

### SUMC CONGREGATION PLANS PICNIC



The Shavertown United Methodist Church congregation will hold a picnic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24, at Pavilion #1 at Frances Slocum State Park. The day's activities include coffee hour, worship service, food, games and a watermelon feast. For more information, call 675-3616. Members of Shavertown UMC Evangelism Committee planning the event are, from left, first row, Nancy Dingman, Dee Dee Hoover, Nancy Silvi, Sandy Michalisin and Sherrrie Waslick. Second row, John Chapple, Gladys Chapple, Estella Killian, Rev. Lynn Snyder, Rev. Craig Mark, Russ Hoover, Brad Wall and Royal Sutton.

### CHURCH BRIEFS

#### LIUMC schedules August service times

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church hours for the month of August will be 8:30 and 10 a.m. The 8:30 a.m. service is informal and includes Holy Communion.

Sunday School for all ages will begin again at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7.

#### Church plans retreat

The Sweet Valley Church of Christ will host a "Ladies Retreat" August 22 and 23 at Camp Epachiseca in Stillwater. The theme for the weekend is "Becoming the Woman God Wants You to Be" with main speaker Audrey Brosious.

Registration donation is \$20 which includes all meals, sleep-over and workshops. For registration forms or more information, log on to [www.camp-epachiseca.com](http://www.camp-epachiseca.com).

#### Chicken dinner slated

A Chicken Bar-B-Q dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22, at the Noxen United Methodist Church, Route 29. Ticket price of \$8 includes everything. Take-outs will be available.

#### Chicken BBQ at Maple Grove UM Church

Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Road, Sweet Valley (one-fourth of a mile from Sheldon's Lunch, Route 118), will hold its annual chicken barbeque from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23. The menu includes half a chicken, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, cole slaw, cake and beverage. Tickets are available from members or at the door. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Take outs are also available. For information, call 639-2958.

#### Youth group plans gift auction

The youth group of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church will hold a "New and Re-Gifting Auction" as its fundraising project following the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Aug. 24.

Parishioners are asked to take new or slightly-used items to the back of the church by August 20. Refreshments will be served at the auction.

#### Rally planned at Grace Church

A Youth and Family Rally with Rand Hummel will be held

at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5; at 4 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6; and 9:45 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Grace Community Church on Memorial Highway in Dallas.

Dr. James Rand Hummel, a native of Orangeville, is an American author, preacher and camp administrator. He has worked for many years at The Wilds Christian Camp/Conference Center in Brevard, North Carolina.

There is no charge for the rally. For more information, see [www.gracechurchdallas.org](http://www.gracechurchdallas.org) or

call 570-675-3723.

#### Day of Reflection set at St. Therese's

Father James J. Paisley, pastor, and the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown, will host Sister Therese of the Capuchin sisters of Nazareth for a "Day of Reflection for Women" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7, in the church. Her topic will be "The Vocation of Women in the Church."

Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will also be offered.

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Lindsay, center, Madison, right, and their mother, Toni Chalker, left, help open some baby shower presents during an event at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church. The gifts are intended for "His Resting Place," a home dedicated to women and their babies.

### Shower for Jesus helps new moms

The Center Moreland United Methodist Church Sunday School celebrated Christmas in July with a Baby Shower For Jesus on Sunday, July 27, during the Sunday School hour.

New gift-wrapped baby items were donated from church members and the Sunday School students and will be donated to His Resting Place, a new maternity home in Exeter.

The students opened the baby gifts while enjoying milk and cookies.

His Resting Place, located at 1067 Exeter Ave. in Exeter, is a maternity home dedicated to changing the lives of women and their babies. It provides a comfortable place for mothers to stay during their pregnancy and up to two months after the birth of their baby.

The staff at His Resting Place also helps with medical care, counseling, transportation, mothers seeking employment and permanent housing. They also help new mothers create a safe and rewarding life with their children.

For more information about His Resting Place, call Nita (Juanita) Sarnak at 654-0388.



Faith Jones, left, and Levi Westfield find just the right cookies during a Christmas in July party at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church.



David Berry practices bottle feeding with a teenage friend at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church during a baby shower in July to benefit "His Resting Place," a home for women and their babies.

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