

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT CONCERT SET FOR DEC. 17



The Shavertown United Methodist Church Fine Arts Series will present its annual Carols by Candlelight concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at the church on Pioneer Avenue. The concert will feature carol singing accompanied by the Anthracite Brass Quartet, hand bells, piano and organ. The chancel choir, guest singers and four of the other choirs from the church will also perform. A reception will follow the concert and a free will offering will be received. For more information, call 675-3616. Planning the concert, from left, are Beckie Kimpel, Lisa Evans and Deborah Kelleher.

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH WINS PENNY WARS FUNDRAISER



St. Therese's Church in Shavertown was recently named the winner in the above 1,000 member category in the seventh annual Penny Wars for the Poor fundraiser. The event raises money each year to benefit the Commission on Economic Opportunity's "Ending Childhood Hunger" campaign. St. Therese's competed against churches with more than 1,000 members. Mount Zion Church was the winner among churches with less than 1,000 members. St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Dallas was also among the more than one dozen churches to participate. Attending an awards presentation, from left, are Dave Ritter, CEO staff; David Holloway, Mount Zion Church; Denise Murphy, St. Therese's Church; and Gene Brady, CEO executive director.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Christmas drama being held Dec. 16

Word Alive Theatre will present "Twas The Night Before Jesus Came" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 at Apostolic Faith Tabernacle, Village Road, Orange. The drama presentation will depict a family in the rush of getting ready for Christmas and the real meaning of Christmas has somehow been lost in the shuffle of the season. Through this experience they rearrange their holiday plans, and once again focus their lives on the birth of Jesus Christ. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Live nativity begins Dec. 15

The Gift, one of the most elaborate and highly-attended live outdoor nativity in the state, will begin with shows at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville. Additional shows will be held at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. There is no admission charge. The hour-long musical drama allows audiences to experience the birth, death, resurrection and miracles of Jesus Christ. More than 7,000 people from Pennsylvania and surrounding states will come to

witness the moving, theatrical performance of more than 100 actors and live animals, including camels, zebu steer, goats, sheep, and donkeys.

Two additions for this year's production include pyrotechnics, for effect, and the expansion of the Bethlehem village from 35 feet to 85 feet, allowing for more actors and props.

For anyone who wishes to view the event indoors, a live simulcast video will be available in the church sanctuary.

For more information, call John Gibbons at 696-1128.

Christmas ornaments available at TUMC

The Church School and Campaign 2000 committee of the

Trucksville United Methodist Church are selling Christmas tree ornaments. The shatter-proof ornaments are available in red or purple for \$3 each. Brass stands are also available for \$1.

Orders may be placed with Lynn Magnotta (696-6088) or Brenda Williams (696-0146), or by calling the church office at 696-3897.

River of Life begins nightly meetings

Pastors Stephen and Mary Ann Kotch of River Of Life @ Kingdom Power Ministries in Shavertown will hold special meetings at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday through Sunday at the church, located at 219 North Memorial Highway.

The Sunday meetings will be held at 6 p.m.

The meetings will vary each evening to include teaching on spiritual gifts, prophecy, healing, dreams and visions interpretation, spiritual counsel and

worship. The public is invited.

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

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