

CHURCH BRIEFS

Breakfast at HUMC

The Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Road, Shavertown, will host a breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14.

Adult tickets are \$7 while children and senior citizens eat free. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast and a beverage.

Roast beef dinner set

A family-style roast beef supper will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 374 Yalick Road, Dallas. Take-outs begin at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets, at \$8.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age, are available at the door or by calling 675-3859.

St. Paul's Church is wheelchair accessible.

Vendor/craft fair slated

Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center and Trucksville United Methodist Church will host a Vendor/Craft Fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 14 at the church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville.

The fair will showcase vendors such as Scentsy, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Lia Sophia, Pond Creek Candles, Tupperware, Silpada, Celebrating Home, Barefoot Books and Epona Equine Education. Hand made products such as by Brookye, E & R Crafts, handmade jewelry and more will be offered.

There will also be a bake sale, lunch and a silent auction.

Fisherman's Breakfast being planned

A Fisherman's Breakfast will

be held from 6 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14 at the Alderson United Methodist Church, Pole 108, Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake.

The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, all-you-can-eat pancakes and beverage.

Tickets, which are available at the door, are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

HUMC plans yard sale

The Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Road, Shavertown, needs vendors for a Community Yard Sale scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday April 28.

Cost is \$10 for reserved space. Call Kris at 477-3748 to reserve your spot today.

Dorcas Society plans sale

The ladies Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 474 Yalick Road, Dallas, will sponsor a rummage and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, May 4 and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the church. Bag Day hours will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GOH announces summer camp

The Gate of Heaven Summer Music Camp for students ages 9-15 will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon July 23-27. Learn to sing like a bird while enjoying games, snacks and making new friends.

A special Youth Liturgy featuring the participants will be at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 29. This year's theme: "Catholic Symbols, Gestures and Traditions."

To register, call 675-2121 by July 15.

Missionaries visit St. Paul's Church

David Wunsch and Kate Lawler, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Regional representatives to South America, visited St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas on February 4. Their visit included worship, a supper and a presentation of their missionary work in South America.

St. Paul's Church, a congregation of the Northeastern PA Synod of the ELCA, has a companion congregation, San Timoteo, La Plata, Argentina, and supports Wunsch and Lawler.

Based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the missionaries serve as a bridge between the ELCA and companion church-

es in Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, Peru, and Chile.

Rev. Charles Grube, pastor at St. Paul's, along with young adult leader, Hannah Grube, and youth member, Adam O'Brien, were selected as participants in a July 2011 youth servant trip to Argentina sponsored by the Northeastern PA Synod where they visited congregations of the greater Buenos Aires area served by the missionaries.

Wunsch and Lawler returned to the United States for a Home Assignment in January and February to visit supporting congregations and agencies, including St. Paul's Church.



Rev. Charles Grube, left, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, greets, from left, David Wunsch and Kate Lawler, Lutheran Church Regional Representatives to South America; and Hannah Grube, recent traveler with a church group service trip to Argentina.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Kappler takes part in dance competition

Carly Kappler, daughter of Chas and Leah Kappler, of Dallas, recently competed in the Performing Art Alliance Competition at King of Prussia.

She was awarded first place in solo pantomime, duo pantomime, duo TV, second place in solo tap, solo specialty, solo ethnic, photogenic and third place for duo jammin' in the 8-9 age groups.

Kappler qualified to perform at the Performing Arts Alliance's Contest of Champions at King of Prussia. She placed "Tops" in duo jammin' and duo pantomime categories.

She is a student and under the direction of Robert and Kristine Oberst, owners and directors of Back Mountain Dance Studio.

ST. PAUL'S BROTHERHOOD PLANS ROAST BEEF DINNER



The Brotherhood of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 474 Yalick Road, Dallas, met recently to finalize plans for its upcoming roast beef dinner set for 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. Take-outs will be available starting at 3:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12 and will be available the night of the dinner. From left, first row, are Marty Bisher, Carey, Bob Nicely, Bill Peiffer. Second row, Rob Rolland, Lee Fett, Joe Hardisky, Bob McGuire, Vernon Crispell and Brad Ide.

OBITUARIES

BACKES - Helen, 87, of Shavertown, died March 27, 2012, at the Lakeside Nursing Center, Dallas.

She was born February 4, 1925, in Shavertown and was a graduate of Westmoreland High School. She was employed as a head waitress for Regency Catering/Convention Hall, Pittston.

Surviving are a son, Clyde; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, Marie Miller and John Miller.

CHRISTIANA - Thelma Katherine Clark, 88, of Lehman Township, died Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born July 29, 1923, in Kingston, and was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek.

Surviving are her daughter, Nancy J., of Lehman Township; son, Jeff, of New Castle; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Road, Hunklock Creek, PA 18621 or the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 Main Street, Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

EDDY - Sharon Maher, 57, of Dallas, died Sunday, April 1, 2012, at the Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Kingston and was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and College Misericordia. She was a sales manager with Integrated Power, Hanover Township.

She bowled in the Saturday night mixed leagues in Dallas. She was also a member of several golf leagues.

Surviving are her husband, David, Lehman; daughters, Nichole Britt, Lehman; Kate Zartarian, Cambridge, Mass.; Jessica Holt, Knoxville, Tenn.; one granddaughter.

JACKSON - Heather Ann, 37, of Monroe Township, died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born November 26, 1974.

Surviving are her husband, Charles; daughters, Kayla, Julissa and Chasity; sister, Kimberly; brother, Scott; grandmother,

Margot Stage.

KESTER - Carolyn J., 87, of Dallas, died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, and attended Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre. She was a technician with Owens Illinois for 26 years.

She was a member of The Slovene National Benefit Society of Imperial Pennsylvania.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryl Schechterly, Bloomsburg; a son, Wayne, Dallas; a stepson, Robert, Sun City Center, Fla., one grandson.

Memorial donations to The Alzheimer's Association, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705.

LAYAOU - Alan C., of Thurston Hollow Road, Tunkhannock, died Friday, March 23, 2012, at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on June 11, 1955. He was a 1973 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and worked for 30 years as a boilermaker with the National Transit Lodge and The Local Lodge 13.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Dawn Kubick Layaou; daughter, Jami Layaou Hearn, Tunkhannock; two grandsons; sister, Angela Brown, of Tunkhannock; brothers, sister, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Gift of Life Donor Program, 401 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19123-0032.

MERITHEW - Lillian S., 95, formerly of Campground Road, Dallas, died Saturday, March 31, 2012, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, following an illness.

She was born in Hudson, Plains Township on February 8, 1917, attended Plains Township schools and spent most of her youth in the Plains and Hudson area.

She went to work at an early age to support the family, working in local dress factories. She did housework for several families in the area. Her last employment was with Artistic Design in

the Wyoming Valley Mall.

Surviving are four grandsons; a granddaughter; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Francis Shutacawski, Hudson; Ceil Rock, Plains; brothers, Clem Paycheck, Sebring, Florida; Leonard Mroz, Wilmington, Delaware; nieces and nephews.

MILNES - Eugene S., of Lane Hill Road, Tunkhannock, died Sunday, March 25, 2012, at the Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock.

He was born in Sayre on November 24, 1936, and was a 1955 graduate of the LaRaysville High

School.

He was a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in Mississippi, Texas, New Mexico, Greenland, Germany, California, Virginia and South Carolina. During his military career, he graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in business.

Upon returning home, he became the business manager of Milnes Engineering in Tunkhannock.

He was a member of the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church, Tunkhannock Rotary Club and worked on the club's

website. He was a member of Endless Mountains Chorus. He served as a flight instructor at the Sky Haven Airport for 15 years.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Marjorie Upham Milnes; sons, Edwin, of Rapid City, South Dakota; Kevin, of Northampton; brothers, Paul and Thomas, both of Tunkhannock; sister, Marcia Platts, of Mehoopany; four grandchildren, Christopher, Alisha, Gregory and Duane.

ROWKER - Roxana, of Keelersburg Road, Tunkhannock, died Thursday, March 29, 2012, at her home.

She was born in Punxsutawney on April 23, 1951, and was employed as a clerk at the Tunkhannock Walmart.

Surviving are her husband, Peter; two daughters, Roxana Cameron, of Factoryville; and Kathryn Pote, of Richmond, Va.; three sons, Frederick Allenbaugh, of Tunkhannock; Jacob Allenbaugh, of Hop Bottom; and ron Pote, of Tunkhannock; grandchildren; sister, Karen Kosinski, of Brockway; an aunt, a niece and two nephews.

Memorial donations to the Tunkhannock Public Library or the ASPCA.

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