

Church & Community



PASTOR'S CORNER

By Pastor Dennis Madeira
New Life Community Church

'Can'who' fix 'what?'

Recent newspaper editorials and editorial cartoons have been raising the question as to whether our current President can fix the economic problems that many Americans are supposed to be facing. There is no doubt that there are those of us who have less to live on than others, but then most of us Americans have more to live on than many in other countries. So "poor" and "rich" can become relative terms affected by many different circumstances.

Our history as a nation reveals many periods of time when our citizens faced economic problems. During those times the Presidents of the United States have been from both political parties.

Could it be that we are looking in the wrong place to have our economic problems fixed? Is it possible to fix economic problems to everybody's liking, or to anybody's liking, or is it the normal economic flow that occurs in everybody's lifetime?

Who is it that guarantees we will have economic success and never be "needy" or "poor"? How much is "enough"? These are questions all of us deal with from time to time as we balance our checkbooks and work to insure our family's needs. Benjamin Franklin said, "Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of its filling a vacuum, it makes one. If it satisfies one want, it doubles and triples that want another way."

Too much consuming, or not enough money - what is the answer?

Jesus said, "Beware! Don't always be wishing for what you don't have. For real life and real living are not related to how rich we are" (The Living Bible). All of us could take some instruction from that insight. As you read this I'm sure you can think back to times in your own life when a little more money or a little less debt would have been very helpful. Most of us in our lifetimes will move back and forth from having enough money to needing a little bit more.

It would be nice if any President or political party could solve our economic woes, but from centuries of history we ought to know that "things" procured by money cannot guarantee life or the absence of problems.

The words of Jesus reach deep into all of us. "Real life and real living" is what Jesus is all about. It is accomplished every day in the lives of people who entrust their lives to Him in faith, whether or not they are "rich" or "poor."

Pastor's Corner is a weekly feature that rotates among leaders of Back Mountain churches. To reserve your spot in the schedule, call Erin Youngman at 970-7184.



Donald H. McFarland will be the featured organist at the Festival of Choirs Concert to be held at Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, Sunday, October 19 at 7 p.m.

McFarland serves as Organist/Director of Music at Richardson Park United Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware, home of Delaware's largest church pipe organ.

He has been the Rodgers Organ Representative for Northeast Pennsylvania, Philadelphia area, and South Jersey, working for R. A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc., since 1996.

Public invited to Fine Arts Series at Shavertown United Methodist

Deb Kelleher, director of music at the church, said an abundance of enthusiasm for the idea, brought back the previously discontinued series.

The first program, A Festival of Choirs, is scheduled for Oc-

tober 19 at 7 p.m. and will feature guest organist Donald McFarland from Wilmington Delaware and guest singers from Richardson Park UMC, also from Wilmington. In addition, choirs from all over the region will be taking part including St. Therese's, St Paul's, Church of Christ Uniting, Pilgrim Congregational, and Tunkhannock UMC. Free.

Kelleher said the new series fits in well with the mission of the church.

"Part of our purpose for this new series is for it to be an outreach to the community," said Kelleher. "The church is spreading its arms, mission and its music to the community."

Four programs are planned:

Wyoming Valley Barbershop harmony Chorus and choirs from Shavertown UMC December 7 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$5, \$2 for children.

Susquehanna University Concert Choir on March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$5, \$2 for children.

Songs for All Seasons featuring the Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers and choirs from Shavertown UMC. Free. Reception following the concert.

All concerts will be held in the sanctuary of the church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. Tickets for December 7 and March 19 are available at the church office and at the door. For more information call 675-3616.

CHURCH NOTES

Huntsville United Methodist

Huntsville Rd., Chase
October 12, 10 a.m. 125th anniversary worship service, special music by Shavertown 5. Special guest Dr. William Reid.
November 16, 10 a.m. 125th anniversary worship service, Bishop Susan Morrison and current Wilkes-Barre Superintendent Dr. Parker.

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

420 Main St., Dallas
October 15, 9-3 p.m. flea market and lunch, spaces still available. For more information Call 675-3369.

River of Life Fellowship

194 N. Memorial Highway, Shavertown
Thursday night soaking and healing sessions at 7 p.m. For more information call 674-5459

Shavertown United Methodist

163 North Pioneer Ave. Shavertown
October 5 - November 23, Confirmation Sundays
October 12, 1 p.m. youth CROP walk
October 14, 12 p.m. retirees bag lunch social.
October 17, 18 7 p.m. AA meeting
October 19, 7 p.m. Youth Hymn Sing
October 19, & p.m. Festival of Choirs featuring choirs from near and far.

St. Paul's Lutheran

RR 4 Box 627A (off of 118), Dallas
October 13, blood drive
October 19, CPR training from 4-5:30 p.m. (\$10), first aid training from 5:30-8 (\$30). Call to register, 675-4732.
October 19, Pastor Grube discussion on "Inner Peace".

St. Therese's

64 Davis Street, Shavertown
October 16, 1 p.m. Senior Citizen's Meeting
October 17, Back Mountain Free Medical/Legal Clinic
October 18, Children's Movie Night, 7:30 p.m. "Veggie Tale Night"
Back Mountain Youth Council accepting new members for junior high grades 6-8 and high school grades 9-12. For more info. call Denise at 696-1144.

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