

# Church & Community



## PASTOR'S CORNER

By Pastor Dennis Madeira  
New Life Community Church

### Is my faith strong enough?

All of us from time to time wrestle with the reality of faith. By that I do not mean what denomination we belong to, but rather, how is our relationship with God? You know, what do we believe about Him? Do we trust Him? Do we talk to Him? Do we expect Him to talk to us?

Someone might say, "I don't believe in God. We are just here, how we got here is unknowable, so we just make the best of it." That thought may be sincerely held, and yet for all of us there are many times when we want to believe in something or Someone bigger than ourselves, something or Someone who can help us, who cares about us no matter what we have done. There is a Someone like that, and better than we can imagine. He is God.

Where we get that knowledge is in the Bible. On the basis of the Bible there are many books written to help us know what He is like, and how to relate to Him. We are encouraged to "believe in Him," to trust Him, and to call on Him for help in our lives. That process is faith.

Faith is not something we conjure up. It is not something we try to invent within ourselves to give us hope and peace, to help us get through the hard times. Faith is possible to us because God is, and He imparts faith to us because He loves us, and wants us to know Him. Paul says that "God has imparted to each a measure of faith." (Romans 12:3)

That faith is useable every day and in any circumstance. You can't spend too much of it on God in one day so that you will not have enough for the next. Why? Because faith is not based on who you are, but rather on who God is, and particularly on who Jesus is and what He did in His life.

Hebrews 12:2 tells us that, "Jesus is the author and perfecter of faith." Faith as God imparts it to us is based in the life of Jesus, the Son of God. God imparts to us something of His own character. God is faithful (2 Timothy 2:13), and this is the basis of our being able to believe in Him and trust Him for the forgiveness of our sins and for His guidance and care each day of our lives.

Every day we have the opportunity to prove that the faith God has imparted to us is enough for all we have to deal with. It's not "is my faith strong enough," but God is strong enough to empower us so that we can handle the circumstances of life and trust Him to keep His words to us. As we read the Bible, pray, and act on His words, we will find that faith in God works, every day, all the time.

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

To reserve a spot in the schedule, call 675-5211.

### Gospel music at Trinity Presbyterian

The Jacobs Brothers gospel music trio will perform at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Rd., Dallas on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. The concert is free. The public is invited. Reception and light refreshments will follow.

## CHURCH NOTES

### Apostolic Faith Tabernacle

Village Road, Orange  
Sunday School & Worship, 10 a.m.;  
Sunday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

### Beaumont Union Gospel Church

Route 309, Beaumont  
Sundays: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.  
Midweek Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

### Carverton Charge of the United Methodist Church

(Carverton, Orange & Mt. Zion)

### 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, 10 a.m.

### Chapel at the Cross

Meeting at High Point Church,  
1919 Mountain Rd., Larksville  
Sundays: Worship, 4 p.m.; personal  
growth sessions, 5:15 p.m.; Cele-  
brate Recovery, 6:45 p.m.

### Cross Creek Community Church

370 Carverton Rd., Trucksville  
Sunday: Worship Services 8 and  
10:30 a.m. Current message series,  
"Discovering Jesus." Adult Bible  
studies and classes for children of  
all ages, 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays: 7 p.m. adult Bible  
study/prayer with classes for chil-  
dren and teenagers.  
Small group Bible studies with var-  
ious subjects, times and locations.  
For information, call 696-0399.

### Dallas Baptist Church

Rt. 415, Dallas  
Sundays: Bible study for all ages,  
9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.;  
Adult choir, 5 p.m.; Evening service  
6 p.m.  
Sept. 12: Church council, 5 p.m.

### Dallas United Methodist

4 Parsonage St., Dallas  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.  
Handicapped accessible

### Emmanuel Assembly of God

243 Church Rd., 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  
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

Sunday School, 9:45a.m.; Morning  
Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening  
Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6  
p.m.; GEMS, 6 p.m.  
Wed: Evening Prayer Meeting, 7  
p.m.  
Sept. 29: AWANA begins at 6 p.m.

### Lehman-Idetown

### United Methodist

Lehman UMC, 1011 Mt. View Dr.,  
Lehman Center  
Idetown UMC, Idetown Rd. off Rt.  
118 and 415  
Sept. 12: Worship at the Lehman  
UMC, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School,  
9:30 a.m.  
Sept. 12: Bike parade, Moving Up  
Day  
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.  
Sept. 15: Wednesday Family Fel-  
lowship. Covered dish dinner at 6  
p.m. At 6:50, Pastor Madeira will  
lead a discussion on "The Difficult  
Questions" from Matthew 5:10.  
Classes for youth.

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Rt. 29 Lake Silkworth  
Services: Saturday 4:30 p.m.; Sun-  
day 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

420 Main St., Dallas  
Sunday, Sept. 12: Holy Eucharist,  
9 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Ju-  
nior Choir Practice, 8:20 a.m.;  
Dedication of Memorial Garden  
and Parish Picnic after service.  
Alanon meeting, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 13: AA Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 14: Pre-Convention Meeting  
7 p.m.  
Sept. 15: Daughters of the King, 6  
p.m.; Outreach Commission Meet-  
ing, 7 p.m.

### River Of Life Fellowship

194 N. Memorial Hwy., Shaver-  
town  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Soaking Prayer Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Food Bank every third Saturday of  
the month.

### Shavertown United Methodist

163 N. Pioneer Avenue, Shaver-  
town  
Saturdays: 5:30 p.m., chapel service  
Sundays: 9:45 a.m., hymn sing; 10  
a.m., worship service and junior  
church.  
Sept. 12: Education Fair/Rally Day,

10-11 a.m.  
Sept. 13: Church council meeting,  
7 p.m.; Mary Circle, noon.  
Sept. 14: Brown Baggers fellowship  
lunch, noon.  
For information, call 675-3616.

### St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran

Tunkhannock Rd., Noxen  
298-2611  
Martin Luther Everhart, Lay Minis-  
ter  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Church,  
11 a.m.

### St. Paul's Lutheran

RR 4 Box 627A (off 118), Dallas  
Saturday evening service at 5:30  
weekly.  
Sunday service, 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays, A.A. meetings at 7:30  
p.m. at the church.  
Fall Bible Study begins Sept. 8 at 7  
p.m.  
Sept. 12: Sunday School Rally Day,  
9:45 a.m.  
Sept. 12: Confirmation orientation  
meeting for students and parents, 7  
p.m.  
Sept. 14: Dorcas meeting, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 16: Chapel choir, age 3-3rd  
grade, 6:30-7:15 p.m.; senior choir,  
7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Sept. 19: Emmanuel choir, 4th  
grade and up, 9:30-9:45 a.m.  
Sept. 18: Brotherhood Roast Beef  
dinner. Takeouts 4-4:30 p.m.; din-  
ner 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7, children un-  
der 12 \$3.50.  
Sept. 18: St. Paul's Shepherd Pro-  
gram reorganization meeting, 11  
am-noon.

### St. Therese's Catholic

Pioneer Ave. and Davis St., Shaver-  
town  
Sunday: Sacrament of the Eu-  
charist, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11  
a.m. Children's Liturgy of the  
Word, 9 a.m.  
Sept. 27: Fall communal penance  
service, 7 p.m.

### Trinity Presbyterian

105 Irem Rd., Dallas  
Saturday evening worship: 5:30  
p.m.  
Sept. 12: last Sunday for 10 a.m.  
morning worship; Sunday School  
Rally Day at 11 a.m.; Jacobs Broth-  
ers gospel concert: 6 p.m. with re-  
ception to follow.  
Sept. 18: Men's Club breakfast at  
8:30 a.m.  
Sept. 19: Sunday School resumes  
at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship ser-  
vice resumes at 11 a.m.

### Trucksville United Methodist

40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville  
Summer Sunday Services are at  
8:30 and 10 a.m.; 'Cafe Trucksville'  
between services.  
Sept. 13: Finance committee,  
7 p.m.

### Victory Baptist Bible Church

58 Market St., Lehman  
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;  
morning worship, 11 a.m.; evening  
worship, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday prayer service, 6:30  
p.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 2nd Tuesday of every month. Come join us for food for the body and food for the soul. The church is handicapped accessible. For more information, call the church office at 675-3616. The next luncheon will be held on Sept. 14 at noon in the church lounge.



## Organ concert at Shavertown UMC

Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 North Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, will kick off its second annual Fine Arts Series with an organ concert by the critically acclaimed organist/composer/arranger Dan Miller, of Oregon, on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. Miller received rave reviews when he played the dedication recital for the church's new organ in 2002. His concert will feature a variety of organ music from classics to patriotic to hymn arrangements, including his own arrangement of the William Tell Overture. The Charlotte Observer called his music "unbelievably inspiring." He is the designer of the organ at SUMC, and has played concerts all over the world for the past 30 years. A reception to meet the artist will follow the concert. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, and are available at the church by calling 675-3616 or at the door the night of the concert.

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