

St. John's plans bazaar

Ladies Society of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Noxen is completing plans for a benefit bazaar to be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the parish hall on Market Street in Noxen. Highlights of the bazaar will be a turkey dinner, bake sale and fish pond for the children.

Plans for the bazaar were furthered at a meeting of the society last evening in the parish hall at which time these committees were announced:

Kitchen, Mrs. Shirley Strohl, Mrs. Elsie Parrish, Mrs. Helen

Crispell, Mrs. Ethel Jones; posters, Claire Meade, Mrs. Julia Victor, members of the Junior Sunday School Class; tickets, Mrs. Cleona Fritz, Candy Jones; dining room, Mrs. Mary Galka, Candy Jones; bake sale, Mrs. Elida Kelly; fish pond, Candy Jones; bake sale project-pie baking, Mrs. Dorothy Case, Mrs. Doris May, Mrs. Thelma Belles, Mrs. Helen Crispell; cleanup crew-members of the Church Council and men of the church; publicity, Mrs. Elida Kelly, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Candy Jones.

P of P resumes choir

The choirs of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will resume rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 11; junior choir at 7 p.m. and senior choir at 8 p.m. Miss Debra Prater is organist and choir director.

The Church School will begin the new season with classes for all ages on Sunday, Sept. 14. Kris

Sutton and Pat Wenrick are superintendents of the church school.

The first fall meeting of the Churchwomen will be held Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 10:30 a.m. The women are planning for the rummage sale to be held early in October with Loretta Reese, chairman and Jan Taylor, co-chairman.



TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL-Registration for Trinity Nursery School, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas, was held recently. Classes started Sept. 8. Limited openings are available for three, four and five year olds both morning and afternoons, Monday through

Thursday. Above, during registration are Mrs. Donald Lockhart, Mrs. Ronald Lieberman, Steven Lieberman, Mrs. Nancy O'Dell, Mrs. Charles Reynold and Sean Reynolds. [Photo by Mark Moran]

'Get acquainted night' at Shavertown church

Members of Shavertown United Methodist Church where Rev. Burt E. Sweet is pastor have a busy weekend ahead. Tomorrow evening at 7:30, members of the church will host a "Get Acquainted" session for the laity of the Wilkes-Barre District when United Methodists and friends of the Wilkes-Barre area will welcome their new bishop, Rev.

John Warman, and Mrs. Warman.

Sunday morning at 9:45, "Promotion Sunday" will be observed in the church school. Mrs. Betty Rogers, education assistant at the Shavertown U.M. Church, is in charge of the program, assisted by teachers and officers of the church school.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, members of the

Shavertown U.M. Church will observe "Christian Education Sunday" with a worship service starting at 11 a.m. at which time a celebration of thanksgiving for the many dedicated Christian Education workers of the church will take place. Third grade students will receive their Bibles and the attendance recognition pins and bars will be given at that time.

Special tribute also will be paid that time to the many persons, who have contributed to the educational programs of the church and Sunday School as part of the church's observance of the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of Sunday School. Dr. Gordon Earles and members of the work area on education of the church are in charge of planning.

Bishop to speak at Shavertown

Bishop John B. Warman, newly-elected resident Bishop of the Harrisburg Area of the United Methodist Church, will be the featured speaker at the Bishop's Night Convocation on Friday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

The spiritual leader of 1259 congregations totaling over 276,000 persons, Bishop Warman

was recently assigned to the Wyoming Conference of the United Methodist Church.

A native of Uniontown, the Bishop has received degrees from Western Maryland College, Andover-Newton Theological School, the University of Pittsburgh, and holds honorary degrees from Allegheny College, Lebanon Valley College and Lycoming College.

He is a Trustee of Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Lebanon Valley College and Dickinson College. Bishop Warman holds membership in several Masonic bodies. He has served on the Human Relations Commission of the City of Pittsburgh, as a member of the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy, the Allegheny County Council on Alcoholism, the Clergy Advisory

Council of Wesley Theological School of Washington, D.C., and the Board of Trustees of Mt. Union College. During World War II he served as a Navy Chaplain.

All lay persons and their families of local United Methodist churches of the Wyoming Valley are invited to meet and greet Bishop Warman and his wife, Annie, on Friday night.

Reopening day set for Sunday Sept. 14

Promotion Day will be observed at Shavertown United Methodist Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Sept. 14. Elementary students will report to their previous

grade until promotion takes place.

There are classes for nursery through adult as part of the Christian Education program of the church, with the following

faculty members:

Nursery-Mrs. Charles Tyrrell and Mrs. Edward Langdon; kindergarten-Mrs. Andrew Kachmar and Mrs. Jordan Moye; Grade 1-Mrs. William

Parrish and Mrs. Conrad Griffiths; Grade 2-Julius Kozak; Grade 3-4-Mrs. Mildred Dobash and Mrs. Richard Ehst; Grade 5-6-Mrs. Mark Zarambo; Junior High (7-8-9)-Mrs. Alan Landis; Senior High (10-11-12)-John Bunney; Ruth Shaver Class-Elwood Swingle; and 3-M Class-Everell Chadwick and James Post.

Junior Church will begin at the Shavertown United Methodist Church on Sept. 14, and will be offered as an optional program during Worship Service for children in grades one and two only. A nursery for infants through kindergarten is provided and staffed by the Couples Club of the Church.

A Church-wide picnic will be held at Sacred Heart Park from 3 p.m. until dusk. Make reservations with Mrs. Richard Ehst or Mrs. Mark Zarambo.

Shavertown U.M. plans picnic

Members and friends of Shavertown United Methodist Church are invited to join in the fun and fellowship of the church's annual picnic to be held Sunday afternoon

from 3 to dusk at Sacred Heart Park in Dallas, just back of the Hoagie Bar.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Sue Ehst

at 675-0460 or Barbara Zarambo at 696-2000. Transportation can be arranged by calling Frank Paczewski at 675-3213. Games will be under the supervision of John and Beverly Bunney and Marilyn Sweet. Day's activities will be concluded with a short vesper service led by the pastor, Rev. Burt Sweet.

Nothing can be more disgusting than an oratorio. How absurd, to see five hundred people fiddling like madmen about the Israelites in the Red Sea! Sydney Smith

The God squad

by Danny White, pastor Dallas Baptist Church

[Part II of a series]

Bruce McCandless, founder of the God Squad in the Dallas Correctional Institute, has matured in his faith despite very difficult circumstances.

The reasons that make spiritual growth a hard task are not what they at first appear to be to the outsider. For example, I thought that the prison environment would be the greatest handicap to growth. The lack of freedom, the persecution from other inmates who are not sympathetic to believers, or the despair of having to "do time" were the answers that I expected to receive. But these were not even mentioned as factors which obstruct spiritual growth.

The single greatest obstacle according to McCandless is the lack of access to more good teachers. Through the years, two teaching opportunities have helped him tremendously. One is from the prison chaplain, Rev. George Pickett. He has helped Bruce apply the scriptural mandate to "Study to show thyself approved" (2 Timothy 2:15). McCandless states about Pickett's ministry, "I wanted easy answers for my faith. I was naive. I thought God was a sugar daddy in the sky - like Santa Claus. I thought that He would give me anything that I asked from Him. I had many questions when some of my prayers were not answered. Rev. Pickett pointed me to resources in our chapel library and made me dig them out. He helped me to find the answers and not just give me answers. I am the better for it."

The other opportunity is provided on Saturday mornings. A Bible study began by Ron Boudreaux, a layman from Dallas, is taught every Saturday morning. Boudreaux and other laymen lead in small group Bible studies.

These two ministries provide the teaching resources for the inmates. Consequently, many of the inmates enroll in personal Bible Correspondence Courses. McCandless for instance has completed courses offered by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Emmaus Bible Course, and is a graduate of the National Chaplain Association Bible Course.

The God Squad helps too. "We are probably closer than the average church," McCandless says. "Of course, we are together constantly. Guys in for murder don't want to hurt people anymore. Men in for burglary don't want to steal anymore. Those in for rape don't want to rape anymore." He adds, The supposed 'dredges' of society can find new life. They can change. They can grow."

Indeed, some lives are being changed for the better at the Correctional Institute. As Bruce, a Brown Belt in karate, says now, "When you pick up your fists, you have run out of ideas." It's been a long time since Bruce has picked up his fists. He along with others have discovered the ideas contained in the treasure chest of thought, the Holy Bible.

UM church events

United Methodist Women of Shavertown U.M. Church enjoyed an interesting program entitled "Outreach" at their September meeting Monday evening at the church. The program was coordinated by Mrs. Alice Borthwick, and several members, who were part of a group that toured Europe this summer, shared some of their impressions, including an interesting report on the famed Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany. Mrs. Maria Whitney was in charge of devotions. Hostesses for the evening were members of the executive committee.

September meetings of various circles will be held Monday. Members of the Ruth Circle of the Shavertown United Methodist Women will meet Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the church social rooms. A slide presentation of "The Passion Play," will be included on the program under the leadership of Mrs. Harriet Stahl.

Monday evening at 8, members of the Mary and Priscilla Circles will meet. Mary Circle members will meet in the church social rooms and will be treated to a program to be presented by the pastor, Rev. Burt E. Sweet.

Members of the Priscilla Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Wilma Williams. Evening's program will be a white elephant sale for the benefit of the Sunshine Fund.

Benefit bazaar of Shavertown United Methodist Women will be held Friday and Saturday, November 7-8. Mrs. Martha Paczewski and Mrs. Sue Ehst are co-chairpersons for the bazaar.

Local sister attends

Sister Mary Ann Dillon, provincial administrator of the Scranton Province, Sisters of Mercy of the Union, joined over 600 other Roman Catholic sisters for the annual assembly of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) in Philadelphia last week. "Despite our diversity, there was a prevailing spirit of openness and unity," Sister Mary Ann observed.

The group, representing 100,000 women religious in this country, heard

outgoing LCWR President Sister Theresa Kane, RSM, challenge them to broaden their ministries and "to speak the truth in love to each other, to the institutional Church, and to institutional society." According to Sister Mary Ann, ministry-the services sisters perform with and for others-was a major focus at this national meeting of nuns. The results of a new national study were made public, reflecting the status and satisfaction of both lay and religious Roman Catholic women as doers and receivers of ministry.

During the five-day assembly, delegates also engaged in theological reflections, seeking to deepen and broaden their understanding of religious life in contemporary American Society. "The need today," explained Sister Mary Ann, "is to come to a fuller, even a different, understanding of core values which shape our lives but whose everyday practice has changed."

Sister Mary Ann is a member of LCWR because of her position as provincial administrator with the Sisters of Mercy of the Union, Scranton Province. The leadership conference helps top administrators in women's orders to develop their skills. It also serves as the chief liaison between U.S. congregations and the Sacred Congregation for Religious in Rome. The 681 members of LCWR represent over 100,000 sisters in 361 orders in the U.S.

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