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LET US GIVE THANKS

Fairview Elementary School's third grade class held its annual Thanksgiving feast and charity event on Tuesday, November 13 beginning at 12:15 p.m. The annual event featured guest speaker Sister Breige Lavery a social worker at the Catherine McAuley House. The students sang *Don't Forget to be Thankful* and *Thankful for the USA* for the parents, teachers and representatives of the Catherine McAuley

House; followed by a meal of traditional Thanksgiving foods and desserts that were prepared by student's parents. Leftovers were delivered to the Catherine McAuley House in Plymouth, which provides housing and services for homeless women and children. In addition, the students collected items such as canned foods, toiletries, blankets and other provisions to be donated to the charity.

Little Indian Aniyah Edwards enjoys a Thanksgiving dinner with his other Indian and pilgrim classmates.



Michael Lupo, James Zaroda, Rachel Altmayer and Amelia Pesta perform solo lines during one of the songs.

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Pilgrims Juliette Prebola and Paityn Lupinski enjoy the turkey dinner.



Alekzandria Dutko is ready to sit down with her friends.

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UNTIL DECEMBER 1 COLLECTION FOR OUR TROOPS

The American Legion Post 781 Auxiliary is collecting items for the soldiers serving overseas during the Christmas holiday. A tub will be available for your donations of non-perishable items at the Legion Post Home or contact any Auxiliary member. Judy Buff is chairperson and will be happy to pick up any of your donations if you are unable to drop off. Some suggestions for the packages are: packaged snacks, 5 hour energy drink, gum, wrapped candy, powdered sugar drinks, jerky, puzzle books, canned fruit, sardines, apple sauce, ready made pudding, make sure all cans have flip tops, funny DVDs, and prepared tuna or chicken, flea and tick collars, water plastic bottles only, tasty cakes, cookies, small travel games, anti-itch cream, playing cards of any kind, Tylenol, Gold Bond foot powder, Visine eye wash, wet wipes, trail mix, deodorant, white socks. Please double check the expiration dates as these will not be sent out until December.

Cash donations are always welcome as this will help to defray the cost of the postage to send the packages, please make all checks out to the American Legion Auxiliary Post 781, make a note stating that it is for the troop packages, send to American Legion Auxiliary Post 781, attention Judy Buff, 1550 Henry Dr., Mountain Top, PA 18707. Items and cash donations will be collected until **December 1**. For additional information please contact Judy Buff at 570-678-7433.

UNTIL DECEMBER 14 HOLIDAY ROLL SALE

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church, Wapwallopen, is conducting a Holiday roll sale. The rolls are \$7 each and are available in apricot, nut, poppy, prune, raspberry, and raspberry cream. Prepaid orders may be placed in the collection or by calling Susan at 868-6983. Final orders are due by **December 14**. Rolls will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 22 after 12 noon at the meeting room at the rear of the rectory.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Interested in photography

as a hobby or wish to improve your photography skills? The Mountain Top Photography Club meets on the **fourth Tuesday of every month** at King's Restaurant in Mountain Top at 6:30 p.m. The club is for those new to photography, professionals and anyone interested in the art of photography. The purpose of the club and its members is to promote and engage in the art of photography through education and participation among the members and the public.

Each month there is a program on some aspect of photography. After the meetings enjoy ordering a meal off King's menu and fellowship with other members.

Visit the website at <http://www.mountaintopphotoclub.com> or come to a meeting and check it out. There is no meeting in December. Monthly meetings resume the fourth Tuesday in January 2019.

students and senior citizens. Children under 8 years old are free. If students in 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade come in a costume from the show they will also have free admission. Tickets will be available at the door.

NOVEMBER 30 DECEMBER 1 CRESTWOOD PLAY

Crestwood Secondary Campus will present the musical *The Little Mermaid* on **Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1**. The show will take place in the high school auditorium and will begin at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$6 for adults and \$4 for

DECEMBER 1 HOLIDAY QUILTS & CRAFT SHOW

The White Haven Area Community Library will host its 8th annual holiday quilts & crafts show on **Saturday, December 1** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be spread over two venues within walking distance: the historic DeWitt Homestead, a restored Victo-

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rian home circa 1875 located at 231 Wilkes-Barre Street, and the White Haven Area Community Library, located in the historic railroad Engine House at 121 Towanda Street in White Haven.

Demonstrations of hand quilting by Kathy Oross, fiber spinning by Carol Pirolli, wood crafting by Liam's Luck Wood Crafts and felting by Lesley McDermott and Linda Kistler will be featured.

A wide assortment of beautiful, interesting, or old quilts, loaned by area residents will be on display. The Eckley Quilters will also display handmade quilts created to honor local history.

Local crafters and artisans will be offering hand sewn goods, knit and crochet items, wood crafts, pet products, candles, soaps, paper goods, painted glassware, pins, wreaths and floral arrangements, jams and jellies, and many more items for your holiday shopping pleasure.

Refreshments of hot cider and cookies will be served. A concession stand offering homemade halushki, soup, hot dogs and seasonal treats will be located at the Engine House. Delicious baked goods will be available for sale at the DeWitt Homestead, and holiday gift basket raffle tickets and tickets for a quilt raffle will be available for sale at both sites.

Donation is \$5 for adults.

For information, call 570-443-8776. Check out www.whitehavenlibrary.com. Like them on facebook.

SPIRITS FOR YOUR SPIRIT: A HOLISTIC HAPPY HOUR

The Mountain Top Welcome Club is hosting *Spirits for Your Spirit: A Holistic Happy Hour* from 5 to 8 p.m. **Saturday, December 1** at the Broadway Tavern in Mountain Top. Attractions will include card readers, mediums, clean living and holistic health service providers, vendors, food and cash bar. The event is open to the public and limited to ages 21 and up. For information, go to facebook.com and search for "Mountain Top Welcome Club."

DECEMBER 1 & 2 LIVING NATIVITY

Christ Lutheran Church, 467 Main Street, Conyngham, will present the 25th annual living nativity. It is being held on the church grounds on **December 1 and 2** from 6-8 p.m. each evening. Fourteen scenes make up the drive-thru tour which includes live animals, a market place, the inn, shepherds, choirs and the manger scene.

DECEMBER 3 HOLIDAY ROLL SALE

GFWC-Mountain Top is holding a holiday roll sale. The rolls are full size and are available in 7 varieties, nut, poppy seed, apricot, prune, cream cheese

blueberry, cream cheese raspberry and cream cheese pineapple. The cost is \$7.50 for each roll. The order deadline is **Monday, December 3**, and pickup is Saturday, December 15. Payment is due at pickup. To order or with questions, please call Jane at 570-574-5859.

DECEMBER 4 MOUNTAIN TOP SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Social Club will hold its last senior meeting of the year on **December 4** with a Christmas dinner at 12 noon at Sand Springs Country Club in Drums. The first meeting of 2019 will be on

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DECEMBER 5 PADRE PIO PRAYER MINISTRY

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry will be held on **December 5** with a 6 p.m. mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers to Padre Pio, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at St. Faustina Kowalska Church, Hanover Street, Nanticoke.

DECEMBER 8 SANTA BREAKFAST

A breakfast with Santa will be held on **December 8** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in St. Jude School cafeteria on Route 309 in Mountain Top.

The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, juice, coffee and hot cocoa. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 12 and under are \$5.

A keepsake craft, coloring pages and a candy cane will be provided for each child. Pictures with Santa are \$5 for a 4x6 purchased that morning.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Slocum United Methodist Church, located on Blue Ridge Trail in Slocum, will

hold its annual Christmas open house, craft sale and Chinese auction on **Saturday, December 8** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church will be decorated as it was in the early 1900s. At the event there will be skilled crafters showcasing their handmade crafts and a huge Chinese auction with over 100 different prizes. The auction will feature Christmas decorations, new items, vintage items, home décor, and gift cards. Homemade food will be available for purchase and include wimpies, pork BBQ, hot dogs (sauerkraut & chili), pierogies, halushki and a variety of homemade soups (seafood, vegetable and chili) to enjoy. There will also be a variety of homemade cookies,

cakes, pies and candies available for purchase.

PASTA FOR PAWS

A Pasta for Paws fundraiser sponsored by Whiskers World will be held on **Saturday, December 8** from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Swoyersville Ambulance Hall, 99 Scott Street in Kingston. Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 3 to 10. Unlimited pasta will be served with salad and breadsticks. Choice of marinara, broccoli alfredo, scampi, vodka sauce and halushki. Additional add-ons include meatballs, sausage, chicken and shrimp.

Over 30 vendors will be on site for shopping. Raffles will also be part of the event. All proceeds go to the rescue of cats.

DECEMBER 9 CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Good Shepherd Church in

Drums is holding a Holiday craft and vendor show on **Sunday, December 9**, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the parish hall. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. If you are a crafter or vendor and would like to participate, please contact Jackie Gorski at 570-956-2314 for more information.

DECEMBER 11 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #6440 is Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of St. Jude's school. All current members are asked to attend. New members are always welcome. Please call the Recorder, Stanley R. Gutkowski III, for more information at 570-474-5785. Visit

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Crestwood Menu

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Breakfast available daily. Available daily: peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted deli sandwiches and wraps.

Week of December 3

Monday: Hot ham and cheese on a pretzel roll or chicken nuggets with a choice of bread or roll; featured veggies: baked beans, sliced red beets, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Twin pancakes with scrambled eggs or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: tater tots, carrot sticks, 100% fruit juice, choice of milk

Wednesday: Mini corn dog nuggets or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, fresh broccoli, 100% fruit juice, choice of milk

Thursday: Penne pasta and meat sauce, garlic bread stick or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: steamed carrots, corn salad, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Pulled pork bbq on a

bun or pepperoni pizza bagel; featured veggies: oven browned sweet potato, chick pea salad choice of fruit and milk

Week of December 10

Monday: Turkey and cheese melt on a croissant or chen mashed potato bowl with a dinner roll; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, steamed corn, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: yellow beans, stewed tomatoes, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Asian sesame chicken over rice or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, carrot sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Chicken fajita on a soft tortilla or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, sliced red beets, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: BBQ ribby on a roll or Italian dunkers with dipping sauce; featured veggies: oven fries, steamed carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Secondary Campus

Breakfast available daily. Grill line open daily with cheeseburgers, chicken patties, grilled chicken and pizza. Assorted salads, wraps and sandwiches available daily.

Week of December 3

Monday: Italian meatballs and cheese on a roll or chicken nuggets with a dinner roll; featured veggies: oven fries, red pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Nachos grande, tortilla strips or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, spinach salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Texas toasted cheese sandwich or meatball

hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: tomato soup, tater tots, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Hot roast turkey sandwich with gravy or bbq rib on a bun; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, green pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Hot dog topping bar with chili and cheese or pulled pork stromboli with bacon cheese; featured veggies: peas and carrots, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Week of December 10

Monday: Turkey and cheese melt on flat bread or chicken mashed potato bowl with a dinner roll; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, steamed corn, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Ziti and meat sauce or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, Caesar salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Homemade mac and cheese with a dinner roll or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: stewed tomatoes, celery and ranch, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings and bbq sauce or bbq rib on a bun; featured veggies: carrots, fresh broccoli, choice of fruit and milk choice of milk

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margarine, and coffee served with each meal.

If you did not order a lunch and would like one, call the center at 570-868-8517 to check for any cancellations.

Week of December 3

Monday: Beef pot roast, boiled new potatoes, carrots and peas, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, ambrosia, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Open face hot turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, mashed potatoes, vegetable barley soup, Ritz crackers, margarine, fresh orange, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Beef teriyaki, brown rice, broccoli and red peppers, pineapple crisp, milk

and coffee

Thursday: Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, parselied potatoes, fresh fruit salad, milk and coffee

Friday: Baked fish with lemon butter, green and wax beans, stewed tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, cherry cobbler, milk and coffee

Week of December 10

Monday: Pork chop with country gravy, mashed potatoes, snap peas, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, mixed berries, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Bag lunch day

Wednesday: Holiday party lunch: Turkey roll-ups with cranberry stuffing and gravy,

red bliss mashed potatoes, tossed salad with dressing, dinner roll and butter, apple pie with whipped topping, milk and coffee

Thursday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh apple slices, milk and coffee

Friday: Tuscan pork, boiled new potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, sugar cookie, milk and coffee

Seniors are invited to attend lunch daily. Regular and health plus menus are available. The suggested donation is \$2. Make your reservations at least one day in advance by calling 868-8517 before 1 p.m.

The Center is located at 460 South Main Road in Mountain Top.

AAC announces activity schedule

The Active Adult Center, located at 460 South Main Road in Mountain Top, is open Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Director is Barb Thoma.

Routine activities include bingo, balloon volleyball, card games, band exercises, health and nutrition talks and musical ball toss.

Geri fit strengthening exercises begin at 11 a.m. These classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday throughout the months of November and December.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

Sons of the American Legion Mountain Post 781 will meet on **December 11** at 6 p.m. at the Post Home. For information, contact Lenny Biel at 474-2161 or sal781@frontier.com.

DECEMBER 15 COOKIE SALE

The Nuangola Library, located at 5150 Nuangola Road in Nuangola, is holding its an-

nual Christmas cookie sale on **Saturday, December 15** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. No need to bake! Choose from a select variety of homemade holiday treats for \$8 a pound. Decorate your home with festive poinsettias and wreaths by Old Post Farms and check out some of the unique gift ideas for Christmas and stocking stuffers from some favorite vendors. Stop by and make your holidays easier!

DECEMBER 16 OL' TIME COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FOLK MUSIC

On **Sunday, December 16**, *Ol' Time Country Christmas Folk Music* by Jay Smar will be

presented at the White Haven Area Community Library, 121 Towanda Street in White Haven.

Jay sings and plays guitar, banjo, fiddle and tells the story of the song's origins. Wine and appetizers starting at 3 p.m. with music to follow. For information call 570-443-8776. This event is free.

DECEMBER 18 WE THREE IN CONCERT FOR CHRISTMAS

The trombone trio *We Three* will perform time honored traditional Christmas holiday songs known and loved by everyone at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library.

The event will take place on **Tuesday, December 18** at 7 p.m.

We Three is a unique trombone trio that performs music from the Great American Songbook including the best loved melodies of Broadway and Hollywood. The trio is also known for its jazz and folksong performances.

The trio has been together for about eight years and has performed for church and civic groups, as well as concerts open to the public.

Registration for this free concert may be done by visiting the library at 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top or by calling 570-474-9313.

DECEMBER 20 ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Association is hosting a support group for those families taking care of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias on **Thursday, December 20** and every third Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Kingston Active Adult Center, 335 3rd Avenue, Kingston. The goal is to provide support and information to those affected by Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. If you'd like to come, please call Home Instead Senior Care at 570-714-4260. Call in advance to register. There is no charge. If you have any questions call Alyssa at 570-714-4260.

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Mountain Top community makes Feed A Friend successful again this year

A Feed A Friend food collection was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mountain Top on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Feed a Friend program is in its 34th year and St. Paul's has been involved for all 34 years.

Donations help provide Thanksgiving dinners for those in need in our community. Donated food comes from food collection boxes and money canisters located in various locations throughout the Mountain Top area.

Mountaintop Family Church and St. Jude's Church also held food drives with food going to St. Paul's. The Boy Scouts collected food around the area on Saturday, November 17 and dropped off the food to be sorted at St. Paul's Church.

On Tuesday, November 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the food was distributed by volunteers from the community including Boy and Girl Scouts, Crestwood Boys basketball team members, Key Club members and various church members.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Crestwood High School freshman, Nathan Thomas, volunteers for Feed a Friend Mountain Top by sorting food donations that were brought in all morning.



Above: Members of Nuan-gola Girl Scout Troop 30430, from left, Brianna Weiss, Peyton Koons, Callie Koons, Gwen Glassic, Emilie Stofko and Ella Partington, volunteer to sort food donations. At right: Crestwood basketball player Connor Olen-ginski sorts food donations with many other players who volunteered for the morning.



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Dorrance supervisors table vote on PRD

Dorrance Twp. supervisors tabled a vote on the Preserve at Blue Ridge Trail Planned Residential Community (PRD) final development plan until their December 10 meeting.

The developer, TFP Limited, proposes construction of a 134-unit housing development near the Blue Ridge Trail Golf Course.

The area for which the PRD

is planned is zoned conservation. A PRD is a permitted use in that district, however the developer needed to obtain conditional use approval from the township. In August 2017 supervisors gave conditional approval to allow the project on a 2-1 vote. The developer had 12 months to submit a site design plan to the township for review to determine if it meets all requirements for a PRD. That plan was submitted August 7.

Following hearings on the plan, the township's planning commission recommended the supervisors deny approval. The planning commission cited several deficiencies in the plan. They included issues with the storm water management plan; boundaries do not clearly define the golf course; lack of evidence the developer has permission to cross the state right-of-way to connect to the sewer system; and the water source is not off-site.

In other news ...

Supervisors voted to apply for a \$105,800 Local Share Assessment Fund (gaming funds) grant. The money will be used to double tar and chip Fairway Drive, Sandwedge Drive, Sunset Road, Small Mountain Road and Ridge Road. They also voted to hire Grevera & Associates, certified public accounts, to complete the 2018 township audit at a cost of \$3450.

The Engler/Lewis minor sub-

division was approved. The Planning Commission recommended approval. There are two waiver requests.

Supervisors voted to enter into an online auction contract with Auctions International, Inc. for the sale of a waste oil burner, hopper spreader, tail gate spreader and fuel tank. The auction will run until December 5 and bids will be accepted or denied at the

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December 10 meeting.

Road and police departments get a pat on the back

The Wright Township road and police departments recently received a pat on the back from a township resident. Supervisors reported at their November meeting that they received a letter from James Glenn commending the employees. "I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest thanks and gratitude to the Wright Twp. Public Works Department and their Road Master, Matt Howton," Glenn wrote. He cited the road crews for their efforts in leaf removal, drainage repair, and keeping roads clear during winter. "They do all this with a skeleton crew and limited budget," he wrote.

Glenn also commended the police department and Chief Royce Engler. "They protect and serve our community so well with little recognition," the resident commented. "I certainly sleep better knowing we have such a stellar police force."

In other news ...

Wright Township supervisors are planning to use money from a Luzerne County blighted property program to demolish a building on Blytheburn Road. Supervisors voted to approve an agreement with the county pending completion of a title search. The county will provide the township with \$35,000 for the demolition of the former Hildebrand property at Blytheburn Road and Third Avenue.

They also voted to hire two part-time public works employees and a part-time police officer. Chris Capasso was hired

as a part-time police officer at \$17 an hour for up to 32 hours a week. Supervisors Donald Zampetti and Louis Welebob Jr. voted against the appointment. John Fey and Harley Nay were hired as part-time public works employees at an hourly rate of \$12 not to exceed 30 hours a week. Welebob voted against both appointments. Zampetti voted against the Nay hiring.

Resolutions setting employee contributions to pension plans for 2019 were approved. Rate for employees contributing to the non-uniformed plan will remain at two percent. Rate for police officers will remain at five percent.

Police Chief Royce Engler reported township police investigated 10 traffic crashes,

issued 27 traffic citations and four non-traffic citations during October.

Rice supervisors tentatively approve new development

Rice Township supervisors at their November meeting gave tentative approval to the proposed Jennifer's Way development located at the end of Burma Road. The township planning commission recommended approval of the development.

Supervisor Richard Arnold pointed out the development will have curbs, street lights and a strong stormwater management plan. Developer is

Bruce Fine.

In other news ...

Responding to an inquiry by Ice Lakes resident Marty Wentz, Arnold said the Ice Lakes dam repair project is in the hands of attorney Raymond Wendolowski, and the bonding company. He could not provide a timeline for completion of the project.

Police Chief Robert Franks asked residents to remove portable basketball hoops from township rights-of-way and refrain from parking on township roads or rights-of-way during storms to allow for safe snow removal.

Township engineer Andrew Pasonick reported the logging off Prospect Road was

complete and his inspection of Prospect Road revealed no damage by the logging operation. Pasonick recommended the release of the bond.

Supervisors adopted the revised Rice Township Park Master Plan as updated and presented by Barry Isett Engineering. They also appointed Grevera & Associates to conduct the 2018 township audit at a cost of \$3,475.

Fairview to seek gaming grants

Fairview Township is hoping to make major repairs to roads in Bow Creek and provide new equipment for its police department through Local

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Share Account (gaming) grants.

Supervisor recently voted to seek \$320,753 to be used for street improvements in the Bow Creek development. They also voted to apply for \$24,843 to purchase new handguns for the police department; a mobile license plate recognition system; and cost of use of a gun range at the Cabin Armory and Training Center for one year.

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No tax hike for Dorrance Township

Like their neighbors in Fairview and Rice Townships, Dorrance Township residents will not see a property tax hike in 2019. The township's tentative budget, set to be adopted at the supervisors December 10 meeting, calls for expenditures and revenue of \$833,488, an increase of about \$27,000 over the current year's fiscal plan. The property tax rate will remain at .75 mills (.00075).

Wright Township supervisors are still working on their 2019 budget and hope to have the fiscal plan ready within a few

weeks.

Wright Township dog park ready to use

Fencing is up, and signs have been installed at the Wright Township dog park. Recreation board members reported that while the grand opening won't be held until spring, dog owners have already been using the park. The board raised over \$18,000 in grants and donations to build the park. At their work session prior to their November 13 meeting, Wright Township supervisors directed secretary/treasurer Pam Heard to contact the township's insur-

ance carrier to make sure the park is covered under the township's insurance.

Local recreation improvement projects receive state funding

State Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne, announced more than \$70,000 in grants from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources was awarded for recreation improvement projects in Luzerne County.

The Cindy Street Playground in West Hazleton received a

\$40,000 grant while the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor received \$32,800 for trail development in Fairview and Wright townships.

"It is incredibly important to provide our communities with quality recreational opportunities," Mullery said. "I commend local partners for their work to ensure families now and for generations to come can enjoy the outdoors here in Northeast Pennsylvania, and I look forward to continuing my support in Harrisburg for these projects."

The funding for the Delaware

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Concert for Rebecca draws awareness to domestic violence

Nearly 250 people turned out for the eighth annual Concert for Rebecca held recently at Sand Springs Country Club, Drums.

They came to remember the late Rebecca Renninger, and to celebrate the life of a beautiful and vibrant young woman who was the victim of a domestic violence homicide.

They came to help raise money to support agencies that provide help to victims of domestic violence.

And, just as importantly, they learned to recognize the

signs of domestic violence and how they can help victims.

Rebecca was a 2001 graduate of Crestwood High School. After graduation, she worked as a receptionist for Dr. Donald Stone at a family medical practice in Huntington Mills. Her passion, however, was dancing. She had planned to study dance at Slippery Rock University but instead she married Brian Amrowski who she started dating while she was in high school. She did not give up her love of dance, working as a part-time dance instructor

at the David Blight School of Dance in Mountain Top.

Rebecca was murdered on June 22, 2009, the victim of a gunshot wound to her head. A .22 caliber pistol, registered to her husband, was in her right hand. Though her death was staged to appear as though she took her own life, her parents, Terry and Theresa Renninger of Mountain Top, knew that was not what had happened. They, along with police, immediately suspected she was killed by her estranged husband, Amrowski. Since his

daughter's death, her father has described how Amrowski, over time, managed to take control of his daughter's life; attack her self-esteem; and isolate her from her family – classic tactics of abusers.

Just days before her death, Rebecca told Amrowski she wanted out of their broken marriage of four years. They were separated since December 2008 and she had not been back to the home on Red Hill Road for months, until the day



Rebecca Renninger

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she died. She returned only to drop off Amrowski's car and leave.

Several days after Rebecca's body was found, Amrowski was arrested in Carson City, NV, in possession of Rebecca's rental car. He was charged with theft and returned to Pennsylvania. Nearly a year later, as law enforcement officials were headed to a magisterial district judge to file homicide charges against Amrowski, he hanged himself.

Since Rebecca's death, Terry Renninger has made raising awareness of domestic violence his life's mission. The goal of the annual concert, like all the family's efforts, is to raise awareness of domestic violence and to raise funds for the Victims Resource Center and the Domestic Violence Service Center. Through the generosity of individuals and businesses throughout the community, a basket raffle was held to raise money. Entertainment was provided by Don Shapelle and the Pickups Band and John Lukas.

Besides entertainment and the raffle, attendees learned to recognize signs of abuse from Tammy Rodgers of the Domestic Violence Service Center. Rodgers explained there are many forms of abuse that occur in violent relationships. Besides physical abuse, there is psychological abuse. A partner may attempt to isolate a victim from friends, family, school or work. They may prevent their victim from using a cell phone or driving a car. Rodgers explained that offenders often use emotional abuse by constantly criticizing their partner to undermine their self-worth.

Abuser sometimes exercise financial abuse by making the victim financially dependent

on the abuser. There is even sexual abuse, she noted. Abusers sometimes coerce sexual

contact without consent.

Pat Rushton, long-time outreach and education manager



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Timmy Renninger, Rebecca's brother, holds a donation bottle so Gary Rodgers can help fill it up.

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at the Victims Resource Center, explained how friends and family can help victims. "Believe victims," Rushton offered. "Assure them that what is happening to them is not their fault," he added. He said friends and family can

help victims simply by being supportive and identifying resources such as the Domestic Violence Service Center and the Victims Resource Center.

Paula Triano, executive

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director of the Domestic Violence Center, praised the Renninger family for their efforts. "The Concert for Rebecca is an opportunity to provide education on domestic violence and the resources available for victims like Rebecca," Triano offered. "It is also an opportunity to recognize the importance of local support to sustain community resources like the Domestic Violence Service Center," she added. The center, headquartered in Wilkes-Barre, provides services to victims of domestic violence in Luzerne and Carbon counties. It operates a shelter in Wilkes-Barre.

"The task of removing the social stigma of domestic violence, moving it out from behind closed doors, and get-

ting society to speak about it is daunting," she related. Triano pointed out that violence in the home is a crime which has a devastating impact on the lives of all family members and on society as a whole. "Our

society's cultural and historical acceptance of family violence contributes to the prevalence and perpetuation of the problem," she explained. "When violence hits so close to home and impacts a community like

Rebecca Renninger's tragedy, awareness of domestic violence becomes a reality," she added.

The Victims Resource Center provides support services to victims of sexual assault and other violence in Luzerne, Wyoming and Carbon counties. The agency offers support services to victims of domestic violence in Wyoming County.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Terry Renninger, Rebecca's dad, introduces Tammy Rodgers the keynote speaker from the Domestic Violence Service Center.



Pat Rushton, a retired police officer and staunch advocate for the Domestic Violence Service Center and the Victims Resource Center talks to the large crowd about sexual violence against women and girls of all ages.

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Elizabeth and Tom Griswold have been coming to the Concert for Rebecca since the first one eight years ago. They are family friends of the Renningers.

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The right approach during all kinds of markets is to be realistic. Have a plan, stick with it, and strike a comfortable balance between risk and return.

Handling Market Volatility

Conventional wisdom says that what goes up must come down. But even if you view market volatility as a normal occurrence, it can be tough to handle when your money is at stake. Though there's no foolproof way to handle the ups and downs of the stock market, the following common-sense tips can help.

Don't put your eggs all in one basket

Diversifying your investment portfolio is one of the key tools for trying to manage market volatility. Because asset classes often perform differently under different market conditions, spreading your assets across a variety of investments such as stocks, bonds, and cash alternatives has the potential to help reduce your overall risk. Ideally, a decline in one type of asset will be balanced out by a gain in another, though diversification can't eliminate the possibility of market loss.

One way to diversify your portfolio is through asset allocation. Asset allocation involves identifying the asset classes that are appropriate for you and allocating a certain percentage of your investment dollars to each class (e.g., 70% to stocks, 20% to bonds, 10% to cash alternatives). A worksheet or an interactive tool may suggest a model or sample allocation based on your investment objectives, risk tolerance level, and investment time horizon, but that shouldn't be a substitute for expert advice.

Focus on the forest, not on the trees

As the market goes up and down, it's easy to become too focused on day-to-day returns. Instead, keep your eyes on your long-term investing goals and your overall portfolio. Although only you can decide how much investment risk you can handle, if you still have years to invest, don't overestimate the effect of short-term price fluctuations on your portfolio.

Look before you leap

When the market goes down and investment losses pile up, you may be tempted to pull out of the stock market altogether and look for less volatile investments. The modest returns that typically accompany low-risk investments may seem attractive when more risky investments are posting negative returns.

But before you leap into a different investment strategy, make sure you're doing it for the right reasons. How you choose to invest your money should be consistent with your goals and time horizon.

For instance, putting a larger percentage of your investment dollars into vehicles that offer asset preservation and liquidity (the

opportunity to easily access your funds) may be the right strategy for you if your investment goals are short term and you'll need the money soon, or if you're growing close to reaching a long-term goal such as retirement. But if you still have years to invest, keep in mind that stocks have historically outperformed stable-value investments over time, although past performance is no guarantee of future results. If you move most or all of your investment dollars into conservative investments, you've not only locked in any losses you might have, but you've also sacrificed the potential for higher returns. Investments seeking to achieve higher rates of return also involve a higher degree of risk.

Look for the silver lining

A down market, like every cloud, has a silver lining. The silver lining of a down market is the opportunity to buy shares of stock at lower prices.

One of the ways you can do this is by using dollar-cost averaging. With dollar-cost averaging, you don't try to "time the market" by buying shares at the moment when the price is lowest. In fact, you don't worry about price at all. Instead, you invest a specific amount of money at regular intervals over time. When the price is higher, your investment dollars buy fewer shares of an investment, but when the price is lower, the same dollar amount will buy you more shares. A workplace savings plan, such as a 401(k) plan in which the same amount is deducted from each paycheck and invested through the plan, is one of the most well-known examples of dollar cost averaging in action.

For example, let's say that you decided to invest \$300 each month. As the illustration shows, your regular monthly investment of \$300 bought more shares when the price was low and fewer shares when the price was high:



Although dollar-cost averaging can't guarantee you a profit or avoid a loss, a regular fixed dollar investment may result in a lower average price per share over time, assuming you continue to invest through all types of market conditions.

(This hypothetical example is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the performance of any particular investment. Actual results will vary.)

Making dollar-cost averaging work for you

- Get started as soon as possible. The longer you have to ride out the ups and downs of the market, the more opportunity you have to build a sizable investment account over time.

- Stick with it. Dollar-cost averaging is a long-term investment strategy. Make sure you have the financial resources and the discipline to invest continuously through all types of market conditions, regardless of price fluctuations.

- Take advantage of automatic deductions. Having your investment contributions deducted and invested automatically makes the process easy and convenient.

Don't stick your head in the sand

While focusing too much on short-term gains or losses is unwise, so is ignoring your investments. You should check your portfolio at least once a year — more frequently if the market is particularly volatile or when there have been significant changes in your life. You may need to rebalance your portfolio to bring it back in line with your investment goals and risk tolerance. Rebalancing involves selling some investments in order to buy others. Investors should keep in mind that selling investments could result in a tax liability. Don't hesitate to get expert help if you need it to decide which investment options are right for you.

Don't count your chickens before they hatch

As the market recovers from a down cycle, elation quickly sets in. If the upswing lasts long enough, it's easy to believe that investing in the stock market is a sure thing. But, of course, it never is. As many investors have learned the hard way, becoming overly optimistic about investing during the good times can be as detrimental as worrying too much during the bad times. The right approach during all kinds of markets is to be realistic. Have a plan, stick with it, and strike a comfortable balance between risk and return.

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Mackenzie Kile chooses Bucknell University

Mackenzie Kile recently signed her official letter of intent to attend Bucknell University in the fall.

A senior at Crestwood High School, highlights of Mackenzie high school years: is a four-year varsity letter in field hockey; three-year varsity letter in lacrosse; team captain field hockey and lacrosse; Citizens' Voice and Times Leader All-Star; MaxPreps top 50 and top 100; WVC All Conference and All-Star honoree; 2015, 2016, 2017 Second Team All-State; U.S.A. Field Hockey Futures Program Level One Site; National Futures Championship (Gold Medals in



Seated from left: Suzi Kile, Morgan Kile, Mackenzie Kile, Russ Kile; standing: Dean Ambosie, CSD AD; Chris Comiskey, Electric Surge FH Club; Joel Heintzelman, CSD Guidance.

2015 and 2016); Junior Olympics; Keystone State Games; PIAA District 2 Gold Medal; Two

PIAA District 2 Silver Medals; National Indoor Tournament; 2013-2018; Electric Surge Field Hockey Club; National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Squad. Recognized as Scholar of Distinction; Full Patriot League Scholarship to Bucknell University.



Crestwood to present musical *The Little Mermaid*

Crestwood Secondary Campus will present the musical *The Little Mermaid* on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1. The show will take place in the high school auditorium and will begin at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Children under 8 years old are free. If students in 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade come in a costume from the show they will also have free admission. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Halloween celebrated at St. Paul's pre-school

The children of St. Paul's Preschool had a great time celebrating Halloween. The children had parades, class parties and carved pumpkins. Even the teachers got in on the faBOOulous time!

Officer Vail, a parent volunteer got in on the pumpkin carving fun. Seen with his son Wyatt.



Ms. Re-luzco, Mrs. Char-sky, Mrs. Stone, and Mrs. Kapish show off their costumes.



Halloween recital presented by piano students

The Conservatory of Wilkes University recently presented the students of faculty member Diane Shuleski in a festive Halloween themed recital. Classical and traditional solos for piano were performed.



Students who participated in the 1 p.m. recital, seated at piano, from left: Ava Kozemko and Lia Limongelli; first row: Levi Nordstrom, Max Weibrecht, Nejlja Konjo, Apollonia Bruno, Natalie Fedor and Emma Kane; second row: Jeremiah Wells, Artem Smagin, Melissa Schlifka, Christine Shubzda, Maria Egidio and Jenna Vincenti; third row: Rio Bantell, Anna Smagin, Justin Stefanowicz, Brendan Shubzda and Mrs. Shuleski.



Students who participated in the 3 p.m. recital, seated at piano, from left: Pauline Villafuerte and Sabian Bunnell; first row: Kiana Ghorieshi, Zane Villafuerte, Carlee Fine, Charlie Medico, Rhea Mascarenhas and Eric Lee; second row: Aubrey Macri, Jayda Wert, Aarav Gupta, Kylah Kelly and Kyle Kocom; third row: Nadia Saeed, Ammie Grushke, Devon Carpenter, Luke Wielgopolski, James Lavan, Edward Patrick and Jennis Bunnell.

Turkey shoot held at American Legion

The American Legion Post 781 held its annual turkey shoot on Sunday, November 18 beginning at 11 a.m. The shoot was open to all members as well as the public. There were also turkey and ham raffles as

well as food available for purchase and a bake sale.

It was a cold day, but it didn't stop the many shooters from participating in hopes of winning a turkey.



Ten year old Ty McConnell takes aim and shoots hoping to hit the clay bird.



A Mountain Top crew out for an afternoon of fun and wishing for a Thanksgiving Day turkey are, front row from left: Trey McConnell, Addison Korpusik, Kennady Korpusik and Ty McConnell; back row: Eva McConnell, Jon McConnell, Rich Korpusik and John Augustine.

Pumpkin science fun at Saint Jude School

Pumpkins aren't just for eating anymore. The Saint Jude kindergarten classes, along with their seventh grade buddies, recently examined the science and math that can be done using this festive food. The children examined the pumpkins they were given and had to measure using unifix cubes, concluding the size. They were then asked to conduct a simple pumpkin buoyancy experiment, first forming a hypothesis and then testing it as they saw if their pumpkins indeed sank or floated. The cross grade level approach to the activity helped students form connections with older students as they learned, and the experiment opened their eyes to the science of what we eat!



Kyle Koccon looks on as Audrey McShea completes the experiment.



Autumn Lont, Alexandra Hargreaves and Aria Karnoski take a moment out from science to smile.



Seventh grader Jenna Medvetz helps Alexandra Sartori.

Wyoming Seminary inducts students into Cum Laude Society



Seen following the induction ceremony are, first row from left: Yuhan Bao, Michael Doggett, Sophia Adeghe, Kelsey Reznick, Nikolai Stefanov and Mia Raineri; second row: Wanshuang Zheng and Jiayi Li; third row: Zane Nardone, Cameron Shedlock, Aoying Cen and Jacob Stefanowicz; fourth row: Bernard Frantz and Xinran Zhang; fifth row: Thomas Morris, Joanne Rossi and Jamie Magagna.

Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School recently inducted 14 students and three faculty and administrators into the Wyoming chapter of the Cum Laude Society, the national academic honor society for college preparatory schools.

The new inductees are seniors Sophia Adeghe, Bloomsburg; Yuhan Bao, Beijing, China P.R.C.; Aoying Cen, Edwardsville; Michael Doggett, Harveys Lake; Bernard Frantz, Shavertown; Jiayi Li, Urumqi, China P.R.C.; Zane Nardone, Shavertown; Mia Raineri, Shavertown; Kelsey Reznick, Drums; Cameron Shedlock, White Haven; Nikolai Stefanov, Honesdale; Jacob Stefanowicz, Harveys Lake; Xinran Zhang, Beijing, China P.R.C.; and Wanshuang Zheng, Shenzhen, China P.R.C. The three faculty and administration members also inducted are Jamie Magagna, English faculty; Thomas Morris, dean of the Upper School; and Joanne Rossi, registrar, dean of scheduling.

The goal of the Cum Laude Society is the encouragement and rewarding of academic excellence. Wyoming Seminary's chapter of the society was established in 1930, and each year since then previous members of the organization elect new senior class members in both fall and spring. The students elected in the fall must have a junior-year average of at least 3.4 (out of a possible 4.0); the spring inductees must have attained a cumulative junior- and senior-year average of at least 3.1. Inductees must be in the top ten percent of their class.

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Seventh Grade: Emily Borchick, Drums; Caitlin Lenahan, Mountain Top; Ethan Lloyd, Drums; Frankie Martinelli, Drums; Robert Orbin, Mountain Top; Jakob Rossi, Drums; Kathryn Sissick, Drums; Nathan Sissick, Drums; and Connor Strecker, Mountain Top.

Eighth Grade: Khristian Banks, Mountain Top; Annabel Dobash, Mountain Top; Manal Muhammad, Mountain Top; Kasia Svendsen, Drums; Lauren Urosevich, Mountain Top; and Lucille Van den Berg, Mountain Top.

Ninth Grade: Andrew Blasko, Drums; Lindsay Horvat, Drums; Amelia Minzola, Drums; Katelyn Overa, Drums; Connor Spencer, Mountain Top; Althea Stewart, Drums; Morgan Strecker, Mountain Top; Kennedy Tavaris, Mountain Top; and Grace Warner, Drums.

10th Grade: Irene Altmiller, Drums; Lindsay Braunstein, Mountain Top; Alexis Dale-sandro, Drums; McKenna Gallagher, Drums; James Kelly, Mountain Top; Dominique Kline, Mountain Top; Sydney Kohl, Mountain Top; Katherine Lewandowski, Mountain Top; Hiba Muhammad, Mountain Top; Ethan Stine, Mountain Top; Millie Symbula, Drums; Ella

Urosevich, Mountain Top; and Colin Williams, Mountain Top.

11th Grade: Emily Ankiewicz, Mountain Top; David Antolick, Drums; Carter Frask, Drums; Ryan Halterman, Drums; Catherine Havrilla, Mountain Top; Alexander Jordan, Drums; Marcus Kassick, Harrison Kress, Drums; Katharine Pinto, Mountain Top; and Adam Tron, Mountain Top.

12th Grade: Mahum Ahmed, Mountain Top; Elizabeth Borchick, Drums; Keefer Hoover, Mountain Top; Amanda Kalada-Kania, Drums; Alexander Kline, Mountain Top; Morgan Long, Mountain Top; Kaitlyn McGeehan, Drums; Emily Mundorf, Mountain Top; Ariah-Kim Saeed, Mountain Top; Bailey Slusser, Drums; and Ethan Warner, Drums.

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We've Got Mail ...

St. Jude School thanks all who supported Legge benefit

On behalf of the St. Jude School community we would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported the Legge benefit dinner held on November 4th. The outreach among the local community, businesses, and friends was overwhelming and very heartwarming. We would also like to thank all local businesses, families, and friends who volunteered, donated a monetary gift, or contributed

supplies to support this great cause, especially the following businesses and families: Carone's Market, Adelina's Restaurant, City-Mager, King's Restaurant, Weis Markets, Sam's Club, McShey Family, Hayden Family, Fetterman Family, Boormeester Family, Hair

Family, Madden Family, Fay Family, and committee members. We are appreciative of all the generosity, hard work, support, and willingness to help out. Proceeds will benefit the Legge family to help defray medical and travel expenses in this time of need.

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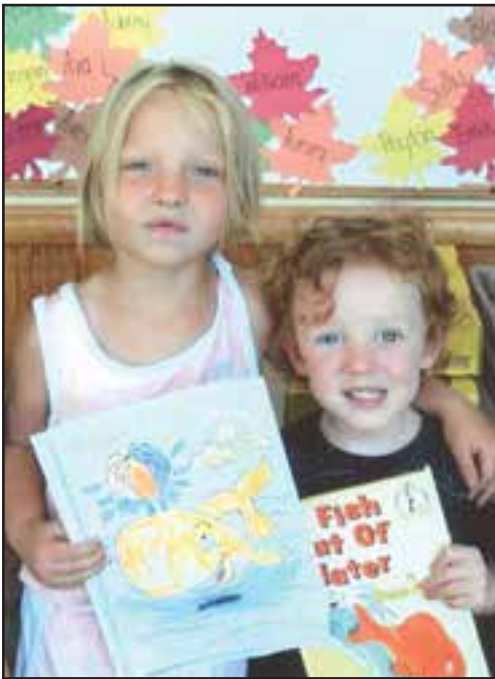
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Pictured with Dr. Seuss books are Elizabeth Brozowski and Sullivan Burke.



Wyoming Seminary athletes announce college decisions on November Signing Day

Three Wyoming Seminary athletes announced their NCAA Div. I college choices during a November 14 National Signing Day event at Wyoming Seminary Upper School.

The athletes are: Aubrey Mytych, Wyoming, Penn State University (field hockey); Kelsey Reznick, Drums, Duke University (field hockey); Tiana Wren, Glen Lyon, Providence College (softball).

Kelsey Reznick will play for Pam Bustin in the ACC, in her eighth season with the Blue Devils. Kelly is captain of the team this year and also last year. She is a four year varsity letter winner and a four year starter with the Blue Knights. She helped lead the Blue Knights to the state final game last year and was named to the USA National Team for U17 and U19, she played Futures for five years and was also named to All-State First Team and All-American Second Team. Kelsey



Wyoming Seminary field hockey athlete Kelsey Reznick of Drums will continue her academic and athletic career at Duke University. Seen during her announcement are, seated from left: Curtis Reznick, brother; Kelsey Reznick, athlete; and Debi Reznick, mother; standing: Jason Reznick, father; Karen Klassner, Sem director of athletics and head field hockey coach; and Kim Barbacci, Sem assistant field hockey coach.

is a three-year member of XCalibur club team, coached by Brian Hope. She began

playing field hockey in fourth grade. Kelsey is the daughter of Jason and Debra Reznick of Drums.

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& Lehigh National Heritage Corridor will be used to prepare a trail study to develop approximately 3 miles of trail in Fairview and Wright townships.

Funding comes from the Keystone Fund, which is generated from a portion of the realty transfer tax; Environmental Stewardship Fund; ATV/Snowmobile Fund license fees; and federal money including the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The grant program provides support for projects across Pennsylvania that will create new recreational opportunities, conserve natural resources and help revitalize local communities.

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Sunday School: Children in Pre-K thru 4th grade meet during worship from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Grades 5 thru adult meet at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Choir practices Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Cherub Choir, Kids Choir, Adult Bell Choir and Kids Bell Choir also practice on Thursday.

Christ Church offers a community Cancer Support Group meeting the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group meets by appointment. Please call the church office if you have a special need. Breakfast Fellowship Group meets at the Chalet, Thursday at 8 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Youth Group takes place from 6-8 p.m. most Sunday evenings. Schedule is variable.

For more information: church office: 570-474-6060, church email: ChristUM-ChurchOffice@gmail.com; Pastor's email: bohanan.jp@gmail.com. Web: Christonthe-

mountaintop.blogspot.com.

CONYNGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Pastor, Cheryl Trent
411 Main Street, Conyngham
570-788-3960

Protector 2019 Youth Rally will be held in Ocean City, MD on January 4-6, 2019. Registration is now open. Please see Rena Bicking to sign up for this fun annual trip.

Prayer Partner sign-up sheets are now in the social hall. All children and adults are encouraged to sign up for this rewarding program.

Valley Food Pantry has asked the church to collect cans of peas for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. They want to give each family two cans and there are 60 families. Cans of peas can be placed in the shopping cart which is in the social hall. Other items needed are soap and cereal.

Religious studies are at 10 a.m. Prayer Circle meets on the first and third Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the church library. Brothers in Christ meet every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Church office hours: Cheryl Trent, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday, at all times she will be available for pastoral

care and concerns. She can be reached at 570-788-3960. The church secretary is available Tuesdays 10:30-12:30, Thursday 1-3 p.m., Friday 10:30-12:30. Other hours are available, call 570-788-3960.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.
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Marriage on the Rocks small group meets every other Saturday evening. Please email pastors@ccfmt.org for more information.

Cornerstone Food Pantry is available for anyone in the community who is in need. Pickups are available Sundays after the service, around 11:45 a.m. and by appointment.

The church's website is www.cornerstonechristianfellowship.org. The church is handicap accessible. For further information contact Pastor Pickreign.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Irene Sabol and Shirley Eckrote enjoy an evening with family and friends and a great pork meal.

Pork dinner served at Emmanuel UCC

Emmanuel United Church of Christ held its annual family style pork dinner on Saturday, November 17 from 3 to 7 p.m. The meal included roast pork, homemade sauerkraut, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade apple sauce, bread, beverage, and dessert. Take outs were also available. Cost for a meal ticket was \$11 for adults, \$4 for children age 6 to 11 and children 5 and under ate for free. Cost for a well portioned take-out was \$11 each.

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Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. is Sunday School for ages 3 through 6th grade. They have a great program based on Our Hands On Bibles. They'll have fun making crafts, playing games, and solving puzzles which help you understand the stories in Our Hands On Bibles.

Share the wonder of Advent with your family and friends beginning Sunday, December 2. Help others truly prepare for the coming of Christ by worshipping during the season of Advent and hearing the message of salvation born in a lowly stable. The season of Advent is intended to serve as a time of preparation. Much of our time is spent in preparation for remembering his first coming to earth. We decorate, bake, shop and get caught up in the excitement of Christmas. But it is also a time for

anticipating His second coming. Through our faith in Jesus and his promise to come again we pray, worship and do God's work here on earth, in preparation for His return. The key is to look forward as well as back and to prepare for his second coming as we celebrate his first coming. How will you prepare for Christ's coming? Just remembering what was, or anticipating what will be? Come, join in the preparations — not just to remember the past, but to anticipate the future and all that has been promised to us. And bring a friend with you to share in this wonderful event.

"In my father's house are many rooms... I am going there to prepare a place for you." (Matthew 14:2) He will prepare a place for all who prepare their hearts for him.

Teen Talk is for anyone in 7th grade and above. They meet on

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to talk about God and Jesus, how their lives are influenced by them and how they can be an influence to others.

If recycling aluminum cans for the church, place the cans in large bags and drop them off in the large crates at the back of the lower parking lot.

The Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank is housed at Emmanuel UCC and is open by appointment only. All contacts are kept strictly confidential.

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Pastor Lou Aita at 570-582-9550 or email him at aitat12@ptd.net.

E-mail access is emmanuel_ucc@hotmail.com and the website is emmanuel-ucc.org.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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The congregation invites all to join worship service. Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday School is held from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 4 through 14.

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Services: Saturday: 4 p.m.

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Scripture sessions will be conducted on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Confirmation classes are Sunday at 9 a.m. and Monday at 4:30 p.m. Other Faith Formation classes are offered at the regular 4:30 p.m. Monday sessions.

The next Faith Formation Mass will be the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 2. Grade 5 will participate and Grade 2 will sing.

Advent Penance Service will take place on Wednesday, December 12, at 7 p.m.

The Faith Formation play will take place on Friday, December 7, following the Immaculate Conception holy day vigil Mass of obligation at 4 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 2.

The Valley Food Pantry has asked the congregation to collect canned yams for the Christmas boxes. Plus, all the area churches have been asked to donate sugar and

flour if they are able. 60-plus families will be helped by your donations. The deadline for donations is Monday, December 10. Please check expiration dates.

The Head Start Giving Tree is up and decorated with gift tags. Parishioners are asked to select a tag, purchase a gift, and return the wrapped gift and tag by Sunday, December 16.

Bingo at Good Shepherd church hall is held every Tuesday evening. Doors open at 5 p.m.; games start at 6 p.m.

GRACE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School classes for children of all ages will help them learn at their level.

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"Growing in Grace." They have a good selection of KJV Bibles, music, and various other items.

To contact the church call 570-868-6298 or email Kornerb@Truevine.net.

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Jeff Butala, Pastor
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For more information visit harvestcv.org or Harvest Conyngham Valley on Facebook.

**MOUNTAIN TOP
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Services: Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Dale Mooney, Pastor

**865 Church Rd., Mountain Top
570-868-6863**

Mountain Top Baptist Church invites you to join them for services. They are a family friendly church with the goal of equipping families to serve the Lord. They offer a fully staffed nursery for all Sunday worship services for ages 0-3.

Wednesday night at 7 p.m. is a Bible study for the adults. There is a Bible study class for teens and younger ones have fun in the Kids4Truth Club with singing, Bible lessons, memory verses and other activities.

**MOUNTAINTOP
FAMILY CHURCH**
Services: Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Brian Knorr, Pastor
209 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top
570-474-0900

MFC invites families to church on Sundays during the contemporary services. Come a few minutes early for a continental breakfast with coffee, tea, bagels, and danishes.

The KidsTown Christmas play will be presented on December 8 at 6 p.m. and December 9 during the 10:30 a.m. service. There will not be KidsTown classes during the 10:30 a.m. service, only TinyTown nursery. There will be

KidsTown classes and a regular service during the 9 a.m. service on December 9.

A Preschool Play Group will meet on Thursday, December 13 at 10 a.m. in the Kindergarten classroom. Play Group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month and is for all infant through preschool age children accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

A ladies Christmas celebration will be held on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend. Bring a wrapped ornament for the ornament exchange and place your name in the package before you wrap it and bring a large covered dish to share for dinner. Please sign up by December 9.

Two Christmas Eve services will be held on December 24: 5-6 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come celebrate the birth of our Savior with special Christmas music and sharing the Christmas story together.

Ground Zero56 meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. and is for all students who are in 5th and 6th grade.

Starting Point Youth is for students who are in 7th-12th grade and meets every

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Maddy Young, 8, Josh Jakubowski, 10 and Brayden Belanchik, 8, work on making an Express Bot.

MFC hosts After School Clubs

The Mountaintop Family Church hosted its fall After School Clubs beginning on Tuesday, November 6 from 3:40 to 5 p.m. The after-school program was also held on Tuesday, November 13 and 20. The children had free play time and could play ping pong, air hockey, Legos, basketball shoot, games and more. Children were able to choose from the following clubs: Crafts or Cup Stacking for grades 1-6 and Lego Robotics for grades 3 to 6.

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Wednesday in the Youth Room. There is a snack shop open from 6-6:30 p.m. and the youth service is from 6:45-8 p.m.

KidsTown Children's Ministries takes place during both services for children 8 weeks old through 6th grade. The certified KidsTown staff provides a safe environment for children to grow in their relationships with God and with others.

A Men's Bible Study is held every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All men are invited to attend.

Women are invited to attend the Ladies Group every Wednesday from 10-11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary or from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Contact the Mountaintop Family Church office or email debbie@mfchurch.com for information.

MOUNTAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Service: Sunday 10 a.m.
Brook Selby, Pastor
5126 N. Lehigh Gorge Dr.,
White Haven
570-443-9438

Mountainview is a family church. They are learning together how to follow Jesus and how to love one another. They believe that through their relationships with one another and with Jesus, they will experience the freedom, confidence, and the full life that is available to them. Their mission is to provide an environment where anyone can encounter Jesus' love and guidance.

On Sundays, they spend time worshiping, praying, and they have a Bible-based sermon. Every 3rd Sunday is Family Sunday, when the children stay in the service with them. Every

4th Sunday they have communion together.

Christmas Cantata will take place on Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 9 at 3 p.m.

Adult Women's Group meets at 9 a.m. before the Sunday service and are doing a study called, *Knowing God's Word*.

Mom-to-Mom Group meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. AA meets on Wednesday mornings and Sunday evenings.

For updated information on Mountainview Community Church, please visit their Facebook page: MountainviewFMC.

Mountainview is located about 1 mile from the Rt. 437 intersection in White Haven.

MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services: Sunday 9 A.M.
Pastors: Bob Thomas and
Rev. Fran Fink
Lily Lake Road, Slocum

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For more information about church services and activities call Diane Webster at 379-3713.

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Services: Sunday 8:30 & 10:30



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Eleven year old Paige Smith volunteered for the afternoon to help pack up food boxes.

St. James and St. Mary's Parishioners gather to pack Thanksgiving food baskets

Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dorrance and St. James in Hobbie gathered to pack Thanksgiving food baskets on Sunday, November 18 beginning at 11:15 a.m. A large group of volunteers worked in an orderly fashion packing boxes of food that was collected previously for 20 local families and for the two Domestic Violence Centers in the Valley. The volunteers also loaded the boxes into vehicles to be delivered. Confirmation students received service credit and adults received the joy that comes with volunteering.

Sunday School: 9:30 am.
Dave Elick, Pastor
570 S. Main Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5155
 New Life Community

Church, invites you to come and worship the way it used to be. Pastor Dave Elick invites you to join him and get back to the Bible.

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual church Christmas party on Saturday, December 8 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share. Santa will be there so if you are bringing a child, please sign up with name and age of child.

For more information call Sandy at 570-474-9805.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP

Services: Sunday 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
James H. Shanley, Pastor
9 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top
570-474-9951

You are invited to join in worship December 2. Worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school meets at 9:30 with classes for all ages. The adult group is studying the book of Mark.

Sunday School play practice will be every Sunday during Sunday School class time. If you are in the play please attend the practices. The play presentation will be December 16 during worship.

The senior choir needs you! Practice is held every Thursday at 7 p.m. if you would like to become a part of this awesome ministry.

The Trustee board will meet at 7 p.m. on December 4.

The next Presbyterian women's meeting will be December 5. The women will decorate the Christmas tree and then have a Christmas luncheon at the Frankenfield residence. All women of the church are welcome.

The Transition team will meet on December 5 at 7 p.m. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

Please donate your food items weekly to be given to the Mountain Top food bank. The need is great for packaged items, mayonnaise, coffee and sugar canned corn, red beets, variety soups and cranberry sauce are also needed.

2019 dates to purchase bulletin covers to honor or recognize someone are now available.

A month's supply of bulletin covers is \$35. If there is a certain month you would like to purchase check with the office for availability. Flowers are also available to purchase for \$35 for the vases or a special arrangement for the pedestal. Contact Lisa Bachman to schedule flowers or call the church office.

The church office is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Email: pbychmt@verizon.net. You can also find them on Facebook.

STAIRVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.
Stairville Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5640

The congregation invites you to come and worship with them this Sunday. Communion is celebrated every 1st Sunday of the month. There is plenty of parking behind the church.

Choir practice is every Thursday at 3 p.m.

The J.O.Y. Circle meets every second Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the large fellowship hall. They make the plans for all church events, new members are welcome along with their new ideas.

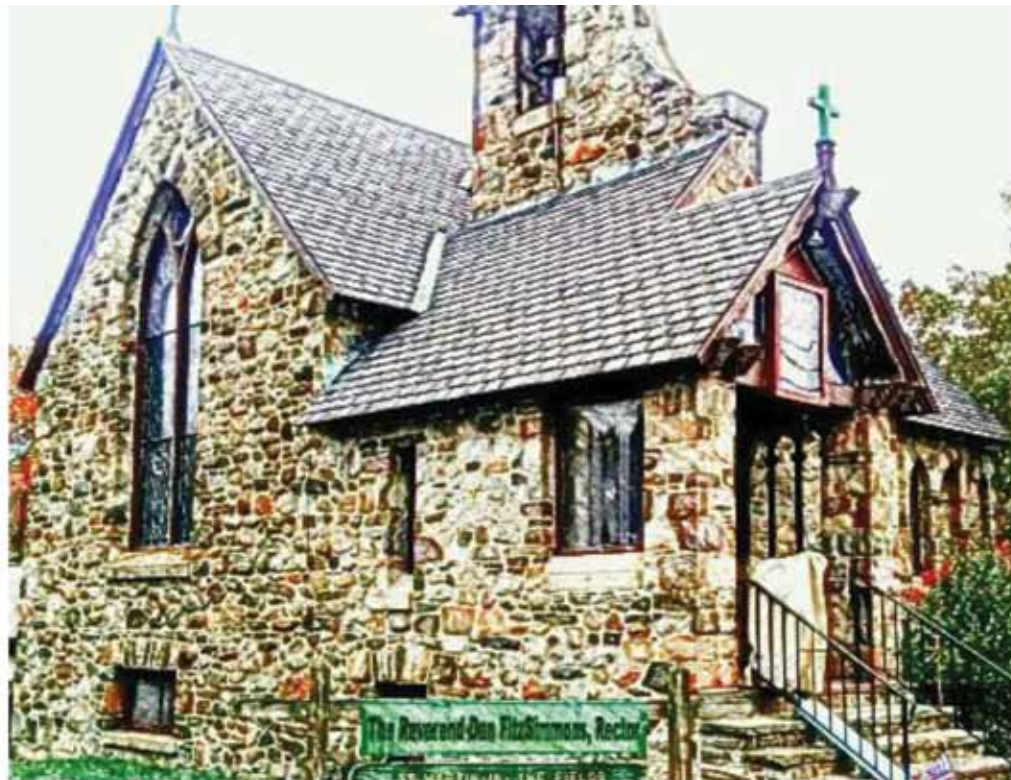
Church cookbooks, published in 2013, are available for purchase for only \$5 each. Call 570-868-3633 to order one.

Pastoral care call Christine at 570-868-3413 or 570-592-1552.

ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Oliver Brown, Pastor
827 E. County Road, Wapwallopen
570-379-3878

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Pastor Brown conducts Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

If your child is in at least Grade 5 or 10 years old and you would like them to take Communion, please contact Pastor Brown at 570-582-6639 so that a First Communion class can be set up for those interested.

December 16, Sunday School Christmas program will be held during the worship service. In place of the sermon, the children will be doing a play based on the

book, *The Tale of Three Trees*.

Advent services will be held in conjunction with St. Peter's U.C.C. on every Wednesday night in Advent at 7 p.m. The schedule is as follows: December 5: St. Peter's; December 12: St. James; December 19: St. Peter's.

Christmas Eve service will be held at St. James on Monday, December 24 at 7:30.

The Sunday School will again be giving Christmas gifts to needy children from the Nescopeck-Hobbie area. Most of the names are procured through the guidance counselor of the Nescopeck School. They only take the names of children who fall through the

cracks, who are not eligible for other organizations, such as the Salvation Army or "A Brighter Christmas." They will accept names of others from members of the congregation. All names are confidential. They include all children in the family of school age or younger. If you would like to submit a family for consideration, contact Linda Eroh at 570-239-8733.

The annual Christmas dinner will be held on December 8 at 6 p.m. in the social hall at St. James. Everyone is invited to attend the dinner. Bring your family and friends. There is no charge but a free will offering will be received. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Eileen Hoffman at 570-379-3503 or Floyd Rinehimer at 570-379-3633 to make reservations. There is always plenty of

food, but sign-ups are helpful to know how much food to prepare.

Boy Scout Troop 300 continues to meet at St. James Lutheran Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. Sixth grade through high school students are welcome.

Cub Scout Pack 379 meets on Sunday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Kindergarten through 5th grade boys are welcome to join. Please call Billy Jo Scott at 570-854-3755 for more info.

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Services: Saturday 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Father Joseph J. Evanko, Pastor
420 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top
570-474-6315

Begin your Advent with the women of St. Jude and the sur-

rounding community for an evening of fellowship, spiritual reflection, desserts and beautiful table settings on Friday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Jude School cafeteria. Jacqueline Elick will present the Advent reflection for the gathering. If you are interested in hosting a table or to reserve your seat, please contact Theresa Kline, 570-239-0959 or Suzanne Modrovsky, 570-578-3986.

This year St. Jude will have confessions each Monday during Advent, December 3, 10 and 17.

St. Jude's 12th annual Lessons & Carols concert will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the church. The concert tells the story of our salvation history in Christ and features the Music Ministry, Christmas Pageant, and guest instrumentalists.

Once again parishioners will light the Advent wreath prior to all Masses during Advent. To sign up, please contact Carrie at cgrandzol@stjc.org.

Kids Club will be caroling once again this year at Smith Nursing Home. Not a member? Not a problem. Children in 1st through 6th grades are welcome to join them in December as they spread some Christmas cheer. Contact Carrie, cgrandzol@stjc.org to participate.

Rehearsals for the children's choir will be on Tuesdays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the church. All students in grades 3-7 are encouraged to participate. Please contact Stephanie at stephaniekulpa@gmail.com for more information.

The following items are needed for the Mt. Top Food Bank: Boxed soup mix instead

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of Ramen noodles, noodles, rice, boxed macaroni and cheese, vegetable soups, cream soups, baked beans, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit, tuna, ketchup, mayonnaise, pudding, jello, sugar, hot chocolate and coffee. The first Sunday of the month is Food Bank Sunday! Drop off items in the boxes located in the narthex.

The Parish office hours are Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: closed and Sunday: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m.
285 Pond Hill Mt. Road,
Wapwallopen
570-735-8531

Are you looking for a relaxed but traditional family church service? The congregation of St. Mark's invites everyone to join them as they share God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday.

St. Mark's is a small country church with a big Christian heart! They believe they are called to: Be the body of Christ: His heart, His hands, His voice!

Like them on Facebook, "St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pond Hill PA", to see pictures and announcements.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.
Rev. Daniel FitzSimmons, Rector
3085 Church Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5358

St. Martin's is the little stone on the corner of Church and Nuangola Roads.

In December they will have a Christmas party with a cookie exchange.

For more information, visit smartintimesless.org. If you have any questions please contact Janeann at 570-868-6895.

ST. MARY'S OF DORRANCE

Services: Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m.

Father Joseph Evanko, Pastor
3529 St. Mary's Road, Dorrance
570-868-5855

The church warmly welcome all visitors! Contact the parish office if you would like to become a member of the parish.

Oplatki are available in the back of the church. Donation is \$3 per package to help defray the cost. Oplatki is an unleavened bread that is of Eastern European descent and is broken on Christmas Eve at the Wigilia Supper.

For everyone's safety, classes will be cancelled if we have severe weather conditions. Parents should use their judgment on attendance based upon their local road conditions in the event classes are not cancelled.

Daily Mass at Saint Mary's will be cancelled if Crestwood SD delays or cancels classes.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. The parish is continuing with the tradition of a homemade wreath of donated greens. Please bring your cuttings (not large branches) by Thursday, November 29. Greens may be placed on the side porch.

All parish children are invited to sign up to participate in the program presented before the Christmas Eve family mass at 4 p.m). Please send in the participation form enclosed in the November Family Envelope or call the parish office. Mrs. Stec will be in touch with families regarding practice times and other relative information.

Religious education classes are held on Sundays 10-11:15 a.m. For safety reasons, parents are asked to escort their children to and from the church for drop off and pick up.

All students in seventh grade and older are invited to be part of the parish youth group. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 16, from 6-8 p.m. in the dining room. Snacks will be provided. Parents are welcome at all events. Questions or concerns: Molly 570-868-5855 or 262-4628.

St. Mary's parish will be participating in the Angel Tree

program again this year. The tags with the children's information will be on the tree in the front of the church. If you or someone you know is in need of an elf's help this year please call the parish office with the family name and contact information. Families are identified by number only. All information is confidential. Names for parish families are needed by December 2. All elf gifts should be wrapped and are needed at the church by Tuesday, December 11.

The church is again collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for clients of the CSC. The box is in the front of the Church near the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Marine Corps has placed a Toys for Tots collection container in the parish office. Toys may be dropped off during office hours through December 7.

The Altar & Rosary Society

will not hold a monthly meeting in December.

The ladies will again be selling rolls from Simply Delicious Desserts. The rolls are 17 oz., and cost \$7. Flavors include apricot, nut, poppy, prune, raspberry, and raspberry cream. Delivery date is December 22. Questions: Susan Miller 570-868-6983.

Saint Theresa's Guild invites all parishioners to a Wafer Supper. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 9, at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Snow date is Sunday, December 16, at 6 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus is looking for a few good men! If you are interested in giving back to your church and community and having fun while doing it call John Baab 516-241-5297.

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Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

In case of emergency call 570-474-6315 and follow prompts for emergency.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Services: Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 11 a.m.**
Rev. Michael F. Kloton, Pastor
521 Northumberland Street,
White Haven
570-443-9944

The Food Pantry's on-going needs are pancake mix and syrup, crackers, cereal, juice and jello.

If you would like information about joining the Knight of Columbus, please call Jim Curto at 570-443-8494.

AA meets on Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center for a meeting.

Folk Group Choir practices each Monday at 6 p.m. All adults and children, 3rd grade and older are welcome. Questions call Linda at 443-7002.

Bible Study is on Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Weekly Rosary is Wednesday at 6 p.m. in church and, on the first Wednesday of each month, adoration and benediction.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Michelle Kaufman, Pastor
316 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top
570-474-6616

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Mountain Top encourages you to join them for worship this week. The following is a brief summary of upcoming worship and service opportunities.

Bible Study is held every

Thursday at 1 p.m. They welcome interested persons to attend. No homework, no tests, no previous knowledge. Have some fun with learning; only 2 hours a week with a knowledgeable teacher. Snacks provided.

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 2 immediately following the first service. The 2019 budget will be presented and the congregation will elect church council members. Plan now to attend! Brunch will follow the meeting.

On Sunday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. you and your family are invited to join the church for a Christmas celebration. They will gather to enjoy a family-style Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the narthex. If you would like to donate turkeys to help with the Christmas dinner, they can be dropped off at church and put in the freezer.

Immediately following the Christmas dinner is the Hanging of the Greens. All members, friends and family of the congregation are invited to come celebrate the Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday, December 9 at 7 p.m.

Every third Wednesday, at 1 p.m. at the church will be board game day. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Come on out and have some fun.

The first Sunday of each month has been declared "Food Bank Day" and they ask that members bring non-perishable food items in order to keep up with the demand for food.

The Yarn Spinners will continue to work on the prayer shawls and baptismal blankets for Pastor. If any of you are talented in crocheting or knitting, or would like to learn, you are invited to join them. Lessons will be given by Lois. If you can't make the meetings, call Lois at 474-5502, and volunteer your talents by making the items at your own pace at home.

Every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7 p.m. AA meetings are held, at 6:15 p.m., on Wednesdays Weight Watchers meetings are in session. Every Thursday NA meets at 6 p.m. Stress & Anxiety Management: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Lynn Rothrock, Pastor
418 Berwick St., White Haven
570-443-9424

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9:15.

Sunday School follows at 10:30 for ages 3 to adult. All are welcome.

Activities at St. Paul's include: "Next Generation Faith" Youth Group for those in grade 4 through 12 the first and third Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Quilters on Monday at 9:30, Adult Bible Study on Tuesday at 7 p.m., community lunch is served each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish House.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Debra Hebden, Pastor
335 W. Butler Drive, Drums
570-788-3051

Pastor Debra and the congregation of St. Paul's invite you to worship each Sunday. Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month.

Following the worship service, members and visitors enjoy fellowship time.

Ongoing ministries include the weekly prayer shawl ministry, which meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the church; participation in an outreach effort to the Latino community, focusing on ESL classes at Diamond UMC; and support of the Valley Interfaith Council and the Valley Food Pantry.

For more information, check www.stpaulsdrums.com or e-mail stpaulsdrums@gmail.com.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Services: Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary service: 10 a.m.
Keith Evans, Pastor
4 Rittenhouse Place, Drums

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WHITE HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

David Botzer, Pastor

900 Buffalo St., White Haven

570-443-7153

White Haven UMC wel-

comes everyone in the community to worship with them on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Communion is shared the first Sunday of the month. A contemporary communion service is held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

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meet every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. following worship.

Take-out roast beef dinner on Election Day, November 6.

Non-perishable food items are collected every Sunday to support the White Haven Food Pantry.

Adult Choir meets Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. and the Cherub Choir/Children's Bell Choir meets at 11 a.m. on Sun-

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If you have any questions or are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Dave at 570-443-7153 or e-mail him at dbotzer@hotmail.com.

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Margaret Austin, BA, RN, CEN, PHEN, Outreach/Prevention Coordinator-Trauma from Geisinger Wyoming Valley demonstrates the proper CPR technique.

Kirby Library hosts CPR class

It was nearly a full house at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library on Wednesday, November 14 when the library hosted a American Heart Association Heartsaver® CPR and AED class. Margaret Austin, BA, RN, CEN, PHEN, Outreach/Prevention Coordinator-Trauma from Geisinger Wyoming Valley conducted the the class. She explained that cardiac arrest is an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes arrhythmia – an irregular heart beat that disrupts blood flow to vital organs like the brains and lungs. Seventy percent of cardiac arrests happen out of the hospital, mostly at home. Survival depends on immediately receiving CPR from someone nearby, which is why it is so important to learn the correct technique.

Thanksgiving feast an annual Saint Jude School tradition

Saint Jude School held its annual Thanksgiving feast the Monday before Thanksgiving for all pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes. As an added treat, those parents and grandparents who assist with the recess and lunch programs were invited to share in the festivities.

The children, dressed as Pilgrims and turkeys, enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal complete with all the trimmings. Students and volunteers alike look forward to this tradition every year.

The Saint Jude community would like to thank the many parents and grandparents who help to make Saint Jude School such a wonderful place.



Renee Graham and her dad, Bernie, enjoy lunch together. Mr. Graham helps with the lunch and recess programs at the school.



At left: Kindergarten student Brooke Birster shares a Thanksgiving meal with her grandmother, Angela Koval.



At right: Aiden Sweet and Ella Carone feast on turkey with Jess Sweet, parent volunteer.

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