



## From The Pastor...

### It is September, and we begin again.

Its an unofficial beginning, because our yearly calendar begins on January 1. The church calendar says the year begins on November 29 this year, the First Sunday of Advent. For most of us however, the year begins now – in September. It is in September that our vacations end, our children return to school and we begin to re-order ourselves into the busy schedules we left behind in May. Hopefully, we are rested and eager to be busy again. Maybe some of us never actually got a true vacation. Whatever our state of readiness, here we are at the starting point. Ready, set . . . Go!

Its not Advent yet, but the church year tends to begin here in September anyway. We kick off the Church School year with Rally Day. The youth group begins its gatherings, as do the Presbyterian Women and the Splinters. The choir is rehearsing for the return of the 11:00am service. The church gears up for September because the world we serve gears up in September.

We do have a lot of beginnings for this church year. I begin my 10th month with you as Pastor – and I rejoice over the wonderful welcome you've given me and the blessings of getting to know you all. On Sunday, September 13, at 9:30am, Donegal Presbytery will formally install me (finally!) as pastor. Several representatives of Presbytery will be on hand to celebrate with us as we are

all charged with listening to and loving one another in our relationship as pastor and congregation. The Pastoral Nominating Committee will host coffee hour that day as one of its last official acts before disbanding in the fall.

We begin the Church School year with Rally Day, also on September 13 – as we work to bring up our children with a knowledge of God's love in Jesus Christ and equip them to face the world knowing they are the beloved children of God. The church school, nursery and youth programs cannot happen without willing volunteers and we need everyone's help in giving our children the opportunity to learn about God.

We begin also to face some challenges this fall. One is our current budget shortfall and how to pay our bills in the face of a slowly recovering economy. Another challenge comes as we prayerfully consider the issue of Stewardship -- God has given each of us so much; do our spending habits reflect our faith in the God of love and grace?

Beginnings are good and exciting and challenging and sometimes a little daunting. We are a people of faith and beginnings are a time when we start over and anew – when we take a good long look at where we're headed and plan the route to get there. It's a time to count our blessings and examine our priorities – to live out our faith as the joyful, forgiven, blessed people of God we are.

I'm honored to walk with you on the journey we begin.

Pastor Brynne



# About Doe Run Church Newsletter...

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## Worship Schedule

**We will return to our regular two-service schedule on Sunday, September 20.**

9:30 AM Contemporary service with children's church school  
10:30 AM Coffee hour in the church hall  
11:00 AM Traditional worship service

## Installation Service

The (long-delayed!) Installation of Rev. Brynne Crowe as Pastor of Doe Run Church will take place on Sunday, September 13 at 9:30am. This is an official event of Donegal Presbytery, and several representatives from Presbytery will be in attendance. Our own Charlie Zahm will perform "Lord of the Dance." The PNC will host coffee hour afterwards - so come and have a snack to hold you over until the picnic that afternoon!

## Contacting the Pastor

Pastor Brynne can always be reached (24-hours a day) on her cell phone at 610-425-

7273. I may not be able to take the call immediately, but I will call back as soon as I possibly can! Please don't hesitate to call me if you need me.

## Sunday School Help Wanted

After many years of service to the Christian Education Committee Kitty Miller has decided to retire from the position of Christian Education Treasurer. We are now looking for somebody to fill this position. If you are interested in contributing some of your time to the Christian Ed. Committee please contact Kim Boulger at 610-380-7907 or email her at [kboulger1@yahoo.com](mailto:kboulger1@yahoo.com).

## Board and Committee Reports

**Session** - The Session is continuing to look at ways to help reduce spending and make our financial picture better. Plans are also being made for Rev. Brynne Crowe's installation ceremony. Progress is being made on the new church directory and should be finished in September.

**Trustees** - Trustees of the Month - Tim Tipton and Sherry Woodward.

In order to preserve and maintain the outside

of the church, the Trustees are in the process of having the church painted. It was necessary to hire an outside source to do the painting because of several factors. Due to our current financial situation, we have had to put that project on hold until our finances improve. We still have \$4000 worth of work to finish. If you would like to consider making a donation to help finish this work, the Trustees would greatly appreciate it.

Please mark your calendars! Our **Fall Clean-up Day** will be **Saturday, November 14th** starting at 8:00. More information will be available closer to the date.

The Trustees are requesting that members of the church do not adjust the temperature of the church, whether it be the heat or air conditioning. Due to our current budget crisis, we want to be as efficient as possible with our sanctuary temperature. Over the past 6 months, we have had several instances where the thermostats were changed and we paid much more to PECO and Sunoco than we should have. One of the thermostats is programmed, so we can not adjust the temperature easily. If you need to have the temperature changed due to an event at the church, please speak with a Trustee or Brynne. We thank you for your cooperation.

**Fellowship** - Check the Bulletin Board at the entrance of the church for the sign-up sheet for items needed for the Picnic. Also if anyone has new/good small items they would like to re-gift that we could use as Bingo prizes at the picnic please give them to one of the Committee or place in the Nicholas room and mark 'picnic'. See the Picnic announcement below for details on the picnic.

**Christian Education** - Please see the announcement below.

**Presbyterian Women** - We'd like to invite all the ladies of the church to join us this fall. The Sarah Circle will be starting our meetings the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Please see Sueann Robbins for more information.

**Youth Group** - The Youth Group will have their first meeting of 2009-2010 on Sunday, September 13 (same date as the church picnic) from 6:30-8:30 pm in the church basement. The third Sunday of each month (starting in October) will be dedicated to community service projects. We have many wonderful things planned for the upcoming year!

## Thank You

from Bill and Theresa Dyke

Theresa and I would like to thank you for the prayers, wishes, and care packages that were sent to Doug and the troops stationed in Iraq over the past year. They have meant a lot to all. Doug is now home with his family in Texas and will be on leave until November 11th. His adventure continues with a new, yet to be determined assignment.

## Still Missing...

The Mary Newlin Carlin Journal- Volume II , one of a two volume set in the Gillespie Room, has been missing for several months. Please check your bookshelves or desk in our effort to have this copy returned. Please see Walter D. Carlin, Jr. for more information.

## Attendance

Attendance figures for the last 8 weeks:

(Blended)  
 July 5 - 85  
 July 12 - not available  
 July 19 - 68  
 July 26 - 41  
 August 2 - 51  
 August 9 - 56  
 August 16 - 45  
 August 23 - 54

## Flowers

Flowers for September given by or in memory of:

September 6 - none

September 13 - MaFadiens in memory of  
Stephanie  
September 20 - The Robbins - Dan &  
Sueann's anniversary  
September 27 - Rev. Brynne

## Tour to Ireland

Experience the Emerald Isle on an escorted group tour with Gary and Kim Stefus of Gary's Travel Club. The trip to Ireland is May 11 - May 20, 2010. An informational trip orientation program will be held at Doe Run Church on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Join Kim and Gary, along with Bob Koch, senior regional manager for Collette Vacations, for a fun evening learning about our "Shades of Ireland" tour.

Please RSVP to Gary Stefus by October 5, 2009. Phone: 610-384-3973.  
Email: gary@garystravelclub.com.

## Church Picnic

### Mark your Calendar!!!

The Doe Run  
Presbyterian Church  
Picnic is almost here!!!!



**When :** Sunday,  
September 13, 2009

## Splinters

by Hope Forbes

Since my garden is slowing down, its time for me to come in from the hot sun. Many of you are thinking of school and my thoughts are zeroing in on the Splinters. The dates, hostesses, devotion leaders and programs are planned up to February 2010! And all of you ladies are included.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 1 at 11:30 AM here at the church. Phyllis Russell will be hostess. Lib McGibbon will lead the devotions. Our program will be presented by Diane Albertson on aprons. You do remember what an apron is, don't you? In the past everyone wore one. How many reasons can you give for wearing one? For the occasion, please wear your favorite apron - your sandwich will fit in the pocket. All good aprons have a pocket!

The shawl project is ongoing. Twelve shawls have been given out this year - 46 since we started the needles clicking in the spring of 2007. If you know of someone - man, woman or child - who would enjoy the comfort of a shawl, ask. Pastor Brynne has access to our stash. Also if anyone would like

**Where:** Shamrock Tree Farm, Pomeroy, Pa

**What:** Activities starting 2 O'clock (Fellowship, Children & Adult Games). Hamburgers, Hot dogs, sausages, rolls and beverages will be furnished. Remember to bring a lawn or bag chair.

There will be train rides for the kids!

A Sign-up sheet will be on the Bulletin Board. If you have anything around the house you would like to donate (re-gifts) for Bingo prizes please save and bring to the Picnic.

## Looking ahead...

- ▶ **Sunday, October 4** CROP walk at Central Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Uwchlan Avenue in Downingtown. See Kim Campbell for details. Registration 1PM, walk at 2 PM.
- ▶ **October 16 or 17** Hibernia Mansion Murder Mystery
- ▶ **Saturday, October 24**, Harvest/Halloween Celebration.
- ▶ **Saturday, November 14** at 8 AM. Fall Cleanup Day
- ▶ **Saturday, December 12** at 7 PM Downingtown Central Presbyterian Church Bell Choir Concert

to make a shawl, it would be welcomed. Need directions? - see Hope Forbes.

Coffee hours will be added between services. That means we will need more serving items. All paper products especially dessert size plates, 8 oz. coffee cups and 6 oz. cold cups.

## Finance Update

### 2009 Budget Update

As you've probably seen by now in the Sunday bulletin inserts, our church budget is not in good shape and getting worse all the time. As of July 30, we had a deficit of \$15,573.00 for the year. The Sunday collection plate offering traditionally slows down during the summer months, the trend has been down all year.

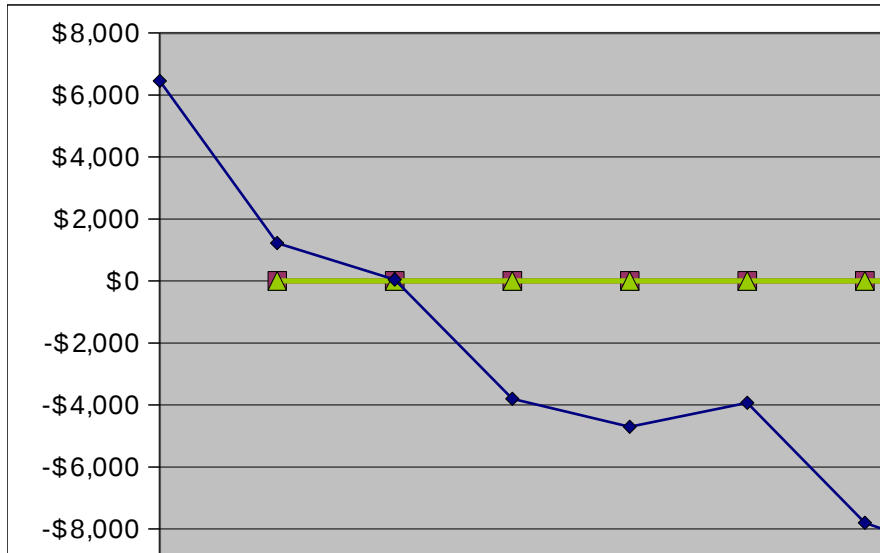
There are several reasons for our current financial situation. First, of course, is the downturn in the economy, which has put pressure on everyone's pocket. Secondly, 2008 Stewardship pledges were down \$20,000 from 2007 – again, probably due to the economy, which was just beginning to look serious late last fall when the Stewardship campaign took place. Other factors are the loss of \$14,000 in annual rental from the manse, the exhaustion of a previous presbytery grant, and the loss of a draw from the Shaneman fund investments. (No draw can be made from the Shaneman fund if the fund falls below \$175,000. Currently, the fund stands at \$154,566.)

The budget the session put forward and the congregation agreed to last January is fairly “bare bones” and there are few areas where we can trim. Bills have to be paid and the buildings have to be kept up. The Church School, Youth Group and Vacation Bible School programs are very largely self-funded through various fundraising activities. The trustees have decided to mow the grounds on an “as needed” basis and the Youth Group has been asked to supplement their leaders' time with parental and volunteer leadership. Session has decided for the present to take no personnel action, but will review job descriptions and salaries for the 2009-2010 budget.

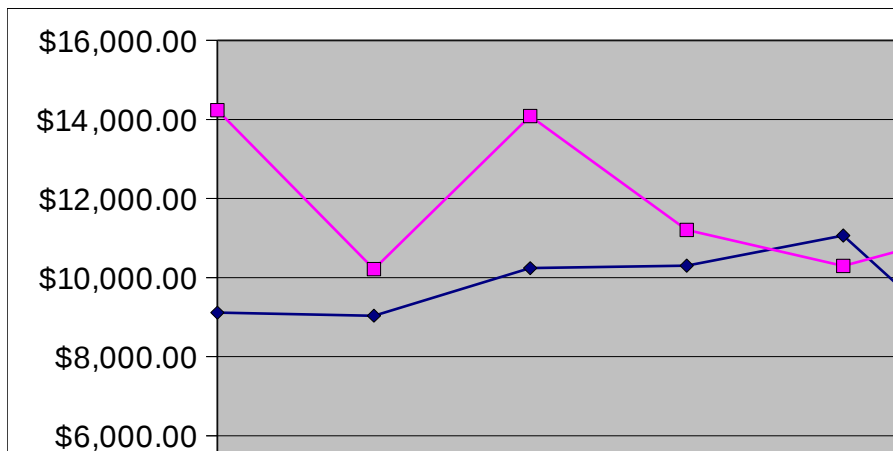
Unless absolutely necessary, we do not want to be in a situation where we have to cash out a portion of our investments. Faithful members of Doe Run Church established endowments to see us into the future – we are called to be faithful stewards in return. Please take a moment to review your pledge from last fall and bring it up to date if at all possible. And prayerfully consider increasing your giving throughout the fall and in the future to help Doe Run come through this rough period. We are a strong and thriving congregation – everyone to whom much is given, of them much will be required! (Luke 12:48). We have been given much here at Doe Run Church over the years – it is our hope to give back much in return. Thanks be to God!

The graphs below give a “visual” for our current giving vs. expenses picture. “Current Fund” translates to collection offering.

### Current Fund Trend



### Income and Expenses



### 2009 Financial status

(same data as the Income and Expenses Graph above)

	Monthly income	Monthly expenses	Monthly status	Overall status
January	\$ 9,133	\$14,360	(\$5,227)	\$1,223
February	\$9,036	\$10,214	(\$1,178)	\$45
March	\$10,238	\$14,086	(\$3,848)	(\$3,803)
April	\$10,303	\$11,202	(\$899)	(\$4,702)
May	\$11,066	\$10,294	\$772	(\$3,930)
June	\$7,480	\$11,353	(\$3,873)	(\$7,803)
July	\$7,168	\$8,489	(\$1,321)	(\$9,124)

Per Capita expenses for 2009 are \$26.51 per member

# Sunday School News

This past year we had a great Sunday School. Every year Sunday School has grown and we hope you can be part of it this September! This year Rally Sunday will be **September 13, 2009**. All children are invited to come out and celebrate the beginning of the new Sunday School year.

For the 2009-2010 Sunday School Year there will be 4 classes: Pre-K, K-2, 3-5 and Middle school and up. We are always looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School. The lesson plans are easy to follow and the kids make the classes so much fun! Any amount of time you can give to the kids is great. You can teach weekly, monthly, or whenever you have an available Sunday. Please consider this worthy and awarding opportunity. Parents please complete the following form for your kid(s). Return to Kim Boulger by church mailbox, place in offering plate, or email information to kboulger1@yahoo.com.

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ grade for fall: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ grade for fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Grades you would be willing to help with:

Pre-k \_\_\_\_\_ K - 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 -5 \_\_\_\_\_

Middle school and up \_\_\_\_\_

## September 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 11:30 am Splinters	<b>2</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts  Presbyterian. Women	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion	<b>7</b> Labor Day	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Quilters	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm Safe Harbor	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Installation of Pastor Brynne & Rally Day  2:00 pm Church Picnic  6:30 – 8:30 pm Youth Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Quilters	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts  Trustees	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Resume 9:30 Contempor- ary 11:00 Traditional Services	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 am Quilters 7:00 pm Session	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> October Newsletter deadline	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 am Quilters	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



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