



Trinity United Presbyterian Church and addition (left)

## Trinity begins building fund drive

A need was there and members of Trinity United Presbyterian Church recognized it. In recent years there was considerable discussion on how the church could provide adequate facilities for its Sunday School program. There was also an interest in relieving the sanctuary of its role as a multi-purpose room and fellowship hall.

At one point, the Trinity session authorized an architect to prepare a plan for a Christian education building. The congregation even considered a proposal to build a \$240,000 structure.

Then, only short months later, the 'Miracle Building' was discovered by Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Andrew Pillarella. During the massive flood recovery work following Wyoming Valley's 1972 Susquehanna River flood, federally financed modular buildings were provided to school districts incurring damage. One of the modular structures, a 26 by 108 foot building complete with electrical, plumbing and heating installations, became available for a nominal price in the Wyoming Valley West school district.

The Trinity congregation quickly authorized the purchase of the building and a budget of \$50,000 to relocate and rebuild the structure on the Trinity site in Dallas.

Now the church has nearly completed a new building, valued conservatively at nearly \$200,000, thanks to the donated help of the congregation's members and the generous assistance of the contractor who constructed the original church.

There have been significant modifications on the modular structure.

An excavation was made at the Trinity site and a 26 by 36 foot basement with garage access was installed.

The original roofline was eliminated and a new roof installed to match the pitch of the existing roofline of the church.

The size of the structure was expanded to 26 by 136 from the original 26 by 108. And a

20 by 18 vestibule linking the new building to the church was constructed. -New siding and brick for architectural enhancement was added as were new doors for the vestibule tie-in to the church.

-Windows were staggered on opposite sides of the building rather than lined up on one wall as in the school installation.

-Lavatory facilities were centralized. And a new kitchen was added.

And now the 'Miracle Building' needs the financial support of the Trinity membership and friends of the church. The goal is modest, only \$85,000 over three years, and includes not only the building and modifications described, but also a number of other

practical improvements to the original church building.

This is how the Miracle Building Preparation Committee lists the funding priorities:

-Priority One- Provide an adequate and functional church school facility for our children and a multi-purpose room for all church functions other than church services...Estimated Cost-\$58,000.

-Priority Two- Transform the present sanctuary-multi-purpose room into a formal sanctuary.

Phase I: Install pews (freeing the existing sanctuary chairs for use in the new structure) and carpet...Estimated Cost-\$15,000.

Phase II:

Remove folding doors at the rear of the present sanctuary; remove two walls of the present kitchen; install soundproof partitions at the rear and side of the present vestibule to enlarge sanctuary for anticipated growth...Estimated Cost-\$9,000.

Priority Three- Remodel entrance to church to eliminate the ice hazard during winter months...Estimated Cost-\$3,000.

**TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED-\$85,000**

At any rate, the congregation is gaining a 'miracle' with mundane asset value of more than a quarter million dollars for about one-third of the cost. And at today's rates, that has to be considered miraculous.

## Church

### Craft Bazaar continues

The Christian's Women's Fellowship of the Huntsville Christian Church will continue their Holiday Craft Bazaar Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More than two years have been spent in preparation for this event, which features handmade crafts and gifts including several beautiful afghans, children's pajama bags, stocking caps, knitted slippers, Christmas tree ornaments, children's bumble bee banks and much more.

This Saturday's session is a continuation of the event which began last week. At the request of many who attended, the committee decided to hold the event another day to allow many who attended to bring back friends.

The committee working the event, which will benefit kitchen needs of the church, includes Mrs. Robert Bullock, Mrs. Thomas Hoppa, Mrs. Wayne Schmolli, Mrs. Richard Yanalunas, and Mrs. Willard Bullock.

The public is cordially invited to attend the bazaar which is held in the social room of the Huntsville Christian Church. The Church is located just above Huntsville Corners and overlooks the reservoir.

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### Helen Mcalerny Barth in services at W-B

The Rev. Bob Matthews, pastor of Calvary Bible Church, 186 Sambaourne St., Wilkes-Barre has announced a week of special services beginning Sunday, Nov. 25 through Dec. 2. Sunday morning services begin at 10 a.m., Sunday evening services at 7 p.m., and the week night services at 7:30 p.m.

Helen Mcalerny Barth, contralto soloist, radio and TV personality, also gospel recording artist, will be featured. For a number of years, Helen Barth was staff soloist at Radio Station WMBI, the radio voice of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Her gospel recordings have a ministry that has reached around the world. In 1961, a "Christian Oscar" was bestowed

upon Helen Barth, having been chosen the best woman gospel singer for the previous year and again in 1967 she was feted for producing the best children's recording.

Reinhold Barth, founder and director of the Kalamazoo Youth for Christ, spent 13 weeks in Europe in 1948, first as a delegate at the World Congress on Evangelism in Switzerland and then

preaching in the countries surrounding Switzerland and in Great Britain.

Taking up residence in Germany with his family, he devoted five years to the reaching of Germany's disillusioned post-war youth.

Rev. Barth, with this rich background of travel and ministry has a Bible-centered message, applied to the times in which we live.

### UM Charge notes communion

At Lehman United Methodist Charge, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 25.

At Idetown there will be the dedication of a new communion set given by the Confidence Class in

memory of Hope Ide. Operating for Cambodia will be received.

The pastor's Confirmation Class will meet Sunday 3:30 p.m.

The Lehman United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, Nov. 27.

## OBITUARIES

### Florence Jones former resident

Mrs. Florence Jones, 41 Shulde Lane, Wyoming, formerly of Shavertown, died Nov. 7 in Bloomsburg Hospital.

Mrs. Jones was born in Renovo, the daughter of the late Lewis and Emma Hines Walters. She

resided in Wyoming seven years.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Shavertown. Her husband, William J. Sr., died in 1973.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Bernice Cooke, Wyoming, with whom she resided; Mrs. Janice Harrison, Bath; Mrs. Jean Williams, Pittston; Mrs. Beverly Dean, Payson, Ariz.; Mrs. Donna Van Kouteren, Jupiter, Fla.; sons, Bernard, Trucksville; William Jr., Warren, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Dora Hefenan, Williamsport; Mrs. Carrie Thurston, Mrs. Ann Dayton, both of Olean, N.Y.; Mrs. Neva Summerson, Ephrata; brother, Bruce Walters, Renovo.

Funeral was Nov. 9 with

Rev. Lynn Rothrock, pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

### McLaughlin worked for baking co

Thomas F. McLaughlin, 187 Sly St., Luzerne, died Nov. 6 upon arrival at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 25, 1903, the son of the late Martin and Alice Reilly McLaughlin, he lived in Luzerne most of his life. Prior to his retirement in 1978, he was employed by Vaughan Bakery for 19 years and Spaulding Bakery for 35 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Blanche Roberts; sons, Robert Jan, Idetown; James, Luzerne; sister, Mamie Connors, Wilkes-Barre; seven grandchildren.

Funeral was Nov. 9 with Rev. Donald Schalk, pastor, Luzerne United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was in Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville.

### Jean Sitar dies at Nesbitt Hospital

Mrs. Jean Sitar, 213 Hughes St., Swoyersville, died Nov. 5 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Swoyersville, she was the daughter of the late James and Amalia Caccietore.

Surviving are her husband, Francis, and a daughter, Frances, Morgan City, La.

Private funeral services were held from the Bednarski Funeral Home, 168 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming.

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