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FEAST OF **EPIPHANY CELEBRATED**

Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas recently celebrated Mass in the new year with the Feast of Epiphany. The 12 days of Christmas end with the Feast of Epiphany, which is also called "The Adoration of the Magi" or "The Manifestation of God." Participating in the event, from left, are Michael Pace, altar server; Matt Fromel, Louis Oley, Dan Kopicki, the three kings; and Michael Morrison, altar server.

CHURCH BRIEFS

'Souper Bowl' set at Center Moreland

The Center Moreland United Methodist Church is holding its annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" with activities scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 3 and Sunday, Feb. 4.

Youth from the church will be collecting money, canned goods and nonperishable items from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 3 at Thomas' Foodtown Market in Tunkhannock. The event will benefit the Wyoming County Food Bank and the Commission on Economic Opportunity.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place Sunday, Feb. 4. Members of the youth group will take a collection to benefit St. Vincent dePaul Kitchen during the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. A soup lunch will follow the 11 a.m. service. Jerry and Clara Mattocks will give a presentation about the **Oriental Missionary Society** Prayer Initiative in Ecuador.

Items will also be collected for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Items especially needed are pancake mix, pancake syrup, flour, cake mixes, cereals, canned pork & beans, canned vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and sauces.

St. Paul's Lutheran holding soup sale

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is holding a soup sale to benefit

the social ministry committee. The cost is \$4 per quart of chicken noodle and/or vegetable soup. Orders may be placed by calling the church office at 675-3859. The pickup dates are Saturday, Jan. 27 and Sunday, Jan. 29. Proceeds will benefit the various ministries of the church.

Alderson UMC plans chili dinner

The Alderson United Methodist Church will hold a chili dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the church, located at Pole 108, Lakeside Drive in Harveys Lake. The dinners include chili, salad, rolls, crackers, cake and beverages. Takeouts will be available from 4-5 p.m. Dinners are \$6 for adults

and \$3 for children under age 12.

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 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. For more information, call Bob Deeble at 696-2148.

Awana Club meets at Grace Community

The Awana Club of Grace **Community Church meets** from 6-7:45 p.m. each Wednesday at the church, located across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery on Memorial Highway. The club holds its meetings through April.

The Bible-based club is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. Awana is one of the largest nondenominational children and youth ministries in the world. Awana clubs are active in more than 110 countries, reaching more than one million young people each week.

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

