

Servin' up some grub at TUMC



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Linda Monelli of Dallas arranges items on the dessert table.



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The annual fall chicken barbeque has been held in October at the Truckville United Methodist Church for as long as most people can remember. The menu includes a half chicken, baked potato, fixings, homemade desserts and beverages.



Michelle Sowga, left, snatches a sample of chicken from her mom Jennie Metzgar, both of Shavertown.



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Rich Dougal of Shavertown sinks his teeth into a piece of chicken at the Truckville United Methodist Church chicken barbeque dinner.

Gate of Heaven society hosts annual Birthday Tea



Brides modeling wedding dresses at the Gate of Heaven Church Altar and Rosary Society Birthday Tea are, from left, Kathy Selner, Lori Marshall, Susan Maloney, Renee Benedetti, Sara Pizzo, Sarah Pugh, Sabrina Scotto, Courtney Lahey, Carol Yezilski, Jessteen Adams and Holly Daubert.

Nearly 230 people attended this year's Birthday Tea hosted by the Altar and Rosary Society of Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas. Thirteen tables were decorated for each month of the year with themes like "A Birthday Celebration," "Frosty's Wonderland," "Happy Birthday to Our Founding Fathers," "Eggstravagent Easter," "April Showers, My Wedding Memories," "Goin' to the Chapel," "The Glory Days of Summer," "Summertime Blessings" "Back to School," "The Bride of

Christ" and "Our First Christmas Together." Rev. Daniel A. toomey opened the festivities with a blessing. Altar and Rosary President Renee Benedetti welcomed the crowd and introduced officers, chairwomen, tables and table hostesses. Entertainment began with the signing group "Changing Habits" performing "Goin' to the Chapel" which led to a "We Said 'Yes' to the Dress," a wedding memories fashion show featuring 11 models displaying wedding dresses from 1937 to 2003. The show was

meeced by Dede Scafella. Some of the women wore their own dresses, including Carol Yezilski who after 46 years of marriage, modeled her own gown. The "brides" proceeded to do a bridal procession around the guest table. After, a raffle was held and door prizes were awarded. In addition to Benedetti, chairwomen for the event were Kathy Selner, Sharon Lumbis, Marianne Cogan, Dolly Hoffman, Linda Traver, Bette Gillespie, Judy Adams, Florence Lahey and Barbara Michaels.



Hostesses for the Annual Birthday Tea sponsored by the Gate of Heaven Church Altar and Rosary Society are, from left, first row, Rev. Daniel A. toomey, Sharon Lumbis, Ruth Hartzel, Rose Schmid, Linda Traver, Marianne Cogan. Second row, Renee Benedetti, Carol Carroll, Pat Manorek, Barbara Strazdus, Abby Zondlo, Sarah Strazdus. Third row, Mary Ann Roberts, Valerie Aiello, Cindy Brin, Kathy Selner, Amy Huntington, Maria Walp. Fourth row, Sheryl Yeust, Debbie Konnick, Tricia Strazdus, Ann Marie Gries, Angie Murray. Fifth row, Kippie Morgan, Karen DeCesaris, Marilyn O'Connell, Bonnie Lenker, Judy Adams, Barbara Edwards. Sixth row, Florence, Lahey, Shelia Bonawitz, Joan Keating, lisa DeGrabba and Pat Makara.

CHURCH BRIEFS

PASTIE SALE

The Maple Grove United Methodist Church will hold its last pasty sale of the year on Thursday, Oct. 17.

Orders for pasties, at \$5 each with out without onions, will be taken until Monday, Oct. 14 by calling Karen Scott at 570-477-2450.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Shavertown United Methodist Church will sponsor "Trunk or Treat" from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20 in the church parking lot, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown.

Children are invited to come dressed in their Halloween costumes, see the decorated trunks and collect treats. Think of it as "Trick or Treating without the door knocking."

CHRISTIAN MUSICIAN

Randy Stonehill, an American singer/songwriter from Stockton, Calif. best known as one of the so-called "fathers of contemporary Christian music," will perform at 9:45 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct.

20 at the Harveast Cafe at the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, Carverton Road, Truckville and at 5:30 p.m. that evening in the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly main sanctuary.

For more information, call 570-696-1128.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Maple Grove United Methodist Church will host a Halloween party from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Church, 5880 Main Road, Sweet Valley.

Participants are encouraged to dress up but asked not to be scary. Donations will be accepted for the Noxen Food Pantry.

FALL FESTIVAL

A Children's Fall Festival will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Fellowship Church, 45 Hildebrandt Road, Dallas.

Children from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to wear their Halloween costumes. they will be candy, games, pumpkins and s'mores.

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT

DINNER

Members of the Men's Club of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas will sponsor a chicken and biscuit dinner including homemade desserts and beverages from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Takeouts will be available at 4 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults in advance and \$8 at the door and \$4 for children. Children 3 years and younger eat for free.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the church office at 570-675-3131 or at the door.

"LIGHT THE NIGHT"

"Light the Night" featuring a variety of indoor amusements and the annual chili cook-off will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31 at the Rock Rec Center, Carverton Road, Truckville.

Chili contestants should have their chili available no later than 6 p.m. There will be special prizes for first, second and third place.

For more information, call 570-696-1128.