

## Finding ways to say I Love You on Valentine's Day



Jim Kupris tries to decide on the perfect bouquet for his wife Joanne.



At Carone's Market, Jill Carone hands a freshly packed container of hand dipped strawberries to Donald Shires.



Dan Evans shows off the perfect flowers and stuffed animal to give to his fiancé Sandy on Valentine's Day.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Stry<mark>cha</mark>rz photos



Fred Rindock finds gifts for his wife Katie and daughter Cora while his son Gavin finds the perfect gifts to give to his mom and sister Cora on Valentine's Day.



Robert and Finy Johnson enjoy dinner at III Guys Restaurant on Saturday night.



**Cheryl Graff tries** 

to choose the best

### Places To Go ... Things To Do ...

#### **CANCELLED** MT. TOP SOCIAL CLUB

All regular meetings of the Mountain Top Social Club are cancelled until further notice. For information about the club call Rich at 570-751-6249.

#### UNTIL FEBRUARY 28 MT. TOP LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Mountain Top Area Little League is accepting registrations **until February 28** at midnight. Registrations are online only. No late registrations will be accepted.

You will need to register your child(ren) using their website, www.mountaintoparealittleleague.com. Once you are on the website, please log in to register your player(s). This site was used briefly in 2019 and you may have a login from 2019. If so, use that user name and password to locate your account. If you have never registered your child(ren) using this website you will have to create an account. Once logged in click, Register Now and follow the instructions. Please make sure all information is accurate as the site will use your child's birthday and address to verify division and eligibility.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 only the fundraising buyout of \$35 is available for the 2021 season.

Any questions or concerns please contact mountaintoparealittleleague@gmail.com or call 570-262-4032.

#### UNTIL MARCH 28 KRISPY KREME DONUT SALE

Slocum Township Fire Company is now taking orders for Krispy Kremes! Orders are due **March 28** with pickup taking place at Slocum Fire Co. on April 3 from 3-6 p.m.

Glazed dozens, glazed dozen certificates are \$8. Half dozen specialty donuts including raspberry filled, lemon filled, kreme filled, chocolate iced \$7 per half dozen. 12 oz. bagged Krispy Kreme coffee \$9 bag, either smooth or decaf is available for order. Message the fire company Facebook page or call 570)-868-6255 to place your order.

#### FEBRUARY 20 HOAGIE PICKUP

The Dorrance Township hoagie order pickup is taking place on **February 20** at 11 a.m. at the firehall.

#### MARCH 14 DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top will hold a virtual designer purse bingo via Zoom on **Sunday, March 14** from 1-4 p.m.

The event is limited to the first 100 participants to purchase tickets at \$30. This will include 1 book for 10 games of regular bingo. Payments can be made by PayPal (spusagbc@ aol.com) ,or Venmo using family and friends option. Tickets will then be mailed out to you.

Rotary Club of Mountain Top Facebook page will take you to the event. Any questions, please call John Kanyuck, Club President at 570-466-9528.

#### **MARCH 26** TAKE OUT FISH SUPPER

Slocum Township Fire Company will be holding its annual takeout fish supper on **Friday**, **March 26** from 3-7 p.m.

Dinners are \$10, entrée choices are fried fish or chicken tenders, potato choices are baked or fries, and each dinner is served with a vegetable and a dinner roll. Extra pieces are available for an additional cost. Preorders are appreciated

and can be made by messaging the fire company Facebook page or calling 570-868-6255.

#### MARCH 28 EASTER PARADE

Slocum Township Fire Company will hold an Easter parade within the township on **Sunday March 28**, starting at 1 p.m.

The parade will start at the fire station, continue down Slocum Road to the park, turning onto Schmidt's Road, turning right onto Lily Lake Road, continuing to Blue Ridge Trail and finally back to the fire hall.

Be sure to come out to get a treat from the Easter Bunny!





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#### July 4th parade plans submitted to townships

Fairview Township supervisors reported at their February meeting that the township received a request from Mountain Top Area Community Association (MACA) to hold an Independence Day parade.

The application letter, submitted by MACA secretary Dr. Mark Bohn, told supervisors

#### the organization is planning the parade for Saturday, July 3 with a rain date of July 5. The request included MACA's application to PennDOT to close sections of Route 309 and South Main Road for the parade; insurance coverage; and a request to Crestwood School District for use of the secondary campus parking lot for a post-parade ceremony. The parade would disband at the Wright Township munici-

g pal building.

Supervisors did not take any action on the request.

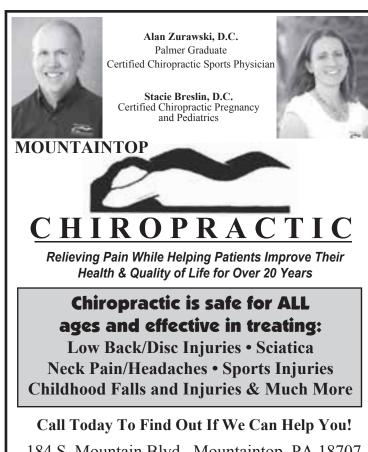
Mountain Top on The Move, which conducted the parade for three decades, submitted a letter to Wright Township in January asking for township approval to hold the parade. The township did not act on the request. Board chairman Matthew Howton told MTOTM president Dianne Hopersberger at the January meeting that the organization needed to submit a Covid-19 plan as well and must submit an application to PennDOT for use of the highway.

As of the February 2 supervisors meeting, MTOTM had not submitted an application to Fairview Township to hold its parade. Mike Iorio, chairman of Fairview Township supervisors, said he wanted to talk to leadership of MTOTM about its plans before the board makes a decision.

A dispute among members of MTOTM in 2019 over direction the organization was taking, and election of officers led to some MTOTM members forming MACA. Both organizations planned to hold parades last year, but because of the Covid-19 pandemic, both cancelled parade plans.

## Zoning appeal fees raised in Fairview

Fairview Township supervisors voted to increase fees for zoning appeals. The fee for an appeal to the zoning hearing board for a variance



184 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountaintop, PA 18707 570-474-5999 • www.mtnchiro.com was increased from \$350 to \$500. Fee for all other appeals, including a conditional use, was increased to \$750. The board also voted to set zoning officer Carl Alber's monthly salary at \$750 with no additional fees.

#### In other news ...

Also approved was a resolution to borrow \$34,000 from First Keystone Bank to purchase a new Ford Explorer police vehicle. The SUV is expected to cost \$48,000 and the township budgeted \$14,000 for the purchase in its 2021 budget.

Patricia Iorio was appointed to a five-year term on the Mountain Top Joint Sanitary Authority.

Secretary/Treasurer Abby Wasiakowski read a proclamation from the U.S. Census Bureau commending the township for its efforts to make the 2020 census a success.

#### Fairview taxes mailed February 16

Karen McGinnis, Fairview Township Tax Collector issued the 2021 County/ Municipal/ Fire tax bills on February 16.

The discount period will end April 15, 2021, face ends June 15, /2021, and penalty ends December 31, 2021. If anyone has property in Fairview Township and has not received a tax bill by March 1 please call 570-474-6246 or email: Fairviewtax@yahoo.com.

Hours for in person payments at the Fairview Township Municipal Building are: Thursdays during discount period from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturdays during the discount period 10 to 11 a.m.; and on April 15, June 11 and December 30,







Natalie Rose Bensavage celebrated her 10th birthday on January 5. Charlotte Noelle Bensavage celebrated her 3rd birthday on January 1. Both girls shared their special day with family at home.

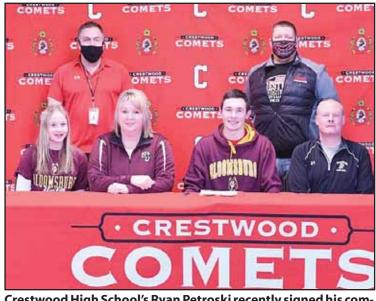
Natalie and Charlotte are the daughters of Samantha and Mark Bensavage of Mountain Top. The girls have two brothers, Luke and Logan.

They are the granddaughters of Mary Jo and Richard Shutt of Mountain Top and the late Edward and Agnes Bensavage.



**Charlotte and Natalie Bensavage** 

## Petroski signs letter of intent to attend Bloomsburg University



Crestwood High School's Ryan Petroski recently signed his commitment letter to attend Bloomsburg University where he will major in finance and play for the Husky football team. Pictured from left are Kendall, Ryan's sister; his mother Kim McGuire Petroski, Ryan, and his father Stan Petroski. Standing from left are Dean Ambosie, athletic director and Ryan Arcangeli, coach.



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bike/ATV track on the Gentilesco's property.

After a lengthy delay, the zoning board advertised that it would hold a hearing on April 9, 2018 on an application by the Gentilescos for a special exception to operate a private recreational facility on their property located in a conservation zoning district. However, the hearing never took place.

At that session, attorney Mark McNelis, representing the Gentilescos, took the position that the hearing was not about an application for special exception, but rather an appeal of the zoning officer's letter. He claimed they had appealed the zoning officer's violation letter and were entitled to a hearing. He insisted the township had the burden of proving the violation, rather than his client presenting the case for a special exception.

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The zoning hearing board decided the Gentilescos were entitled to an appeal of the zoning officer's violation letter. The board held hearings and voted 3-0 on July 17, 2018 to dismiss a notice of violation letter issued by Holter. The board decided the track, located on Yeager Road, does not constitute a private recreational facility, which would be a violation of the township's zoning ordinance.

The township subsequently voted to appeal its zoning board decision to Luzerne County Court.

Township solicitor Jack Dean reported that Judge Fred Pierantoni determined the township's zoning hearing board made an error in its decision regarding the case. The judge sent the matter back to the zoning hearing board.

As a result of the judge's decision, it was up to the Gentilescos to file an application

for a special exception to use their property as a private recreational facility.

#### Mullery named **Democratic chairman** of House Labor & **Industry Committee**

State Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne, announced today that he has been appointed the Democratic chairman of the House Labor and Industry Committee.

Mullery, who has been a longtime advocate for workers' rights, said this will give him the opportunity to provide a bigger role in the crafting of meaningful and beneficial legislation for Pennsylvania workers.

"I am truly honored and excited because this gives me a greater voice for each and

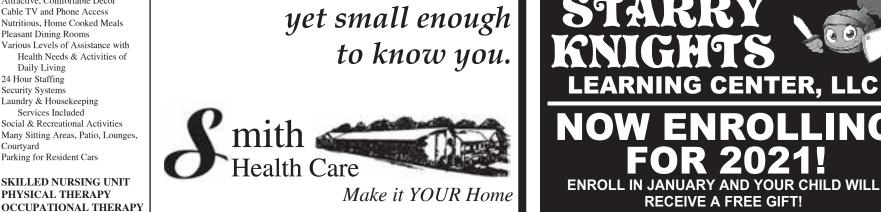
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The Labor and Industry Committee reviews legislation on issues such as the state's minimum wage, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, building and construction codes, and workplace health and safety. The committee is responsible for oversight of the Department of Labor and Industry, State Civil Service Commission, Labor Relations Board, Unemployment Compensation Appeals Board of Review, Industrial Board, Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, and the Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

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#### **Residents urged to** clear fire hydrants

Local fire company leaders urge residents to keep fire hydrants near their homes clear of snow, particularly after big storms.

Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1 President David Hourigan pointed out that even if the hydrant isn't directly in front of your home, it's important to make sure it's accessible. "It should be a neighbor thing," Hourigan explained. "A hydrant serves a wide area 1,000 to 1,200 feet in either direction. It is important that they are accessible when seconds count," he added.

Wright Township Fire Chief Dave Pettit said his department also is asking residents to clear snow away from hydrants. Pettit said if someone is not able to remove snow that may be blocking a hydrant, they should contact the department. "We will be making every attempt, time permitting, to assist residents who cannot (remove snow from around hydrants)," Pettit said. The Wright Township chief said that depending on availability of members, the department will be clearing around hydrants over the next week or two anticipating more snow.

Hourigan also asks that residents help keep first responders safe by keeping sidewalks and driveways clear of snow and ice. "People can really help all first responders by keeping their walks/driveways clear as responders are really at risk in icy conditions," he noted.

Also Rice Township supervisor Bob Pipech, at the most recent supervisors meeting, reminded residents that the police department asks residents to remove all portable basketball hoops and refrain from parking on township roads or rights-of-way during storms for safe removal of snow. The supervisor said vehicles parked on township roads have created problems for snowplow crews.

#### **Court denies Dorrance application**

Commonwealth Court has denied an application by Dorrance Township to re-argue its appeal of a decision by a threejudge panel regarding the Preserve at Blue Ridge Trail. The one-sentence decision was issued February 11.

Last December, a three-judge panel of the Commonwealth Court upheld a decision by the Luzerne County Court that overturned Dorrance Township's denial of the Preserve at Blue Ridge Trail's application

to build a planned residential community (PRD) around the existing Blue Ridge Trail golf course.

The Preserve plans to develop approximately 135 acres of its 546-acre property as single-family dwellings on one acre lots. A planned residential development allows a developer to meet overall density and land-use goals without being bound by rigid zoning requirements such as minimum lot size and use categories.

#### **Rice Township won't** sell firehall property

Rice Township supervisors made it clear at their February 9 meeting that they do not intend to sell the former township volunteer fire hall property.

That message was in response to an inquiry from township resident Steve Pantalone who told supervisors he is

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interested in the property as a site for a restaurant.

"We have no interest in selling the property," board chairman Bob Pipech told Pantalone. The township last year received a grant from the Luzerne County Officer of Community Development which it used to demolish the former fire hall at a cost \$28,600.

Supervisor Rick Arnold said the township would like to build a community center/ senior center on the property. He suggested that if that happens, the township might consider leasing a part of the property for a restaurant to complement the community center.

Last month, supervisors voted to lease the western section and rear eastern section of the property to First Light Cable for \$2,250.00 per month, to expire on January 31, 2022. The township also leases the front part of the property along Nuangola Road to the Ice House Pub.

#### Police officer position will not to be filled until June

It looks like it will be at least June before Wright Township hires another full-time police officer. At their recent meeting, supervisors acknowledged receipt of a letter from Police Chief Royce Engler asking supervisors to appoint a fulltime police officer but did not take any action on the request. The township currently has six full-time officers. When officer Brian Macko retired last summer, the township did not fill his full-time position, rather it hired a part-time officer.

Supervisors did agree to Engler's recommendation to allow part-time officer Bran-

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this project.

#### News in Brief ... ing hearing board last week just six months, Marshall said Continued from page 10 ipated resignation later this month it was reported another denied an application by the position probably should month. Cole plans to accept part-time officer, David Krape, dyn Cole to be kept on as a Remona Mansilla-Perry for a also submitted his resignation. be advertised in April and filled a full-time position in anothpart-time officer after his anticvariance to keep chickens as Supervisors agreed to allow in June. er department in March. Last an accessory use at property Cole to continue working one she rents at 43 Farmhouse or two days a week, depend-**Zoning application** Road. The board, in its unaniing on his availability. Since denied in Fairview mous decision, noted that the the 2021 budget calls for an 700! township zoning ordinance additional full-time officer for The Fairview Township zonprohibits keeping of chickens and other similar fowl on a lot **Dog Grooming Salon** of less than one acre. **MOUNTAINTOP Grooming By Appointment Only** The board did grant a request ANIMAL HOSPITAL from Lanahu Ales to amend a 21 Summit St., Mt. Top 868-3812 special exception granted to Our Goal Is To Keep Your Pet Healthy Michelle Zawoiski the microbrewery in 2019 to allow expansion of operating Karen H. Spiece, D.V.M. hours. The original decision Gregory J. Werger, D.V.M. • Rachel Wenzel, D.V.M. TIFFANY M. WAGNER, D.V.M. South Mountain approved operating hours of 50 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountaintop Tuesday through Friday from ETERINARY 474-5273 Hours by Appointment 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 9 p.m. The owner, HOSPITAL George Menerich, asked that 266 Church Road, Mountain Top We've Added A Second Location! he be allowed to operate daily 474-5355 from noon to 10 p.m. He cited Liz Hanley-Legas Gayle Hanley pandemic-related restrictions Fax: 474-551 5 as the reason for his request. amond Hours Mon.-Fri. • Call For Appointment in the G Work progressing on Ice Lakes project Pamper & Indulge Your Pet At We Treat Your Pet Like Family Township engineer Andrew Poochie Cuts Pet Salon & Spa 220 West 21st Street 80 N. Mountain Blvd. Pasonick told supervisors work Hazleton, PA Mountain Top, PA is progressing on the Ice Lakes www.auntieliztoo.rocks 570-497-6919 570-474-5421 dam repair project. He said See what sets us apart! Fabcor, the contractor, has low-Oliver Relaxed spa ered the water level to seven experience including aromatherapy and calming feet below the dam spillway. Neutering will help control music, all within a quiet setting The next step is for an inspecthe number of cats out in tion by the engineer and DEP. Hand blow drying (No cage the cold! In other news ... drying here!) Supervisor Rick Arnold No overbooking ... one-onreported he met with repreone care and attention for **EASTERN PA ANIMAL ALLIANCE** sentatives of Wright Township your pet for a personalized, private spa Volunteer Fire Company which experience provides fire protection for the township. He said among the No crating, unless requested **APPOINTMENTS:** items discussed was installa-EPAAONLINE2009@GMAIL.COM IF EMAIL UNAVAILABLE CALL tion of a dry hydrant in the Ice 273 South Main Road, Mountain Top Lakes while the water level is **By Appointment Only** down. Pipech suggested offi-S K) 570-262-5112 cials meet with DEP to discuss

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The White Haven Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the 2021 scholarship program. The Club is offering at least two \$1,000.00 scholarships this year. Students, regardless of age, are eligible if their primary residence is in the 18661 zip code or the 443 telephone exchange.

Recipients must, at the time of award, be accepted as provisional or full-time students to a degree program at an accredited institution. Eligible institutions are limited to accredited universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, and technical schools having at least a two-year program.

The scholarship program is open to both new students and those already working towards their degree requirements. In past years, scholarships have been awarded to freshmen and upperclassmen, and previous winners have included a number of students from area high schools as well as local students attending colleges nationwide. Eligible applicants from previous years are encouraged to participate in this year's program.

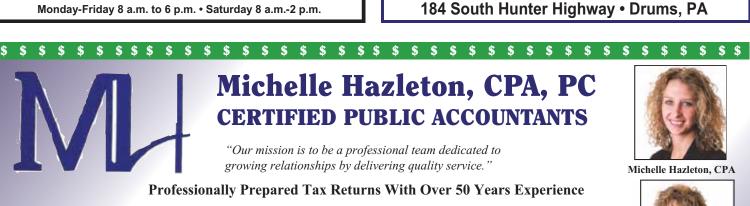
Applications must be received by April 12, 2021. To obtain an application form, please text or call Elizabeth Jones at 570- 239-6010 or contact any other member of the White Haven Lions Club.

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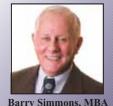
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#### Elementary Schools and Secondary Campus

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The menu is the same for all buildings and locations for both virtual or in person. A breakfast menu will be provided once the school returns to hybrid/in person learning.

#### Week of February 22

Monday: Yogurt, string cheese and Goldfish crackers or barbecue pork rib on a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Tuesday: Turkey bacon club sandwich with cheese or beef and cheese burrito on a soft shell tortilla, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Wednesday: Tuna salad sandwich on a hamburger roll or cheeseburger on a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Thursday: Italian hoagie with buffalo chicken and cheese on a soft shell tortilla, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or chicken fries with dinner roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

#### Week of March 2

Monday: Bologna and cheese sandwich on hamburg-

er roll or pulled pork barbecue on a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Tuesday: Tuna salad over greens with dinner roll or breadstick or cheeseburger on a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Wednesday: Ham and American cheese on a club roll or chicken fajita with cheese on a soft shell tortilla, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Thursday: Turkey bacon club sandwich with cheese or

chicken patty on a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

**Friday:** Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or walking taco with beef with a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

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## February is Children's Dental Health Month



## Honor Rolls ...

#### CRESTWOOD **SECONDARY CAMPUS** 2nd Marking Period 2020-2021 7th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA): Addison S. Balliet, Katelvne E. Carmichael. Keira L. Dougherty, Isabel Espinoza, Noah T. Everett, Chase T. Galella, Ally M. George, Grayce E. Grazio, Madilyn G. Hinkle, Adison E. Huber, Brady R. Johnson, Emily Jones, Luke J. Joseph, Myla Keating, Callie L. Koons, Peyton E. Koons, Katherine M. Kozich, Abigail Krupa, Jillian C. Laskoski, Cooper J. Laubach, Brooke E. Lenahan, Larry Little, Ashley A. Long, Greenlee E. McElhinney, Sophia J. Medico, Derron M. Miller, Emma R. Murtha, Kaci M. Palmiter, Alexis R. Panzik, Sarah Pasternick, Parth G. Patel, Avery E. Pisano, Aaqil U. Rehman, Gavin Rindock, Eric A. Rinehimer, Addison J. Robbins, Leah Roberts, Sean P. Rossi, Priya P. Shah, Maya A. Shakfa, Jaden J. Shedlock, Brody J. Stewart, Sophia Tomek, Regan O. Wanchisen, Carter M. Wanyo, Brianna R. Weiss, Spencer C. Young, Jonathan C. Yurkanin

High Honor Roll (3.700-3.999 GPA): Carly E. Aigeldinger, Jordan E. An-

drews, Kyra L. Bechtel, Macie E. Centak, Brady T. Cook, Sophia G. Cyphert, Madalyn M. Danko, Julianna A. Dodge, Lauren E. Falcheck, Warren R. Farley, Brianna J. Franco, Scarlett H. Furedi, Kaitlyn M. Gaughan, Colin D. Gordon, Alexys Hazeltine, John K. Joseph III, Hayley M. Keiser, MacKenzie R. Kovalski, Alana Kucuk, Matthew J. Miller, Haylie M. Newell, Deaglan O'Farrell, Samuel T. Partington, Sofia Pasternick, Shlok A. Patel, Emma I. Revel, Oliver Robledo, Kvla R. Romanoski,

Grady Seltzer, Logan A. Spaide, Mason T. Staude, Zachary R. Stavish, Jeffrey B. Stec JR, Emilie V. Stofko, Cadence A. Stravinski, Thomas M. Thompson JR, Brennen M. Verba, Abigail L. Wehner, Sydney M. Werger, Laci R. White, Victoria White, Albert Xie, Angelina Zheng

Honor Roll (3.250-3.699 GPA): Zayan Ansari, Simon P. Basham, Loralei M. Becker, Michael E. Columbo, Olivia J. DeJesus, Alayna N. Dietrick, Mattingly A. Divers, John B. Evans, Eric J. M. Ghorieshi, Karlee P. Gilson, Ethan J. Heithaus, Emma L. Kairo, Mollie R. Kozich, Alex J. Marich, Hayden R. Martinchek, Lillian E. Miraglia, Arowyn E. Mulhearn, Gavin T. Ondeck, Deven T. Paulson, Alexis M. Richmond, Landyn A. Sanabria, Kaydence A. Schreiner, Rachel V. Shoemaker, Thomas J.

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Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA): Ava A. Albee, John L. Augustine IV, Violet B. Balara, Vidhi Bansal, Joseph N. Baranowski, Kaelyn G. Barker, Lincoln M. Bibla, Thomas A. Biscotti, Ella M. Brady, Holland C. Brandt, Abigail R. Burton, Camerone C. Carlos, Natalynn R. Celmer, Katie R. Charsky, Mia G. Chitswara, Aubrey M. Cholewa, Avery Cloutier, Isabella R. Cyphert, Dane J. DiLodovico, Dylan Domzalski, Allison Drust, Kaegan Feist, Virginia G. Franks, Katherine M. Gallagher, Brady M. Grevera, Aleksander B. Jaskiewicz, Jane K. Jenkins, Olivia N. Jolie, Rebecca G. Keating, Kylah R. Kelly, Jensen P. Kennoy, Owen L. Kline, Kiley R. Kondraski, Kaylie S. Kronick, Jack A. Kwarcinski, Colin R. Lazo, Emerson E. Lazo, Emily K. Leicht, Kevin A. Luther, Lucy C. Malia, Allena M. Martinez, Ava G. McConnell, Madison V. Mendrzycki, Ella M. Novelli, Adam Nulton, Kendall T. Petrosky, Maison J. Petzold, Benjamin Radziewicz, Ella L. Richards, Ashten R. Rinehimer, Shreema Rupareliya, Tristen J. Sabatini, Audrey A. Shebelock, Sarah G. Shipton, Molly M. Simko, Robert J. Skirchak JR, Maria C. Smith, Sienna A. Smith, Brooke E. Toney, Zane Nino G. Villafuerte, Alyse E. Wanchisen, Dylan A. Weikel, Owen R. Weyhenmeyer, Victoria R. Yurick, Ethan L. Zabroski

High Honor Roll (3.700-3.999 GPA): Sophia Andahazy, Brandi L. Aton, Abigail R. Barna, Cameron D. Belisle, Natalie G. Bogdon, Isabelle Carlin, Colin N. Cholewa, Dylan W. Collins, Chloe E. Costello, Persephone L. Cunningham, Alyson D. Decker, Kyle A. Draina, Ava G. Evans, Caelyn N. Fisher, Abigail K. Graybeal, Clark E. Groth, Shannon Jameson, Mackenzie L. Kearney, Cole A. Kline, Hope A. Kline, Evelyn K. Kruczek, Madelynn S. Krupa, Summer R. Larrabee, Jacob M. Lettieri, Jolin Lin, Natalina Manganiello, Claudio M. Mateos II, Caleb J. McManus, Elijah S. Meadows, Sarah Mert, Robert J. Morgis, Carson J. Moyer, Kyleigh E. Olex, Shiv H. Patel, Alexa R. Paul, Addison M. Pirrone, Amira D. Pirrone, Marissa T. Sanders, William D. Savner, Christopher G. Schlude, Jorja R. Snyder, Isabel A. Soto Alicea, Jack C. Storm, Jarod C. Thomas, Colin J. Wehrenberg, Michael J. Yeager

Honor Roll (3.250-3.699 GPA): Connor C. Anderton, Adam Aoun, Kelsev A. Benn, Ethan Boellmann, Theresa M. Borsuk, Carson P. Coen, Nevaeh R. DeJesus, Ayrton J. DeLorenzo, Mark A.

Ferdinand, Jason G. Finnegan, Sara E. Gordner, Elizaveta J. Graydus, Onur Haltas, Madeline R. Johnson, Carter R. Kennedy, Aaron M. Kogoy, Kylie D. Kranson, Randall A. Mercado, Tessa O. Miller, Michael T. Modrovsky, Abby L. Olander, Evan J. Olson, Cole V. Pyrah, Zoe L. Raudenbush, Luke J. Russell, Lorelai Russomano, Ryan J. Sechleer, Corban Sellers, Addison E. Walsh, Nicholas R. Webb, Shane J. Whitonis

#### 9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA): Jenna R. Alexander, Gabriella R. Ambosie, Juliana Ambosie, Mary Kate Banford, Nichilas A. Borelli, Madelvne P. Carmichael, Isabella I. Colandrea, Mia R. Costello, Charlene M. Daisey, Emily J. DelVecchio, Scarlett M. Evans, Logan C. Jasnoski, Edwin T. Kimsal, Elizabeth A. Kozich, Margaret G. Kozich, Ryan D. Kozich, Megan E. Laskoski, Andrew P. Lenahan, Victoria M. Lupo, Aubrey Macri, Sydney A. Magda, Logan P. Marko, Trevor J. Miller, Mason C. Myers, Olivia E. Oresick, Kyle N. Orrson, Caleb S. Partington, Saif U. Rehman, Joshua D. Roman, Eliza Seifert, Julia M. Sinavage, Matthew K. Sklarosky, Emma E. Suhoski

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#### SAINT JUDE SCHOOL 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Sixth Grade

Principal's List: Emily Conway High Honors: Cali Glaser, Maximus Bleiler, Eva Martin, Jacob Hunsinger, Isabelle Wasley, Payton Bayley Honors: Connor Hillard, Gigi Grego, Camden Brownell

#### Seventh Grade

Principal's List: Matthew Mascarenhas, Alexis Bleiler, Pierce Sparich High Honors: Aurora Roote, Patrick Smith Honors: Jacob Kopko, Anson Jumper,

Alex Gordon

#### **Eighth Grade**

Principal's List: Grace Tedford, Thomas Dugan, Xavier Bleiler, Lauren Hayden

High Honors: Anne Carter

Honors: Allison VanPelt, Melody Josefowicz

### Saint Jude students take home top honors in diocesan forensics competition

Two Saint Jude School students scored in the top award positions of the Diocese of Scranton local forensics competition in mid-November.

Rhea Mascarenhas took second place at the junior varsity level and Michael Grandzol took second place at the varsity level. This enabled them to move forward to the diocesan level competition in which both students competed against the top performers from across the Diocese of Scranton. Michael Grandzol performed his piece, from Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing and Rhea Mascarenhas performed her piece, from Judy Moody: Girl Detective, virtually for the judges. Ms. Mascarenhas took second place in the junior varsity com-



Mrs. Ann Papciak, Rhea Mascarenhas, Michael Grandzol and Mrs. Eileen Barney celebrate a Saint Jude Forensics victory.

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#### **CONYNGHAM** UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH**

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m. **Graham Truscott, Pastor** 411 Main Street, Convngham 570-788-3960

Worship will continue online. To join them for worship virtually visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CUMCConyngham/.

Pastor Collins is available at all times for pastoral care and concerns and may be reached at 443-521-3265.

#### CORNERSTONE **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** Services: Sunday 10 a.m. Michael & Kim Pickreign, Pastors 3577 Church Road, Mountain Top 570-678-7231

Services are casual and family friendly. They are a group of believers passionate about sharing the gospel of Christ, healing broken hearts and seeking liberty for all who are oppressed.

Join them online weekly on Sundays at 10 a.m. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1494616649 or iPhone one-tap:US + 1 (470) 8692200,,1494616649# or telephone, dial +1-470-869-2200, meeting ID: 149 461 6649.

The church is handicap accessible. For further information contact Pastor Pickreign.

#### **EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

#### Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Louis Aita, Pastor 7768 Blue Ridge Trail, Dorrance 570-868-5675

Regular church services have resumed and they are following the CDC guidelines. They welcome visitors and friends to join them for worship every Sunday.

If recycling, 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 aitatl12@ptd.net. E-mail access is emmanuel ucc@ hotmail.com and the website is emmanuel-ucc.org.

#### FAITH CHURCH DRUMS Service: Sunday 10 a.m.

#### **Keith Evans, Pastor 4 Rittenhouse Place, Drums** 570-599-8123

The church has now reopened for indoor services. 10 a.m.: Blended worship: music (contemporary and a hymn), encouraging corporate prayer, responsive reading, dynamic preaching, friendly and interactive, coffee, soda,

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tea, hot cocoa, water, snacks and more!

On Mondays and Tuesdays Faith Life Coaching and Counseling will take place. You can inquire by texting 570-599-8123, \$40 for group, \$60 for Individual sessions.

Some upcoming events include: Saturday, February 27 at 3 p.m. Faith Church Drums presents: Family Fun day at Skate Town in Bloomsburg. Meet at Pastor Keith and Jeni's home in Berwick at 3 p.m. Contact Pastor Keith for more details. There will be roller skating, laser tag, games, bumper boats, food, and more! For more information, please contact Pastor Ben at 724-705-3986.

If anyone is in need of help contact the pastor at 570-764-6444.

#### GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Services: Saturday: 6 p.m. Sunday: 8 & 9:30 a.m. Rev. Michael J. Kloton, Pastor Route 309, Drums 570-788-3141

In light of the announcement from the governor of Pennsylvania, there may be some confusion about churches and whether they are open or not. Following the guidelines of Bishop Bambera, the churches of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception will continue to remain open for all masses. It is imperative that people wear masks, sanitize as they come in, and practice social distancing.

Good Shepherd will now be using a new camera system. The new system will allow you to watch all masses each weekend and also the daily mass. The quality of the video these masses is: YouTube.com/ channel/UCRogmn\_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w.

is outstanding. The link for

All weekend Masses at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 8 and 9:30 a.m. will be available over your car radio. They ask that you park in the lower lot, to the left of the church, and tune your car radio to FM 98.3. You will be able to listen to the Mass over your radio in the comfort of your car and remain socially distant. At the end of Mass, an Extraordinary Minister will come to the parking lot to distribute Holy Communion. If you bring your envelopes, those will also be collected. Spread the word!

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#### MOUNTAINTOP FAMILY CHURCH Services: Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Brian Knorr, Pastor 209 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top 570-474-0900

Mountaintop Family Church is holding modified Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. for one hour. They ask that anyone who has been sick, has recently been exposed to Covid-19, has a compromised health condition to join them for online services.

Sunday morning services are also available through livestream: MFC Webpage: www. mfcchurch.com/live-stream; Youtube: search for Mountaintop Family Church; Facebook: go to Mountaintop Family

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Church Facebook page. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend their own service on Sunday mornings during the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services. Students can join

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the adults in the sanctuary for worship and will then be taken to the Youth Room for the youth service. Students attending are asked to wear masks and observe social distancing standards.

Zoom meetings are being held throughout the week and the links for the Zoom meetings can be obtained by emailing Debbie@mfcchurch. com. Zoom meetings: Men's and Women's Groups are held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Ground Zero56 for grades 5 and 6 and Starting Point Youth for grades 7-12 are both held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Canvas Young Adult Group is held on Thursdays at

#### 7 p.m.

Please contact the church office at 570-474-0900 if you have any questions or would like more information.

#### MOUNTAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH Service: Sunday 11 a.m. Brook Selby, Pastor 5126 N. Lehigh Gorge Dr., White Haven

#### 570-580-0808

Join them on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. or in the building at 11 a.m. on Sundays for worship service. To view via Zoom contact Sarah Gardner for the link at 570-261-5064 or 410-703-6088. You can also view the services on the church's Facebook page. Women's Sunday School meets at 10 a.m. before the Sunday service, The men's Prayer Group meets after the service. The Women's Group meets monthly via Facebook with quarterly gatherings, contact Bonny. The Sermon Scripture Study group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., contact Dawn. Moms In Prayer meets 4 p.m. on Thursdays via conference call, contact Krystal.

There is a wide variety of other small groups available to join in person, via conference call or on Zoom.

For more information, please contact Pastor Brook 570-580-0808 or check out the Involvement page on their webpage at www.mountainviewNEPA.org.

#### MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Services: Sunday 9 a.m. Pastors: Bob Thomas and

Rev. Fran Fink Lily Lake Road, Slocum

Come worship in a real country church. Built in 1891, Mt. Zion still has no running water and uses an outhouse for their rest room facilities.

For more information on church guidelines and services, please contact Diane Webster at 570-379-3713.

#### NEW HOPE WAPWALLOPEN CHARGE Services:

Faith UMC: 8:45 a.m. Stairville UMC: 10 a.m.

#### Slocum UMC: 11:15 a.m. Scott O. Miller, Pastor Stairville Road, Mountain Top

Sunday services are still being held in each church.

For any needs or concerns, please contact: Faith UMC: Wilma Baratta at 570-200-5329; Stairville UMC: Christine Kellow at 570-868-3413; Slocum UMC: Charles Herring at 570-868-6478.

Pastor Scott can be reached by phone, text, or email at: 570-200-5388, email: somiller@susumc.org. Visit them on Facebook at New Hope Wapwallopen.

#### NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH Services: Sunday

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#### 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Pastor: John Broglin 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.

The church has reopened for in-person services at 50% seating capacity. Please bring your own Bible as they will not be using the pew Bibles, hymnals or bulletins at this time.

Everyone is welcome to join them for a time of Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you prefer to join in with Bible study using Zoom, please contact Pastor John.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP

Services: Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Interim Pastor: Neil Partington 9 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top 570-474-9951

You are invited to join in worship on Sunday, February 21, Children's Sunday School will resume at 9:30 a.m. on Febru-

ary 7. The adult class will also meet at 9:30 a.m.

Looking ahead: The Jim Weaver Memorial Blood Drive is tentatively scheduled for March 27. Please watch for further information.

There are 2 sanitizing stations available, and masks will be required as well as social distancing. If you have been ill during the 2 weeks prior to any service, you are asked to stay home and join in on Facebook or Zoom. They will continue to make the service available live on Facebook and for replay.

Please continue to mail your tithes if you are not attending in person.

The church will once again be participating in One Great Hour Of Sharing during Lent.

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On Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. there is a fireside chat/Bible study for anyone interested. These are Zoom meetings and can be joined on video at http:// PAiu.zoom.us/j/52653314753 or can be joined by phone at 267-831-0333 meeting number 5263314753. These numbers will be the same for all meetings. Zoom is no longer available for Sunday worship.

The Mountain Top Food Bank is still open Fridays from 9:15 a.m. til 12 noon for those in need of food assistance. It is located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309.

The church is also collecting diapers and sanitary products for Brandon's Forever Home.

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If you have any questions about the church or its ministries call 570-474-9951 or find them on Facebook: Presbyterian Church of Mountaintop PA.

#### 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

Sunday School will not begin until September 2021. Boy Scouts Pack 300 is look-

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ing for kids to join. There are two scouts still in attendance, but some former members who have completed Eagle Scouts would like to get the troop back on track. The meetings will begin shortly. Watch for Troop 300 on Facebook or call Gay at 570-262-2762.

Confirmation classes have been postponed until further notice.

If anyone utilizes the flower chart please note flowers have increased to \$25 this year.

The church is in need of 3 people for council as per the bylaws, some of the council members must go off.

#### 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

St. Jude Church is open for private prayer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. The Parish office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

Daily Masses have resumed following the regular schedule: Monday to Friday, 7 a.m.

Weekend Masses have resumed with the normal Mass schedule. Registration is required for weekend Masses. Each Monday they will post the link for St. Jude parishioners to register for the coming weekend Mass. The link will be posted at www.stjc.org. Please refer to the website for all requirements. Any questions or difficulty with registration, call the Parish Office, 570-474-6315, ext. 221.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Monday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. in the St. Jude Adoration Chapel.

St. Jude shrine is open to light a candle and say a prayer for one person at a time. This will be available the same times as the church private prayer hours, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. As always, please follow the safety protocols when entering any building; face masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing.

Eighth grade confirmation students: Bishop Bambera plans to be at St. Jude on April 21 and 22 at 5 p.m. to celebrate Masses. Following protocols, they will only be able to fit the candidate, parents, and sponsor in church. They will live stream both Masses so that other family members and friends can participate in the celebration.

Please call Molly at 570-868-5855/570-262-4628, if you did not receive this email.

Data sheets are needed by March 1. Letters to the Pastor are needed by April 1. They will need a baptismal certificate (or copy) if your child was baptized in another church and hasn't received any other sacraments at St. Jude. Sponsors need a certificate of eligibility from their current parish including St. Mary and St. Jude sponsors, by calling either parish office. Certificates are needed by March 1.

The parish office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parishioners are to enter through the front center doors of the church.

#### ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m. 285 Pond Hill Mt. Road Wapwallopen 570-735-8531

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

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#### 3085 Church Road, Mountain Top 570-868-5358

All services and activities are temporarily postponed.

The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, of which St. Martin's is an independent parish, provides live streaming of Sunday worship service and other services throughout the week from the Cathedral of the Nativity. Go to diobeth.org for a full listing. Rev. Timothy Alleman, Priest in charge at their sister parish, St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, prays morning, noon and evening prayer on his Facebook page. He has also continued his healing services on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon.

stmartintimeless.org or call Patty Siegel at 570-868-5690.

For more information visit

#### 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

Updated guidelines for church: You may enter when the green welcome sign is displaced. You need to be mindful of protocols: sanitize your hands before entering and upon exiting; face coverings must be worn at all times; assigned seats are needed for weekend Masses; once seated you may not switch pews; if assigned a "wall" or "aisle" seat please sit at the end of the pew allowing distance for people at the other end of the pew; and requests for specific pews cannot be accepted.

Registration is required for weekend Masses. The link is posted on the church website and Facebook page, and emailed every Monday. Choose Saturday or Sunday then click that link.

Religious education: K-6 Stacey: 570-332-3801. It's not too late to register! This year, they are using a virtual (asynchronous) format using Flipgrid.com. For more information or instruction please contact your child's teacher or call Miss Stacey.

Confirmation: Grades 7

and 8. Molly: 868-5855/262-4628. It's not too late to register! Please call if you did not receive your book or if you have any questions or concerns.

Service projects: In seventh grade two individual and one family project is required. In eighth grade three individual and two family service projects are required. Due to C-19, they are asking families to be creative. Reach out to friends, neighbors, and parishioners to check on them. Teach someone to use social media and watch Mass on websites and Facebook pages. Write about your experiences in your journal.

Visit Saint Mary's website: stmarydorrance.org; Facebook Page: Saint Mary's of Dorrance and Saint Mary's of Dorrance Youth Group or call 570-868-5855 for more info. Parish office is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Services: Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Rev. Peter O'Rourke, Sacramental Minister 411 Allegheny St., White Haven 570-443-9944

St. Patrick's Church welcomes all to visit and worship with them. Contact the parish office if you would like to become a member of the parish. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.

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#### to 2:15 p.m.

Safety guidelines for attending mass: Face masks must be worn covering the nose, mouth and chin. The only time a face mask may be adjusted is when receiving Holy Communion. Pews are marked for social dis-

tancing. Please maintain a safe social distance of six feet from others in all directions. The only exception is for families who live in the same household. The distribution of Holy Communion will take place after the conclusion of Mass. At this time, communion received in the hand is preferred. Com-

municants will maintain social distancing in the communion line. After receiving communion, the faithful will depart the church and proceed directly to their vehicles.

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

#### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Join them on Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. for drive in services. Everyone is welcome to join for worship. For those unable to join, Pastor has been recording services viewable on the church's Facebook page and website www. stpaulsmttop.com.

For those who cannot get out or are in need of assistance please contact the church office and leave a message for the secretary or contact Pastor Kaufman at 570-443-0832. They have several individuals who have offered to assist those in need. Office hours are Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m.

Lenten devotions will be available as in the past, you are invited to receive daily devotions that will help you reflect on God's role in your life and challenge you to follow in his example. Hard copies will be made available or you can receive them via email or on Pastor's personal or the church Facebook page. You are encouraged to share them as well.

During the month of February, they will be collecting for Michalene's Mission. Michalene's Mission is working with the growing homeless population in the Wilkes-Barre area. They are request-

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ing the following items: back packs/drawstring bags, sweatshirts, boots/shoes, socks, coats, gloves, masks, blankets, hand sanitizer, \$5 gift cards for McDonald's, \$5 gift cards for Turkey Hill, candy and snacks. Please drop off items Wednesdays 3-7 p.m., Thursdays 12-4 p.m., Friday 9-12 p.m., or Sundays 8-1 p.m.

First Holy Communion classes will be forming for those in 2nd grade or older who have yet to receive instruction for 1st Holy Communion. Because of Covid, they will hold off and complete classes in May when the service can be held outdoors and family and friends can gather with our young people and celebrate. Please contact Pastor

Kaufman if you have a childeligible.

The Food Bank continues to distribute food to clients every Friday using safe distance practices. If you would like to drop off donations at the church, please do so on Fridays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Donations are always welcome, and appreciated.

On Thursdays, Bible Study has resumed in the Parish Hall at 1 p.m. Tables have been set up to allow for participants to "social distance."

#### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Services: Sunday 9 a.m.

Services: Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Janelle Rothrock, Pastor 418 Berwick St., White Haven 570-443-9424 The church is using Zoom so you will still be able to attend services. It is held on Sundays at 10 a.m.

If you are not able to join with your computer, laptop, iPad, or smartphone, you can always call into the worship service. The number is 1-646-876-9923. Press the # sign after the prompt. The meeting room ID again is 557 531 789 and the password is 470085.

#### ST. PAUL'S DRUMS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School: 8 a.m. Todd Glasmire, Pastor 335 W. Butler Drive, Drums 570-788-3051 Pastor Todd and the congregation invite you to worship with them every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and for Bible Study every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.

They are an active, praying congregation with great plans for after the pandemic. They have a great family of people but have plenty of room to grow.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHITE HAVEN Services: Sunday 11 a.m.

Services: Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Bill Lester, Leader 305 Berwick Street, White Haven 570-443-7293

The congregation invites

all to come and worship the Lord. If you are looking for a church home, they welcome you to come and worship with them every Sunday.

Sunday School is provided from September-June to children ages 4-12 during the worship service, after the Children's Moment. It takes place in the lower level of the church. They invite you downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies, and fellowship after the service.

Al-Anon meets every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. and Fireflies Youth Group meets Fridays from 6-8 p.m.

For more info on their group, check them out on Facebook at Fireflies Youth Ministry.

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