

# Church & Community



## PASTOR'S CORNER

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New Life Community Church

### Hearing a good Word

Some might remember when business computers first came out. The large mainframes filled a good-size room. When we bought the first computer for our church we were sure the 480-some megabytes of storage space on the hard drive would last us a long time. Wow, were we to be surprised. I am doing this article on a computer that has a 40 gigabyte hard drive, and with the software and other files on it I am quickly filling it up.

When I opened this file to write this article, I was greeted with a message that by going to a particular web site I could "get the latest news about using Word." Our world is full of words, spoken, written, and printed. The motives behind what words are used in given situations may not always be easy to understand.

More than once my ears and sensibilities have been "burned" with some colorful but unneeded expletive used to show, well, I'm not sure what the speaker was trying to show! Certainly not their grasp of the English language. I have turned off a radio or television program because the language used did nothing to add to the importance of the subject, nor did it convince me that I should adopt the speaker's views. Perhaps that's all I can do in that circumstance. Turn off the TV or radio; get out of the hearing of those who use curse words.

But what kind of words do I use? Why do I use the words I do? Is there a better way to communicate what I am thinking and feeling that will not assault the sensibilities of those that have to hear?

The Bible says that "life and death are in the power of the tongue." (Proverbs 18:21) Every day we are in circumstances where we make a decision to use certain words to get across our feelings or thoughts. We must ask ourselves what the effect of those words will be. This is not to say that we never confront or are controversial. Are our words meant to demean the other person or relay information that may enlarge understanding?

Ah! What is in our hearts? Jesus said that "the mouth speaks out of what fills the heart." (Matthew 12:34) My computer is full of words. What comes out is what I put in, unless there is a "crash" and my files get corrupted. Then there is a mumbo-jumbo of figures on the page that make no sense.

That is what has happened to our hearts. There has been a "crash," and when we speak, out come words and thoughts that do not bring life to others, but death. The Lord wants to help our words, but to do that He must "fix" our hearts. That is what coming to God is all about. Asking Him to fix our hearts is asking Him to come into our lives, forgive us and change us, from the inside out. His is a good word to us, and out of His good words we can speak words that can bring good to others.

Pastor's Corner is a regular feature that rotates among leaders of Back Mountain churches.

To reserve your spot in the schedule, call The Post at 675-5211.

## CHURCH NOTES

**Apostolic Faith Tabernacle**  
Village Road, Orange  
Sunday School & Worship, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.  
The Word Alive Theatre Ministry has begun practicing for the next play entitled "Lazarus & the Rich Man". The drama is scheduled for June 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Pastor Frank Chorba at 333-5172.

**Center Moreland United Methodist Charge**  
1244 SR 292E  
Tunkhannock PA 18657  
333-4354  
Worship times:  
E. Dallas: 8:45 a.m.  
Dymond Hollow: 10 a.m.  
Center Moreland: Covenant Group, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11:15 a.m.  
Renew Mondays at 7 p.m.  
Bible Study Thursdays at 10 a.m.

**Chapel at the Cross**  
1189 Lower Demunds Road  
Sundays, Singpiration, 10 a.m.; refreshments, 10:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays, Celebrate Recovery, twelve-step program, 7 p.m.  
Thursdays, Mid-week prayer/study, 6:30 p.m.

**Dallas Baptist Church**  
Rt. 415, Dallas  
Sunday schedule: All-ages Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; adult choir, 5 p.m.; children's choir, 6 p.m.; evening worship, 6 p.m.  
June 21-26: Vacation Bible School

**Dallas United Methodist Church**  
4 Parsonage St., Dallas  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Church Service 9 a.m.  
Handicapped accessible

**Emmanuel Assembly of God**  
243 Church Road, Harveys Lake  
Sunday School, all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Services, 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Mondays, teen gathering, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, boys groups (Rangers), girls groups,

adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

**Fellowship Evangelical Free Church**  
45 Hildebrandt Rd. Dallas  
Sunday Schedule: 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship and Sunday School during both hours  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Jr. High Youth Group  
Thursday: 6:30 p.m., Sr. High Youth Group

**Grace Community Church**  
Memorial Highway, Dallas  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Youth Group 6 p.m. GEMS 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
June 12: Summer Kick Off Dinner

**Lehman-Idetown United Methodist**  
Lehman UMC, 1011 Mt. View Dr., Lehman Center Idetown UMC, Idetown Rd. off Rt. 118 and 415  
Summer Schedule (begins May 30)  
Worship at the Idetown UMC, 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School resumes Sept. 5  
Information, 675-5192

**New Life Community Church**  
Brace Road, Orange  
Sunday Schedule: All ages Sunday School classes, 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  
June 11-12: Retreat, "Hearing the Still Small Voice of God in a Noisy World."  
Call 639-5433 for details.

**Prince of Peace Episcopal Church**  
420 Main St., Dallas  
Sunday, June 6: Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m.; Christian education and youth choir, 9 a.m.; Adult Choir, 11:30 a.m.; Alanon, 7 p.m.  
June 7: AA meeting, 7 p.m.  
June 9: Healing service, 12:10 p.m.  
June 12: St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 9:15 a.m.

**River Of Life Fellowship**  
194 N. Memorial Hwy., Shavertown  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.



### Dallas UMC youth perform for Habitat

The Dallas United Methodist Church Youth Group presented their annual talent night to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The Youth Group sold over 100 tickets and donated hundreds of dollars to the organization. Shown are the talent participants: First row (kneeling): Haley Zimmerman, tap dance; Krista Zimmerman, singer; and Laura Zimmerman, singer. Second row (sitting): Jamie Bartoo, singer; Cierra Lombardo, host and comedy act; Dana Carey, singer; and Krystina Shumway, comedy act. Third row (standing): Michael Kapolka, band; Frank DeViva, band; Matthew Kurzweil, band, and Brandon Harding, piano. Last row: Keith Shumway, comedy act, and David Carey, comedy act.

Soaking Prayer Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Food Bank every third Saturday of the month.

**St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran**  
Tunkhannock Rd., Noxen  
298-2611  
Martin Luther Everhart, Lay Minister  
Church Service at 10 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran**  
RR 4 Box 627A (off 118), Dallas  
Saturday evening service at 5:30 weekly. Sunday service, 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Tuesdays, A.A. meetings at 7:30 p.m. at the church.  
High school graduates should provide the church office with graduation details. The information will be used in the June newsletter.

**St. Therese's Catholic**  
Pioneer Ave. and Davis St., Shavertown  
Sunday: Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9 a.m.; Summer 1st Eucharist Rituals, 11 a.m.; Baptism, 11 a.m.  
June 5: Car Wash for a Cause, 9 a.m.

**Trinity Presbyterian**  
105 Irem Rd., Dallas

Saturday evening worship: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, June 6, last day for Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship service, 11 a.m.  
June 12, Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  
June 12, Chicken & Biscuit Dinner 5 p.m.

**Trucksville U. Methodist**  
40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville  
Sunday Services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; 'Cafe' 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School classes for all ages at the Educational Facility on Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Prayer Meetings, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel choir rehearses at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. No formal music training required.

### Summer worship at Shavertown UMC

Through Labor Day weekend, worship at Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, will be:  
Saturday, 5:30 p.m., beginning with a hymn sing.  
Sunday, one service at 10 a.m.

### Brown Baggers at Shavertown UMC

Each month several retired friends gather for lunch at Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave. Shavertown. The group is called "Brown Baggers" because they bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert are provided. Anyone in the community is welcome to join them the second Tuesday of every month. The church is handicapped accessible. For more information, call the church office at 675-3616. The next luncheon will be held on June 8 at noon.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trucksville United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School will be held June 21-25 from 6:15-8:30 p.m. each evening in the William and Melba Dickson Educational Facility. The closing program will be June 27 at 10 a.m. The theme for this year's program is "Son Games." All children ages 4 years to sixth grade are welcome.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Call 696-3897 for more information. Registration forms are due by June 11. Paul and Kim Reinert are VBS directors. Rev. Michael Bealla is pastor.

### Lehman-Idetown United Methodist

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church will host its annual Vacation Bible School June 14-18 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Lehman United Methodist Church, Mountain View Drive, Lehman.

The program will feature "Heroes of the Bible" and will include Bible lessons, crafts, games, and snacks.

The classes are free for any child nursery age through the sixth grade. Teen and adult volunteers are welcome for recess, teachers' aides, or kitchen help.

A special service will be held to celebrate the week on Sunday, June 20, at 10:30 a.m. This service will be held at the Idetown United Methodist Church, Idetown Road.

For more information, contact Mandy at 674-9777 or pastor, Nancy Russel I at 675-5192.

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