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Thank You for receiving our newsletter via email.
It is a wonderful donation of postage, office supplies and volunteer time.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD DAY OF PRAYER*



Date: Friday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m.
Place: First Church of Christ Disciples
1250 Almond St. Wmspt.

Theme: "Receive Children, Receive Me"

This year the World Day of Prayer Celebration was written by the Women of Cuba. They chose the biblical text based on Mark 10:13-16 to call us to explore the depths of God's love and accept the invitation to receive the realm of God as a little child.

WALKER, CATHETER BAGS AND LAP ROBES will be collected. *Several nursing homes in the county have just told us they are urgently in needed walker bags for their residents.* Instructions for these items can be obtained from Pat Wittig by calling 570-322-4330.

We will start now to build up funds for our annual Christmas Project to nursing home residents. A donation of \$3.00 per gift bag allowed us to distribute about 1,000

packages. Donations can be made any time of the year. Your Fair Share Contribution goes to our local Church Women United of Lycoming County Budget and is very much appreciated when you are able to send it in.

REMINDER: The May Friendship Day luncheon celebration will be on Friday, May 6, 2016, at South Williamsport United Methodist Church.

DIAL - A - DEVOTION *

Have you called yet?
The number is 570-322-5762.
It's available 24 hours a day.



Devotions are three minutes or less, change weekdays and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer Walk with God." The devotionalists this winter include:

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| 2/8-14 Pastor Dawn White | 2/15-21 Mrs. Sandy Grier |
| 2/22-28 Rev. Gwen Bernstine | 2/29-3/6 Rev. Marwin Reeves |
| 3/7-13 Pastors Kathy & Jim Behrens | 3/14-20 Mrs. Dorothy Wagner |

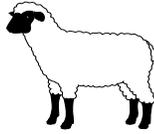
Listen today and tell others about this ministry!



Follow us and others at "United Churches of Lycoming County"
& "Walking With God in Lycoming County"

SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS*

J. Morris Smith, Th.D.,
570-322-6538, shepherd@ucl.org



This past year's statistical reports show that we had more new clients throughout the year (349), as well as clients who returned after several years of not needing our support (61). Thank you for helping us to minister to the needs of each of these people and families, focusing on their health and safety. In the course of a day we may help a senior with their medication, counsel someone that they can't afford to smoke and we can't afford to help, or help with a water bill (we all know this utility has gone up 30%), and provide a set of work clothes so someone can provide a home for themselves and their family. Each person who comes through our doors may also need some of the hygiene items you send our way. We always need them.... The list follows:

<i>Deodorant</i>	<i>Toothpaste and Toothbrushes</i>
<i>Soap</i>	<i>Shaving Cream and Razors</i>
<i>Tissues</i>	<i>Shampoo and Conditioner</i>
<i>Toilet Paper</i>	<i>Women's Hygiene Products</i>
<i>Combs</i>	<i>Towels and Wash Cloths</i>
<i>Baby Diaper</i>	<i>Baby Shampoo, Powder, Oil</i>
<i>Baby Q-Tips</i>	<i>Baby Wipes.</i>



United Churches is celebrating its **Seventieth year!** The original 1946

By-laws lists the following Departments; Evangelism, Comity and Survey, Christian Educa-

tion, International Justice and Good Will, Social Action, Radio Ministry, Services to Institutions, Women's Work, and Union Services. Standing committees included Nominating, Finance, and Information and Publicity

In 1947 meetings of the council were held quarterly with a dinner meeting in October. The executive council met monthly. The budget for the year totaled \$1,725.

Dr. Howard R. Gold became our Executive Secretary in February 1949. He was paid \$100 a month.

With the appointment of an Executive Secretary came the need for the council to have "private quarters" to call its own. The Y.M.C.A. had been the mailing address from 1946-49. John Decker, a representative for Messiah Lutheran Church, offered a room at his law office in the Susquehanna Trust Building, 120 W. Fourth St. Room 20 became headquarters five half-days a week, 9-1 at \$12 a month. The Council remained there until 1960 when it moved to the Housel Building, 143 W. Fourth St., later known as Williamsport Savings and Loan. In July 1977 the office was relocated to 202 East Third Street.

Life is Worth Living:**Enjoy your Family Every Moment**

Come build a tool box to help enjoy life as a family.

Enhance the time you spend together with....

Stress Busters - Activities - Ideas - Resources

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8:30 A.M. - Noon



Provided: (at no cost)

Continental Breakfast

Workshop Materials

Child Care Services

Workshop Location:

New Covenant United Church of Christ

202 East Third Street, Williamsport



Presented by staff from:

Area School Districts and Colleges

United Churches of Lycoming County

Register with Patty or Gwen

at the United Churches office

at 570-322-1110 or director@ucl.org

by Wednesday, January 21

Mark these 2016 Dates on Your Calendar:

- Ascension Ecumenical Service-Thursday, May 5
- United Churches Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 23, at White Deer at 8:45 a.m.
- CROP Walk - Sunday, October 9, 1:30 p.m. along the River Walk, beginning at St. Mark's, Wmspt.
- United Churches Assembly: Thursday, Nov. 17 at First United Methodist Church, Muncy, 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting.

POVERTY - A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE*
from our Christian Social Concerns Committee

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save (Ps72:12-13). We are called to work with and for those experiencing poverty through acts of charity and lives committed to advocacy to eliminate hunger and poverty. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon our commitments and to renew our actions regarding those in need.

Lycoming County Poverty Rate Increased in 2014 – According to the U.S. Census Bureau the poverty rate in Lycoming County for 2014 was 14.8%. This figure is 0.5% higher than the rate for 2013. The rate in 1999 was 11.5%.

Ten Commandments of Food – Rev. Dr. Olav Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches provided the following “Ten Commandments” on how food choices can become a catalyst for positive change.

1. You shall give thanks for the food you eat.
2. You shall provide food for those who have no food.
3. You shall eat mindfully and in moderation.
4. You shall be grateful to those who grow and prepare food for your table.
5. You shall not waste food.
6. You shall reduce the ecological footprint of food production and supply.
7. You shall protect the biodiversity of the sources of food.
8. You shall support fair wages for farmers' efforts.
9. You shall strive for all people to have access to affordable and nutritious food.
10. You shall rejoice and share the sacred gift of food with all.

Tveit added that “Food is sacred, as it is a gift of God to sustain our lives through sharing, celebration, gratitude, sacrifice and renewal. In our common home – the Earth – we have to work together to limit climate change and other barriers to food security, so that food can be made available to all today and in the years to come.”

Survive and Thrive: Support Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition and Health - Every two minutes, a woman dies from complications in pregnancy or childbirth. Every five seconds, a child dies, often from preventable causes such as malnutrition. We can change these global realities by a simple letter. This year, Bread for the World through

its Offering of Letters campaign will focus on the nutrition and health of mothers and children. We are asking Congress to support robust funding in this year's appropriations bill for nutrition and health for mothers, newborns, and young children. For more information visit: www.bread.org/offering-letters.

FOOD PANTRY *

Mona Rudio, Coordinator 570-322-1657

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LENDING A
HELPING HAND

We at the food pantry would like to send a Valentine Thank You to all of you who give generously to us! We also are very thankful for the Volunteers that came after the Peace Walk for the Martin Luther King Day of Service to help us out cleaning and restocking our shelves!! They helped our pantry immensely on getting ready for our yearly inspection and review.

The biggest Valentine is to all our volunteers. Those who help out and give back to all the people with their loving and open hearts. Such is being a Christian! That is a patient, loving, non-judging heart to help unify and build our community.

This is a slower time of the year for receiving donations, understandable because of holiday and utility bills, we are in need of the following things:

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| <i>Coffee</i> | <i>Hot Chocolate</i> | <i>Canned Fruit</i> |
| <i>Popcorn</i> | <i>Peanut Butter</i> | <i>Grape Jelly</i> |
| <i>Cereal</i> | <i>Canned Tomatoes</i> | <i>Spaghetti Sauce</i> |
| <i>Oatmeal</i> | <i>Boxed Pasta</i> | <i>Ramen Noodles</i> |
| <i>Mustard</i> | <i>Ketchup</i> | <i>Snacks (assorted)</i> |

I would like to give a big thank you again to all the members and volunteers of United Churches for helping me through the time of learning all the job details!

We wish you all a very Happy Valentine's day and wonderful February full of glory and growth.

Remember we are at the rear of 320 Park Ave. in the Msgr. Castellano Center. Hours are Mondays 9:30-Noon for donations and Tuesdays and Thursday 10-3 for client services.

A listing of Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be included in our March United Churches newsletter. Please get information in by March 4 at director@uclc.org or by calling 570-322-1110.



Tammey Aichner, Coordinator, ucm@uclc.org

Student Sunday, February 21st, 2016.

Every year individuals, churches and communities around the world unite to lift up students in prayer on Student Sunday, also known as Universal Day of Prayer for Students. Coordinated by the World Student Christian Federation, it has been celebrated since 1898, making it one of the oldest ecumenical days of prayer.

Students from every walk of life make a rich tapestry of experiences, cultures, traditions and languages. They have the potential to shape the world for the better. If the world could see how our faith brings our diversity together and unites us in Christ, how might we change?

We believe a transformation can happen. A world acting more justly, a people speaking up for the poor, and a church bringing healing to broken communities. By joining us this Student Sunday to pray for the global body of students, you are helping to realize this vision.

We invite all members and friends to join us on February 21st, at 2:00, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Williamsport. Pastor Sal, and his worship team, from 3:16 Covenant Church will be leading us around this year's theme 'Stories of Faith'.

And don't forget our soup sale..... \$7.00 per quart

(Checks payable to "United Churches Campus Ministry")

Type	Quantity
Beef and Barley.	_____
Chicken and Cheese Ravioli.	_____
Chicken Corn Chowder.	_____
Chili.	_____
Creamy Mushroom.	_____
Ham and Bean.	_____
Hot Sausage and Shrimp Gumbo.	_____
Hot Sausage, Spinach, Tomato Tortellini.	_____
Loaded Baked Potato.	_____
Minestrone.	_____
Sausage and Potato.	_____
Split Pea and Ham.	_____
Zuppa Toscana.	_____
Total Quarts ordered: _____ x \$7.	\$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail checks to Tammey Aichner at 1325 Mansel Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Delivery begins February 22nd. Tammey will contact you to arrange a delivery time. All soup will be delivered frozen. All donations will go toward our Campus Ministry Spring Mission Trip to New York City.

WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES*

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and a interesting program! The lunch line opens about 11:45 a.m. and you are always assured of a tasty \$6 lunch, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. The parking is free in the Pine Street lot north of the church from 11 to 1:30. No reservations are necessary, but a call to Gwen at the United Churches Office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attender will help the caterer know how to prepare.

When winter weather makes travel difficult on Wednesdays call Gwen at 570-419-1464 or 570-323-5911 to know if Ecumenical lunch has been cancelled.

FEBRUARY:

- 10- **The Rev. Doug Eberly**, Pastor, Pine Street United Methodist Church, **The Rev. Kevin Brophy**, Pastor, Salladasburg United Methodist Church and **The Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, United Churches, "*Ash Wednesday*"
- 17- **The Rev. Dr. Susan Halverstadt**, Pastor, Warrensville United Methodist Charge, "*Mexico Mission Trip to Give Ye Them to Eat Project*"
- 24- **Ms. Mona Rundio**, United Churches Food Pantry Coordinator, "*The Gift of Receiving*"

MARCH:

- 2- **Mrs. Barbara Irwin**, Favors Forward
- 9 - **The Rev. Dr. John Charnock**, Director of Mission Integration, "*Extending God's Healing Love: Chaplains and Volunteers at Susquehanna Health*"
- 19- **Dr. Dan Doyle**, Board Member, "*Son Light House Food Pantry: Serving the Needs of Eastern Lycoming County*"
- 23- **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, Holy Wednesday
- 30- **Jackie Engle**, Artistic Director, Community Theater League, "*Laughter is Good for the Soul*"

EVENTS

Spencer and the T-Bones will be featured on Sunday, March 20 at the Community Sacred Music Performances: Church Concert Series at Faxon-Kenmar United Methodist Church, 1301 Clayton Avenue, Williamsport. The concert will begin at 2 p.m. and admission is free.

PROJECT BALD EAGLE'S FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE

County-wide Prayer Walks are being planned for Sunday, April 17, by the Faith-based Sub-committee of Project Bald Eagle. Project Bald Eagle is leading the coalition to stem the tide of the heroin epidemic in our county. The walks are being designed to not only create awareness, but to pray specifically for agencies within each community which are dealing with the effects of the heroin epidemic.

Perhaps these sobering statistics will help frame for you the epidemic in our area:

- ▶ In the 5-year period of 2009-2013, heroin/opioid abuse claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 Pennsylvanians.
- ▶ PA ranks 9th in the country for overdose deaths.
- ▶ In Lycoming County, our emergency rooms treat 20-30 heroin overdoses each month.

The Faith-based Sub-committee would like to see our faith communities involved in the efforts of Project Bald Eagle. Our plan is to cover the following areas with the Prayer Walks: Williamsport (center city), East Williamsport, West Williamsport, South Williamsport, Newberry, Loyalsock, Montoursville, Lycoming Creek, Montgomery, Muncy, Hughesville and Jersey Shore.

The Faith-based Sub-committee needs help from the community in two ways:

1. A Walk Coordinator for each area is needed. The Coordinator will prepare a prayer walk map for their neighborhood, with stops to include places such as schools, the police station, playgrounds and basketball courts, hospitals, fire stations, borough buildings, or places of ministry (such as the Salvation Army, Family Promise, YWCA, food banks, etc.).
2. An Anchor Church/Synagogue/House of Worship is needed in each of these areas and will serve as the starting point for the walk. The facility should have ample parking, rest rooms available, and access to the sanctuary for those who may not be able to do the walk, but who want to pray during the walk.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Barraco, kbarraco@windstream.net or 570-546-5180.

CREATION CORNER

from our Christian Social Concerns Committee

From Global Summit to Local Summit:
Efforts to Improve the Environment

Think Globally, Act Locally is a slogan appropriate to our time, illustrated by two recent efforts, one from international faith communities at the recent

Conference of Parties 21 United Nations Climate Summit, and the other from bioregional watershed groups at the annual Watershed Summit sponsored by the Susquehanna Chapter Trout Unlimited in Lycoming County, PA.

In Paris in late 2015, four faith-based networks presented signatures from 1.8 million persons on behalf of the effort toward climate justice at the international summit to stabilize the climate from further global warming. These faith-based climate campaigners had on-site representatives, holding "Faith in Climate Justice" signs, present their petitions to principals of the summit. The 4 networks were:

- The Global Catholic Climate Movement, representing thousands responsive to the 2015 papal environmental encyclical on "Our Common Home"
- Religions for Peace, established in 1970
- Our Voices, composed of the UK Conservation Foundation and the U.S. Green Faith
- ACT Alliance (Act Now for Climate Justice campaign)

The ACT Alliance consists of 140 global churches and faith-based organizations, including Bread for the World, Baptist World Aid (USA), Church World Service, Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA, and the World Council of Churches, among others.

Among the comments posted: "We need to have citizens engage and mobilize to protect the world's common heritage, the planet"; "Defend Life!"; "This is a responsibility we cannot walk away from"; "Here is a deep urgency"; "We must have solidarity as one human family"; "This is a spiritual and moral issue".

Locally, and exemplifying efforts across the United States in other locales, a Watershed Summit hosted by the Susquehanna Trout Unlimited (TU) chapter recently provided examples of on-going efforts and accomplishments to help preserve, protect and enhance our area streams and watersheds. Thus, in north-central PA, and especially Lycoming County, testimony was given from the local TU group, that has as its mission the preservation and restoration of cold water fisheries.

It partners with, and heard from at the summit, the Susquehanna River Greenway Partnership, the watershed creek groups (Pine, Muncy, Loyalsock, Lycoming, Larry's, Black Hole), the Lycoming College Clean Water Institute (CWI), the USDA county Conservation Districts, the county Planning Dep't., the Northcentral PA Conservancy (NPC), the Waterdale Environmental Education Center, the Endless Mountains Resource Conservation and Development Council (EMRCD), Loyalsock State Forest bog research, and the state DEP Growing Greener Program.

You are encouraged to support your regional efforts. To read more of the local effort, see below, and scroll down to the Watershed Summit summary: <https://susquehannatu-files.wordpress.com/2013/01/2016-02-susquehanna-ripple>

CLASSIFIED

Ads

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Pine Street UMC is seeking a part time Youth Ministry Coordinator. The Youth Coordinator, along with a team of adult volunteers who value the spiritual development of our youth, will provide vision, integrity, leadership and oversight of ministries for youth grades 6-12. Working collaboratively with the education committee, this person will design, grow and shepherd a ministry of faith to our youth and young adults. This job is part time: 15 hours per week. Submit resume to: Pine Street UMC, Attn: Mark Porter, 441 Pine St., Williamsport PA 17701; or contact the church office, 570-323-4604 or email streetpine@hotmail.com for an application and additional information.

Bell Choir and Chimes Director position open. Contact the Church Office at New Covenant United Church of Christ, 570-326-3308.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Opportunity to read in a group Laudato-Si, the Pope's Encyclical on the Environment: Since Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Pope Francis on March 13, 2013, many surprising and refreshing moves have issued forth from the Vatican. One of the most heralded events was last fall's publication of Laudato-Si, (English: Praise be to you (my Lord)) the Papal Encyclical on the environment and global justice. In connection with a Lenten theme of earthkeeping, we will read this encyclical together at St. Luke Lutheran Church as a small group. All are invited to join in this discussion. The document is downloadable and free (<https://laudatosi.com/watch>) or able to be purchased at Otto's bookstore. The small group takes place Tuesdays in Lent at 3:30 PM at St. Luke, 1400 Market St., Williamsport. The date of the first Tuesday group is February 16th. Please let Elisabeth Aurand (St. Luke- 570-323-7309 or pastoreaurand@verizon.net) know if you might be present, should you need a copy of the first week's subject matter.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lycoming County: Recently Big Brothers Big Sisters was reintroduced to Lycoming County. We are currently looking to get the word out and recruit Bigs and Littles. Also our annual Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser is coming up March 19 at Faxon Lanes. This is their largest annual fundraiser, so the lives of hundreds of local children are dependent upon its success. Research shows that children involved with a na-

tionally recognized mentoring program achieve greater confidence, form better relationships, avoid risky behaviors and have superior educational outcomes. They are also less likely to skip school or use illegal drugs. BBBS falls under Bridge Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge which is a program of Catholic Social Services out of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Their website is www.bbbsnepa.org. You may also contact our United Churches office for online brochures and bowling information.

Be Part of A Community Garden: The Salvation Army Red Shield Community Garden is now accepting applications for plots in the garden (located at 724 Park Avenue). The vision of the garden is to meet human needs in Jesus Christ's name without discrimination through three avenues: 1) empowering the Williamsport community by providing the opportunity to plant, grow, and harvest their own produce; 2) educating individuals and families about the value of gardening; and 3) donating the abundance of vegetables to local non-profit entities in the community. Groups who serve families or individuals (including children or seniors) with limited resources are welcome to participate. Applications can be found on The Salvation Army website (www.williamsportsalvation-army.org) Please contact Amy McGovern at The Salvation Army with any questions- 570-326-9187 ext. 109.

Celebrate Recovery: A Christ Centered Program! Find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups. Their time will be changing from Sundays at 5 pm to 4:30 p.m. beginning March 6th. It continues to be held at the Evangelical Center, First Church United Methodist, 604 Market St. Williamsport.

Meal Packaging Event to be hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church in South Williamsport on April 1, 2016. Don't Be Fooled - Hunger Is No Joke! This April Fool's Day, join Messiah Lutheran Church to pull off a great trick . . . come and help us feed 20,000 hungry people (or more!) Seriously . . . Hunger is no joke. In fact, hunger is the world's number one health risk. It kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. Locally, nearly 1 in 5 children in our area struggles with food insecurity – not knowing where their next meal is coming from or when.

Volunteers are needed to package nutritionally enriched macaroni and cheese meals to be distributed to the hungry in our local communities. Volunteers will work assembly line style. In addition to packaging meals, a number of other volunteers are needed to fulfill roles related to hosting the event. To volunteer, sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845a5a623a4fc1-endhunger> or contact Kathy Wither at wither15@comcast.net or 570-326-9171, ext. 203.

They need to raise a minimum of \$5,000 to package 20,000 meals. Donate online at www.EndHungerNE.org by clicking on Donate Now (blue box in the upper right-hand corner) and noting EndHungerNE event #2 (when you are reviewing your donation...under "Please apply my donation to:"). Donate by mail by sending a check, made payable to Outreach, Inc., to 1574 Ocean St, Marshfield MA 02050 (ATTN: Matthew Martin), noting EndHungerNE Event #2 in the memo section.

Food for thought: A quarter feeds a kid, \$1 a family of 4. The average family of 4 in America spent \$3,500 celebrating Christmas, whether or not they're Christian. If every such family in the Greater Williamsport Area and surrounding communities gave \$53 (1.5% of \$3,500) and packaged meals with us for 20 minutes once per year, we would end hunger here. OR . . . Why not eat in one Friday night and donate the money you would have spent on fast food for your family to feed families in need? \$30 spent on fast food for a family of 4 could instead feed 120 people!

Celebrate Easter and help United Churches *

We are having an Easter fund raiser this year through Sunset Ice Cream. For the week of Easter, March 27 - April 3, if you use the coupon below at Sunset Ice Cream they will give 15% of your total purchase to us.

So if you given up sweets or deserts for Lent, or if you are just ready for a spring treat, please enjoy a frosty treat Easter Week and allow us to benefit too!

Please copy and share this coupon with others. The more the merrier.

The coupon from Sunset Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt is in the other attachment!

YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY (YPM)

By Rev. Danesta (Nessie) Whaley: 570-326-6868

THE SOURCE OF HOPE



I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. -Romans 15:13

Beloved Ones, as we look to Jesus, Our Source of Great Hope, we can clearly see that HE is working among us! It has been exciting for Yokefellowship to be a part of the Re-entry Coalition team that is forming in our county to help the men and women ('Returning Citizens') who will come back into society. The vital tool/resources that are necessary for them are a corporate effort that we have desired to be a part of. Each can do his/her part in helping with the important transitions that these men and women will need to make.

Our involvement is to further guide by sharing the Word of God that will impact their lives and bring hope for it is truly our Instructional Manual for life. We have desired to once again have an 'Aftercare' program that will be effective and guide the way providing relevant resources and mainly be a support with listening ears and hearts. We may not be able to solve the many difficulties/problems but we know the Source of All Hope who is more than able.

At this moment, we have a few volunteers who are working on a brochure for the ministry to introduce this program and those who are helping with resources that will be useful for daily living. This will be a collaborative effort and we are grateful to be a part along with other members of the community.

Please join with us and become a part of Yokefellowship Prison Ministry. Your prayers, support, giving and your volunteerism are all important. We do provide the necessary training you need to get involved. Call us at the above number and we will plug you in! As we share in this HOPE together, it will cause a joyful overflow of the Goodness of God!?

New Day Dawning: Annual Spring Symposium on April 23 with two speakers on renewable energy (solar and geothermal). Plus a Fair with renewables vendors, artists, networking time with community activists. St. Paul's UCC, 400 N. Market St., Selinsgrove, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sponsored by Rivertown Coalition for Clean Air and Clean Water, www.rivertowncoalition.org.

UNITED CHURCHES GOLF TOURNAMENT 2016

Our Sixth Annual Golf Tournament is Friday, September 23, 2016 at White Deer Golf Course, beginning at 8:45 am. As we begin getting our sponsors for this year we want to share with you the list from last year. It is quite impressive that we can list the following sponsors for this event. Without them, it would have been impossible to enjoy such a nice day of golf, and support United Churches so well. We encourage you to support these businesses and organizations as they have supported us. And to thank them for their support. Most of them sponsor year after year!

**TOURNAMENT SPONSORS 2015:**

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Mike Cillo, Jewelry	Agnes Boyle, Artist
Rev. Bob Wallace, Author	Fischer Financial Group
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Wendy's in Montoursville	Valor Studios
Tony's Delicatessen	Loner's Beauty Salon
The Eye Center	Frankie's Subs
Vincenzo's Italian Cuizine	Karen Barraco
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Trinity Episcopal Church	The Cutters Baseball Team
James C. Maneval Funeral Home	

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