

CHURCH BRIEFS

Annual CROP Walk takes place Oct. 16

The annual CROP Walk will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre. Registration begins at 1 p.m. The annual event is sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches and benefits the 13 food pantries in Luzerne County, including the Back Mountain Food Pantry. For more information, call 824-8439 or 825-8543.

Dallas Baptist Church begins new program

The Dallas Baptist Church is holding its "40 Days of Purpose" campaign through Nov. 27 at the church on Route 415 in Dallas. The church will be one of approximately 13,000 churches from 60 denominations taking part in the program.

The program was inspired from the book The Purpose Driven Life, which has sold more than 16 million copies since 2002. The book's author is Rick Warren, a senior pastor at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif.

The campaign's five purposes for people - worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism - will be communicated through a

weekly message from Dallas Baptist Church pastor Jerry Branch, a personal or family daily devotional reading, a weekly memory verse from the Bible, a small group or Sunday school lesson, and daily encouragement through e-mail. For more information about the program, call the church at 639-5099.

Local professor speaks at St. Therese's Church

Jim Calderone, professor of social studies at College Misericordia, will present a lecture and discussion on "How Catholic is Social Justice" at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24 at St. Therese's Church on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. Calderone is also a deacon of the Scranton Diocese, serving at St. Aloysius Church in Wilkes-Barre. The event is the first in a series made possible through a grant from the Social Justice Fund of the Diocese of Scranton. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served.

Idetown to celebrate 140th anniversary

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church will begin its year-long anniversary celebration "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" by celebrating the 140th anniversary

of the Idetown Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at the church in Idetown. There will be a celebration worship service with special music followed by fellowship and refreshments. Anyone who attends is asked to bring a dessert to share. Members of the church are asked to contact former members, or members who have moved away and invite them to the service. Sunday school will not be held on Oct. 16, but will resume at the Lehman UMC on Oct. 23. The anniversary year will end with the 150th anniversary of the Lehman United Methodist Church on Sept. 15-17, 2006.

Gate of Heaven sets spaghetti dinner

Gate of Heaven Church will hold a home-style spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 22 at the church on Machell Avenue in Dallas. Takeouts will begin at 4:30 p.m. The dinner includes spaghetti with marinara sauce, homemade meatballs, salad, Italian bread, beverage and choice of dessert. Dinners are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 6-12. There is no charge for children under 6 years old. There are a limited number of dinners. For reservations or more information, call 675-2696.

Dymond Hollow UMC plans roast beef dinner

The Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church will hold its annual roast beef dinner buffet and bake sale from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the church in Center Moreland. Takeouts will be available from 4-4:30 p.m. The dinners will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, squash, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, pies and beverages. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 5-12. For more information, call 388-6566 or 333-4332. The church also invites members of the community to enjoy a night of music at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at the church. Music will be provided by the group Dave and Larry.

Chicken dinner set for Trinity Presbyterian

Trinity Presbyterian Church will hold a chicken and biscuit dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the church, 105 Irem Road in Dallas. Takeouts will be available from 4:30-5 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 5-12. The event is sponsored by the mission and membership committees. For more information, call 675-3131.

DALLAS METHODIST PLAN RUMMAGE SALE



The Dallas United Methodist Church will hold its annual fall rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 29. There will be baked goods, clothing, and many new and used items. Saturday is bag day. There will also be breakfast and lunch available, as well as homemade soup and pies. Members of the rummage sale committee, from left, first row are May Chamberlain, Sharron Lewis, Kate Dickson, Pug Berti and Doris Brobst. Second row: Don Dickson, Mary Lucas, Judy Donlin, Shirley Mahle, Beverly Brougner, Fran Williams, the Rev. Thurston Shumway and Gayle Elston. Third row: John Brougher, Mary Reese, Ned Podehl, Lena Baur, Herb Woodeshick, Evelyn Weaver, Jane Kaminski and Peggy Tomkinson.

SENIOR MENUS

The Senior Citizens Center, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming counties, offers hot meals at noon Monday through Friday to people age 60 and older. Donations from participants are accepted and needed in order to expand the program. For more information about the meal program, call 822-1158.

The following is the menu for the week of Oct. 17:

Monday: Beef Stroganoff over noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, applesauce, milk and coffee.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with Italian sausage, parmesan cheese, tossed salad, Italian bread, chilled pears, milk and coffee.

Wednesday: Barbecue ribbette,

baked potato, sour cream, baked beans, sandwich roll, rice pudding, milk and coffee.

Thursday: Ham and cheese omelet, hash brown potatoes, spinach, bran muffin, orange, milk and coffee.

Friday: Yankee pot roast, oven roast potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread, birthday cake, milk and coffee.

MOSCOW BALLET

Approximately 20 Back Mountain youngsters will take part in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to dance in the Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker" production during its 80-city United States tour in November and December 2005. Local performances will be held at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre.

Tickets are available by calling the box office at 826-1100. The local dancers were chosen during a recent performance at the Kirby Center. The Back Mountain residents will join approximately 40 other young dancers from the Wyoming Valley during the performances of the "Great Russian Nutcracker."

Back Mountain dancers chosen to perform are Corrine Matusiak,

Kristen Justice, Jessica Hiscox, Alyssa Buccker, Sarah Tomayka, Jessica Szczechowicz, Krista Zimmerman and Aubriella Smith, Dallas; Nicole Slavoski, Katerina Wesikerger, Lee Riccetti and Anna James, Shavertown; Katelyn Reinert, Trucksville; and Gabriella Romero, Carly Heck, Spencer Corby, Sonali Varhade and Cynthia Sherry, Tunkhannock.

FOOD

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going to homes with children. They are most appreciative of that."

Approximately 55 percent of the people who benefit from the pantry come from young families with children, the unemployed, displaced, victims of abuse, or people just living on the minimal economic edges of society, said Hazeltime.

Families using the food bank are eligible for one order every two months or six orders a year. The pantry is rigorously regulated by the Commission on Economic Opportunity in Wilkes-Barre, which provides federally-acquired food.

"We are required to take careful financial histories of the families we serve," said Hazeltime.

Lately much of the federally-acquired food has been diverted to New Orleans and Texas, making the need for local donations even more urgent.

Wally Gosart, who likes the coffee, donuts and volunteer camaraderie, has been with the food bank from its start in 1977. It served 10 families then and was located in the former Kingston Township municipal building on Carverton Road.

There were rooms downstairs. "A bomb shelter," says Gosart, and "we struggled to get the food up and down those stairs."

The food pantry now serves 138 families.

"These are good people that need food, some I have known, some are elderly, and the chance for free food helps," says Gosart. The feeling among the volunteers is that an increase in eat-

ing costs will heighten the demand for food this winter.

Caught between low wages and high rents, torn between paying for medicine and heating oil, many families are using some public assistance. If not, they are referred to other assistance programs by the food bank.

But this isn't a mad spiral to perpetuate public assistance, says Hazeltime.

"Our average family stays with us for five years and, by and large, people's circumstances do improve and they move on. Ninety-five of the people are honorable, but we are required to check on them."

The food bank is staffed by 43 volunteers. Some sort supplies, others distribute and fill orders, some register families. Fern and Paul Sabol sort and stock the shelves, making sure donations are not outdated.

"We get a good feeling thinking we're helping someone out," says Fern.

Even well-intentioned people can forget the most obvious need.

"One woman called about food bank-related business and left saying, 'Oh, that's right, I forgot, you need some food here,'" said Hazeltime.

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