

# Fund honors Rebecca Grey

Trucksville United Methodist Church recently launched a campaign to honor Rebecca Piatt Grey who celebrated her 90th birthday on November 2, 2007. Grey was a teacher at Trucksville Nursery School for 16 years and a devoted church school teacher for 50 years.



Grey

says long-time church member, Betty June Mathers. Close friend Pat Baird agrees: "Whether running after a young child headed out the

Joannie Meehan, Dallas, also remembers that remarkable patience and delight in children from her days as a Brownie in the early 60s. Along with the late Hilda Finney, Grey was Meehan's Brownie leader at meetings held in Trucksville's fire hall on Carverton Road.

She began working in the church school by helping her mother, Sally Piatt and, by the age of 17, began teaching her own class of 3-5 yr. olds in the church basement.

door or discovering a 4-year-old sitting in a bucket of coal in her best white Sunday outfit or just trying to teach in the cramped quarters of the tiny kitchen, Rebecca seemed to take it all in stride."

In 1969, several years after the church's new educational wing was completed, Grey was invited to become the teacher of a 3-year-old class at the newly-opened Trucksville Nursery School. She remained there until

1985 when she retired from all her teaching commitments in order to take care of her husband, Allen, who passed away soon after.

In the last few years, Grey, who no longer drives, has been attending her daughter's church, Emmanuel Assembly of God, close to her Harvey's Lake home.

In gratitude for her many years of service and devotion to her church and community Grey is being honored by members and friends of the Trucksville United Methodist Church with a marker

on their "Tree of Life".

Others in the community are invited to join in this honor by making a contribution. All gifts will be given to the Building Campaign to help fund the recently-completed William and Melba Dickson Educational Wing.

Checks should be made payable to TUMC Campaign 2000 (marked to honor Rebecca Grey) and mailed by March 22 to Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville PA 18708.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### Holy Week services listed

Holy Week Services at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas are as follows: Palm Sunday - 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday Easter Vigil - 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday - 6:30, 8:30 and 11 a.m. For more information, call 675-3859.

### Prince of Peace Church lists Holy Week services

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Main Street, Dallas, announces its schedule for Holy Week and Easter: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, ECW meeting; 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper; 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20, Maundy Thursday Liturgy; Overnight Watch, Thursday and Friday March 21; 7 p.m., Friday, March 21, Good Friday Liturgy; 7 p.m., Saturday, March 22, Easter Vigil, St. Paul's Lutheran Church; 8:30 and 10 a.m., Sunday, March 23, Easter Sunday Services; Children's Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 a.m. service..

### SVCC choir sponsors presentation

The Sweet Valley Church of Christ Choir presents "Then & There Settled and Done," a dramatic testimony of the power of Jesus Christ, at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, at the church, 5439 Sweet Valley Main Rd. For information, call 477-2320.

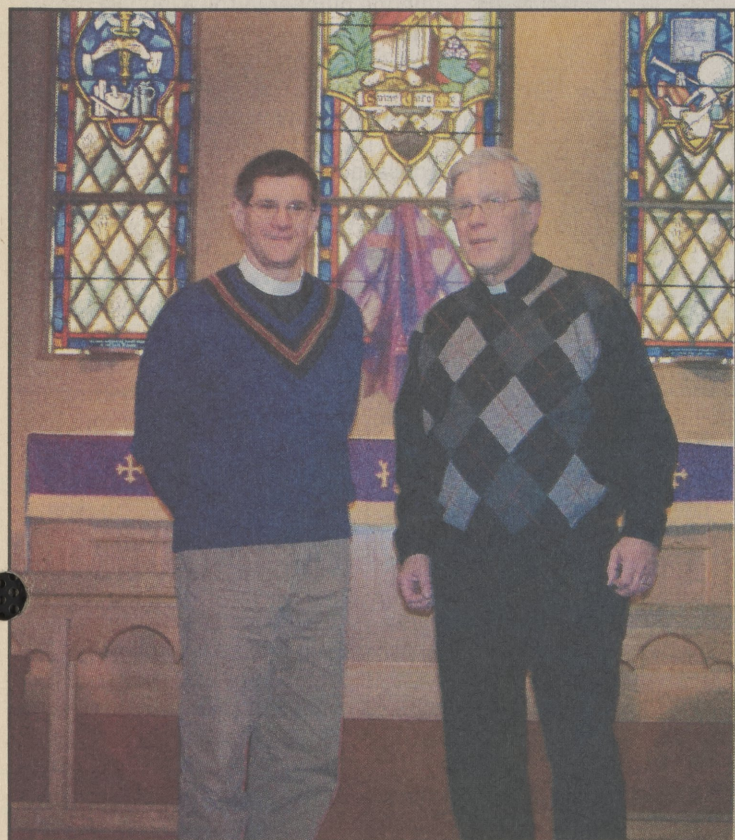
### Easter Sunrise Service planned

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, on the front lawn of the Dallas United Methodist Church, 4 Parsonage St., with Rev. William D. Lewis, pastor. An indoor worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. that day.

### Election Day bake sale planned

The older youth of the Soldiers of Christ youth group of the Center Moreland United Methodist Church will sponsor an Election Day Bake Sale at 8 a.m. until all is sold on Tuesday, April 22, at the Northmoreland Township Fire Hall in Centermoreland as a fund raiser for a mission trip to West Virginia scheduled for June 8-14. A wide range of baked goods will be offered as well as Welsh Cookies. For information, call Donna at 378-3830 or Doug at 333-4603.

## JOINT EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULED



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Prince of Peace Episcopal Church and St Paul's Lutheran Church will celebrate the miracle of Easter together at a joint service at 7 p.m. on Easter Eve, Saturday, March 22, at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118 in Dallas. For more information, contact either church or visit their websites. (St. Paul's Lutheran 675-3859/ www.stpaulselca.com; Prince of Peace Episcopal 675-1723 www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org). From left, are Pastor Charles Grube, of St. Paul's Lutheran; and the Reverend James Stevenson, of Prince of Peace Episcopal.



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Second-grader Garrett Pall, 8, pours lemon juice onto a teaspoon at the science fair at Dallas Elementary School. Pall and his fifth-grade brother, Mark, 11, demonstrated how to inflate a balloon with gas created with baking soda, lemon juice and water.

## SCIENCE

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The trio say, in addition to learning about the definition of a crystal and how to make one, they also learned about uses of crystals such as for jewelry, healing and, in the past, to guide Vikings' ships through fog.

Fifth-grader Mark Pall, 11, and his second-grade brother, Garrett Pall, 8, blew up balloons with gas they created from a mixture of baking soda, lemon juice and water. The Pall brothers doubled and even tripled their ingredients to see if the balloon would blow up more. It did.

"We looked at it in a book," Mark said of how the boys found their science project.

In between experiments, Mark ate some baking soda and laughed as he asked this reporter if that would be in the story. The boys' father, Jim Pall, was busy refilling water for his sons to use in their research.

Principal Thomas Traver says the science fair's existence goes back to before he became a teacher at the school 12 years ago. Traver has seen the science fair grow over the years, in part because the school's population jumped from 600 to 750 during his time at the school.

Kim Jacobs, of the parent teacher organization, has been running the science fair for the past five years. She says the science fair is open to all students of the school and students are re-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fifth-grader Mark Pall, 11, bites the balloon he blew up using gas at the Dallas Elementary School science fair.

quired to submit proposals outlining their projects for approval before the fair. No prizes or awards are given for the best projects in an attempt to encourage more students to submit a project. Instead, every student is recognized for his or her efforts.

"What we try to do is offer a certificate of achievement for everybody who enters," Traver said.

Anna Giacometti and Brielle Brace, both 10 and in the fourth grade, created homemade lip gloss from honey, hot water, vegetable shortening and unsweetened Kool-Aid. On their fourth attempt, the girls developed a consistency they were happy with.

"The first one was too grainy," Anna said. "The second one had too much honey. The third one was too grainy. The fourth one was perfect, so we kept using that one."

Anna's mom, Dawn Giacometti, says the hotter the water was, the better the grains dissolved.

At the science fair, the girls had about one dozen small jars of lip gloss in the Kool-Aid flavors of tropical punch and grape. Several jars of the lip gloss were made using no Kool-Aid and were flavored with orange extract.

Brace got the idea to make lip gloss from her Girl Scouts troop. "We're in it every year; we love it," Dawn Giacometti said of the science fair. "This is our fourth year."

Olivia Musto and Kara Hockenberry's slime display was very popular. The girls, both age 11 and in the fifth grade, let people make their own slime by adding glue and food coloring to Borax. The Borax acts as a cross linking agent for the glue molecules.

Olivia's mom, Valerie Musto, convinced the girls to make their project more scientific by testing the sliminess of slime at different temperatures.

"If you put it in the microwave for 45 seconds, it works really good," Hockenberry said.

Some other unique projects at the science fair were "How to Make Ice Cream without a Freezer," "Homemade Markers" and "Sound, Vibration and Guitar Tuning."

Students in every class at Dallas Elementary School were taken to the gymnasium on Friday, March 7, to look at the science projects.

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Fourth-grader Lauren Cunicus, left, proudly holds up the drawstring knapsack she earned from Deputy Sheriff Anna Tores, center, as part of the Junior Deputy Program at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. With them, on the right, is Lauren's grandmother, Emily Jenkins.

## LAW

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Deputy Sheriff."

According to Savokinas, 10 area schools participate in the Junior Deputy Program, which has graduated over 18,000 students since its inception.

Anna Torres and Erin Joyce, deputy sheriffs teach the program along with Sheriff Savokinas when he is available. Savokinas tries to attend all Junior Dep-

uty graduation ceremonies and at least one hour of the program at every school.

"I enjoy it; I think it's a great program," he said. "I hope it'll be around for the next 10 years."

Savokinas and the deputy sheriffs plan to expand gang education due to the increasing presence of gangs in the area.

"I think we need to be proactive instead of reactive," the sheriff said.

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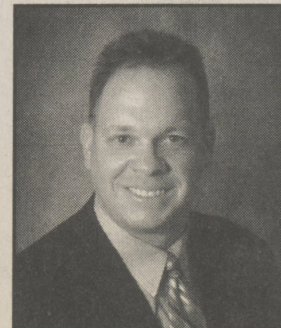


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