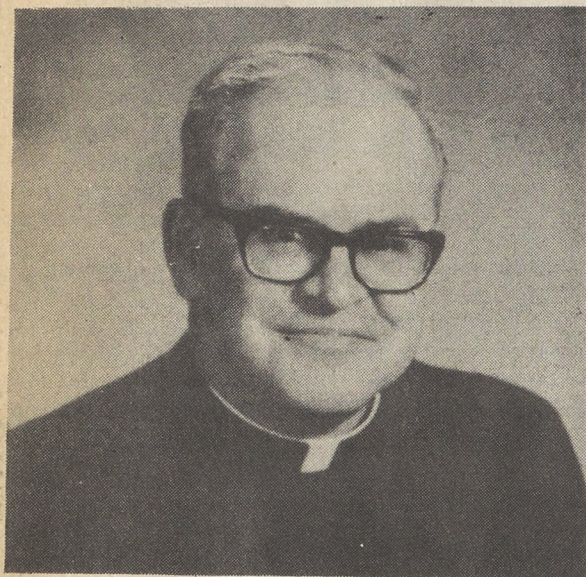


# Church



Rev. Patrick D. Healey

## Rev. Healey to be honored

A general meeting of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake was held recently to formulate plans for a reception honoring Rev. Patrick D. Healey who has been its first pastor since its conception as a parish in 1969. Rev. Healey has been assigned by the Bishop as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Scranton.

Bill Sherknsnas presided, assisted by Richard Schall. Committee heads named were: Mrs. Verna Groblewski, foods; Ms. Sandra Serhan, purchases; Mrs. Anne Crake,

punch bowl; Mrs. Kay Burns, refreshments, Ms. Anna Polachek, guests; Fred Crake, treasurer. Betty Sherknsnas, publicity, Bill Connolly, master of ceremonies.

The open house reception will be held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Gate of Haven auditorium, Machell Avenue, Dallas.

No invitations will be issued. All residents are welcome to attend.

Rev. George A. Jeffery is now serving as administrator P.T. of Our Lady of Victory Church.

## St. Andrew's Orthodox Church to give widows mite Feb. 3

In St. Andrew's Orthodox Church of Dallas, on Sunday, Feb. 3, Rev. W. Basil Stroyen will preach from Luke 15:11-32, the Parable of the Prodigal Son. His theme will be: "With which of the two sons do you identify?"

Following the Divine Liturgy, the hospitality hour will be hosted by Miss Jule Maceiko.

During this time a widow's mite will be given to all widows present. Rev. W. Basil Stroyen acquired these mites in Jerusalem when he made a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. He was the Orthodox Chaplain on a trip which was sponsored by the Armed Forces Chaplains of Europe. Each of the major Christian faiths had a

representative who answered questions and gave background information on the Biblical sites and shrines.

The widow's mite is also displayed on the Mite Jar which was placed in the foyer recently. To better understand the widow's mite reference was made to Mark 12:41-44. The Jerusalem mentioned in that reading is now called

the Old City and is part of a much larger Jerusalem. It is walled in and had seven entrances called gates. Only three are usually opened.

The Old City is divided into four sections, the Jewish, Armenian, Christian and Moslem Quarters. Many narrow roads and intricate passageways crisscross the City. The main

religious figure of the Old City is the Orthodox Patriarch. Rev. and Mrs. Stroyen were honored to be received in a private audience with Patriarch Benedictos.

In early afternoon, many of the church members will be leaving for a Dinner Dance in Scranton given for the benefit of Orthodox charities. Transportation

can be furnished. For more information call Mrs. Julia Sitar 287-4643.

Rev. W. Basil Stroyen (Chaplain, Colonel, USAF, retired) has been invited to be the guest of the Commander at the National Presidential Prayer Breakfast at Tobyhanna Depot. This breakfast is held at all U.S. military installations.

## Victory Baptists elect 1980 church officers

The annual meeting for election of church officers and congregational approval of deacons recommendations was held on Jan. 23 by Victory Baptist Church of Lehman.

Re-elected to the office of deacon for a three-year

term were Lee Dodson and Michael Harmon. Re-elected to the office of trustee for a one-year term were Walter Chamberlain, Lee Dodson, William Ferrey, Michael Harmon and Paul Taylor.

Elected to serve for her

husband, Deacon Paul Taylor, in the office of treasurer for a one-year term was Mrs. Evelyn Taylor. Elected to serve for her husband, Deacon Walter Chamberlain, in the office of financial secretary for a term of one year was Mrs. Joyce

Chamberlain. Elected to the office of financial secretary for a term of one-year was Deacon William Ferrey. Elected to the office of church clerk for a term of one year was Deacon Michael Harmon.

Diacons recommen-

dations presented to and approved by the congregation were the remuneration of staff member, David Wildoner filling the office of youth director; and the payment of pastor's housing allowance, the projected annual expenditures for

the year 1980 was presented by the deacons and approved by vote of the congregation.

Victory Baptist Church is an independent, Baptist, Bible-believing, Fundamental Church now meeting in temporary quarters at the Lake Silkworth Fire Hall until a church facility is built on its property across from Lehman-Jackson Elementary School on Market Street in Lehman. Sunday services are held at 10 and 11 a.m. and 6 and 7:30 p.m. Pastor Wayne A. Reese invites all interested persons to attend.

## Carverton, CM churches observe UM Women Sunday

Sunday will be observed as United Methodist Women's Sunday in the six United Methodist Churches comprising the Carverton and Centermoreland Charges of the United Methodist Church. At Centermoreland United Methodist Church,

guest speaker for the day will be Mrs. Carlos Munoz. United Methodist Women of the church will have charge of the service. Mrs. Mildred Schray, president, will have charge of the service.

At the three UM

Churches comprising the Carverton UM Charge at Orange, Mount Zion and Carverton, the guest speaker at services will be Miss Lynne M. Hess of Wilkes-Barre. Miss Hess is a certified candidate for UM Ordination Ministry and district co-ordinator

of Christian Social Involvement for the UM Women. A former pastor of the Flemingville, N.Y. United Methodist Charge, she is presently a houseparent at the Volunteers of America Group Home for Girls in Kingston.

The theme for the day is "Mission: Our Reason for Being."

Services in the three UM Churches of the Carverton UM Charge on Sunday will be at Mount Zion at 9 a.m.; Carverton at 10 a.m., and Orange at 11 a.m.

## Christian Ed committee sponsors music workshop at Forty Fort

Wyoming Valley Council of Churches Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a music workshop on Saturday, Feb. 2 begin-

ning at 10 a.m. at Forty Fort United Methodist Church, Wyoming and Yeager Avenue, Forty Fort.

Theme for the day will

be: "Sing If You Can't" and will be led by Mrs. Florence Kreiger.

The workshop is being held for all persons who are teachers in the

elementary classes of the Church School within Wyoming Valley and those who lead junior choirs within area churches. The cost for the

day which includes lunch will be \$4.

Registrations are to be sent to the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches, 35 South Franklin

St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701, on or before Jan. 28.

More information is available from the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches or from the Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, Rev. Dr. James Haring, pastor of Albright and Parrish Street United Methodist Churches, Wilkes-Barre.

## POP vestry to meet

The Vestry of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will meet in the parish house on Sunday, Feb. 3 following the 10 o'clock morning service.

The February meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast being served by the Altar Guild. George Gulvas will preside.

## UM Women's Sunday

United Methodist Women's Sunday will be observed at the churches of the Lehman Charge on Sunday, Feb. 3. Melinda Sutton, former chairperson of the District Council on Ministries will speak at Idetown - and will send a written message to be read at Jackson Harriet Santos, lay leader will preach at Lehman on the theme "Love Has A Price Tag."

The committee to plan the 125th anniversary at Lehman will meet Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The Pastor's Confirmation Class will meet at 4 p.m. at Lehman.

The Lehman Administrative Board will meet Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Idetown Administrative Board will meet Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Church School teachers and other interested persons are invited to a music, art, drama workshop sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches. It will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Forty Fort United Methodist Church.

## Elaine Dougherty to demonstrate care

The February meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, will be held on Monday night,

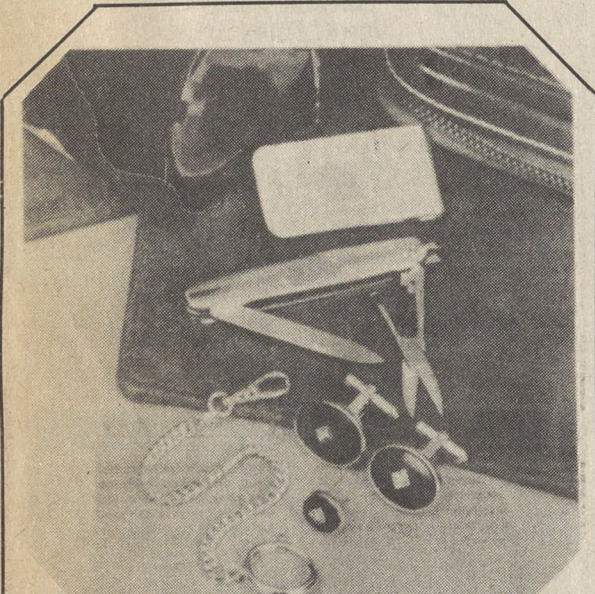
Feb. 4, at 8 in the auditorium.

Program will be a complimentary cosmetic demonstration by Elaine Dougherty, professional

skin care specialist, who is a member of the parish.

Refreshments will be served and all women of the parish are invited to attend.

Chance is perhaps the pseudonym of God when He did not want to sign. Anatole France



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## St. Lukes holds congregation dinner

Three score members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church at Noxen attended the congregational dinner Saturday morning following the worship service. Rev. M. Luther Wahrman, pastor, led the group in devotions and prayer.

Elected to the church council was Mike Galka and John Jones, was reelected.

Other matters on the agenda were ways of increasing church membership and attendance and benevolence donations. Financial reports of the various groups affiliated with the church were distributed and discussed.

A covered dish lunch was enjoyed. Mrs. Ethel Jones was in charge of arrangements, assisted

by members of the church council.

Received into church membership at the worship service Sunday morning in St. Luke's Church were Walter B. Corby, William E. Corby, Mrs. Frank Crispell and Mrs. William E. Corby, and Sherry Lynn Corby, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Corby.

## Shavertown Auxiliary seeks new members

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Shavertown Fire Department held the first meeting for 1980 on Jan. 14. Installation of the new officers for the year was conducted by Carol Paxton and Betsy Joyce. Officers for this year are Rose Rinehimer-president; Diane Adamitz, vice president; Eleanor Fredricks, secretary and

Alice Dorosky, treasurer. Several new members joined the Auxiliary this month, Lois Gdovin, Margaret Dymond, and Sue Ann Larson. Sandy Newcomb is a new member in the Junior Auxiliary.

The Ladies Auxiliary extends an invitation to any of the ladies of the

community with a little time to give as a volunteer in a group dedicated to service to the fire company and the community. They also welcome girls, age 14 to 18 to join the Junior Auxiliary.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

## All-night vigil to be at St. John Evangelist

Rev. William P. Ward, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston, announces that plans have been completed for an All-Night-Vigil to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be held at St. John the Evangelist on Friday night, Feb. 1 and Saturday morning, Feb. 2.

Devotions will commence with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at 9 p.m. on Friday, followed by the Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be celebrated at 10 by Rev. Louis Kaminski, Assistant Pastor. Confessions will be heard from 9 to 10 on Friday evening, and again from 3 to 3:30 on Saturday Morning.

Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be led by Rev. Robert Skurla, pastor of St. Mary's Byzantine Church, Kingston from midnight through 1 a.m. Saturday. During this hour, members of the congregation prostrate themselves at the foot of the altar, and repeat the prayers that the angel taught the three shepherd children at Fatima.

Deacon John Sempa will lead the Stations-of-the-Cross and conduct the Eucharistic Devotion. Also included in these All-Night-Vigils are the

recitation of the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, the Acts of Consecration and Reparation, the Litanies to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Proessions, Prayers, Hymns, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

This All-Night-Vigil will terminate with a Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary to be celebrated by Rev. William P. Ward, Pastor, at 4:15 a.m. Saturday. These vigils are held each month in anyone of the churches within the Diocese of Scranton, and are scheduled at the invitation of the Pastor.

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