## Church marks 140th year with celebratory service

Lehman

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LEHMAN - The Lehman United Methodist Church celebrated 140 years in the community Sunday by holding a special service followed by a reception.

During the service, the congregation reconsecrated the building and rededicated the altar window, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The altar window which depicts "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane," was first dedicated to the church in 1946 by The Friendship Class.

The celebratory service included a sermon from Rev. James

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A. Baker, District Superintendent, a song from the Lehman Sunday School and an a capella performance by the quartet "Chordial Mix."

"All that is here including the window is a free gift," said Rev. Baker in his sermon. "The long line out into the past and the long line into the future is what's important." He also paid homage to the many circuit riders who traveled long ago, before there was a church, giving sermons to lonely settlers

All enjoyed the service as well as visiting with friends and family. One woman who grew up in the church, but has since moved, came to visit with family and celebrate with the church. "It was a very nice celebration of the past and the future," said Cindy Jones, Sayre

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The organizers of the event felt satisfied that it was a success. "I think it went beautifully. I'm pleased with the number of people that came. It was nice to see that some old timers came," said Judith Dawe, Rededication Committee. John Dawe, who put the service program together said it took a lot planning but that it all fell

into place. The occasion gave a glimpse of a future based on true concern and consideration for the community



Aiding the library, Jim Spencer, Democratic Club pres.; Joe Stager, Back Mtn. Library, and Paul Malak, Democratic Club treas.

Helping recreation, JoAnn Wright, recreation board; Sylvia Malak, Democratic Club; Karen Whipple, recreation board; Donna Werkheiser, Democratic Club; and Ginger Spencer, Democratic Club.

### Jackson Twp. Democrats give to library, recreation board

JACKSON TWP. - The Jackson Township Democratic Club recently donated check of \$100 each to the Jackson Twp. Recreation Board and The Back Mountain Memorial Library's Children's Wing. The club and recipients met Nov. 20, at the Farmer's Inn. "We've given to many different organizations in the area over the

years," said Paul Malak, club treasurer. "We like to give what we can to projects happening in Jackson Twp.

The donations were well received. The library is a public facility and is only funded by the community. "We just applied for the Keystone Grant, which is a matching grant. Every single dol-

### Tax collector reminder for Dallas Boro

Thomas E. Reese, tax collector of Dallas Borough, announces that all property taxes, county, municipal and school, and all per capita axes, municipal and school, are now in the penalty value.

Last day to pay all taxes is Dec. 16, after that date, all property taxes will be returned to the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau for collection, and all per capita taxes will be collected by Berkheimer Associates.

lar we can raise, the state will ciated," said Karen Whipple, chairhopefully match," said Joe Stager, representing the library. "Dona tions and endowments are always welcome and very much appreciated.

"There is no place for the kids to play in the township. There is no place to play basketball or any parks. This money is very appre-

The Jackson Twp. Recreation Board will start collecting aluminum cans on Jan. 4 and urge people to donate.

person of the recreation board.

"There is a real need to give kids

someplace to play and that is our

### Ambulance Association monthly meetings

The Franklin Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association will hold their regular monthly meetings in alternating locations until further notice. The meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month with December's meeting to be held at the Northmoreland Township Fire Co. The January meeting will be held at the Franklin Township Fire Company and so forth.

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# LCCC names van Arsdale to its foundation board

The Luzerne County Community College Foundation Board of Directors recently named Thomas H. van Arsdale, of Shavertown, president, CEO, and member of the board of trustees of Franklin First Savings Bank and member of the Board of Directors of ONBANCorp., as a new member.

van Arsdale graduated with honors from Raritan Valley Community College, New Jersey, with an A.S. degree in Business. He also graduated with honors from Thomas A. Edison State College, New Jersey, with an A.A. degree in Banking, and is a graduate with honors of the National School of Banking, Fairfield, Connecticut.

van Arsdale has been involved with numerous community and civic support groups including chairperson of the Community Bankers of Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; executive committee member of the Center for Financial Studies, Fairfield, Connecticut; chairperson of the Community Development Corporation of Wilkes-Barre; vice-chairperson of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts; and member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Fraternity

van Arsdale is also a member of the executive committees of College Misericordia and the United Way of Wyoming Valley. He is a member of the boards of directors for the School of Business, Society, and Public Policy, Wilkes University; the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership for Economic Growth;

### Newspaper office closed for Thanksgiving

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service, van Arsdale served as

president of the American Insti-

tute of Banking, New Jersey; presi-

dent and state director of the Bank

Administration Institute, New Jer-

sey; and chairperson of the New

Jersey Council of Savings Institu-

van Arsdale resides in Shaver-

town with his wife, Susette and

During his career in banking

and Television.

their son, Tommy.

