

CHURCH BRIEFS

Methodist women meeting Jan. 24

The regular meeting of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Women will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Lehman United Methodist Church. The annual pledge service will be presented by Kristi Snyder and Susan Snyder. The program is entitled "Renaissance Through Peace."

Treasurer Dorothy Dawe will present the budget for 2006. Pastor Nancy Russell will install

the officers for 2006 and hostesses for the meeting are Janet Eddy, Evelyn Ide and Jean Major (honorary).

The group will make pasties Thursday, Jan. 26. Orders must be made no later than Monday, Jan. 23 by calling any UMW member.

St. Therese's hosting special guest speaker

Margarita Rose, professor of economics and director of the

women's study program at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, will be the guest speaker at the "Coffee and Conversation" series at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 at St. Therese's Church on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. The event is sponsored by the church's social justice committee.

The topic for the event will be "Practicing Justice in Everyday Life: The High Cost of Low Prices." The presentation will include a video, input and dis-

cussion of how low prices – especially those offered especially by "big box" retailers – affect wages, benefits, working conditions of workers and the survival of small and local businesses.

Refreshments will be served and there is no admission charge. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling the parish office at 696-1144.

Loyalville UMC plans meatloaf dinner

The Loyalville United Methodist Church will hold a baked meatloaf dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the church on Loyalville Road. The church is located one-half mile off Route 29 south and 4 miles west of Dallas from Route 118. There will also be a bake sale.

Takeouts will be available and orders should be called in advance. Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under age 12. For takeout orders or more information, call 477-3521.

Breakfast, dinner at Prince of Peace

The men of the Prince of Peace Church will serve a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 22 at the church on Main Street in Dallas. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, and drinks. The public is welcome. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering would be appreciated.

The men will also hold a pasta dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 at the church. The dinner features a choice of three sauces. Meatballs and bread are included. Tickets are \$6 for

adults and \$3 children. Tickets may be purchased from any parishioner or at the door.

Mission project to fight hunger

The Center Moreland United Methodist Church Youth will hold its annual special mission project "The Souper Bowl of Caring" on Saturday Feb. 4 and Sunday, Feb. 5 at the church on Creamery Road in Center Moreland.

The project inspires and mobilizes youth to fight hunger and poverty in their communities on the weekend of the NFL Super Bowl. On Feb. 4, the youth will perform a service blitz. They will gather and prepare homemade vegetable soup for St. Vincent de Paul kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. All ingredients will be provided by the youths and their helpers.

The soup will be taken to the kitchen on the day of the Super Bowl – Sunday, Feb. 5 – and will be served to the guests. The youth group will also have soup pots to collect donations at the two morning worship service that day. The money will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul kitchen.

Through the month of January, bags of food items will be collected and taken to the Back Mountain Food Party and the Wyoming County food bank.

Following the 11 a.m. service Feb. 5, the church will hold a special lunch for members of the congregation and the public. If your church would like to participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" event, call 1-800-358-

SOUP or visit the Web site www.souperbowl.org.

Trucksville UMC seeking volunteers

The Trucksville United Methodist Church will be sending a group of volunteers to help with the Wyoming Valley Habitat Work Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at a site to be announced. Construction skills or prior experience is not necessary. The group is also looking for people to help organize a lunch for the work site.

Anyone interested in helping should call Morag Michael 675-0488.

Spaghetti dinner at Mehoopany UMC

The Mehoopany United Methodist Church will hold a spaghetti and meatball dinner at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the church. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage, and homemade pie and cake. A free will offering will be collected.

Awana Club meets at Grace Community

The Awana Club ministry at the Grace Community Church in Dallas meets from 6-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, which is located across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery on Memorial Highway.

The Bible-based club is open to boys and girls ages 4 through sixth grade. The club consists of Bible teaching, fun, fellowship, games and special events.

For more information, call the church office at 675-3723.

GATE OF HEAVEN PLANS STROMBOLI SALE



Gate of Heaven Church will hold a homemade stromboli sale from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday Feb. 4 at the church on Machell Avenue. The stromboli are \$6 each and can be ordered with or without onions. Orders may be placed by calling 675-2696. The sale is sponsored by the Gate of Heaven choir, as well as the Altar and Rosary Society. Preparing for the event, from left, first row are Marilyn O'Connell, Carol Vezilski and Bette Gillespie. Second row: Joe Canfield, deacon Tom Cesarini, Chris Chmarney and the Rev. Kevin Mulhern.

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