

Trinity Church to raise funds for food bank

The Mission Outreach Committee of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas will hold fundraisers to help raise money for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Volunteers will be staffing a book gift wrapping table at Barnes and Noble in Wilkes-Barre on Saturday, December 14 from 6-9 p.m.

On December 12 from 4-9 p.m., additional volunteers will be on hand at Pizza Hut in Dallas to greet dine-in customers and encourage them to mention Trinity and the food pantry as they pay at the register. A portion of their meal cost will then be donated to the pantry. The public is invited to attend these events to help raise funds for this important local mission in our community.

Scouts aid food bank

Cub Scouts in Pack 281, Dallas, collected 1,151 items for donation to the Back Mountain Food Pantry in November.



Trucksville UM Church honors 50 year members

The Trucksville United Methodist Church recently honored those persons who have been members of the church for more than 50 years. Among those 50 who were able to attend the All Saints Day Service were:

From left, front row: Rev. Kenneth Carder, Flossie Finn, Ruth Pritchard, Minerva Owens, Alberta Lohmann, Gail Kistler, Betsy Williams, Alice Evans, Betty June Mathers. Second row: Don Britt, Joan Britt, Margaret Johnson, Jayne Montgomery, Jack Evans, Janet Phillips. Third row: Edward Johnson, George Gaylord, J. Carl Goodwin, Jeanne Thomas, Jean Long, William Long, Harry Trebilcox.

10th annual presentation of 'The Gift'

This year marks a decade that hundreds of volunteer actors, stage personnel, lighting, sound technicians and animal handlers will deliver the message of the joyous gift of the birth of the Christ Child. As over the past decade, this year's program will be staged completely outdoors on a hillside behind Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, Carverton Road, Trucksville.

People come from more than 100 miles distant to see the nativity story re-enacted with live animals, shepherds and angels on a hillside and the procession of three kings to the manger in Bethlehem as they come to offer their adoration.

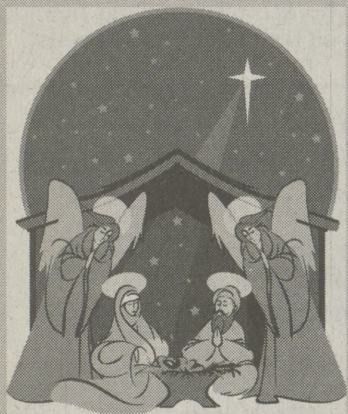
A few tips if you're planning to attend: This year's performances will be: Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15 performances at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dress warmly. (This is an entirely outdoors presentation.) For details, call: 696-1128.

Christmas Eve 'lighting of the luminaries'

The Shavertown Fire Department and members of the Back Mountain Catholic Youth Council are selling luminary packets (includes 12 votive candles, 12 small bags, packet of sand & World Prayer for Peace) on the two weekends before Christmas. Packets cost \$6 each, or 2 for \$10. Shavertown Fire Department will be selling in front of Thomas' Family Market, Shavertown. The Youth Council members will sell after all masses at the following churches: Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake; St. Frances X. Cabrini Church, Carverton and St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Musical at Sweet Valley Church of Christ

Sweet Valley Church of Christ will present the musical "Hark! The Angels Sing," the story of Jesus' birth as told through the eyes of anticipating angels on December 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 5439 Main Rd. in Sweet Valley. The program is free and a nursery and refreshments will be provided. For more information call 477-2320.



Worship at these churches and rejoice in the spirit of the season

You are invited to the 10th Annual Performance of

"The Gift"

A Musical Drama

5 Outdoor Performances:
 Friday, December 13, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, December 14, 5:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Sunday, December 15, 5:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Back Mountain Harvest Assembly
 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville
 Admission is free as our "gift" to you

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1919 Mountain Road, Larksville. PA
 570.779.7668

Come & Celebrate with us . . .

KIDSTUFF Christmas Program

Sunday, December 22, 2002
 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Directions - Visit our website:
www.fbclarksville.org
 Handicap accessible . . . plenty of parking

Fellowship Evangelical Free Church

would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a blessed and joyful Christmas as we celebrate this most important time, this most blessed event, the birth of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ.

Please join us on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. to worship our Lord Jesus

7870
 45 Hildebrandt Road,
 Dallas, PA
 675-6426

Come Home for Christmas . . . to

The Church of the Gate of Heaven

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24:
 (3:30 p.m. - Youth Cherub Choir Concert)
 Masses: 4 p.m. (with live broadcast in gym)
 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
 (with Candlelight Concert beginning at 9:45 p.m.)
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 Christmas Day, December 25:
 9 and 11:30 a.m.

Living Word Baptist Church

SR 118 - Fairmont Township
 570-477-2291

Christmas Sunday 2002
 Sunday School Classes meet 9 a.m.
 Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening at 6 p.m. our Sunday School presents: "Christmas Around The World"

The folks at Living Word Baptist Church invite you to attend not only their Christmas Services, but each and every service held on Sunday and Wednesday.

A nursery is provided for all services. If you need more information or directions to the church, please call us!

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF LEHMAN AND IDETOWN

COME! REJOICE! JESUS IS BORN!

Candlelight Vespers with Carols
 Followed by Caroling
 Dec. 22 at 4:30 p.m. in Lehman
 Dr. Brolin Parker, preaching

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
 Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Idetown

Sunday Services
 9:30 a.m. Idetown, 11 a.m. Lehman

Rev. Bonnie McGraw • 675-5192

Shavertown United Methodist Church

Phone-A-Prayer 675-4666

Every Saturday 5:30 p.m. Chapel Worship
 Every Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Oriented Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Children's Musical "Wise Guys and Starry Skies"
 Sunday, December 22, 3 p.m.

Monday, December 24
 6:30 p.m. Music of the Season
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
 Candlelight & Communion
 Children's Message
 Cherab Choir & Children of Light Choir
 Chancel Choir & Hand Chime Choir
 Handbell Choir

9:30 p.m. Music of the Season
 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
 Candlelight & Communion
 Gods Handful Youth Choir

Come to Worship Christ, The New Born King!

Pioneer Ave. at Center St., Shavertown • 675-3616
www.unitedmethodist.org

Special Christmas Services at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

RR4 Box 627A, Dallas, PA
 Sunday, December 15, 10 a.m.
 All Choir Service
 (Pre-Service music begins at 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.
 A service for those "Grieving the loss of a Loved One, Health, Job or feeling lonesome, or dealing with other anxieties during this Holy Season"

Christmas Eve - 7:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service with "Birthday Party for Jesus" reception following the service
 Christmas Eve - 10:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 29, 8:30 p.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Traditional Lessons and Carol Service

Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor
 Phone: 675-3859

Directions: 309 North to 415. Turn left on 118 then first right.

Welcome to Our Church

The Congregation of St. Paul's Wishes You peace and Joy This Christmas Season

St. Therese's Church

Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown
 696-1144

"Season of Christmas"

Worship Schedule

Feast of the Birth of Our Lord Tuesday, December 24th 4:30pm- Church & Hall 8:30pm- Children's Choir Church	Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 29th 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am
Wednesday, December 25th Midnight Mass- Church 9:00am and 11:00am	Solemnity of Mary- Jan. 1st Tuesday: 4:30pm Vigil Mass Wednesday: 9:00am & 11:00am