

CHURCH BRIEFS

Parish picnic being held Sept. 10

The Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will hold its annual parish picnic Sunday, Sept. 10 at Frances Slocum State Park in Kingston Township. A Eucharistic Service will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a pot luck picnic. Parishioners are asked to bring a comfortable lawn chair. If the weather permits, there will be games for the children and adults. Fishing poles and hiking boots are an option.

For more information, contact the church office at 675-1723 or visit the Web site at www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org.

The church also invites all members and friends of the church to appear in its 2007 photo directory. Photos will be taken on Tuesday, Sept. 12 and

Wednesday, Sept. 13. Call the church office for an appointment.

Shavertown UMC holding special service

The Shavertown United Methodist Church will hold its monthly prayer and praise service at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11 at the church. The service is open to anyone who enjoys contemporary music and a celebration of faith. The music is led by the SUMC praise band "Step By Step." The service is held monthly and continues through May.

Trucksville UMC sets meatloaf dinner

The Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold a meat-

loaf dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 in the educational building. The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, carrots, applesauce and dessert. The tickets are \$7 and a limited number of reserved-only seats are available. To make a reservation, call Betty June Mathers at 696-2214 or the church office at 696-3897 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Special services being held Sept. 8-10

The Apostolic Faith Tabernacle will hold Harvest in the Wildwood, three nights of gospel singing and preaching, Sept. 8-10 at the church on Village Road in Orange. The services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8; 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9; and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 10.

A dinner will be held after the Sept. 9 service. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. For more information, call 333-5172.

Ruggles UMC plans bake sale

The Ruggles United Methodist Church of the Noxen Charge will hold a bake sale from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 3 at the Harveys Lake Country Store near the Sandy Beach portion of the lake. The women of the church will be selling homemade bread, pies, cakes, loafs, cookies, fudge and several special surprises.

River of Life moving in September

River Of Life at Kingdom Power Ministries is moving to

its new location at 219 N. Memorial Highway in Shavertown in September. The building is located between Dreier's Auto Sales and Dymond's Farm Market. River Of Life at Kingdom Power Ministries will also expand its schedule. Beginning in late October, gatherings will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. six nights a week, Tuesday through Sunday.

Healing, intercessory prayer, training in the interpretation of dreams and visions, soaking prayer, and instruction on being able to see and understand spiritual things, will continue. Sunday celebration will be conducted at 10:30 A.M. The public is invited.

Prince of Peace sets rummage sale

The Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will hold a rummage

sale and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 9 at the church, 420 Main Street in Dallas. There is no admission charge or charge for parking. Saturday is \$1 bag day.

Loyalville UMC plans ham dinner

The Loyalville United Methodist Church will hold a roast turkey dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 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.

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to retire and give it up. I thought here's an opportunity to serve my community so I ran and won.

"I enjoyed giving the administration the authority that they well deserved. The job of a school director was to make sure there was enough money so the schools could operate. We tried our best to keep the taxes down, but there was no way I was going to nickel-and-dime a kid. I was elected four times and halfway through the fourth term I ran for county commissioner and got elected."

GH: You recently called your last square dance. What was that like?

RJ: "It was very touching because I started when I was 13. The first night I called, it was all high school kids, and then as I called more people in there 20s and 30s would come out. So now

that I am 68, people like 88 years old came out to hear me call my last one. A lot of people from Plymouth Township and Harter High School in west Nanticoke where I graduated came out to hear me call as well.

"I'm an emotional guy to begin with. I can't even watch Little House on the Prairie without crying. I only talked for a little bit and that was pretty much it. If they would have had people up there talking about me I would have been up there crying."

GH: You stopped volunteering at the Mercy Center in Dallas after 25 years of service. Do you volunteer anywhere in Georgia?

RJ: "The one place I volunteer is called The Place and it's a building where needy families come daily in a bread line. They get canned goods we bag for them, and bread, fruit, different salads and desserts. People also drop off clothing and we have a thrift store and the proceeds go back into the program. My wife Marie and I enjoy doing that once

a week.

"When I go back to Georgia I will volunteer at the North Side Forsyth Hospital. I push wheelchairs, work in the waiting room and talk to people who are waiting for their loved ones to come out of surgery. For now it's only once every three weeks because I'm the new guy on the block, but it will move up to twice a week. At the Good Shepard Roman Catholic Church, I'm a Eucharistic Minister for the homebound and the sick."

GH: Why do you enjoy volunteering so much?

RJ: "I enjoy helping the challenged. When you go into a nursing home, you know that a person is challenged. When you go and sit down with someone in a nursing home, they smile at you because a lot of times no one else comes to see them.

"There is nothing like giving back to the community. It's worth the gallon of gas it costs you to drive there."



William Dantona Jr., left, and Nikki LaVenda dance at the Volunteers of America's sixth annual square dance.

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HARVEST

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Janel Moon of Wilkes-Barre and Teresa Popielarski of Plains Township sold their hand-decorated serving ware at the festival. For the past two years, the pair has continued to spice up ordinary plates and glassware with glass gems and silver, copper and brass wiring.

"She saw a book on it, tried it and roped me into it," said Moon, referring to Popielarski. "We sell a lot of martini glasses and cheese knives and dishes."

Popielarski said each piece takes a few hours to complete, but gluing is by far the hardest part.

"So far the response from people has been very nice," Moon said. "The people like it. Our stuff makes great Christmas

gifts, too, because you can customize order."

Also during the festival, attendants were able to take a guided tour of the Hayfield House, which was built during the Great Depression by Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham as mostly a summer residence.

Individuals at the craft fair were quick to stop by the Burdick Creek Gardens stand to sample one of their many choices of bread dippers, including the overall favorite of the day, sun-dried tomato and rosemary.

"My mother owns a garlic farm out in Dimock," Kim Gregory said. "We hand-package all of our bread dippers."

Cheryl Korb of Dalton, who was selling folk art, said she thinks the festival is a great show that draws a big crowd and is a very pleasant atmosphere when the weather is good.

And even when it's not.



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Blacksmith, Rodney Mahoney, Sweet Valley, displayed and forged tools during the arts festival.



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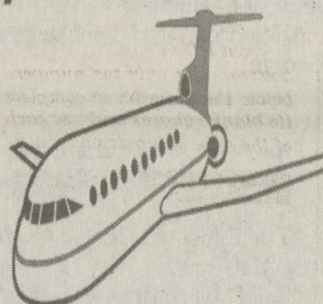


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