

Religion

Rev. John Brown will speak at the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday services on the topic "When Only One Person Matters." Junior Church will be held for elementary children at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

"Come as you are" to a "Hymn Sing with Chip." 7:00 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary. The music will be lively and joyful and the dress is casual.

Also Sunday, Rev. Vernon Stoop will conduct a Searcher's Class from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. for those interested in joining the church or learning more about the Shepherd of the Hills congregation.

MOPS will hold a fall clothing Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21-22, opening at 9 a.m. each day. Men's, women's and children's clothing will be available.

"Stepping into Freedom" - a Christ-centered 12 Step Program will start Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who is serious about regaining godly control of life-controlling problems. Contact the church to register.

Youth Club meets Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. The Women's Bible Study meets every Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Child care is available for pre-school children.

Support groups currently meeting include: GriefShare, Monday (9 a.m. and 7 p.m.); DivorceCare, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; B.I.L.Y. (for parents of rebellious teens) Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Alcoholics Anonymous, Tuesday (8:30 p.m.), Wednesday (8:00 p.m.), Thursday (12:15 and 8:30 p.m.), Saturday (8:30 p.m.), and Sunday (1:00 p.m.); A/Anon, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Church is located at 527 Hoffmansville Road, Bechtelsville.

Christ Lutheran Church in Niantic

Christ Lutheran Church will celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost on September 16th with two worship services at 7:45am and 10:15am. At both services, Pastor Lee Angstadt will be the guest preacher. Dale Reichert will present the children's message at the 10:15am service.

Angstadt retired in 1996 as senior co-pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Boyertown. Ordained in 1958 he served pastorates at Friedensville, Mohnton, and Boyertown. He is married to the former Shirley A McNabb of Allentown and they have four children and nine grandchildren. Together they established the Stephen Ministry program at Boyertown.

During his ministry he was part-time chaplain at Allentown General Hospital; an elected member of the Southern Lehigh School District, a board member of the Lutheran Home at Topton for 12 years, and the board of the Boyertown YMCA.

At 9:00 a.m. the Sunday School will begin a new year of lessons and programs under the direction of Director of Christian Education Barbara Bowen.

The church is located at 222 Niantic Road between Routes 663 and 100 about a mile east of Bally. Sunday worship is held year round at 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. A nursery for preschool children is available at each 10:15 a.m. service. Sunday School for all ages is held at 9:00am, including two adult classes. Visitors are always welcome, the church is handicapped accessible. The church website is www.christniantic.com.

St. Paul's Church (Stowe)

Saturday, September 15: 8 a.m. Women's Guild meeting.

Sunday, September 16: 8:30 a.m. prayer in the sanctuary; 9 a.m. worship service - fellowship time follows the service; 10:45 a.m. Sunday school for all ages.

Monday, September 17: 7 p.m. prayer meeting - all are welcome.

Most Blessed Sacrament Church

A Bible Study on the Book of Genesis will start Wednesday, September 19 at 7:30 in the Sr. Crispin Hall. Those desiring to attend are asked to call the rectory at 610-845-2460.

Our Annual Fall Clothing Drive will begin the weekend of September 15-16 and end in November. Clothing can be dropped off inside the side door of the old convent garage. This year's drive will benefit the Catholic Social Agency.

Hope Community Church

Sunday, September 16 is the celebration of the Seventh Anniversary of Hope Community Church. Hope Community Church was started in 1994 and meets every Sunday at Boyertown Junior High East with Sunday school at 9 a.m. and a worship service at 10:30 a.m.

We welcome the community to attend a special service planned for the 16th, which will include a women's ensemble singing. The children's choir and drama team will also perform.

Calvary United Church of Christ

On Sunday, August 26, Matthew

James Frey was baptized into the family of Calvary Church. Matthew is the son of Tracey and Michael Frey of Blandon.

Saturday, September 16: "Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Camp Sunday: Those who attended church camp at Camp Mensch Mill will be recognized during worship." 8:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal; 9 a.m. Sunday school; 10:15 a.m. worship.

Monday, September 17: church and ministry meeting at 7 p.m.; Spiritual Links at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18: breakfast group; Girl Scout registration at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19: Senior Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 20: Hoagie Day begins at 6:30 a.m.; Golden Age at Trinity Lutheran Church at 2 p.m.

Saturday, September 21: Chow-chow making begins at 6 a.m.

Morning Star Fellowship

A men's night out will be held on September 15 at 6 p.m. at Morning Star Fellowship. Special guest speaker will be Chip Brim from Champions 4 Christ.

Chip was a former scout for the Houston Astros. Men are to wear their favorite team cap or jersey for the night. Fathers are encouraged to invite their son.

Chip Brim will also be the guest speaker at the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 16.

A Community Night of Prayer will be held at the Boyertown Senior High School on Tuesday, September 18 from 7-9 p.m. The Boyertown Area Ministerial Association sponsors the night. This is in conjunction with "See You At the Pole," which is held at all schools on Wednesday, September 19 at 7 a.m.

The AGX Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets on Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m.

Life Groups meet throughout the week.

For more information, please contact the church office at 610-369-1960 or look us up on the web at www.mstar.org.

Huff's Union Church

On September 16, the church will celebrate Harvest Home (the Pennsylvania Dutch Thanksgiving Festival) during its 10:15 a.m. worship service. The church will be specially decorated to emphasize our theme: Bumper Crop of Blessings. Children will process in, bearing produce, and later perform a skit entitled "Storehouse Full." Canned goods and produce donated at the worship service will be shared with Allentown Rescue Mission.

Trinity E.C. Church

Sunday, September 16: At 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m., Pastor Kevin Leibensperger will present the message "Tag Team Champs." Special music will be presented by Art Bean. The Drama Team will present a skit at the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services. Refreshments and a mini-ministry fair will be held in the fellowship hall between services.

9:15 and 10:45 Sunday school classes for all ages, nursery through adult; 12:15 p.m. youth worship team practice; 6 p.m. youth meeting to begin planning their float for the Boyertown Halloween Parade.

Monday, September 17: 7:15 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsal.

Tuesday, September 18: 9:30 a.m. ladies Bible study; 7 p.m. community night of prayer at BASH auditorium, sponsored by the Boyertown Area Ministerial Association. This special event is designed to support and encourage students.

Wednesday, September 19: 6:45 p.m. Pioneer Club, Youth Group; 7 p.m. women's Bible study - all women are welcome to attend, adult prayer meeting, Praise Band rehearsal.

Thursday, September 20: 7 a.m. men's life study at Woodside Villa; 9:30 a.m. ladies Bible study; 6 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal.

Saturday, September 22: 7:30 a.m. men's prayer breakfast.

New Hanover United Methodist Church

Pastor David Lewis will be preaching at the 8 and 10:30 services. Pastor Ray Centrella will preach at the contemporary 9:00 service.

Jocelyn Marietta, Raelie Ann and Luke Farrell Mulvey, children of James & Angela Mulvey, will be baptized during the 8:00 service.

A ten-week Pastor's Class, for those interested in the Christian faith and the ministries of the church, will begin at 9:00.

Pastor Ray Centrella will begin the study of Psalms every Tuesday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and every Tuesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Modular. Childcare will be provided for the evening session.

Saturday Night Praise led by Pastor Gil Vining and worship team is held weekly at 6 p.m.. Enjoy multi-generational worship with drama & positive messages.



Berks-Mont Photo by Harold Hoch

St. John's Lutheran and Good Shepherd U.C.C. celebrated their 190th Anniversary in Boyertown through a joint service on September 9. (From left to right): Pastor Carl A. Wenzel, Sister Millicent J. Drake, and Pastor John G. Pearson, all from St. John's, greet Pastor Merlin L. Conrad from Good Shepherd U.C.C.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information call (610) 367-6041 or (610) 689-9558. Deadline is 12 Noon on Friday.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Morning Star Fellowship, 100 Limekiln Rd., Bechtelsville. Rev. Steven R. DeFrain, Senior Pastor; Rev. Bruce Borgard, Assistant Pastor; Rev. Paul Willman, Youth Pastor; Rev. Liz DeFrain, Administrator. Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children's Ministry and Nursery provided. AGX Youth Group (7th-12th grades) meets on Sunday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. L.I.F.E. Groups (small groups) meet throughout the week. Please call (610) 369-1960 for more information or look us up on the web at www.mstar.org.

BAPTIST

Grace Independent Baptist, 1204 Montgomery Ave., New Berlinville. Rev. Greg Wasser, pastor. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Awana Clubs (kindergarten thru sixth grade) Wednesday 7 p.m. Small group Bible studies for men and women meet throughout the week. For more information call 610-367-5955. www.GIBCHURCH.ORG.

New Covenant Baptist Church, N. Hanover & Prospect Sts., Pottstown. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Youth group 4 p.m. Tom Brokaw, pastor, 610-323-0385. Family night Wed. 6:45 - 8 p.m.

CHARISMATIC

Harvest Fellowship, 584 Colebrookdale Road, Boyertown. Pastors Barry Parsons and Bill Wilson, Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Corporate Prayer: 10 a.m., Worship Service with Children's Ministry; Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts; Wednesday: 8 p.m. AA; Thursday: 7 p.m. Family Ministry for all ages; 2nd Saturday: 9 a.m. Food Pantry. Call the church at 610/367-2853 Mon-Thurs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for information regarding monthly Youth, Adult and Women's Fellowship events, special events, directions or other information.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Mechaya Mission, a non-denominational group. Welcomes you to their contemporary service on Saturday night at 7 p.m. Location 911 Schweinhart Road. Watch for our sign on Rt. 100 and Grosser Road. **New Passion Church.** Our purpose is to connect people to the passion of God! Join us on Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. Our Saturday Night Services are held at The Salvation Army, 409 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown. Please call 610-367-2255 or visit www.newpassion.com for more information.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Evans & Prospect St., Pottstown. Sunday school and worship service at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday service includes Testimonies of Healing 7:30 p.m. Reading room open to the public Monday and Friday 1-4 p.m., Wednesday 7-7:30 p.m. 610-323-7388. www.spirituality.com

EPISCOPAL

St. Gabriel's Episcopal, Rt. 422 East, Douglassville. 610-385-3144. Summer Schedule: **Saturday:** Holy Eucharist (Communion) in air-conditioned 1801 Chapel at 6 p.m. **Sunday:** Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m. Nursery care available during 10 A.M. service. Summer Sunday School for ages 3-9. **June 24-Aug. 26** at 10 a.m. Liturgy for people in recovery programs at 5:30 P.M. **Wednesday:** Healing Service with Eucharist, refreshments and Bible Study at 9 a.m. The Rev. Canon Calvin C. Adams, The Rev. Faith J. D'Urbano, The Rev. John Harvard and the parishioners of St. Gabriel's invite you to join them!

EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL

Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Swinehart Rd., & Second St. Rev. Kevin Leibensperger, Pastor. Sunday: Morning Worship Services 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m., with staffed nursery. Sunday School 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Junior & Senior High Youth Group, Sunday 6 p.m. & Wednesday 6:45 p.m. Also Wednesday staffed nursery, Pioneer Clubs for ages two through 6th grade. 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study.

INDEPENDENT

Grace Chapel, Megan Lane, Gilbertsville. Lord's Supper for believers, 9 a.m.; Bible ministry and Sunday school, 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. For more information call 610-369-1307.

Colebrookdale Chapel, Farmington Ave. and Greshville Rd., Boyertown. Pastor Raymond Leslie. Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Worship Services. Wednesday, 7 p.m., Midweek Prayer Service. Thursday, 7 p.m. Word of Life Teen Club; all 7th thru 12th grades welcome. Nursery for all services. 610-369-1111.

Hope Community Church. We desire it to serve you wherever you are in life, so come as you are to Boyertown Jr. High East Center, Route 73, Gilbertsville, for age-appropriate ministry and service at 10:30 a.m. Office: 2732 N. Charlotte St., Gilbertsville, 610-327-3722. Pastor Rick Knarr. All students grades 6-12 are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army, Boyertown for activities, music and life-relevant teaching.

Mountain View Chapel/Pastor Eshleman, Douglassville. Services 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sun. Call 610-326-5856. S.S. Avail. 68 Old Douglass Dr.

LUTHERAN

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, 45 N. Reading Ave., Boyertown. Rev. John G. Pearson, Senior Pastor, Carl A. Wenzel, Associate Pastor, Sunday services, 8, 9:20 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Sat. 6 p.m.

New Hanover Lutheran, 2941 Lutheran Road, Gilbertsville. Rev. Richard H. Elliott, S.T.M., Pastor. Susan P. Lynch, Associate Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. Worship Services 7:45 & 10:15 (nursery care avail. during 10:15 service). Bible Study Thurs. at 9:30 a.m. For more information e-mail pastortric@fast.net or call 610-326-1335.

www.newhanoverlutheran.org.

St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran, 244 Koch Rd., Boyertown. Rev. Vicki L. Keller Pastor. Sunday service: 7:45 & 10 a.m.; Sunday school 8:45 a.m. Day-care and preschool call 610-367-1980. Church office 610-369-0990.

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 35 Wilson Avenue, Gilbertsville. Pastor Christopher L. Weidner. Worship service: 7:45 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m. Call 610-367-9738.

Christ Lutheran Church, 222 Niantic Rd. Barto (1-1/2 mi. off Rt. 100 from Longacre's Dairy). Sunday Worship, 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.*; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; *Nursery for preschoolers. (610) 845-2583. Website: www.christniantic.com

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Route 73 and Neiffer Road, Obelisk, (5 mi. east of Gilbertsville) Rev. James Shelly, 610-754-7762. **September 16:** Holy Communion Service, Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall, 10:15 a.m. (nursery provided) You are welcome! St. Luke's website is: www.stlukesobelisk.com.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 325 Covered Bridge Rd., Oley. Rev. Robert R. Mitchell Jr., pastor. Sunday church school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. 610-689-5296, parsonage.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1749 S. Main St., Bechtelsville. Rev. Eugene C. Zaiser, Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday School and 10:15 a.m. Worship. Service. Church office. 610-369-1281.

St. Paul's Lobach's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lobachville Road, (on top of hill overlooking Lobachville). The Rev. Charles A. Adami Jr., Pastor. Church office ph. 610-987-3321. Sunday School for all ages 9 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Everyone welcome.

MENNONITE

Oley Valley Mennonite Church, (Rt. 662 nr. Oley Tnkp.), Oley, S.S. 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am. Call for caring activities: 610-987-3315. Pastor Dave Bartow: DAVEWINB@AOL.COM.

Bally Mennonite Church, Rt. 100 Bally. Sunday service 10 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Home Bible studies, youth program boys and girls clubs. Call 610-845-7780 for details.

Boyertown Mennonite, 275 Mill St., Boyertown. Pastor Nelson Shenk, 610-369-1974. (on the hill with WBYN Radio Station). Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday Youth Club (Grades 1-12), 5:15-7:30 p.m. Monthly Youth (8th-12th Grade) meetings. Monthly small group activities.

Hereford Mennonite Church of Bally. Bob Gerhart, pastor. The brick church with the oak trees. Sunday School at 9; Worship at 10:15. Call 610-845-2429 for other activities.

Ark Bible Chapel, 88 Woodchoppertown Rd., Boyertown (Earl Twp.). Karl Glick, Pastor. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible Study for all ages. Phone 610-689-5862.

METHODIST

St. Andrew United Methodist, Swamp Creek Road, New Berlinville. Rev. J. Donald Zeiter. All Sunday School classes, 9 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

New Hanover United Methodist, 2211 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville. Rev. David M. Lewis. Worship Services 8, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Phone (610) 323-2353.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church, 750 N. Evans St., Pottstown. 610-326-0620. Rev. W. Carter Lester Jr. and Rev. Karen Pidcock-Lester, Co-Pastors. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m., Worship: 10:30 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Columbkil, 200 Indian Spring Road, Boyertown. Father Robert C. Quinn, pastor; Father Edward Essig, parochial vicar. Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. 9 a.m. in the chapel. Confessions each Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. Baptisms on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Most Blessed Sacrament, 610 Pine St., Bally. Msgr. Edward Coyle. Father Michael Briggman, Pastor Emeritus. Sunday Masses: 6, 7:30 and 10:15 a.m.; Saturday 4:30 p.m. (preceded by Rosary at 4 p.m.)

Daily masses 6:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday & Friday; 7 p.m. on Tuesday & Thursday; 8 a.m. on Saturday. First Friday Mass at 6:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-4 p.m. and before weekday evening masses.

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 1 p.m. (arranged in advance).

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1565 South Keim Street, Pottstown. **September 16: Efforts to Reduce Waste and Pollution.** Speaker: James Carter. Worship Service at 10 a.m. Minister Greta Brown. Religious education for all ages including nursery. For more information call 610-327-2662 or visit our web site at: members.aol.com/uupottstown

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Good Shepherd UCC, 35 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown. Rev. Dr. Merlin Conrad, interim sr. pastor; Rev. William E. Harner Jr., Pastor of visitation. Sunday services 7:45 a.m. & 10:20 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. 610-367-2842.

Shepherd of the Hills UCC, 527 Hoffmansville Rd., Bechtelsville. Rev. Vernon Stoop. Sunday services: 8 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Church School 9 a.m.

Salem UCC, 307 Covered Bridge Rd., Oley. Rev. Maureen Duffy-Guy, pastor. 610-385-8895. Worship 10:15 a.m.; Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Mondays: Quilters & Crafters Group, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Calvary UCC, 1231 Route 100, Barto. 1-1/2 miles south of Bally. Rev. Homer E. Royer Jr. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m.

St. John-Hill UCC, RD #4, (Pike Township), Boyertown. Rev. James W. Rogers. Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Historic Church, serving today's people.

Falkner Swamp Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ, 2077 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville. 610-323-4053. Rev. Dr. Donald E. Moyer, Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9 a.m. with nursery hour.

Churches: Send your news through e-mail at: