

Community Calendar

Wednesday/ Dec. 18

THE SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will have Youth Bell Choir at 7 p.m.; Evening Bible Study at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday/ Dec. 19

THE SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will have a Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Brown Troop 929 will meet at 4 p.m.; Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.; Festival Choir at 8:15 p.m.

VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR POST 2, will meet Thursday, Inc. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Coral Lounge, 245 Owen St., Swoyersville. A Holiday Party will be held with food and refreshments. All members and their guests are welcome.

A directory of the names of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is available for reference at the meetings.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War is a full service organization open to all veterans.

HAROLD F. SMITH, Ph.D., President of the National Kerosene Heater Association and Technical Consultant to the Kerosene Heater Industry will present a discussion on heating homes with kerosene heaters at a workshop at the Luzerne County Community College (LCCC). Mr. Smith earned his Ph.D. in Physical Organic Chemistry and Physics at Vanderbilt University and has spent 10 years in research for the petroleum industry and 16 years in the analytical and scientific field, he has also served on numerous committees and boards dealing with kerosene heater safety.

The workshop which will also devote attention to wood and coal stoves is co-sponsored by the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP) and the office of Fire Science Technology at LCCC.

Other speakers at the workshop will be Tony Santoli State District Forester, John Turner, Instructor at the Office of Fire Science at LCCC; Lyle Karpenko, Instructor, Safety Division of the Stihl Chain Saw Company and Gary Baker, Manager for Back Mountain Woodstoves, who is also certified by the Solid Fuel Safety Technician Program through the Wood Heating Education and Research Foundation, Washington, D.C. Moderator for this event will be Jerry Simkonis Energy Coordinator for the Region III Pennsylvania Energy Center.

The workshop will be held in the Education Conference Center, Building 10, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on December 19. Admission is free, but space is limited. Please register as soon as possible by contacting Jerry Simkonis at the Energy Center of the EDCNP by calling (717) 655-5581 or toll free 1-800-982-4332.

"SINGLES AGAIN" will conduct a meeting on Thursday, December 19, at 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, across from Boscov's.

Following the meeting, the club will adjourn to the Knights of Columbus Home at 439 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, for a social hour. Refreshments will be available.

The club is open to single men and women. For more information, call HELP LINE at 829-1341.

THE LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (LCCC) and the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP) are providing a free workshop to help deal with the problems of house fires caused by solid and liquid fuel heating systems.

John Turner, Instructor for the Office of Fire Science at Luzerne County Community College recently stated that individuals need to be educated concerning safety of wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, and especially kerosene heaters. With the onslaught of winter we can expect and are presently experiencing an increase in home fires due to improper use and installation of wood and coal stoves and kerosene heaters. Many fires can be avoided through simple common sense education concerning these items.

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Friday/ Dec. 20

THE DALLAS BAPTIST CHURCH will hold its Adult Christmas Party on Friday, December 20.

Saturday/ Dec. 21

THE SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will have Salvage Day from 8:30-10 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY of the Harveys Lake American Legion Arthur R. Gosart Post will be held Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. for all Legion members' children and children of Harveys Lake Boro at the Post Home, Sunset, Harveys Lake.

THE ADULT CHOIR OF DALLAS BAPTIST CHURCH will be presenting their Christmas cantata, "An Old Fashioned Christmas", at the Dallas State Correctional Institute on December 21.

This special Christmas program has been planned through the prison ministry led in our church by Ron Boudreaux. This same cantata will be presented on Dec. 22 at the church at 7 p.m. for the general public.

Dennis Smith is choir director. David Penley is pastor.

THE BACK MOUNTAIN WIDOWS CLUB will hold its Christmas party on Saturday, December 21, at 12:30 p.m. at Pickett's Charge Restaurant, Dallas.

There will be a \$3 gift exchange. The club will not hold any meetings in January or February.

Sunday/ Dec. 22

THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY will hold its annual Christmas party for the children of the area on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22.

The fire hall doors in Orange will open at 2 p.m. with Santa Claus arriving shortly thereafter.

There will be gifts for all the children and refreshments will be provided.

THE SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will have Children's Choir at 9 a.m.; Cherub Choir at 9:20 a.m.; Church School for Children, Youth, Adults at 9:30 a.m.; Worship-Fourth Sunday in Advent at 11 a.m.; Christmas Drama at 4 p.m.; Congregational Soup and Sandwich Meal at 5 p.m.

THE DALLAS BAPTIST CHURCH will hold a Children and Youth Caroling Party on Sunday, December 22, at 1 p.m.

THE ADULT CHOIR of the Dallas Baptist Church will present "An Old Fashioned Christmas" on Sunday, December 22, at 7 p.m.

Monday/ Dec. 23

On **DECEMBER 22** at 4:30 p.m. an inspirational candlelight service will be held at the Lehman U.M. Church at Lehman.

The guest speaker will be The Rev. Pegg Ainsley-Richards.

Instrumental music will be performed by Kim Weidner on the clarinet; Roger Lee, guitar; Bonnie Perrego, clarinet; Alan Perrego, trumpet; Nathan Santos, clarinet; Jason Santos, glockenspiel; Andrew Kolojik, alto sax; Pam Gaines, trumpet; Erik Santos, soprano sax; Eddie Havrilla, trombone.

Rosendo Santos is organist and director.

Special duet by Erik and Harriet Santos.

THE SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, New Community Singers rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday/ Dec. 24

THE SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will have a Christmas Eve Family Service at 7 p.m.; Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion at 10 p.m.

THE DALLAS BAPTIST CHURCH will conduct a Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Tuesday, December 24, at 8 p.m.

THE IDETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will conduct its annual Christmas evening Candlelight and Communion Service on Dec. 24 at 7 with Richard Ide and Lois Ide of Idetown; Lorraine Coburn of Harveys Lake and Bob VanGorder of RD 2, Dallas among those participating.

Greeters will be Bob and Roslyn Elston. Don Weidner, Ginny Rogers, and Claire Kleinfelder are readers with Robert VanGorder providing special music. Shirley Mahle and Helen Dymond will sing "Holy Child."

The service of communion will be celebrated by Rev. Michael Shambora.

A TRADITIONAL CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE will be held Christmas eve at the Trucksville United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. James Shillabeer will lead the congregation in the candle-light ceremony.

Special music will be performed by the chancel choir. They will be joined by instrumentalists Robert Baird, trumpet; Vivian Jayne, organ and music director Harry Trebilcock, piano. Soprano soloist Sherry Hinkle will sing the beloved "O Holy Night."

Polio conference slated

A one-day regional conference on post-polio sequelae is scheduled for March 14, 1986 at the Philadelphia Airport Hilton, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Easter Seal Societies and co-sponsored by the two states' Departments of Health.

It's been 30 years since the Salk polio vaccine was introduced. Thirty years ago there were almost 39,000 known cases of "poliomyelitis"; today, there are fewer than a dozen. Of the some quarter-million polio survivors, however, more than 80 percent today are experiencing debilitating after-effects of the disease they thought they'd conquered.

While current research indicates no recurrence of the polio virus, a large number of the survivors are suffering from "post-polio muscle

atrophy" (PPMA), which presents as extreme weakness and fatigue, difficulty in breathing, pain in muscles and joints and a deterioration of both the polio-affected and non-affected muscles.

The Pennsylvania and New Jersey post-polio conference is aimed at physicians, other health practitioners and post-polio survivors, in order to update them on research, provide a forum for sharing experiences and create support networks.

For more information on the March 14 post-polio conference in Philadelphia, contact the Pennsylvania Easter Seal Society at P.O. Box 497, Middletown, PA 17057 or the New Jersey Easter Seal Society at P.O. Box 155, Milltown, N.J. 08850.

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