

Religion

Roshong and Brian and Ruth Miller. Acolyte for the service is Alyssa Dittman.

On Wednesday, October 3 at 7 p.m., the Finance Committee will meet. The chairperson for the committee is Marlene Duchak.

A Bible study session will be held on Thursday, October 4 at 7 p.m. Pastor Harpel will conduct the session. All are invited to attend.

Shepherd of the Hills

Lauren Michelle Houck, daughter of Jeff and Lisa Houck, was baptized in a recent Sunday service.

Rev. Vernon Stoop will speak at the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday services on the topic "How to Go to Hell—and How Not To."

Sunday school for all ages is held every Sunday from 9-10 a.m. Children's classes are by grade, from Crib Room to Grade 12. There are also five classes for adults to choose from: Marriage Builders, Singles, Young Adults, Discussion Class and Spiritual Growth Class.

"Stepping into Freedom" - a Christ-centered 12 Step Program meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who is serious about regaining godly control of life-controlling problems.

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.

The Shepherd Singles will hike at Bushkill Falls on Saturday, leaving at 8:00 a.m.

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.); AIAnon, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.

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

Christ Lutheran Church in Niantic

"Harvest Celebration at Niantic" Christ Lutheran Church will celebrate Harvest Home on September 30th with two worship services at 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. At both services Pastor Paul Bartlett will preach the adult sermon entitled, "True Wealth," and Joyce Howard will present a children's message at the 10:15 a.m. service.

The YACS (Young Adult Christian Singers) under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Faust will present an anthem at the late service entitled, "Kids Under Construction."

Harvest Home, in conjunction with the spring time Blessing of Seeds and Soil, celebrates the rural farming roots of the congregation. The church is decorated by the Worship and Music Committee with pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, and mums. Additionally corn stalks are donated by Wilson Hoffman from corn grown from the seeds blessed at the spring time Blessing of Seeds and Soil.

Canned goods brought by Sunday School students and worshipers go to the Open Line Food Pantry in Pennsburg, while fresh foods go to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Center. Monetary donations from the Harvest Home envelopes are divided between the Topton Lutheran Home & the Good Shepherd Home.

Disaster Relief Funds for the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks will be collected at both services.

An Organizational meeting for the Youth Group will be held Sunday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church's Social Hall. Youths in grades 5-12 and their parents are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship.

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 pre-school children is available at each 10:15 a.m. service. Sunday School for all ages is held at 9:00 a.m., including an adult class. Visitors are always welcome, the church is handicapped accessible. The church website is www.christniantic.com.

Falkner Swamp Reformed Church
Falkner Swamp will celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost on Sunday, September 30 with two worship services at 8 a.m. and 10:30

a.m. At both services, the Rev. Dr. Donald Moyer will deliver the message entitled: "Lower the Drawbridge." The children's message is entitled: "Caring as Dogs."

On Monday, October 1, the new members orientation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, October 4, the Music and Worship Committee will meet at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room.

For more information, please contact the church office at 610-323-4053.

St. Paul's Church (Stowe)

Thursday, September 27: 4:30 p.m. teen fellowship, all teen welcomed.

Sunday, September 30: 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, October 1: 7 p.m. prayer meeting - all are welcome.

St. Andrew United Methodist Church

On Sunday, September 30 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Pastor Don Zeiter's sermon topic will be "The Treasure." The Adult Choir will sing "Nothing."

Calvary United Church of Christ

Sunday, September 30: "Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost - Christian Education Sunday; Sacrament of Baptism; Dedication of the New Church Library." 8:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsals; 9 a.m. Sunday school; 10:15 a.m. worship; Ensemble practice; book drive fellowship hour after church.

Monday, October 1: Bible study - women of the Bible at 9 a.m.; Women's Guild meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 2: Girl Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3: Spiritual Council at 6:30 p.m.; Christmas Program Committee meeting at 7 p.m.; Senior Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 4: Golden Age - Bus Trip; East Berks Executive Committee meeting at Calvary Church.

Friday, October 5: Wedding rehearsal.

Saturday, October 6: Lonjin/Mathias wedding at 2 p.m.

Morning Star Fellowship

On Saturday, September 29, a golf tournament will be held at the Hickory Valley Golf Club in Gilbertsville. The tournament will start at 1 p.m.

The Morning Star Training School classes will be held on Sunday, September 30 starting at 6 p.m. The first step in the Training School is "Exploring Morning Star" and will be taught by pastors Steve and Liz DeFrain. "Experiencing Maturity" is the second base of the training school and is taught by Reggie and Juanita Brooks. Another class being held in "Exploring Personal Ministry" taught by Lowell and Loretta Levensgood. The next seminar in the training school is "Embracing the Mission" taught by Pastor Bruce Borgard. These classes will end by 9:30 p.m. Nursery care is provided for children for all the seminars.

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.

New Hanover United Methodist Church

Pastor David Lewis will be preaching at the 8, 9 and 10:30 services Sunday. The Men's Quartet will provide special music at the 8 and 10:30 services. Dr. Lou Bevilacqua, Clinical Director of Connections Adolescent & Family Care, will also share briefly at each service.

Join us for Saturday Night Praise, a new service beginning at 6 p.m. each Saturday, led by Pastor Gil Vining.

New Light, a nondenominational Bible Study for women, meets every Tues. evening at 7:15 p.m. in the Modular and every Thurs. morning from 9:15 - 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Child Care is provided for both sessions.



Berks-Mont Photo by Jason Weitzel

Walter Whitby, of Frederick Mennonite Community, celebrated his 100th birthday recently. Friends and family gathered for a special reception on August 29. (Top Row L to R): Bob Fisher, son-in-law; Jeffrey Pierce, grandson; Sarah Pierce, grand daughter-in-law; Craig Pierce, grandson; and Grace Schafer, niece. (Sitting L to R): Joan Fisher, daughter; Walter Whitby; and Louise Hughes, niece.

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. **Saturday:** Informal Holy Eucharist (Communion) 6 p.m. in 1801 Chapel. **Sunday:** Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Nursery care available from 9:15 to end of 10:30 service. Liturgy for persons in 12-Step recovery programs at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday:** Healing Service with Eucharist, refreshments and Bible Study at 9 a.m. **Thursday:** Beginning Sept. 27th, ALPHA at 6:15 p.m. The Rev. Canon Calvin C. Adams, The Rev. Faith J. D'Urbano, 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 pastorric@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 30:** Holy Communion Service 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 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 TnPk.), 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.

Marriage Licenses

Keith W. Altemose, 31, and Darcy J. Pacitto, 29, both of 30 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown.

John W. Tomczak, 60, and Althea M. Nixon, 42, both of 134 Montgomery Ave., Boyertown.

Carl M. Klopp, 27, and Erica L. Kenney, 22, both of 223 Spies Church Road, Alsace Township.

Birth Notices

Seachrist - A daughter to Robert and Cindy Seachrist, Boyertown.

Lucas - A daughter to Richard and Pamela Lucas, Boyertown.

Chrosinski - A daughter to Edward and Denise M. (Cinaglia) Chrosinski, Boyertown.

Cornelius - A son to Alex Cornelius and Jennifer Mest, Bechtelsville.

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 Pidecock-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 30: Who's Whose? The True Price of Possessions.** Lay Leader: Rob Walsh. 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. 8 a.m. Worship; 9 a.m. Church School; 10:30 a.m. worship.

Bethany E.C. Church

Dawn and Randy Marks

Sunday
September 30, 2001
9:30 A.M.

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