

## SHAVERTOWN UMC HOLDING BIBLE SCHOOL



The Shavertown United Methodist Church invites children, teens and adults to attend its Vacation Bible School "Adventure of the Treasure Seekers: Exploring God's Promises" from July 16-20 at the church on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. Dinner will be served each evening beginning at 5:30 with formal events taking place from 6:30-8 p.m. The program offers fun, interactive activities that combine the world of archaeology with the discovery of treasures in the Bible. Each day, children will take part in an actual dig and find treasures that remind them of the Bible story. Children ages 2-12 will participate in singing, crafts, and recreation. Teenagers who have completed fifth grade may volunteer or join the drama team and adults may also volunteer or join in a class about spiritual gifts led by pastor Drew Cottle. Nursery care is available for adults who remain on the premises. Daily offerings will be taken to support missionaries from the church family who are rebuilding homes of those affected by Hurricane Katrina. All of the funds raised will be deposited into a fund that will defray transportation costs and pay for much needed building materials. Registration forms are available at the church office or by calling 675-3616. For more information, call Kristen Andrews at 674-3773. Walk-ins will be accepted each evening, but pre-registration is appreciated for planning purposes. Members of the Shavertown United Methodist VBS steering team, from left, first row are Sandy Michalisin and Rebecca Oley. Second row: pastor Craig Mark, Andrews, Shelly Anselmo, Bonnie Ziegler, Kallie Root, Sherrie Waslick, Tracy Tomasura, Michael Tomasura. Cottle and Jen Oldeack are also members of the team.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

## SUMC concert reset for July 10

Due to recent flooding in the Wyoming Valley area, the concert featuring Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass at Shavertown United Methodist Church has been rescheduled. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 10 at the church, 163 North Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown.

The group of nine musicians performs around the country. They are back at SUMC by popular demand and the concert is sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee. The sanctuary is air-conditioned. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

## Community VBS to begin Aug. 7

A community-wide Vacation Bible School "The Xtreme Encounter: A Salvation Space Journey" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 7-11 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 118 in Dallas Township. The event for children ages 3 and older is being sponsored by churches of the Back Mountain Ministerium. The following churches will be represented - Shavertown United Methodist, St. Paul's Lutheran, Dallas United Methodist, Trinity Presbyterian, Prince of Peace Episcopal and Huntsville United Methodist.

The Bible school will feature music, crafts, stories, games and snacks. The registration deadline is July 23 and limited to 150 children. Forms are available at the churches listed above or by contacting Jennifer Martin of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church at 675-1723 or princeofpeace@epix.net.

## Children invited to 'Rec with Rock'

The Vacation Bible School-like "Rec with the Rock" will be held from 6-10 p.m. July 8 and Aug. 12 at the Rock Recreation Center at the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church in Trucksville. Children ages 2-12 are welcome to attend the Saturday night events, which include games, snacks and crafts. There is no charge to attend, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Pittsburgh Project.

## Men's breakfast held each Tuesday

The Shavertown United Methodist Church recently began holding a weekly ecumenical men's breakfast. The group meets at 8 a.m. each Tuesday at Pickett's Charge restaurant on Route 415 in Dallas. The Dutch treat breakfast is followed by fellowship and a short devotion period. The breakfast, fellowship and devotion period last no longer than one hour.

Men from all Back Mountain churches are encouraged to attend.

## 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.

## Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church holding a yearlong 150th anniversary celebration

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church is holding a yearlong anniversary celebration. The Lehman UMC church will celebrate its 150th anniversary, Idetown UMC is celebrating its 141st anniversary and this year marks the second anniversary of the Lehman-Idetown merger. The theme for the celebration is called "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The church is publishing an anniversary booklet with the history - and photos - of both church. Anyone wishing to place a tribute in memory of loved ones may do so by calling Judy Dawe at 675-3557. The cost is \$2 per line and orders must be received no later than July 10. Anyone

wishing to place an advertisement or a note of congratulations in the booklet should call Bill Reynolds or call the church office at 675-1216 and leave a message.

To celebrate the anniversary, shelf sitters will be sold. These are replicas of the Lehman and Idetown churches. These may be purchased for \$15 apiece or two for \$25. They may be purchased after church services, or by calling Beverly Ide at 639-1323 or Dawe at 675-3557.

The church will hold a "Christmas in July" worship service Sunday, July 16. The service will include memories of past Christmas Eves, shared by a few members. After worship, there will be Christmas cookies and beverages.

Special anniversary ornament will be sold for \$10.

Reservations will be taken for the anniversary banquet, which will be held Sept. 16 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Luzerne. The banquet will honor 50-plus year members and past pastors. The family-style dinner costs \$16 per person. There is no charge for children under 5. The deadline for reservations, including payment, is Sept. 1. For reservations, call Jayne Haefele at 639-5051.

The celebration weekend will be held Friday through Sunday, Sept. 15-17. A music concert will be held Sept. 16, followed by the banquet on Sept. 16 and a special service Sept. 17.

## THANK YOU

**Autoworks International would like to thank all of the Back Mountain EMS Personnel, Police Departments, Road Departments and other volunteers for their heroic efforts during last week's disastrous storm for their help in saving both property and the lives of the residents of the area! We had the opportunity to witness their efforts first hand and they all put their own safety after the safety of others in need. We should all be proud that we have these dedicated personnel protecting us! Once again - Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for a job well done!**

**- Dan Monk, Jeff Dickson and all of the Autoworks employees**



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