

## VBS SLATED FOR GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Boys and girls ages 3-12 years are invited to experience a "Voyage on Noah's Ark" as they learn Bible stories, sing songs, enjoy games, crafts and puppet skits at Grace Community Church's "Voyage on Noah's Ark" Bible School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 14-18. The church is located on Route 415, North Memorial Highway, Dallas (across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery). Enroll by calling 675-3723 or through the church's website at [www.gracechurchdallas.org](http://www.gracechurchdallas.org). Shown preparing for the Vacation Bible School are, from left, Maclyn Vasey, Emily Bacon, Klay Zimmerman, Daniel Edwards and Joshua Bacon.

## BMT Food Pantry is 30 years old

The Back Mountain Food Pantry Board of Directors recently held its annual meeting to review the events of 2007 which was the 30th anniversary of the founding of the pantry.

Sponsored by the Back Mountain Ministerium and organized in 1977, the pantry serves Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Harveys Lake, Lake Township, Hunlock Creek, Jackson Township, Kingston Township, Lehman Township, Noxen and Sweet Valley.

The success of the food pantry, which is located at Trucksville United Methodist Church, is dependent upon the support from the churches of the Ministerium, the Dallas Area and Lake Lehman School Districts, foundations, businesses, civic and fraternal organizations, service clubs, social groups, the scouts and many individuals.

In 2007, 41 volunteers performed more than 2,000 hours of service at the pantry.

During the year, more than 22 tons of food were collected and distributed to area families.

Monetary donations have been critical to help with the purchase of food items that



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The Back Mountain Food Pantry Board of Directors recently held its annual meeting to review the events of 2007 which was the 30th anniversary of the founding of the pantry. From left, are Lee Baker, representative of the Board of Trustees of Trucksville United Methodist Church; Joe Hardisky, newly-installed president of the board; Andrew Luksic, board member; Carol Eyet, secretary of the board; Lena Baur, board member; Rev. Roger Griffith, board member and pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church; Sandy Peoples, board member and publicity chairperson. Absent at the time of the photo were board members Rev. Beverly Butler, Christine Swailes, Rev. Lori Steffensen, Lloyd Ryman and Andy Logue.

are not donated and to help fill the 165 requests for Thanksgiving baskets. Throughout the year, more than 600 households received food orders from the pantry.

The Board of Directors praised and thanked Louise Hazeltine for her many years

of service to the food pantry in her capacity as the coordinator. It was her vision and energy which helped to expand the food pantry to what it is today.

Christine Swailes, Rev. Lori Steffensen, Lloyd Ryman and Andy Logue.

## Find out what's in drinking water

A comprehensive package of drinking water tests will be available to Harveys Lake residents by Wilkes University together with the Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council on July 12. A free follow-up Question & Answer session on water well systems will be offered on August 2.

The cost of the testing package this year is \$75. The Wilkes University Water Quality Laboratory will measure residents' water for pH, conductivity, turbidity, total coli form, nitrate-nitrite, phosphate, fecal coli form, fecal streptococcus, corrosively, hardness, iron, manganese and copper.

Interested residents can pick up water sampling kits at the Harveys Lake Borough Building's meeting room (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday) until July 12 and drop off their water samples at the same place between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, July 12. Final results will be confidentially mailed to participants directly from the Wilkes laboratory within two weeks of the testing date.

The testing follow-up and well water Q&A session will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, by Brian Oram, a professional biologist.

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