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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY*

Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (II Corinthians 5:14-20) is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25).



This year we not only join with Christians around the world who set aside these eight days as a special time to share the prayer of Jesus: “that all may be one... that the world may believe” (John 17:21), but we also mark the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther making public his 95 thesis, which began the Reformation.

As we begin this week with prayers for unity among Christians we recognize that God’s gift of reconciliation is a wellspring of life for our entire world. As ambassadors of reconciliation may we go out to break down barriers, build bridges, make peace, and open doors to new ways of life in our communities.

Churches around the world are being ambassadors of reconciliation as they welcome and assist refugees, work for peace, find ways to end racism, find alternatives to violence, and simply learn to love your neighbor.

The following events have been scheduled to help in your observance.

1/18-25 - **Special Devotions** for each day will be provided by Gwen Bernstine on our Telephone Devotion Line, reachable 24/7 at 570-322-5762.

1/18 - **Wednesday Noon Ecumenical Lunch** program at Pine Street UMC. The Rev. Bradley Walmer will help us to look at this year’s theme, “Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us” and the reasons for this special octave. For reservations call 570-322-1110.

1/19 - **Service of Prayer at Holy Cross Orthodox Church**, 1725 Holy Cross Lane (Next to St. Ann’s Catholic Church on Northway Rd. and Sheridan St.) Thursday at 7:00 p.m. All are invited. A fellowship time follows.

1/25 - **Wednesday Noon Ecumenical Lunch** program at Pine Street UMC. Bishop Robert L. Driesen, Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA, will give us an insiders look at Reformation and the Ongoing Work of Unity. RSVP at 570-322-1110.

1/25 - **The Diocese of Scranton** will host **An Ecumenical Celebration of God’s Word** at 12:10 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. All are welcome to attend. In addition, CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the service live (Comcast channel 016).



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& “Walking With God in Lycoming County”

**EVENTS IN MEMORY OF
THE REV. DR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**



Service of Prayer:

On Sunday, January 15 at 4 pm. a Service of Prayer will be held at Freedom House Community Worship Center, 1700 Memorial Avenue, Williamsport

Dream Week Activities:

Sponsored by the Beloved Community Council

Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk & Day of Service on Monday January 16...

Peace Walk - 9:00am - Lycoming College Lamade Gym - less than 1 mile loop, accompanied by Trolley with Brass Band.

Service Project Rally - 9:30am - Lycoming College Lamade Gym - refreshments, speakers, and orientation for local service projects.

Service Projects -10:30-1:00 - Fifteen social service agencies in our area need help; for a full listing of projects and to preregister, go to www.lycoming.edu/mlk

Tuesday, January 17:

Alternatives to Violence Project with Tony White; 6:30 pm - 9 pm at Honors Hall at Lycoming College, corner of East Fourth and Basin Streets,

Wednesday, January 18:

"Empowering Ourselves to Unite On Common Ground" is the topic of the Beloved Community Council Round Table Discussion; 6:30pm - 8:30pm at City Alliance Church on 420 Elmira Street (Corner of and West Fourth and Elmira Streets.)

Thursday, January 19:



Dream Week Keynote Address with the Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington at 7 pm at the Klump Academic Center Auditorium, Penn College. His message will be, "The Content of Our Character: Doing the work, to live out the Dream of Inclusion" Thirty-nine years after the death of Rev. Dr. Mar-

tin Luther King we find ourselves wondering, how far have we come? What does the work of inclusion look like in 2017 and how do we know if we are doing our part? What kind of person do we need to be to live into the dream of inclusion for the future? Rev. Dr. Washington will share with our community his thoughts on these questions.

WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES*

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and an 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 570-326-1396 to know if Ecumenical lunch has been cancelled.

JANUARY



- 11- **Ms. Yvonne Heatley**, Executive Director, Susquehanna Valley CASA, ***"Case Stories of Court Appointed Special Advocates and Their Impact on Abused and Neglected Children in Our Community"***
- 18- **Rev. Bradley Walmer**, Pastor, New Covenant United Church of Christ, ***"Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us"*** (Beginning the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
- 25- **Bishop Robert L. Driesen**, Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA, ***"Reformation and the Ongoing Work of Unity"*** (Closing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

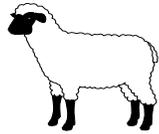
FEBRUARY

- 1- ***"Coloring Lent as a Spiritual Practice"***
- 8- **The Rev. Ken Elkin**, Retired Lutheran Pastor, Williamsport, ***"Interesting People You Meet On The Camino de Santiago - The Way of St. James"***
- 15- Program To Be Announced
- 22- **The Revs. John Manno & Gwen Bernstine**, Hope and Healing Committee, Project Bald Eagle, ***"Prevention Through Faith Intervention Sunday School Lesson Series"***

Join us! Bring a friend! Make new friends!

SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS*

.....a MERCY ministry.....



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God knows each person through and through and lavishes appropriate mercy. He and He alone satisfies any situation that imposes pain, fear, distress, or disorder. If He who is mercy itself does not satisfy the entreaty, then His response is sufficient for guidance, refutation, correction, or training beyond human comprehension often times delivering the better than of God.

God’s mercy is not unilateral, but cooperate, enriching the soul, enlightening the mind, disciplining the spirit...it is a pedagogical experience. Participation in the mercy of God is contingent upon God’s grace and man’s faith. It is not always that supplication is known to be made, for God’s actions are of His determination and God’s provision is always charitable, independent of human merit.

Mercy is not ruled by fairness, but by favor which is attributable to God alone and within His power, extending grace that is beyond human perception that refrains from demanding sacrifice, but rather forebears in charity and compassion ever ready to forgive. Mercy sees beyond rules of conduct and character to intent and consequence, emitting love rather than judgment, with passion for deliverance and reconciliation.

Lack of concern, compassion, or charity often masquerades as mercy, seeking to mask legalism, scrupulosity, anger, or fear and is best determined by examination of conscience. True mercy declares no personal intent other than love, no motive other than grace, and no hope other than reparation.

From its first vibrations, mercy determines rescue, declares clemency, and assumes the human capacity for rebirth and revival, transcendence and transformation, always yearning for godliness from a divine nature. Mercy can make final judgment on no one, for justice and must be entwined with hope making a three-fold cord strong and able to bundle God’s grace with man’s faith, anticipating the better with an optimism that provides peace presentment of heaven.

Mercy has willingly paid the price of justification in the mystery of substitution, releasing the guilt of human insufficiency, stripping away inadequate efforts to self-atone, making death to self a way of truth and life, radically rebirthing of heart, soul, mind, and spirit, redeeming the I Amness in the heart of each one of us.

UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY *

Mona Rundio, Coordinator

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Happy New Year and God Bless! This is now the time to ask ourselves a question, “Am I ready to make a change in myself and what is around me?” The answer should be a big YES, regardless of the past years’ circumstances.

In order to change our ways’ we need to confront our boundaries and look toward the positive/happy possibilities. Many times in Jesus’ life he broke down barriers. We can show our compassion and love for others by donating our time, food and finances, working together to push beyond the traditions and expectations of our community!



LENDING A
HELPING HAND

We at the food pantry would like to change the ordinary into the extraordinary by having an exciting, positive, and more loving experience for those receiving items during hard times.

With your contributions we are able to do so. When out and about at the grocery store or farmer’s market and the Lord urges, take the step to help others in need.

Since the Holidays have passed and we were overwhelmed with new clients and the pantry is in need of food items! The items listed below are most needed:

- Cereal** **Oatmeal** **Healthy Snacks** (crackers/popcorn)
- Soups** **PopTarts** **Canned Meats** (tuna/chicken)
- Canned Fruits** **Ramen Noodles** (beef/chicken)
- Juice** **Coffee** **Canned Vegetables** (all)
- Hot Chocolate** **All Condiments** (salt/pepper/mustard)

Please also remember to check the expiration dates on the items before giving to us. Otherwise we have to throw it away and that is such a loss!

The Pantry is also in need of Volunteers on Thursdays! The duties are helping the clients go through and receive their items, stocking shelves, and maintaining a clean and safe environment. If you or people you may know are looking for some other ways to contribute to the community, give us a call or stop on by!!

We are located at the rear of 320 Park Ave in Williamsport. The hours of operation are:

- Mondays 9-12 for donations/stocking
- Tuesdays 10:15 – 2:30 Clients/distribution
- Thursdays 10:15 – 2:30 Clients/distribution

POVERTY: A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE

The Christian Social Concerns Committee

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy (Psalm 72:12-13). Are we listening to the cries of those in need? Are we responding with both charity and justice? To strive for justice is a greater challenge.

Eliminate U. S. food insecurity – so that no one goes to bed hungry: The post-election transition period, November 2016 to January 2017, is a good time to assess where we are and identify how to move forward on many issues of national concern. The country suffers when hunger, food insecurity, and extreme poverty weaken our people, families, and communities. A national poverty rate of nearly 14 percent and a food insecurity rate approaching 13 percent underline the simple truth: too many people in the United States struggle to put food on the table.

Recognize Who Is Most Affected by Hunger and Poverty in Our Country: Some people are at least twice as likely to face hunger and extreme poverty as the average U.S. resident. They often belong to one or more of these groups: households led by a single woman, African Americans, Native Americans, Latinos, people with criminal records, and undocumented immigrants.



Here are a few examples of data pinpointing those at risk:

- The food insecurity rate of single mothers & children is 30.3%, compared to 12.7% of the U.S. population.
- 60 % of counties where a majority of the residents are Native American have very high food insecurity rates.
- Today, African Americans are paid \$1.13 an hour less than white workers were paid in 1979 – 37 years ago.
- Among people in households led by undocumented workers, 24% were food insecure, compared with 12.7% of the overall U.S. population.
- The group with the highest rate of food insecurity by far is people returning from prison or jail, at 91%.

Make a Public Commitment to Reduce Hunger, Food Insecurity, and Extreme Poverty among Communities at Higher Risk. Then Create a Strategy:

- ✓ Increase the number of good jobs that are available to people at higher risk.

- ✓ Remove barriers to opportunity that confront people at higher risk.

- ✓ Maintain and create targeted initiatives for groups or individuals with unique barriers and needs.

Allocate budgetary resources for the efforts above.

To end hunger in the United States, we need to empower those most at risk. The role of government includes recognizing which people are most at risk; making a commitment to reduce hunger, food insecurity, and extreme poverty among these populations; developing an effective strategy to move forward; and allocating budgetary resources to implement this strategy. (Source: Bread for the World Institute – January 5, 2017)



Refugee Discernment and Response is group that started at St. Luke last fall continues its work into 2017. They have been discussing ways that we can faithfully respond to the ongoing refugee crisis. Some of this work could include the opportunity to have an impact here in Pennsylvania as people and families seek refuge and a new life here in the United States.

Through the Lutheran Immigration and Relief Services they have been directed to Catholic Charities of Harrisburg, the closest agency to Williamsport who is actively working to resettle families entering the US. They partner with area churches to sponsor these families. This is an ambitious project -- but it is one that truly challenges us to faithfully be the body of Christ in the world.

This group is seeking additional members from other area churches willing to be engaged in this work. As time and talents are assessed, support from the community will be needed in a wide variety of ways. If you have an interest in learning more about this project, please contact Erin Edmonds (570-447-2776 or erin.edmonds@gmail.com).

The next meeting is set for Sunday, January 22, at 7 pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1400 Market St., Wmspt. Please join them. If you are unable to attend, your prayers for our group and our community -- and most importantly for the over 65 million people who are living as refugees around the world, are appreciated.



Tammy Aichner, Coordinator, ucm@uclc.org

Soup Sale for United Campus Ministry

Donation: \$7.00 per quart

(Checks payable to "United Churches Campus Ministry")

All soup freshly homemade then frozen.

Type	Order Form	Quantity
Beef and Barley.	_____	_____
Chicken Corn Chowder.	_____	_____
Ham and Bean.	_____	_____
Hot Sausage and Shrimp Gumbo.	_____	_____
Italian Wedding.	_____	_____
Winter Sausage, Potato and Vegetable.	_____	_____
Total Quarts ordered: _____ x \$7. \$ _____		

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail checks and order form to Tammy Aichner at 1325 Mansel Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701



Orders are needed by February 19th. Delivery will be between March 1st - 5th. Tammy will contact you to arrange delivery. Soup will be delivered frozen. All proceeds will go toward our Campus Ministry Mission Trip.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Needed New Homes for Books Books and More Books: The Rev. Dr. William Knudsen, the Executive Presbyter of Northumberland Presbytery will be retiring in March of 2017. He is reducing the size of his library and is making available religious and theological books to those who are interested. You can contact Rev. Knudsen at 570-337-1923 to make an appointment to look over his collection. The books are free!

For Sale: St. Henry's House of Prayer: The 22 acre retreat in Brookside, 9 miles beyond Salladasburg on Route 287. The property includes a Guest House, Retreat House, Staff House and The Hermitage. Contact Sr. Henry at 570-326-2244 or 570-326-4320.

2017 MINISTRIES SCHEDULE*

Thank you all for your willingness to participate in our ministries this year! The schedules are out, so if you didn't get your listing for nursing home and prison worship, newspaper editorials or telephone devotionals, please contact us at 570-322-1110 or director@uclc.org. I'm always amazed to see what we can do when we work together.



There are a few Sunday afternoon worship services still unclaimed (12 out of 850 at current count) so if you forgot to volunteer, or feel God nudging you in that direction we can use a couple more willing people.

What a blessing you are! Thank you all!

Mark these 2017 Dates on Your Calendar:
Church Women United - World Day of Prayer
 Friday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. at
 New Covenant United Church of Christ
May Friendship Day Luncheon/Meeting
 Friday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m.,
 Pine Street United Methodist Church
United Churches Seventh Annual Golf Tournament
 Friday, September 22, at White Deer at 8:45 a.m.
CROP Walk - Sunday, October 8, 1:30 p.m.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The Patriarch of Solidarity: The role of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, as the primary spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian world and a transnational figure of global significance, grows increasingly vital. Bartholomew made huge efforts to organize the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church in Crete earlier this year. Likewise his promotion of religious freedom and human rights, his initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's religions, together with his work towards international peace and environmental protection continue. They justly place him at the forefront of global visionaries, peace-makers and bridge-builders as an apostle of love, peace and reconciliation.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, granted a special interview to the World Council of Churches (WCC) news. Part of the conversation took place His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: The Patriarch of Solidarity

MINISTRY NEEDS

Souper Bowl Sunday is one way to help a ministry to assist people in need. It is an effort to glorify God and care for "the least of these" by each worshiper giving a can of food or the cost of a can of food (\$1) on Super Bowl Sunday (February 5, 2017) and some do it for the three weeks before.

Groups call 1-800-358-7687 on the day of the game (between noon and 5 p.m.) to report the amount collected, then send your funds/food to the charity of your choice. Reporting your collection enables the full impact of this simple act of caring to be determined and announced.

In 2016 the grand total generated was \$10,501,352 collected in cash and food items by 6,879 groups, for their charities. Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 and since then they have received reports of over \$119 Million in cash and food items being donated around the country. Be part of this modern day miracle by getting your congregation on board. For details go to: www.souperbowl.org.

Shepherd of the Street needs **Administrative Volunteers** to work from 9-12 or 1-3. They are open Monday through Thursday. Contact Nancy at 570-322-6538. They also provide hygiene items, bedding, and baby needs. The list of hygiene items are regular sizes of:

<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>

Prison Visitor Needed: Prison Visitation and Support (PVS) – a national federal prison visitation program - needs a volunteer visitor at FCI Allenwood (medium security). If you are a person who is a good listener and non-judgmental, contact Dan Doyle (570-546-2385). Visitation is once a month and scheduled with several other visitors at the same time (Fridays).

Sojourner Truth Café Hosts Needed: Their 2017 schedule has many openings, if you have not already scheduled please call them at 570-323-1797 or 570-419-1451. They do appreciate all your time donated in serving the greater need.

United Churches Food Pantry needs **Volunteers** to help on Thursdays. The duties are helping the clients go through and receive their items, stocking shelves, and maintaining a clean and safe environment. Contact Mona at 570-322-1657 or foodpantry@uclc.org.

CREATION CORNER

The Christian Social Concerns Committee



"...a glad new year to all the earth." (concluding line of "From Heaven Above", Hymn 51, Lutheran Book of Worship)

Job 12: 7-8 "...ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you." Come forth into the light of things, let Nature be your teacher. -William Wordsworth

Psalm 104:24 "How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all: the earth is full of your wisdom." Between every two pine trees there is a door leading to a new way of life. -John Muir

Psalm 138:8 "Oh Lord, do not abandon the works of your hands." The greatest threat to our future is apathy. Protest sign slogan

Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days so that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." We repeatedly lose touch with what we intend our lives to stand for. -Barry Lopez

Isaiah 24:5-6a "The earth is defiled by its people, they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes, and broken the covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth." You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know. -William Wilberforce

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people...turn from their wicked ways...I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." In a dark time, the eye begins to see. Opening of a poem by Theodore Roethke

Genesis 2:15 "And God put (us) in the garden of Eden to keep and serve it." It's a phenomenal planet. I wanted to give something back. A Conservancy contributor

Hebrews 3:13 "Support one another daily." What a country chooses to save is what a country says about itself. -Mollie Beattie

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Open Your Eyes: Reasons, Responsibilities, and Responses to Combat Child Sexual Exploitation Symposium for the Faith Community



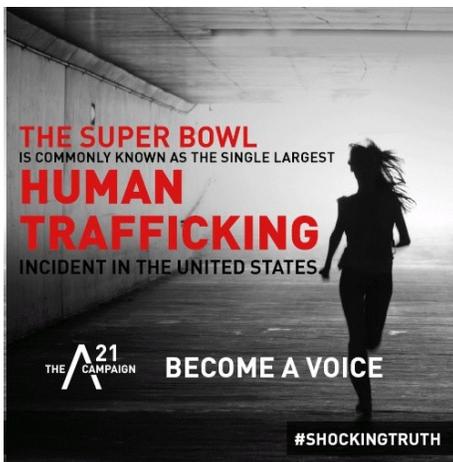
Bringing awareness and education to the faith based community, this symposium held on Friday, January 27th from 8-2 at Faith Wesleyan Church, 1033 Tucker Street, Williamsport, will feature

Ms. Shea M. Rhodes, Esq. (Dir., CSE Institute, Villanova Law School), Ms. Deb Colton (Founder & President of Oasis of Hope), Ms. Heather Shnyder (Prevention Education Specialist, Transitions of PA), and a survivor as the speakers of the day. The moderator will be Senior Magisterial District Judge James Sortman (Chair, Lyc. County Human Trafficking Response Team & Member, PAATH15).

Registration will open at 8 am and the first speaker will start at 8:30. Lunch will be provided. Following the symposium's conclusion at 2:00 pm, each attendee is invited to join the free Mandated Reporter Training, from 2-4 pm. Each person who completes this training will receive a five-year certification.

NOTE: A reminder that all those who work with children and/or youth (under age 18 years) in a faith setting (e.g. church, mosque, synagogue), whether paid staff or volunteers, must undergo training and be certified as mandated reporters according to Pennsylvania law.

Registration for the symposium closes on January 13th, or when capacity is reached. Please contact Jim Sortman at jhsortman@gmail.com with any questions.



This event is hosted by the North Central Human Trafficking Response Team Faith Committee. A donation of \$10 per person requested. (Snow date: Friday, 2/ 3/17)

This seminar will also be held on Sat, January 28, 2017 from 8-2 at Christ

Wesleyan Church, 363 Stamm Road, Milton, PA 17847. (Snow date: 2/4/17)

Environmental Justice Workshop will be held at the Hartman Center Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, Milroy, PA on March 22-24. The event begins with dinner at 5:30 pm on Wednesday and concludes with lunch on Friday. Participants will be expected to commit to the entire workshop in order to cover all subjects and build community.

The Question: How can we take on the urgent challenges of environmental justice in our present time and place? Using video, discussions, and hands-on learning opportunities, this workshop will equip participants to mobilize their communities around local and global issues of environmental justice.

The Workshop is cosponsored by the United Church of Christ Justice Witness Ministries and the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ Green Justice Ministry Team. Materials are biblically based and centered on the deep issues of justice and the beloved community. Local church leaders, pastors, educators, seminary students, and members of communities of faith beyond the UCC are all welcome to attend.

The cost is \$140, which includes lodging, meals, and program expenses. Please register by March 7 at <http://www.regonline.com/environmentaljusticeworkshop1>



DIAL - A - DEVOTION *

Have you called yet?

The number is 570-322-5762.

It's available 24 hours a day.



Devotions change each weekday and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirit and help you to have "A Closer Walk with God." The devotionalists this winter include:

- 1/9-15 - Mrs. Sandy Grier
- 1/16-17 - Mrs. Patty Gohrs
- 1/18-25 - Special Devotions Daily for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 1/26-29 - Mrs. Patty Gohrs
- 1/30-2/5 - Ms. Yvonne Shenuski
- 2/6-12 - Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza
- 2/13-19 - Pastor Clarence Thompson

Listen Today and tell others about this Ministry!

A devotion line business card is available at our office.

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Be Part of Ohev Sholom Congregation's Jewish Winter Film Festival on Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 P.M., Join them at 1501 Cherry St., Wmspt, as they show the Documentary, "The Hope: the Rebirth of Israel." Produced by CBN and hosted by Gordon Robertson, The Hope takes viewers on an journey through the 50 years that preceded the founding of the modern State of Israel. See history unfold through the eyes of some of Israel's visionaries and founders, including:

The Hope

THE REBIRTH OF ISRAEL

Theodor Herzl
Chaim Weizmann
David Ben-Gurion
Golda Meir

For more information, please contact Ohev Sholom at 570-322-4209.

Concert: Runville United Methodist's 30 Hour Famine Benefit Concert will be held at the Runville United Methodist Church, 1216 Runville Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823 on Sunday, January 22nd at 6pm. This small charge began participating in the 30 Hour Famine several years ago, raising money to feed two children. Last year's benefit concert allowed them to sponsor 30 children for a year. This year, with your help...?

MIX AND MINGLE on Jan 25 • Wednesday come hear about the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan and the Arts 5:30pm to 7pm City Alliance Church (Former First Baptist Church) use the entrance on the corner at 380 West Fourth RSVP lycoartsalliance@gmail.com

The Body Electric will be presented by the Williamsport Civic Chorus as they celebrate human health and sports on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 3 PM in the atrium section of the Susquehanna Health Systems Williamsport Regional Hospital (main entrance). Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 senior/student (age over 12). Children under 12 are free with a paid adult. Tickets purchased prior to the concert have a \$2 discount and can be purchased at Otto Bookstore and RM Sides Family Music Center. The concert is guaranteed to be done before the Super Bowl.

CAST: A Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking just received the Presidential Award for extraordinary efforts to combat human trafficking. To learn more about them check their web site, www.castla.org.

OUT TO DINNER
FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Have Dinner at Wendy's and Earn Money for United Churches of Lycoming County! This event is at the Maynard Street Wendy's only, and will be held Tuesday, January 17th. Wendy's at Maynard Street will donate 10% of all their sales from 5 - 8 pm. Great Food - Great Cause! Enjoy!*A poster is available.*

Also.....

Have Dinner at Wendy's on Maynard Street on Monday, February 13 when they will be giving 10% of their sales from 5-8 to the Newberry Branch of NGA. Another great organization. Here is what NGA did this past year in our county....

NGA ~ Needlework Guild
of America

New Clothes

For New Tomorrows

NGA in 2016 distributed NEW clothing, coats, shoes and personal care items to more than 725 people, primarily children, in the Greater Williamsport Area. Like Old Mother Hubbard our cupboard is now bare.

Is your church or organization looking for a project for February? Please consider supporting the Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America.)

Have a heart, donate smart!

Donate some much needed items to replenish our inventory so NGA can continue to answer the call for new clothing. During February they are accepting donations of

- ◆ Children's sweat pants in sizes 4 to 12
- ◆ Children's socks in any size and color
- ◆ Boys' Underwear in sizes 4 to 12
- ◆ Girls' Underwear in sizes 4 to 12

Contact Becky Miller Pryor at murphy173@verizon.net for additional information or to donate items.