



The Rev. Douglas Clark, right, greeted Debbie Josuweit Sunday at Shavertown United Methodist Church. His wife, and co-pastor, Janet Bryant Clark stood to Rev. Clark's right.

## Shavertown church welcomes new ministers

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**SHAVERTOWN** - The first couple in the Wyoming Conference to be ordained at the same time and to serve as co-pastors has come to minister at the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Douglas and Rev. Janet Bryant Clark arrived the morning of July 1 from Apalachin, NY, and were already on the job that afternoon.

They see their first challenge as getting to know all 1,300 members of their new congregation.

"The people have been great," Pastor Janet said. "They have really gone out of their way for us." "The Back Mountain is an exciting area with good ecumenical connections with other area churches," said Pastor Doug. "I understand there's a fine working relationship with St. Therese's and St. Paul's, for example."

For Pastor Janet it's more of a homecoming than a move - she grew up in Forty Fort, took organ lessons with Brian Davies at the Shavertown church and graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School in 1977.

Pastor Doug is a native of Enfield, CT. They are both graduates of Wesley Seminary, where they met.

Although their five-year-old son, Bryant, the family explorer, was ready to move as soon as he was told about it, eight-year-old Elizabeth was a bit reluctant at first to leave her many friends in Apalachin. While they were packing she suggested that at the first service at their new church, her parents ask everyone who had swimming pools to raise their hands "so we can meet them first."

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Elizabeth will enter third grade this year, while Bryant will start kindergarten.

For the past 11 years Pastors Doug and Janet have served as a team or clergy couple. "We complement each other," said Pastor Doug. "Janet brings lots of energy and excitement to our service. She's also very musical."

"Doug is a steady rock, a great teacher and very insightful," said Pastor Janet. "We understand one another and the demands of the work."

She said it's easy to coordinate her children's sermon with the theme of her husband's sermon.

"Working as a team strengthens our covenant with the ministry and our marriage," said Pastor Janet.

Because they know each other so well, it's relatively easy for them to pick up on unplanned changes in the worship service. There's no need to run everything according to a carefully plotted script.

"We trust each other," said Pastor Janet. "If the spirit moves Doug to do something different, I know he'll do it well. Sometimes you have to tailor the worship to what's going on and the mood of the people."

Communion, which they describe as "the holy meal for the family of God," is especially meaningful for them as a couple.

"It's like a oneness in God's love for us and our love for each other, a very high, holy moment," said Pastor Janet.

Pastor Janet is also a member of Sister Spirit, a quartet composed of female Methodist ministers, which she hopes to bring to the Back Mountain for a service or performance.

Setting a well-defined family time and a few simple rules has been a great help in separating their personal and professional lives. To help unwind from their day's work, they don't talk about church affairs or work at supertime and after 9 p.m.

## I made this quilt, and was it ugglee!

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**SHAVERTOWN** - If making an ugly quilt can be considered a distinction, Charlene Schmid ranks among the best in the world.

Schmid recently won an award for "Most Inept Applique" in the "Worst Quilt in the World" contest, sponsored by Mallery Press to publicize Ami Simms's new book *How Not to Make a Prize-Winning Quilt*. Simms's book describes her early quilting experiences and colossal mistakes and how to avoid them.

"When I first read about the contest I thought it was hysterical," Schmid said. "I entered my first quilt just for fun."

She had made her award-winning entry, a queen-size blue and white calico eight-pointed star pattern, as a wedding gift in 1978, when she was 21. Never having quilted before, Schmid says she "did everything wrong."

She sewed the calico pieces onto a large piece of white cotton background material by hand with two interlocking rows of running stitches. The edges of the pieces are wavy and occasionally overlap onto one another, while several seams are puckered. The finished pattern is a bit irregular.

"I didn't even own a quilt frame or hoops at the time," she said, laughing. "I just laid the quilt out and did it. That's not the usual way you do a quilt."

She selected the eight-pointed star pattern from a book in the library because it didn't look too complicated.

For her efforts, Schmid received a subscription to a quilters' magazine, quilting

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tools, an assortment of quilting supplies and a commemorative lapel pin sporting the phrase, "Thank goodness I didn't win the Worst Quilt in the World contest."

"It's fun," she said. "Every few days another prize comes in the mail. It's neat to see what's in the box."

Contest judges selected the winners in three size categories and six technique divisions from snapshots - they didn't want to see the entries unless they had to. Entries earned points for poor overall appearance, boring colors, sloppy or inept workmanship, dirt and pet hairs. Even dead quilters could enter and compete in a special post-humous category.

Clean, pretty quilts using bright colors in well-planned and executed patterns were automatically disqualified.

The worst quilt won a grand prize, with the second worst earning an "Abominable Mention" award.

Ten other special awards were made up as the judges go along - "Knot on Your Life," awarded to a woman who didn't use any; "Seamed Like a Good Idea," awarded to a woman who sewed her quilt inside out and left frayed edges showing, and "Now We've Seen Everything," awarded to a woman who bound her entire quilt in duct tape.

More awards recognized "pathetic piecing," the lack of mitered corners and the "most obnoxious use of three-dimen-

sional embellishment."

The winner, who received the free use of a sewing machine for a year, a case of batting and many other quilting supplies, was photographed standing in front of her entry with a bag over her head.

About five years ago Schmid got back into quilting, doing things right this time. She joined the Pennsylvania Quilters' Association and took classes in the art.

"Quilting takes time, practice and patience," she said. "It's also fun - you don't have to be perfect to make a good quilt. It's the effort and thought that count."

Schmid has completed a second quilt and has accumulated several boxes of fabric pieces, which she plans to someday transform into lovely patterns.

"If I live to be 200, I won't use up all the material I have stored upstairs," she said, laughing. "Some I bought myself and the rest came from friends."

Schmid works in the accounting department at the Wyoming Valley Health Care System. She and her husband, Joe, a salesman, are the parents of Jenna, 10, and Joseph, 6, students at Gate of Heaven School.

Her family thinks her award is "comical." After all, you have to start somewhere.

"It's not an insult," Schmid said. "It's a cute way of saying you tried your best."

This year's Worst Quilt award winners can be viewed on the World Wide Web at <http://quilt.com/worstquilt>.

To enter next year's Worst Quilt Contest, send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to Mallery Press, 4206 Sheraton Drive, Flint, MI 48532 or call toll-free 1-800-A-STITCH.

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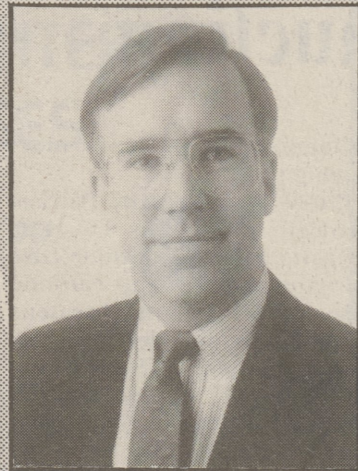
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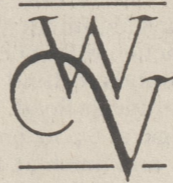


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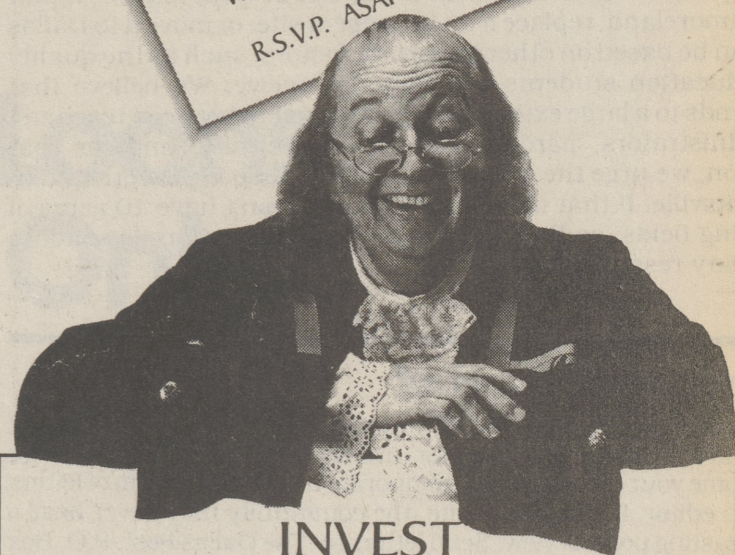
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