

Trucksville UM Church honors Blanche Atherholt

On Sunday November 12, the Trucksville United Methodist Women held an open house in honor of Blanche Atherholt. She has been a member of the church since 1920 and celebrated her 90th birthday on Nov. 5.

Blanche was born in Shavertown, the daughter of the late Boyd and Jane Hoover Atherholt. Both families were among the early settlers of Kingston Township. In 1909, she and her parents moved to the house in Trucksville where she continues to live today.

One of her earliest memories of Trucksville was the night the Methodist Episcopal Church burned. The flames were visible from her parents home just off Carverton Road.

From the time the church was rebuilt and dedicated in January 1911, Blanche has participated in many of the major activities of the church. She began attending Sunday School at an early age. As a charter member of the Friendship Sunday School Class (organized in 1933), Blanche held office throughout the years until 1986, when this class became a part of the adult Sunday school class.

In 1925 when the Young Women's Home Missionary Society was organized by the church, Blanche was a charter member. She held office in the group until 1940, when the structure of the Methodist Church changed and the group was incorporated into the Women's Society.

Over the years Blanche has continued to have a strong interest in the mission work of the church, both at the local and conference level. As she has for a

number of years, she is preparing for Christmas by making stockings, which when filled will be sent to nursing homes for distribution to the elderly.

Presently she is the key woman for the Trucksville United Methodist Women. This includes recruiting membership in the Home Guild for the Elderly.

Each May she travels to Tunkhannock to participate in the two day sale which contributes to the support of the Methodist Homes for the Elderly.

Blanche is known for her baking. On one day every few weeks she makes 24 loaves of bread, shared with neighbors and friends, and is often given to the church for use during Communion services.

Betsy Reynolds Metzger, who came from Allentown to attend the party said, "Blanche was a friend of my grandparents and my parents. She was always there when we needed her."

Margaret Johnson, the present Lay Leader, remembers back in 1940 when her family moved to Trucksville. Blanche was in the church choir, where she has sung continuously since 1918.

Her pastor, Rev. Charles Naugle, sees her as the example of one who has given the best of her abilities to the church at each stage of her life, something that she continues to do to the present day.

The large number of family and friends who attended the open house attests to the fact that Blanche has given much to others as well as her church.



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BLANCHE ATHERHOLT

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Nov. 22

An ecumenical community Thanksgiving service will be held November 22 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. The service is open to all residents of the Back Mountain. A reception immediately following the service will be held in the Social Room.

Participating in the joint worship service will be several member churches of the Back Mountain Clergy Association: Shavertown United Methodist Church, St. Therese's Roman Catholic Church, Trucksville United Meth-

odist Church and Alderson United Methodist Church.

The speaker for the evening will be Rev. James A. Wert of Shavertown Methodist.

Those attending the service are asked to bring canned goods such as: soup, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, sugar, flour, pancake/biscuit mix, coffee/tea, canned meats (Spam, corned beef, chicken), and hot or cold cereal.

The offering for the evening and the canned goods will be given to the Back Mountain Food Bank.



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The following is the menu for the week of November 27. All meals include margarine, milk and coffee.

MONDAY - Baked meatloaf w/ gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread, Fig Newton.

TUESDAY - Roast turkey w/ stuffing, sweet potatoes, wax beans, raisin bread, mixed fruit cup, cranberry sauce.

WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti w/ meatballs-tomato sauce, sliced zucchini, Italian bread, sherbert, toss salad w/Italian dressing.

THURSDAY - Knockwurst w/

sauerkraut, parslid potatoes, spinach, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding, lemon.

FRIDAY - Grilled chicken over salad greens-tomato, V-8 juice, dinner roll, fruited yogurt, creamy ranch dressing, chicken rice soup, fruited gelatin.

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