

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATED AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



The rite of Confirmation was celebrated at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, on Pentecost Sunday, May 11. Officially received into membership through their confirmation are, from left, Kyle Weaver, Michelle Thompson, Pastor Charles Grube, Hilary Grube and Emily Smallwood.

TRINITY CONGREGATION WELCOMES CONFIRMATION CLASS



The Trinity Presbyterian Church confirmation class of 2008 was recently welcomed to the congregation. The Christian Education and Membership Committees hosted a reception in the fellowship hall following the special service of confirmation and communion. The candidates for confirmation took part in the service by reading scripture and providing special music lead by their pastor and teacher, Rev. Roger E. Griffith.

OBITUARIES

DELMAN - Mary T., 91, of Dallas, died Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Old Forge on May 1, 1917, she resided at the Meadows Apartments for 20 years. She was a member of The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth.

Surviving are her daughter, Mary Ann Naugle, of Lehman; son, Stephen Delman, of Stafford, Va.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 2011 State Route 29, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621; the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, PA 18612; or the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

GANTZ - Claire Mark, 80, of Cummings Road, Dallas, died Saturday, May 17, 2008.

Born on September 28, 1927 in Philadelphia, she attended Lansdale High School and lived in Oaklyn, N.J. for more than 20 years before settling in Dallas in 1969.

She was an active member of the Center Moreland United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school, served as Lay Leader and was a pillar of the church community.

Surviving are her children, Ginger McCabe, the Rev. Craig Mark and Randy Mark, all of Dallas; sisters, Isabel Lehman and Sandy Meyers; 11 grandchildren; great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Center Moreland United Methodist Church.

MOSES - Michelle, 30, of Shavertown, died Friday, May 9, 2008 at St. Mary's Hospital in Middletown.

She was a member of St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are her father, Michael E.; brother, Michael, of Swyersville; an aunt and a nephew.

MOYER - Wendi L., of Tunkhannock, died Friday, May 16, 2008 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in West Grove on January 30, 1958, she was a 1975 graduate of Solanco High School, Quarryville. She had been employed at the Salvation Army Store in Tunkhannock.

She is survived by her husband, Philip L.; son, P. Corey, of Tunkhannock; brothers, Kevin Hackman and Donald Beyer, both of Scranton; sisters, Kim and Joy Hackman, both of Scranton; and Deborah Welch, of Tunkhannock; several nieces and nephews.

ROOT - Alan R. Jr., 45, of Trucksville, died Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, he was employed at Marvel Kitchens and Modern Plastics of Wilkes-Barre. He was also a self-employed cabinet maker.

Surviving are his mother, Linda Franklin Root; his wife, Lisa Megni; a sister, Amy, Shavertown; a brother, Dale, Trucksville; one nephew and one niece.

SMITH - Eleanor L. Smith, of Dallas, died Monday, May 12, 2008 at home.

WARD - Mary Heness, 89, of Dallas, died Sunday, May 11, 2008.

Born in Edwardsville, she was a graduate of Edwardsville High School, Bucknell Junior College and Bucknell University. At Bucknell, she belonged to the honorary societies, Kappa Delta Epsilon and Alpha Kappa Delta. She did graduate work at Marywood College and the University of Scranton, obtaining a master's degree.

She worked during her college years as an American Red Cross lifesaving and water safety instructor at the Wilkes-Barre YWCA. She was widely known for starting the first synchronized swimming group in the state and participating in AAU meets.

During World War II, she was director of the YWCA Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre. She received a commendation from President Harry Truman for volunteer work teaching American Red Cross survival swimming techniques to those in the armed ser-

vices. Mrs. Ward briefly worked at the YWCA of Jamestown, New York, and later returned to become program director at the YWCA in Wilkes-Barre.

She worked at the Children's Service Center of Wilkes-Barre and was executive director of the West Side Settlement House in Luzerne. She retired in 1984 from the position of school social worker for Dallas School District. As a staff member of the Dallas School District, she developed a comprehensive Migrant Summer Education program for three counties. The program was designed to ensure continuing education for migrant children and was adopted as a model, first by the state of Pennsylvania and then the U.S. Health, Education and Welfare Department.

Her volunteer activities revolved around the SPCA of Luzerne County where she was a board member and past president. She was a dedicated Girl Scout leader and Sunday school teacher for many years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre. She was a charter member of the West Side Business and Professional Women's Club and a member of Serve Your City Club. She was active in Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Rho Chapter.

Surviving are her husband, Henry H., of Dallas; daughter, Elaine L.; one granddaughter; one nephew and three great-nieces.

Memorial donations to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

YAHARA - Frances, 90, of Sweet Valley, died Saturday, May 17, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Ramey on November 27, 1917, she was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek and the Shick-Shawnee Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star where she served as Matron of the Order from 1976 to 1977 and 1990 to 1991.

Surviving are daughters, Constine Lewis, of Kentfield, Calif.; and Frances Gensel, of Sweet Valley; one niece; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

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