

# Church & Community



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Dennis Mediera  
New Life Community Church

### 'Doing Good'

I am intrigued by words spoken by Albert Schweitzer. He said, "The fundamental idea of good is thus: that it consists in preserving life, in favoring it, in wanting to bring it to its highest value; and evil consists in destroying life, doing it injury, hindering its development."

The Bible says of Jesus, "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." (Acts 10:38)

There is a battle going on in our world today between good and evil. While there are some who have evil intentions and will do anything to bring those intentions to fruition, there are many more that let evil triumph because they do not do good. Whether for perceived lack of time or ability, good deeds are not carried through, and so many are left in conditions of need or desperation because they do not have some one to come along side and help them live through their hard times.

When the Lord God sent us His Son Jesus, He put in motion a plan and ability that was His desire to do good to all mankind. The miracles Jesus performed, show us what was in the heart of God when He sent Jesus. Jesus healed a rich man's son (John 4:46-54); He healed a lame man (John 5:1-9), He healed two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31), He fed 5000 people (John 6:5-13), and performed many other good deeds and miracles. Jesus said in John 4:34, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work." In John 14:10 he said, "The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works."

Jesus helped people live through their hard times. And He did more than that. When He died on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit of God into the lives of those who believed He was God's Messiah, that He had died on the cross in their place, for their sins. While that may not always make sense to us, it always makes sense to God.

God continues His battle against evil today in the lives of those who believe in Jesus and go about doing good as Jesus did. These people speak kind words, they offer good wishes. Often times the good they do comes in the form of money or physical help. They have a genuine care and love for others that show itself as they go out of their way to do good things for others.

The English preacher Charles Haddon Spurgeon said, "Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as often as ever you can, as long as you can." Our world today would be enriched by more people going about doing good.

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.



### Thanksgiving service scheduled

The Back Mountain Ministerium will sponsor this year's Community Thanksgiving Service. It will be held at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, on Sunday, November 23 at 7 p.m. The service will feature a combined youth choir, a children's choir and a message in drama. This service is open to the public and all are invited to come, worship and give thanks. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. For more information call 675-3616.

*Pictured from left: Rev. Charles Grube, Karen Reiniger, Rev. Jan Clark, and Rev. Peter Crynes.*

### Trucksville United Methodist hands out Bibles

The first grade class and newly registered students in the Trucksville United Methodist Church School were presented with Bibles at a recent church service. Those who received bibles were:

Emily Banta, Michell Benson, Thomas Christman, Carly Costello, Kellie Meehan, Austin Monk, Corey Monk, Carolyn Price, Courtney Wagner, Samantha Williams, Brian Wise, Jamie Wise, Lane Zbysheski.

Sunday School superintendents are Debbie Jury, Janet Kozokas and Joan Meehan. Rev. Michael Bealla is Pastor.

### Pizza sale fundraiser

Sale is held on the 2nd Friday of each month. Pizza pick up time is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Huntsville U.M. Church on 2355 Huntsville Rd., Shavertown. Orders must be submitted by the first Friday of the month. \$6 for 12 cuts of pizza. Call Mrs. Susan Pall at 675-0212 to order or leave message.

### Noxen Clothes Closet

Sponsored by United Methodist Community Development Corporation of Noxen, Kunkle and Ruggles, at the Old Noxen School Tues., Wed. 1-5 p.m.; Sat., 1-5 p.m. Browse, shop or drop off donations. Call Rev. Marty Bovee for further info. at 298-2503.

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## CHURCH NOTES

### Huntsville United Methodist

Huntsville Rd., Chase  
November 7, the church will be selling pizza. Deadline for orders Nov. 2. Pick up between 11:30 and 1 p.m. on Nov. 7. To order call 675-0212.

November 16, 10 a.m. 125th anniversary worship service, Bishop Susan Morrison and current Wilkes-Barre Superintendent Dr. Brolin Parker. Public is invited.

### 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

November 3, Roast beef dinner in the social room from 5-7 p.m. Take outs available.

November 16, Annual Meeting of the church in the social room at 7 p.m. Dr. Brolin Parker, Wilkes-Barre District superintendent, will provide information on what's going on with the wider church.

December 7, Christmas Concert featuring the Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus. The second event of the new Fine Arts Series.

### St. Paul's Lutheran

RR 4 Box 627A (off of 118), Dallas  
Nov. 2, Family Bonfire, 4 p.m.  
Nov. 15, Roast Beef Dinner, 5-7 p.m. Take outs available from 4-4:30 p.m. Adults \$7, children under 12 \$3.50.

### St. Therese's

64 Davis Street, Shavertown  
Nov. 5, Alter and Rosary Society mtg at 7 p.m. in Father Sammon's Hall.

Nov. 15, BM Senior High Youth Council Rake-A-Thon to benefit elderly and home-bound. For the service contact Denise Murphy at 696-1144.

Nov. 24, Holy Name Society sponsored Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo Party Raffle, 7 p.m. Tickets now available after each mass. Refreshments will be available at the party.

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.

### Trinity Presbyterian

105 Irem Rd., Dallas  
Special Saturday evening service weekly at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 2, Covered dish supper and special evening of music with Rev. Bill Carter, featuring Jazz selections and theological reflections.

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