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**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS** - Shown above are the co-chairpersons of the Centennial Committee, Elwood and Mary Lou Swingle.

## Shavertown UMC still celebrating its centennial

The 100th Anniversary of the Shavertown United Methodist Church continues to be celebrated with several activities scheduled for the summer, according to Elwood and Mary Lou Swingle, co-chairperson of the Centennial Committee.

On Monday, July 30, 7:30 p.m., Shavertown Night will be observed at the Montage Lackawanna County Multipurpose Stadium, when a large block of seats have been reserved for church members and their friends. Pastor Harriet L. Santos will sing the National Anthem prior to the ball game between the Rochester Red Wings and the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons. Some tickets

are still available by calling George McCutcheon at 675-2601 or through the Church Office.

Another event will be the Centennial Cook-out Supper and Program on Sunday, Aug. 12, 4 p.m. at the Church. Grills will be available for families to cook their own meats. Persons attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share for a meal in the Social Room. A program will feature clowns as a children's entertainment. A Sunday School "Old Fashioned Sing-Along-Hymn-Sing" will also be held. Barbara Zarambo and the Children's Committee will be responsible for this activity.

The public is invited.

## Montessori square dance

"Swing your partners, short or tall, parents and children round the hall" - that's the theme for the First Annual Square Dance and Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 29, at the Wyoming Valley Montessori School, Market and Maple, Kingston.

The program is offered free as part of the school's continuing Kids Arts series. For this event, children must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information or for reservations, call the school at 288-3708.

## Misericordia students help out in Guyana

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Six College Misericordia students and Sister Andre Dembowski returned home Saturday, July 7, after spending six weeks in Guyana working with the poor, convalescents, orphans and in medical centers.

"It was a tremendous experience," said Noel Powers. "The people were incredible. They opened their homes and their hearts to us; they would give us anything. It was our first experience in Guyana and we all went to different spots to work."

"We stayed together at the Diocese Youth Center run by the Anglicans but we were hosted for dinner every Tuesday and Thursday nights by the different families, rich or poor. The food was the same in any of the homes, but the conditions were different. Sometimes we had lights, in others there were blackouts and we would eat by candlelight."

The six girls who went were Christine Hess, Paula Quick, Noel Powers, Nancy Steffan, Tricia Toczydlowski and Trina Schoonover. Sister Andre Dembowski, RSM also went with the girls.

Noel worked with the poor and convalescent children; Nancy worked at a hospital and sometimes at a night shelter (soup kitchen). Tricia worked at the Mercy Hospital with polio rehabilitation as did Trina, but Trina also was with Comeneus Primary School with children in remedial reading. Paula worked at a convalescent home for children who were abandoned or recovering from illness. Chris worked at the Mercy Hospital and at a convalescent home.

Some play was mixed with the work, and while in Guyana the students went to see the world's largest single drop waterfall.



**BACK FROM GUYANA** - Six College Misericordia students and Sr. Andre Dembowski, RSM., returned July 7 from six weeks in Guyana. Above from left are Tricia Toczydlowski, Nancy Steffan, Paula Quick, Sr. Andre Dembowski, RSM, Noel Powers, Christine Hess and Trina Schoonover, as they get ready to eat lunch in the college diningroom in Merrick Hall. (Post Photo/C.M. Denmon)

"It was breathtaking," Noel said. "It was called Keituer Falls. We also went to Santa Rosa Mission in the jungle in the interior and it was beautiful. They have electric blackouts and very few homes have phones. If they do have them they don't work well but the people don't mind. They just adjust to what they have."

"The people don't have any formal time-tables; we did but if we were a little late they accepted it. In the interior the transportation was very primitive. The people did a lot of walking, bike riding or horseback riding. We stayed in the city of Georgetown and we used a car."

Sr. Andre explained that the Santa Rosa Mission was about 160 years old, the oldest in the country, and was used by the Sisters of Mercy as an orphanage and school until the late 1960's. The Santa Rosa Mission and the St. Cuthbert Missions were also in the interior and the missions are the homes of the Amerindians, the indigenous people of the interior.

"They are a very quiet people," explained Sr. Andre. "They are people of agriculture and each has

his own plot of land. They fish in the creeks and many live in huts, some of them up on stilts with wide open walls. There is no industry in the interior."

"The highlight of our trip was going into the homes of the people," Noel said. "They have a real sense of pride and their homes are spotless. Their food is simple and plain. There are Europeans, Oriental, East Indians, Portuguese, blacks (Afros) and the Amerindians."

There is a youth group in Franklin, ages 16 to 26, which gathers weekly. They socialize and have a deep sense of interpersonal relationship. The art of conversation was the highlight of the meetings. A blackout brought the people together, according to Noel.

"It's a happy culture and the pace of living is slow. The people told us we had the North American walk," Noel said.

Sr. Jennifer Baker came to this area from Guyana. She is a member of the Sisters of Mercy Order and lives at Emmaus House on Lackawanna Avenue, Dallas. "This country is so different," Sister said. "In Guyana I used to see the people on the street. They were lively and would say 'Hi.' Here, everything is

so mechanical, so cool. All through Mass today I was homesick, thinking of Guyana. I am honored that the students came back and are so enthusiastic, sharing their experiences with others. In Guyana, the people are wealthy spiritually and in families and in hospitality and warmth of heart," Sister said.

"We would like to return to Guyana again," said Christine Hess. "The work we did was very rewarding. We always had time for the students and we worked hard with the handicapped. We worked with the youth group which had about 40 kids with whom we shared a three-week program. We loved their friendship."

"The orphans were the most difficult to say goodbye to when we were leaving," Chris said. "When we were leaving they gave us plaques and it was rewarding to see the smiles of the people we helped."

"The food was different from our food here but it was food. We had chow mein, rice, curry and roti, dhol-puri, pepper pot and cook-up rice," said Christine. "It was all delicious," added Noel. "Will we go back again? Indeed we will if we can," the girls all agreed.

## Religious services

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DALLAS** (across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery on Harveys Lake Memorial Highway.) 675-3723. Pastor Dale S. Brown. SUNDAY, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship, (Jr. Church and Nursery); 6 p.m. Family Bible Hour. WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m. prayer and Bible Study.

**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. SUNDAY, Morning Worship 9:30 a.m., Church School 9:00 a.m.

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., corner of West Center St., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors, Rev. James A. Wert, Rev. Harriet L. Santos. Music Director, Rosendo E. Santos. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service. SUNDAY 9 a.m. Chapel Service; 11 a.m. Worship Service; TUESDAY: 7:00 p.m. ToughLove Meeting; WEDNESDAY: noon, Al-Anon meeting. First THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Alzheimers Support Group meeting.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH** - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. Pastor Tim Tanner. SUNDAY, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday, 6:30 p.m.; WEDNESDAY, Family night, 7 p.m.

**GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH** - Machell Ave., Dallas. 675-2121. Pastor, William Cusick; Assistant Pastor, Michael Sullivan. Mass Schedule: SATURDAY, 5 p.m.; SUNDAY, 7, 8:30, 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m.; MONDAY, Novena Devotions and Mass, 7:30 p.m., Rosary at 7:15 p.m. CONFESION; Saturday, 4 - 4:50 p.m.

**HUNTSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH** - (1 block west of Huntsville Reservoir Dam, RD 4, Box 197, Dallas. 675-0611, Pastor Cliff Jones. SUNDAY, Worship service 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 11 a.m.

**IDETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - Pastor, Rev. Michael Shambora; Layleader, Mr. Henry Bergstrasser. 10 a.m., Church Worship; Sunday School, 11 a.m.

**JACKSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - Pastor, Rev. Michael Shambora. SUNDAY: 8:45 a.m. Church Worship; 8:45 a.m. Sunday School.

**KUNKLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - RD 1, (Kunkle) Dallas. 675-0556. Pastor, Rev. Michael Willis. SUNDAY Church service starts at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages 10:45 a.m.

**LEHMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - Pastor, Rev. Michael Shambora. Layleader Mr. Don Weidner; 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11:15 a.m. Church Worship.

**PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH** - Main St., Dallas. 675-1723. The Rev. John S. Prater, Rector. SUNDAY, Holy Communion, 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 10 a.m., 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday; Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.; Church School 10 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. 675-3859. Pastor, Rev. Harold R. Baer, Jr. Service of Worship, 9:30 a.m.; No Church school; Adult Bible study Thursday eve. 7:00 p.m.

**THE FELLOWSHIP EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH** - Hildebrandt Road, Dallas. 675-6426. Pastor, Rev. Dwight Hodne; Assistant Pastor-Minister of Youth, Rev. John Butch Jr. - SUNDAY, Morning Worship 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., also a Junior & Beginners Church; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 7 p.m., Informality & ministering to one another sets this service apart. Nursery is provided for all services; WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p.m., Prayer and Worship.

**ST. THERESE'S CHURCH** - 64 Davis St., Shavertown. 696-1144. Pastor, Rev. Joseph F. Meighan; Deacon, James P. Feerick. DAILY MASS, 8:30 a.m. SATURDAY, 4:30 p.m.; SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m.; Holy Day, Vigil: 7:30 p.m. Day: 9:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.; CONFESIONS: Daily at 8:15 a.m.; Saturday, 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Rectory hours, M-F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 105 Irem Rd., Dallas. 675-3131. Rev. Robert M. Upton, Interim Pastor. SUNDAY: Morning worship at 10 a.m. (Nursery provided).

**TRUCKSVILLE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**, 370 Carverton Road, Trucksville, Pastor Rev. Warren W. Hoover, 696-2535. SUNDAY: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Vesper Service 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

**TRUCKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - Church Rd., Trucksville. 696-3897, Pastor, Rev. Shillabeer. SUNDAY, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. morning services Sunday School 9:30 a.m. all ages.; Coffee fellowship; 10:30 a.m. UMYF, 7 p.m. Sundays, Bible Study 10 a.m. Thursdays.

**VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH**, "Independent" Rt. 292, Vernon, RD 2, Box 114, Tunkhannock, Pastor, James A. Cummings, 333-4935. SUNDAY, Sunday School, 10:45 a.m., Morning Worship 10:45 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, Family night Bible studies and clubs, 7 p.m.

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**, Market St., Lehman, 675-0510, Pastor, Gregory R. Barny, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m., SUNDAY morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer/Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

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