education News**

- Our Sunday School teachers for September include Tracy McFadien and Dinah Henderson. For October we have Brenda Reif and Kim Boulger. We still need volunteers for November and December. We are requesting volunteers who will serve for one month at a time. If you are interested in being a volunteer but cannot commit to the whole month, this is not a problem – we can easily fill in. The materials are already pre-set to teach and are easy to follow.
- Volunteers are always welcome to serve on the **Christian Education Committee**. We have a great committee and a very dedicated group of people supporting this important ministry.
- Sunday School resumes with **Rally Sunday** on September 12th at 9:30 a.m. Come and meet our new youth director, Kiran Young-



Wimberly. Classes resume on September 19th. This year there will be four classes: pre-kindergarten, ages 6-8, ages 9-12 and adult.

- Donegal Presbytery is sponsoring a Christian Education ministry gathering on Tuesday, September 14th at Camp Donegal, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tim Van Meter, assistant professor of education ministries at Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be the keynote speaker.
- We are considering a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 31st.

## Welcome!

- On August 15, Tyler Eva Snyder, daughter of Megan and Myles Snyder and granddaughter of Bob and Bev Hiller, was baptized by Rev. Walt and welcomed into the Doe Run Congregation.
- We want to welcome Ray “Allan” Huskins, who was baptized into membership on July 18th. Everyone is encouraged to introduce themselves to Allan and make him a part of the Doe Run family.

## Happy Birthday!

Best birthday wishes to:

Edwin Law .....Sept. 1  
 Donna O'Lone ..... Sept. 2  
 Kathryn Case..... Sept. 3  
 Jean Maloney ..... Sept. 3  
 Dana Urban..... Sept. 5  
 Frank Williams..... Sept. 5  
 Lib McGibbon ..... Sept. 6  
 Jeanie Silver ..... Sept. 6  
 Peg Long ..... Sept. 8  
 Marc Bookmiller ..... Sept. 10  
 Edwin Martin ..... Sept. 10  
 Ashley Prindle ..... Sept. 10

Kristin Weber ..... Sept. 14  
 Jaime Courtney ..... Sept. 15  
 Betty Willmott ..... Sept. 16  
 Denver Moskel.....Sept. 17  
 Dorothy Perry ..... Sept. 18  
 Dorrie Carlin ..... Sept. 19  
 Anne Croft ..... Sept. 19  
 Jeff Davis..... Sept. 19  
 Kevin Davis .....Sept. 20  
 Robert Knecht .....Sept. 22  
 Catherine Wilson.....Sept. 22  
 Liz Faust .....Sept. 23  
 Curt Messick.....Sept. 25



Ken Monarch .....Sept. 25  
 Hattie Cheek .....Sept. 26  
 Christopher Faust .....Sept. 26  
 Teresa Johnston .....Sept. 27

# Reflections

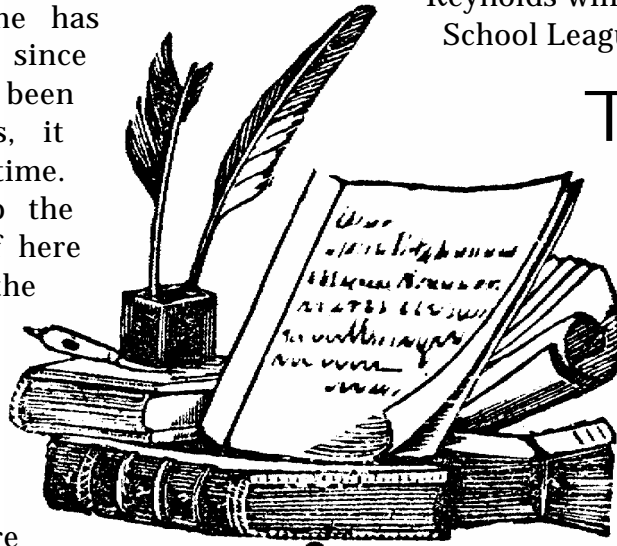
*from the Journal of Mary Carlin*

September 24th, 1939

A lovely, Sabbath afternoon and I am alone and enjoying it. The Man and the boys were invited to the Chesapeake Bay and after going to Sunday School and having dinner, they left. Time has rather stood still since because, tho they have been gone only four hours, it seems a much longer time. After I had tidied up the house, I settled myself here in my favorite spot on the South Lawn and have been reading, enjoying the view and listening to bird songs.

The starlings are especially interesting and must belong to the same family as the mocking bird because they can imitate so many sounds. I have often heard them crowing like young adolescent roosters and just now I heard one doing a good imitation of a starting and going of locomotive engine.

All activities are commencing in the various organizations I am interested in. Our first Class Meeting (Coatesville Presbyterian Church) was held in a charming country house of Sara Ruth and our first World Service meeting took the form of a Progressive Supper and Musical Meeting held in Dorothy Gensemer's lovely home. On Thursday evening I enjoyed Alice Schrack's first Book Review of the current season and she did "Grapes of Wrath," a social novel by John Steinbeck. When she had finished, Mr. Muthard gave a report of what the National Government is doing about the problem of migratory groups in the United States. It made a well rounded program.



I have been attending a number of meetings relative to the P.T.A. or I should say Home and School League of Unionville and trying to shape up a program for the year. Our first meeting is planned for October 6th and Mrs. Reynolds will speak on the topic of "Home and School League."

The War goes on though it seems a fantasy from this peaceful spot.

It is five o'clock and I think I'll gather the eggs. I like doing that. The moon will be beautiful tonight.

The Boys went to school in the new East Fallowfield School Building last Wednesday, the 20th, and liked it very much.

– Mary Newlin Carlin

## Food For Thought . . .

- ❖ Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- ❖ God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- ❖ You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- ❖ Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- ❖ When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

