



## A JOYOUS NOISE

The Westmoreland Elementary School fifth grade band, fourth grade chorus and fifth grade chorus presented their annual holiday concert Dec. 20 in the high school auditorium. The

quartet of Jessica Duddy, Joelle Dunbar, Kristy Schmid and Kim Toussaint sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to the delight of the packed house.

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## Church takes a name that better reflects its mission

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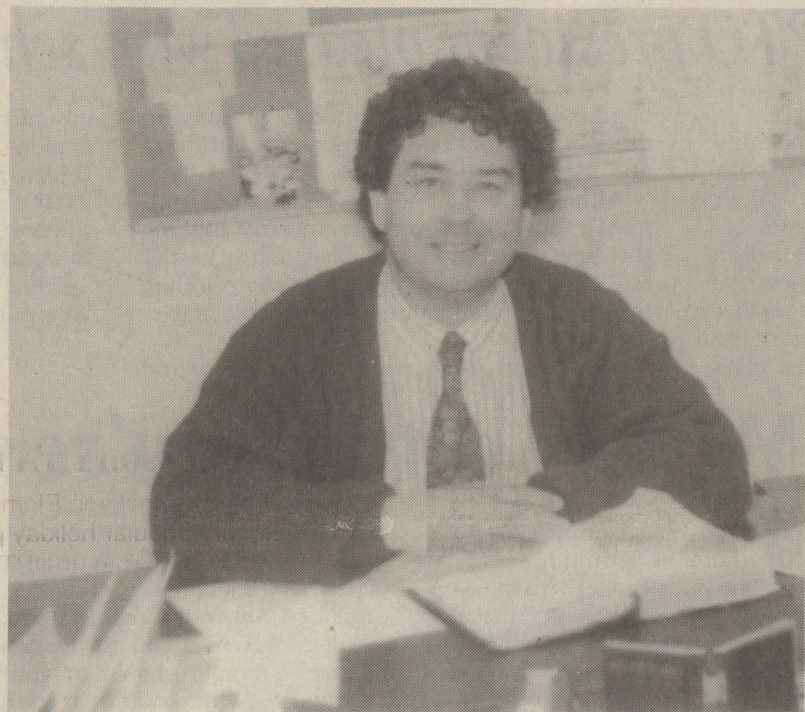
DALLAS - Many of us have felt like changing our name at one time or another. One local church decided to do just that. The Grace Community Church, formerly the Community Church of Dallas, has an identity crisis no longer.

The non-denominational congregation felt a new name better expressed their purpose. The present pastor, Daniel J. Fabricatore, said the church preaches God's word directly from the Bible and lives by His grace.

Another motive for changing the name was the previous name's blandness, as many variations appeared on church mail. "There was a lot of confusion, most people didn't know our name," said Fabricatore. "We received mail under five different names. We had an identity crisis," he said with a laugh.

The church members wanted a good name, which would both identify them and convey their belief. There are two signs on both Route 118 and 415, making the church easy to locate.

The beginnings of the church appeared in 1966 when a few people began to meet in Shavertown and Dallas homes. Later that same year, the small congregation held services at the Shavertown Elementary School, which



POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
Pastor Daniel Fabricatore in his office at the newly renamed Grace Community Church.

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Grace Community Church

was where the Burger King now stands. After the school, the Eastern Star Building provided a place to worship.

On Father's Day, 1970, the current church opened on 12 acres in Dallas off Route 415. The Sunday School wing was added two years later.

The church has grown a lot since the early days. It now provides a variety of activities for all ages. Aside from Sunday school and services, Grace community has a choir, youth meetings and

discipleship classes to name a few. "We have a great choir under the direction of Dave and Nita Leapline," said Fabricatore. "I'm proud of them." In addition, the church offers AWANA clubs which are Bible centered program for 3-12 year olds, where the children study and memorize scripture each week.

Also, the church supports missionaries all over the world, from Russia to Africa.

Grace Community Church has been served by five different pastors since it began. Pastor Fabricatore, who is originally from Dunmore, came to the church in 1991. He received his Master's in Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas. He and his wife and two children live in the Back Mountain.

For more information, call Pastor Fabricatore at 675-3723.

## Church will hold New Year's service

The Brethren in Christ Church of Hunlock Creek will hold a New Year's Eve watch night service Dec. 31 beginning at 9 p.m. The evening will feature games, refreshments and the presentation of the Focus on the Family Video, *A Man Call Norman*. The evening will conclude around midnight with a communion service. All are welcome. No charge. The church is located on Hartman Road next to Spencer's junkyard in Lake Silkworth. Call 477-2188 for directions.

## Library fund drive on track, but there's more to be done

Imagine yourself as a child of eight, having to wait outside because story hour at the library was too crowded, or having to look up at your favorite book - way out of reach on a high shelf.

This is a familiar scene for many of the 200 children that visit the Back Mountain Memorial Library each day.

More than 12,000 books, several display cases, and a jumble of tables are all crowded into a small classroom in the former Dallas Borough High School, making a formidable environment for a child of any age.

In September, the Library kicked off a capital campaign, entitled "Watch Ideas Soar!" for the construction of a new Children's Wing. This new wing will provide increased shelf space within children's reach, study carrels and computer stations, expanded table area seating, and a performance area for storytelling and multimedia presentations.

The campaign chairman, Dr. Wallace F. Stettler, has announced that "Watch Ideas Soar!" is about halfway complete. At upcoming campaign meetings, division chairpersons John Gager, Kathi Flack, Jack Meeks, and Beth Rosenthal, will rally the legion of

campaign volunteers to complete the task of contacting as many members of the Back Mountain and business community as can be reached within the next few months of the active campaign.

The Pennsylvania State Department of Education has recently announced the approval of a \$200,000 Keystone Grant to be used solely for the construction of the new wing.

Although the state grant funds and the campaign pledges received to date will meet the minimum goal of \$500,000 for the purpose of beginning construction in 1997, substantial funds are still needed to equip and furnish the wing upon completion, to purchase new materials and fill the shelves, and to fund an endowment to cover new planned activities and the increased costs of operating the new wing.

This endowment fund, which is being created especially for the Children's Wing, is intended to ensure successful operation not only for today's children, but also for generations to come.

For more information concerning the campaign, contact Debby Kirkwood at the Campaign Office at 674-6003.

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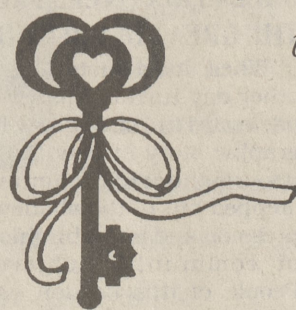
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by Sean O'Shea

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