



Faith and Family Day presented by the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and Making a Difference Ministries will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre. Planning the event are, from left, Chris Sipsky, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins; Jaclyn Poceschi Mosley, vice president/secretary, Making A Difference Ministries; and Stephen L. Perillo, founder/ Making A Difference Ministries.

## Ministries plans event at arena

Faith and Family Day presented by the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins along with Making a Difference Ministries will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. The Christian concert will begin with opening act 12-year-old Kendall Mosley (two-time Healy Young Artist Vocal Competition winner), Soul Searching at

2 p.m., Breakfree at 3 p.m. and Velveten at 4 p.m. The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins will play Albany at 7:05 p.m. Fans must have a game ticket for entrance to the concert. Tickets for Faith and Family Night include a Penguins game ticket and the following while supplies last: a Penguins fleece blanket, voucher for a McDonald's Value Meal and entry into

the Faith and Family Night Raffle for those attending the concert. Ticket costs are \$10 for Blue Zone, \$12 for Gold Zone and \$14 for Red Zone. Tickets must be purchased in advance by December 21 and are only available through the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. For more information, contact Chris Sipsky at 970-3607 or csipsky@wbspenguins.com.

## Barbershop group plans holiday show

A "Joyful Harmony of Christmas" concert will be held by the Wilkes-Barre Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 5, at Holy Family Church, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne.

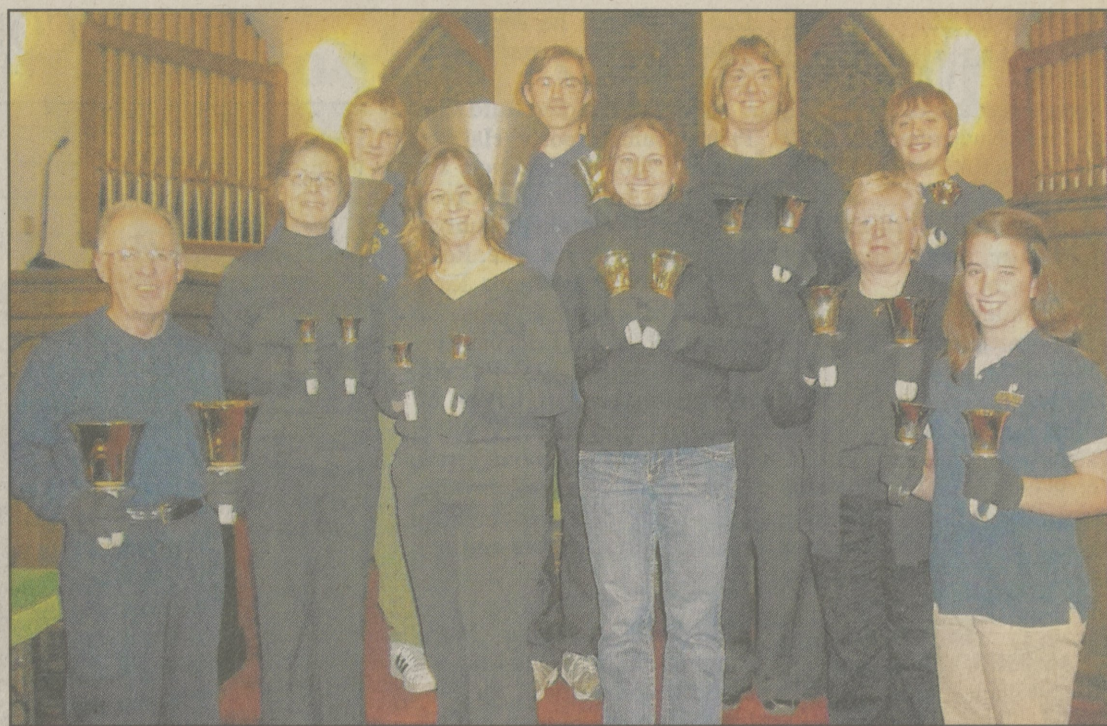
The program will feature the Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus under the direction of Raymond Patsko of Wilkes-Barre, with assistant director Phillip Brown, of Shavertown.

Special guests will be a young men's harmony quartet and brass choir from GAR High School.

Tickets at \$5 each are available from chapter members and at the door. For more information, call 696-3385 or 287-2476.



Raymond Patsko, left, of Wilkes-Barre, will direct a "Joyful Harmony of Christmas" today at Holy Family Church in Luzerne. He will be assisted by Phillip Brown, right, of Shavertown.



Preparing for the annual Carols by Candlelight at the Shavertown United Methodist Church set for Sunday, Dec. 12 are, from left, first row, John Bunney, Kate Jenkins, Beckie Kimpel, Cara Farina, Michele Butts and Courtney McCarthy. Second row, Thomas Ketchner, Bryan Biesecker, Cindy Biesecker and Chris Biesecker. Absent at the time of the photo was Taylor Hodle.

## Carols by Candlelight returns to Shavertown church Dec. 12

The Shavertown United Methodist Church Fine Arts Concert Series will present Carols by Candlelight at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12.

The annual Christmas concert will be an evening of carol singing accompanied by The Anthracite Brass, hand

bells, piano and organ. The chancel choir, guest singers and three other choirs from the church will also sing and play special arrangements of favorite Christmas and Advent carols.

Special guest will be Gideon Gaitano, tenor, who will sing

"Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley" from Handel's Messiah.

A reception will follow the concert and a free will offering will be received.

The church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. For more information, call 675-3616.



Back Mountain residents who will perform in the Joan Harris dancers' presentation of "A Classic Christmas" are, first row, Aubrianna Tolomello, Dallas. From left, second row, Kelsey Hall, Dallas; Alexandra Jayne, Hunlocks Creek; Kiera Gross, Trucksville. Third row, Rebecca Kahn, Shavertown; Emily Collins, Dallas; and Alex Kijek, Trucksville.

## Harris Dancers present program

The Joan Harris Dancers will present "A Classic Christmas" at 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the E.L. Meyers High School auditorium in Wilkes-Barre.

The event is deliberately intended to capture the spirit of the holidays and begins as the audience enters the theater.

The pre-show entertainment will feature piano and vocal renditions of some holiday classics performed by students of the Harris Conservatory's member schools, including Ripple Effects Music School, Back Stage Pass and Christine Leandri's School of Music.

The Joan Harris Dancers will also host a Toys for Tots drop in

partnership with the United States Marine Corps and all attending are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate.

Tickets for "A Classic Christmas" are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and are available at the Joan Harris Centre's campus in the Harris Conservatory in Luzerne. For more information, call 287-7977.

### CHURCH BRIEFS

#### Church members sell entertainment books

Members of the Huntsville United Methodist Church are selling 2011 Entertainment Books for \$25. To place an order, call Kris at 477-3748.

#### Passover program set

A Messiah in the Passover program will be held during the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services today, Dec. 5 at the Dallas Baptist Church.

The program will be presented by Peter Parkas, Northeast Ministry Representative of CJF Ministries, who will explain how the Jewish people have observed Passover for the past 3,500 years, how they observe it today and how it all points to Yesua (Jesus).

For more information, call the church office 639-5099 or John Doerfler at 639-5978.

#### Brunch with Santa at POP Church

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Main Street, Dallas will host the second annual Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Clause from noon to 2 p.m. today, Dec. 5.

The event includes brunch, a visit from Santa and Mrs.

Claus, time to sit on Santa's lap and a treat from Santa. It is open to the public at a cost of \$7 per person.

For more information, call 675-0745 or 675-1723.

#### Church members sell homemade cookies

The Huntsville United Methodist Church will sell assorted homemade holiday cookies.

The price is \$3.50 per dozen and orders must be received by today, Dec. 5. Pickup will be Saturday, Dec. 18 at the church, 2355 Huntsville Rd, Shavertown.

To place an order, call Kris at 477-3748.

#### 'The Gift' returns

Back Mountain Harvest Assembly will present the 17th Annual live outdoor musical drama, "The Gift," at 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10; 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11; and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Over 100 performers and some 100 members working behind the scenes make this one of the season's premier events.

#### Dinner set for Dec. 11

A baked ham and roast tur-

key dinner and bake sale will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Loyalville United Methodist Church

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age.

Takeouts are available by calling 477-3521 and leaving a message with your name, phone number, number of dinners requested and pickup time.

#### Spaghetti supper set

The Youth Group of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, Mountain View Drive, Lehman, will hold a spaghetti supper from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children age 12 and younger. Tickets may be purchased from any youth group member or by contacting Rev. Beverly Butler at 675-5192.

#### Covered dish dinner slated

The Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Rd., Shavertown, is having a covered dish dinner at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12.

There is no charge and participants are asked to bring a dish of their choice. For more information, call 477-3748.

## Hess trucks are on display

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will display Anthony Grzybowski's Hess truck collection for the month of December.

A resident of Hunlock Creek, Grzybowski is a student at Misericordia University and started his collection over 21 years ago when he was just a baby.

He has received one each year as a gift from his parents and uncles who now must travel as far away as Allentown to find these collectables of which Grzybowski says the "Hummer" is his favorite. He also collects cars and has a Corvette collection.

