



BRIGHTENING THE HOLIDAY

Students in three first-grade classes at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School drew and painted placemats that were delivered by Wyoming Valley Meals on Wheels with Thanksgiving meals. Supervised by teachers Helene Dainowski, Jane Manaeval and Rita Fox, the students made a total of 80 placemats. Students display their handiwork, top photo. From left, foreground, Julianna Davis-Dorzinsky, Ashley Redmond, T.J. Brandt, Catherine Sullivan. Background, R.J. Dante, Melissa Attanasio, Matthew Scavone. At right, Joseph Harrison and Cara Wengen worked on their mats.

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Dallas board

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same positive presence that is lost with (the departure of) Joseph Kunec, John Landon and James Richardson."

Griffiths presented Kunec, Landon and Richardson with departing mementos and thanked them individually for their years of service. Both Landon and Richardson had been on the board for 12 years and Kunec had been on for four.

The ceremony was followed by a small reception. The board will meet Mon., Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

I know they have a strong commitment to the students otherwise they wouldn't have run."

Dr. Gil Griffiths
Dallas superintendent



Tony Barbosa



Maureen Banks



Frank Natitus

Ministerium

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Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Fr. Peter Crynes of St. Therese's Catholic Church said, "It keeps alive the dream and vision of Jesus that we all be one."

The Ministerium's first and oldest project is the Back Mountain Food Bank, which is still the main emergency food source in the area. Recently, the BMM held a Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. It was open to everyone.

"For the ministers, BMM serves as a sounding board for their ideas. "It's a chance to laugh and think about how we can be a ministry together in the Back Mountain," said Janet Clark of Shavertown United Methodist. "I think there is strength in numbers." Clark said the churches are not competing with one another, but working with one another.

"There was a day when we saw each other as competitors," said Naugle. "Our goal is to meet to say that it's important we know one another. We are a model before our congregation saying

it's okay to talk to other churches."

Ministerium members meet once a month at College Misericordia. Sometimes they invite guest speakers to discuss moral

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Rev. Charles Naugle
Trucksville United Methodist

and ethical issues, other times they meet for good conversation. Recently, they invited state representatives George Hasay and Phyllis Mundy to discuss legislation on gambling. "We try to understand the thinking of the

representatives," said Naugle.

When the ministers sit down to have good conversation, they talk about issues facing the Christian community in the Back Mountain. "It's an opportunity for a coordinated effort to better address issues in the community," said Crynes, who believes the group invites ministers to look more closely at their own faith.

Fr. Jack Lambert, who came to Gate of Heaven Church, in July, is the newest member of this group. "There is a value in coming together to pray. We are all working together in building the Kingdom of God," he said. Lambert was involved with a ministerium in Jersey Shore before his ap-

pointment to Dallas. "I came looking for it," he said.

"In the ministerium, we recognize that although we come from different traditions, we concentrate on what we have in common," said Lambert.

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Fr. Jack Lambert
Gate of Heaven Church

Hinchey enters Bryn Mawr College

Shawna Hinchey, daughter of Pat and Ed Hinchey of Dallas, entered the freshman class at Bryn Mawr College this fall. Shawna graduated from Scranton Preparatory, class of 1997.

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