

CHURCH BRIEFS

Blessing of Animals being held Oct. 1

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will hold a Blessing of the Animals service at noon Sunday, Oct. 1 at the church on Main Street in Dallas. A short service, followed by the blessing, will be held on the church's front lawn, weather permitting. All animals, properly restrained, are welcome. A special medal/tag will be presented to each animal to commemorate the occasion. For more information, call the church at 675-1723 or e-mail princeofpeace@epix.net.

Center Moreland UMC plans special events

The Center Moreland United Methodist Church will hold a Jacobs Brothers concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 at the church on Creamery Road. The Jacobs Brothers, veterans in gospel music, is comprised of brothers Bob and Mike Jacobs, along with Mike Lawver who joined the

group in 1972. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. A love offering will be taken.

The church is also holding its Christmas Child Shoe Box mission project. The project is an international relief project of Samaritan's Purse. Last year, more than seven million gift-filled shoe boxes were distributed worldwide to children in 95 countries.

October is "Get Your Shoebox Together" month at the church. Other churches in the area will also be taking part in the project. The boxes are due by Sunday, Nov. 5 and will be dedicated that day. If your church would like information about the program, call 1-800-353-5949 or visit the Web site www.samaritanpurse.org. If you would like to do a box and need it to be taken to a collection site, call Sheryl Phillips at 333-4226.

Dymond Hollow UMC holding music concert

The Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church will hold a music concert with Larry (Sor-

ber) and Dave (Pearn) at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at the church. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. A love offering will be taken to benefit the church. The concert is open to the public. For more information, call Dave at 333-4529.

Roast beef supper set for Dymond Hollow

The Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church will hold its annual roast beef supper from 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at the church. Takeouts will be available. For more information, call LaVerne at 333-4332.

Trucksville UMC sets chicken barbecue

Trustees of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold its annual fall chicken barbecue with dining room service from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 6-7 at the church's Dickson Educational Facility on Church Road. Takeouts will be available from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. All tickets must be purchased in advance by

calling the church office from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 696-3897. Orders may also be faxed to 696-3898.

Birthday tea, raffle to be held Sept. 24

The Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society will hold its annual birthday tea and raffle at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 in the Gate of Heaven school auditorium. The Sweet Charity Singers will provide the entertainment. For more information, call Rene Benedetti at 675-4635.

Special service honors emergency workers

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold a special service to honor and recognize members of the community who serve as emergency responders at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 at the church on Route 118 in Dallas Township. All members of the local emergency services agencies - fire-fighters, ambulance associations and EMTs, police, rescue, and civil air patrol - are invited to the

service. The public is invited. A time of fellowship will follow in the church's social hall.

River of Life moves location

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.

Men's breakfast held each Tuesday

The Shavertown United Metho-

dist 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.

Special events end a very special year



Harveys Lake resident Lorraine Coburn, Dallas resident Ellen Dymond, Kingston's Anna Mead Comiskey and Jessie Swan of Lehman Township share a few laughs and memories at the special anniversary celebration. They are all 50-year members of the church.



Phyllis and Alvin Cragle, Lehman Township, look at some pictures of themselves that were taken 58 years ago at the Lehman United Methodist Church.

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church concluded its yearlong celebration "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" with a very special weekend. The Lehman church celebrated its 150th anniversary, while the Idetown church noted its 141st anniversary. Financial matters forced the Lehman and Idetown United Methodist churches to merge two years ago. The weekly worship services are held at Lehman United Methodist Church.

A music festival featuring the group "Saving Graces" kicked off the celebration Friday, Sept. 15. The celebration moved to the Knight's of Columbus hall in Luzerne the following night for the Anniversary Banquet.

The church honored its 50-plus year members, along with past pastors Greg Myers, Tom Morris, Richard Santarella and Robert Harris. Nancy Russell is the pastor of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church. A time capsule from 25 years ago was opened and a new time capsule was sealed.

To celebrate the anniversary, shelf sitters - replicas of the Lehman and Idetown churches - are being sold. The cost is \$15 apiece or two for \$25. The replica churches may be purchased by calling Beverly Ide at 639-1323 or Judith Dawe at 675-3557.



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Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church pastor Nancy Russell is joined by former pastors Greg Myers, Tom Morris, Richard Santarella and Robert Harris at the anniversary dinner.

GATE OF HEAVEN SETS SPAGHETTI DINNER



Gate of Heaven Church will hold a home style spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at the church on Machel 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. Tickets 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 additional information, call 675-3674 or 675-1579. Members of the planning committee, from left, first row are Marilyn O'Connell, Chris Chmarney, Sunny Cesarini and Paul Strazdus. Second row: Barbara Strazdus, Carol Carroll, the Rev. Kevin Mulhern, Peg Canfield and Renee Benedetti. Third row: Josie Bomberger, Joe Darling, Bette Gillespie and Linda Scholl.

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