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Thank You for receiving our Newsletter via E-Mail. It is a wonderful donation of postage, office supplies and volunteer time. Please send it on to others who can make use of the information.

FOOD PANTRY *

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Well by now you all have probably heard the news: we're moving again! Can't hardly believe it but by now we should be getting good at it. It keeps us from accumulating 'stuff!' At least this time, we're not going far. The Saint Joseph the Worker Congregation, who are our landlords and have provided space for us for the last 14 months, have a vision of an Ecumenical Center that would put several social service agencies under one roof so clients would have a 'one stop shopping' concept here at the Castellano Center, 320 Park Avenue, Williamsport. Hours for clients are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-3. Food delivery is Mondays 9:30-Noon.



Once again, the 'angels' that adopted us two moves ago, the city Streets & Parks Department workers are giving up their Saturday off to move us. How awesome is that? It bothers me when folks are so critical of city workers. You know how they do: they get lots of benefits, they get good pay, etc. But when it comes down to concern for our city, I have found they are only a call away and they jump right in to help! We think they're special.

Items we need to fill shelves:

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| <i>canned veggies</i> | <i>canned fruit</i> |
| <i>tea bags</i> | <i>pasta (all shapes)</i> |
| <i>spaghetti sauce</i> | <i>tuna</i> |
| <i>pop tarts</i> | <i>cereal</i> |
| <i>hamburger helpers</i> | <i>saltine crackers</i> |
| <i>small (1#) boxes of sugar</i> | <i>chunky soups</i> |

It's an exciting idea that will save our folks from additional travel between agencies and especially with the price of gas, I would think it would be much appreciated.

Plans are being formulated. Rooms revamped, traffic patterns created within the current Castellano Center.

So for us, this time, no outside elements to deal with in a move, no people 'losing' us, no pick-up trucks needed...it should be a breeze. (How's that for positive thinking!)

We thank God for the many ways you bless us as we help folks fill their bags every day, and see the appreciation on their faces. They know they will now be able to keep their families fed during these difficult times. Be blessed and have a good month.

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RAISE THE REGION
March 12&13 / 30-HOUR FUNDRAISING EVENT

We are excited to be part of First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania's Raise the Region 2014, an event.

Thank You for helping us and other non-profits with our fund raising efforts. Your 100% tax deductible online donation receipt will be coming from the First Community Foundation, as well as an individual thank you from us.

WEDNESDAY NOON ECUMENICAL LUNCHES*

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and a program. The lunch line opens about 11:45 a.m. You're assured of a tasty \$6 lunch, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. Parking is free in the lot north of the church from 11 to 1:30. No reservations are necessary. Call United Churches, 570-322-1110 if you're not a regular attendee to help our caterer know how to prepare. Both laity and clergy are welcome! (Call Gwen, 570-419-1464 to check for weather cancellation.)



MARCH

- 12- **Rev. R. Kenneth Weiss**, Caring Outreach, *"Preparing for The Future"*
- 19- **Ms. Barbara Dromazos, RDN,CSR,LDN**, North Central Pennsylvania Dialysis Clinic, *"Eating Tips to Keep You and Your Kidneys Healthy"*
- 26- **Ms. Carolyn Hawk**, Director of Fund-Raising and Community Relations for the Lycoming County United Way, *"Calling 211 - Why?"*

APRIL:

- 2- **Mrs. Becky M. Pryor**, Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America) *"Providing New Clothes for New Tomorrows for One Hundred Years"*
- 9- **Mr. Jim Moff**, Area Businessman, *"Swimming Lake Champlain: An Inspiration for All Of Us"*
- 16- **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, United Churches of Lycoming County, *"What Jesus Saw Those Last Days"*
- 23- **Ms. Jean Cleveland**, Serenity Garden Design, Master Gardner Trainee, *"Container Gardening for Limited Outside Spaces"*
- 30- **Mrs. Candy Watkins and Mrs. Carol Waltz**, Area Musicians, *"Love?"*

Make plans to join us and bring a friend!



Tammey Aichner, Coordinator

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Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp. - Psalm 149:3

United Campus Ministry is partnering with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to bring a Zumbathon to the Penn College Fieldhouse on Sunday, April 6th from 2-4 in the afternoon.

Zum•ba, noun. 1-an aerobic fitness program featuring movements inspired by various styles of Latin American dance and performed primarily to Latin American music.

<https://www.Facebook.com/events/1387623224793363>
Please share the link on your Facebook pages and use the 'invite' feature on the event page to invite your friends.

Orders are coming in for our soup sale! Thank you to everyone that volunteered to make the soup and everyone that has ordered soup. As I attend meetings, I am always so proud to be able to talk about the amazing support that we receive from our community! All the soup looks delicious and if my freezer were any bigger, I would have been owning every quart!

I would like to thank our March pastors that provided us with Monday night Bible Studies. Pastor Jeff O'Neill (Eagle Mountain Word Of Faith), Rev. Joseph Beadle (WilliamSPORT Assembly Of God), Rev. Cinda Bricker (Trinity Lutheran Church), and Captain Debbie Engel (Salvation Army).

We will have an information table at the campus Open House on March 29th. It will be an opportunity to greet the incoming freshman and their families. Please continue to keep the students in your prayers.

DIAL - A - DEVOTION *

Have you called yet?

The number is 570-322-5762.

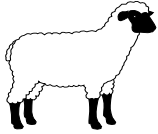
It's available 24 hours a day.



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 include:

3/10-16 Mrs. Sandy Grier 3/17-23 Mrs. Patty Gohrs
3/24-30 Rev. Gwen Bernstine 3/31-4/6 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens
4/7-13 Fr. Dan Kovalak 4/14-20 Mrs. Pat Jenkins

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!



SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS*

J. Morris Smith, Th. D.,

Contact at: 570-322-6538

LENT AND THE CRY OF THE POOR

Lent is a season for personal renewal in our relationship with the Lord. In concrete terms it comes down to self-denial which opens the door of the heart to a more dynamic faith. It calls for the three acts of righteousness: alms-giving, prayer, and fasting (Mt. 6:1-24). Self-denial and alms-giving are expressions of our gratitude for God's love, mercy and grace, causing us to look beyond ourselves and hear the cry of the poor.

"If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered." (Prov. 21:13) "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27) "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Mt. 25:45-46).

To hear the cry of the poor is to recognize the grace that has brought you from fear to love, from lost to found, from selfishness to godliness. A passion arises within that is not unlike the compassion of Jesus when He cried out from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Lent is a time of growing in the desire of offering grace to the poor as God has offered grace to you.

Look about in your own world. Do you hear the cry of the poor? If you do not, your world has effectively shut out the poor, for they are everywhere and "always with us". Because your world contains the poor, listening for their cry will make you aware of them, and that awareness leads you to see your own poverty. That is the usefulness of Lent in our personal ongoing renewal. That is a significant part of "working out our salvation in fear and trembling".

Renewal calls for alms-giving, prayer and fasting for in that trinity of self-denial comes the solidarity with those who suffer painful hardships, whose misery seems inescapable. By such denial for forty days of lent, you are made aware of the entrapment of poverty, limiting opportunity, being caught in the absence of dignity and achievement, and that passion will become part of you.

We tend to direct our attention to what is best in this world and the means by which we can acquire, process, and possess it. Because poverty is painful and unfulfilling, unclear and limiting, it is easy not to go there. Because it takes time and treasure over the duration of our life to make the slightest impact, we hesitate to enter that world where God is most understood. Because it is a world of dependency on

God, we miss the opportunity to renew our own dependency of Him.

The world of the poor, centers our own journey on being like Jesus who took His disciples to the field of the poor to teach them the Gospel. If we enter this Lenten time listening to the cry of the poor, we will begin to give on a different plane, pray with a different focus, and fast with a different result. There will be an increased purity and enlightenment to our giving, prayer, and fasting, freeing us from the demands we place on God for ourselves, breaking the bondage to comfort and things that feed our ego. The poor actually become our partners in life's journey, our prayers become salted with surrender and concentrated with what really matters in this life, transforming us from masters to servants, from classed groups to brothers and sisters of all humankind, our fasting lead us to a courage to do something about our own poverty, a willingness to be an example of Christ-likeness and a holiness of character, rich in the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We will indeed live by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit who indwells us (Gal. 5:22-25).

Such a Lent becomes permanently fixed within us, filling us with the stature of Christ

GOT CHURCH NEWS ?

Looking for more ways to promote your church events? Email information to News@uclc.org for possible inclusion in United Churches' ongoing event promotion. Include What / Where / When / web site / Facebook / Who For / Cost & details. Our broadcasting department will develop them for use in producing one minute weekly Public Service Announcements (PSA) for area radio stations, postings on Facebook, Twitter, Connect Williamsport, etc. Kathy and Lou Kolb who chair that department hope this effort will result in some more people attending area church events. Regardless, it would show the public that there are active churches inviting them to events.

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

Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share our bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin” (Isaiah 58:6-7)? This Lent what fast will we choose and for what outcome? Whom will we serve? What justice will we promote?

Lycoming County Unemployment Rate for December 2013: The preliminary unemployment rate for the county for December 2013 was 6.7% which equaled the national unemployment rate for December.

Family Promise (Ecumenical Homeless Family Program) Experiencing Challenging Times: Family Promise which locally is supported by numerous churches in the county provides shelter and services to families experiencing homelessness is currently in need of a new “day center.” Without this type of facility families lack a place to go during the day for shelter and to use resources for job location and school bus pick up. During the evening, 14 churches have been serving on a weekly rotating basis to provide food and a place to sleep. Family Promise has applied for use of a building in Williamsport; however, a variance will be needed for such use. This vital program, that has been helping families since 2010, needs expanded support (prayers, donations, and volunteers) from the local faith community. For more information and to offer assistance contact Melissa Magargle or Jenny Hull at 570-567-7103.

Local School Lunch Programs Reveal Pervasive Level of Need: Recently released data for the 2013-14 school year for free & reduced lunch programs in county schools reveals a high level of need for children.

School District	% Free Eligible	% Reduced Eligible	Total %
East Lycoming.....	24.4.....	5.1.....	29.5
Jersey Shore.....	31.9.....	8.7.....	40.6
Loyalsock.....	27.9.....	4.4.....	31.7
Montgomery.....	30.6.....	6.7.....	37.3
Montoursville.....	19.3.....	4.8.....	24.2
Muncy.....	26.7.....	6.9.....	33.6
South Williamsport.....	29.3.....	7.4.....	36.4
Williamsport.....	53.1.....	6.8.....	59.9

In charity we need to do more to support food pantries and other programs that assist families with children. In justice we need to advocate for maintaining adequate funding for nutritional programs that provide food and other services for children and youth.

Workshop Series For Families

Conversations based on the book *The Secrets of Happy Families*, by Bruce Fiedler are being postponed until



later in the year. Our Family Life Task Force looks forward to these sessions helping those who attend be able to learn effective ways to connect, communicate and play more with their family.

CWS BLANKET AND KIT COLLECTION

Keeep making your **School Kits, Health Kits and Emergency Clean Up Bucket Kits** to replenish the warehouse in New Windsor Maryland for Church World Service. Our local collection will take place in a new way this year. You can bring your kits to our United Churches office during May. If possible please have them already boxed with all of the same kits in each box. With the disasters stretching our resources these blankets and kits are desperately needed. We also will be collecting blankets and your \$5 donations for blankets. Remember that a blanket is the most basic component of every disaster response. For more information contact our office.

Mark Your Calendar

Church Women United’s **May Friendship Day** will be Friday, May 2 beginning with a Noon luncheon. The service follows at 1:15 p.m. at Pine Street United Methodist Church, 441 Pine Street, Williamsport.

Walk For Water 2014: Youth and Church members in Lycoming County are invited to participate in the Annual Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 12. Gather at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Fleming Center at 720 W 4th St, Wmspt. Registration begins at 8 am, mass at 8:30 and the 8.5 mile walk at 9. This walk will raise money for water and sanitation projects in two communities in Nicaragua to provide clean drinking water for children and their families. The goal is to raise \$7,500. Project 1 will build a water/sanitation system to provide water to Santa Barbara, (near the city of Somoto in the Northwest of Nicaragua). A community of 87 families. Project 2 will install a water tank for a school of 500 students in Matagalpa northwest of Managua, Nicaragua’s capital. Sponsor sheets, registration and more information are available by contacting Sue Noland, 570-322-7755 or rioton@live.com, Susana Falck, 570-546-3728, Sue McCusker, 570-323-2825.

CREATION CORNER*from our Christian Social Concerns Committee*

DOING OUR PART – WHAT WE CAN DO

To truly *Green Our Faith*, we need to take responsibility in the community in *Environmental Justice*—respond beyond the charity of immediate needs. Through education and mobilization, we can transform unhealthy conditions so that *All* can *Live*. “What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God” (Micah 6:8). With gratitude and humility we can inspire others and green our justice.

Introducing Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light, (PA IPL), an affiliate of a national religious response to global warming and coalition committed to a better future for the earth and God’s creatures. As a people of faith responding to climate change as a moral issue, faith is put into action. Local and area Congregations are invited to add their voice to this national network. PA IPL offers training programs to help organize advocacy for care of creation. The State College office has an available contact through Cricket Hunter (814-876-2597) chunter@paipl.org. The Greater Williamsport Community, in conjunction with United Churches Social Concerns Committee, will have an opportunity to learn about free energy audits conducted by PA IPL. Watch for dates and times in forthcoming newsletters.

By responding to environmental challenges in a faith friendly way we can *reduce* the cost and waste of energy, *reuse* what we have, *return* to others by *recycling*, and *restore* and *sustain* what God has given us.

“Thank you, God, for water, soil and air, large gifts supporting everything that lives. Forgive our spoiling and abuse of them. Help us renew the face of the earth.

Thank you, God, for minerals and ores, the basis of all building, wealth and speed. Forgive our reckless plundering and waste. Help us renew the face of the earth.

Thank you, God for priceless energy, stored in each atom gathered from the sun. Forgive our greed and carelessness of power. Help us renew the face of the earth....

Help us to share, consider, save and store”

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- By Gail Landers, Green Justice Team, Penn Central Conference UCC

Earth Day Sunday 2014 and Beyond: Creation Justice Ministries develops Earth Day Sunday materials each year to help congregations celebrate and care for God’s Creation. The 2014 theme is “Water, Holy Wa-

ter” The web site offers adult and youth educational resources, sermon starters, a bulletin insert (prayers and litany), and action steps for congregations. See <http://www.creationjustice.org/earthday>

YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY - (YPM)

Rev. Danesta Whaley - 570-326-6868

North Central Regional Director

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb. 5:12

First of all a BIG ‘THANK YOU’ to all of you who supported our annual rose fundraiser. It was a success for us and also a blessing to those who received roses. We were, also, able to bless a few nursing homes and some other women in need as well with the beautiful blessing of flowers. The Lord’s Love was evident to all!

As we share God’s powerful Word weekly with the incarcerated, it becomes evident that the Word of the Lord is able to transform lives. We not only have an opportunity to witness HIS great love and transforming power through these ‘on-site’ visits, but we receive many letters from men and women who are incarcerated in a variety of states. Many share their struggles and their joys with us and we hear stories of transformation in their lives. Most desire to dig deeper into God’s Word. As Yokefellowship does not have a correspondence Bible study, we partner with other ministries, such as Gospel Express. We offer these seekers the first booklet in a series from the various studies we receive. They are able to complete the study in that series and then order additional studies direct through Gospel Express. It is such a great sense to know we don’t have to do it all... we partner with others to spread God’s powerful Word any way we are able to. We are grateful to these other ministries and help to support their ministries as we are able.

In addition, a few inmates show their appreciation to us by sending along little pamphlets or poems, and stories they collect. As we are able, we share and pass these along to others who are incarcerated and they are helped. Again, God’s Word proves time and again that it truly is the transforming agent for changed lives. These little resources are a great way to continue ‘going into all the world and preaching the gospel’. We send out yearly at least 65+ letters/booklets and the cost is generally \$1.90-\$2.00/person. If you would like to know more about Yokefellowship Prison Ministry, or make a donation, checks/correspondence to: Yokefellowship Prison Ministry, 1200 Almond St., Williamsport, PA 17701. Keep spreading HIS Word!

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA

Godspell: St. Boniface is hosting the "Sweet Charity" performers as they put on a 20th Anniversary production of Godspell. The show will be on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Lia Hart and her family and Lia's fight with cancer. Tickets are \$15 each. To purchase tickets in advance, call their Office of Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

Williamsport Civic Chorus will hold a Concert on Palm Sunday, April 13th, 2014 at 3:00 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market Street, Williamsport. They will perform the "Mass in B Minor", by J.S. Bach. This glorious summation of the life, faith, and musical craft of J.S. Bach, showcases his genius in combining complex choruses and beautiful arias. With full orchestral accompaniment and accomplished vocal soloists, this musical masterpiece is one that you will not want to miss! An audience reception will follow the program. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$12 for general admission, and \$10 for students and seniors. Children under 12 who are accompanied by a ticketed adult will be admitted without charge. Tickets obtained in advance at R. M. Sides Family Music Center and The Otto Bookstore will each be discounted by \$2.

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER will be held Friday, April 11 at 5:30 pm at Living Hope Fellowship, 3299 Route 4008, Forksville PA. It is presented by Jews for Jesus (www.jewsforjesus.org). This event shows the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God. This sermonic demonstration is visual, so the participants will see a table set with traditional Passover items. The presenter also uses Scripture to walk through a Jewish Passover Seder, weaving the story of the Exodus together with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The words He spoke in the upper room come alive as each Hebraic item is explained. This presentation will be followed by a meal with some traditional (chicken soup with matzo balls) and not so traditional Jewish foods and desserts. Seating is limited. There is no cost but reservations are needed. Call the church office, 570-924-3600 or Joyce 570-924-3717 by April 4. An offering will be taken to support the missionary efforts of Jews for Jesus.

Passover Dinner with Seder Inspired Menu at Le Jeune Chef: Chef Mike from the school of Business and Hospitality has reached out to the Student Activi-

ties Office to assist in a new program for the spring 2014 semester. His idea is to host a Passover Dinner, with a Seder inspired menu. Highlights of the menu are: Matza Ball Soup, Seafood Quenelle with Marinated Cucumbers and salad greens, Chicken Breast with Tomato and Mushrooms, Roasted Potatoes and Tzimmes, Chocolate Mousse Cake, There will also be grape Juice in lieu of wine throughout, coffee, and tea. The dinner will be on Monday, April 14 beginning at 6 pm in Le Jeune Chef. The cost is \$15 for students and \$17 for faculty, staff, and public. Ticket sales begin s 3/21 at 10 am at the Busch Campus Center Information Desk.

The Passion of Christ: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Youth Ministry is sponsoring a showing of "The Passion of the Christ", directed by Mel Gibson on April 13th (Passion Sunday) at 3 pm at the Community Arts Center, 220 West Fourth Street, Williamsport. The cost of entry is \$5.00 and any proceeds is going to support the "Little Ones Clothing Closet" as they begin their ministry to young mothers and their children in need.

Living Stations of the Cross: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Youth Ministry is presenting Living Stations and the normal prayer moments in . It will be at the ST Joseph the Worker Church, 702 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, on Passion Sunday, April 13th at 7 pm and Good Friday, April 18th at 8:30 pm.

Ecumenical Good Friday Services will be held throughout our area:

Noon- 3:00 pm

St. Marks Lutheran Church, 142 Market Street, Williamsport, by the Williamsport City Ministerium.
Theme: Personalities Around the Cross



Heshbon Park United Methodist Church, 2898 Heshbon Road, Williamsport, by the Hepburn Lycoming Ministerium. Theme: The Seven Last Words of Christ.

1:00 pm

Muncy Baptist Church, 9 West Penn Street, Muncy, Speaker, Rev. Robert Dunkleberger, hosted by the Muncy Ministerium.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA

The Letters Behind My Name is a drama presented by Lycoming College of Women's Life Stories and Experiences with the Criminal Justice System and Reentry. It is based on ensemble members life stories and experiences with the criminal justice system and reentry. It has been written and performed by the College and Community Fellowship's Theater for Social Change. It will be held Thursday, March 13 at 7 pm in Honors Hall at Lycoming College. A Q&A will follow the performance. This event is free and open to the public. Honors Hall is located on the corner of Basin St. and E. Willow Street in Williamsport.

Purim Celebration: Ohev Sholom Congregation, 1501 Cherry Street in Williamsport, will be hosting its annual Purim Celebration the weekend of March 15-16 beginning with the traditional reading of the Book of Esther on Saturday night, March 15th at 7:30 pm. On Sunday, there will be additional readings at 9 am and at 4 pm followed by the annual Purim dinner and party at 5 pm. The cost for the dinner is \$12 and reservations can be made by calling the synagogue office at 570-322-4209.

Iron Chef Williamsport to benefit Family Promise of Lycoming County: The sixth Annual Iron Chef Competition will be held Sunday, March 23 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market Street, Williamsport. Those who attend will be served a delicious dinner while the competition is taking place. Once the meal has been served, the cooking challenge begins. The title Defenders, a team from St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport, will be challenged by a team from Faith United Methodist Church, Montoursville. In order for all those present to view the event, the contest will be projected onto a large screen on stage. The tickets cost \$30 per person. For reservations call 570-323-4619.

Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast: The Susquehanna Valley Chapter—Pennsylvanians for Human Life will have their Prayer Breakfast Saturday, March 29 at 9:30 am at the Holiday Inn Express, Williamsport. Pastor Dilonna Coran, Founder & President of Social Conservatives of PA and currently serves as Vice Chair of Lycoming County Republican Committee and President of Lycoming County Council of Republican Women will be the speaker. Cost is \$13 Adult & \$10 Children 12 & under. Reservations are needed by 3/14, call 570-745-3328. For details visit www.pavalleyprolife.org.

The Anonymous People: You are invited to see this powerful documentary, *The Anonymous People* that will be shown at the Williamsport Community Arts Center at 7 pm Monday, April 7th. Mark your calendar and call your friends. No ticket required; admission by free will donation. *THE ANONYMOUS PEOPLE* is a feature documentary film about the 23 million Americans living in long term recovery from alcohol and other addictions. The film's moving story will serve as the launch for a grassroots group known as the Recovery community Initiative. The goal is to bring social service agencies, health care professionals, elected officials, educators, the judicial system and the local recovery community together to work in unified effort to bring a passionate, new public awareness and enhanced recovery movement in our area. Our mission is to transform public opinion, engage the entire community, and shift the focus away from the problems toward lasting solutions. It is sponsored by the Recovery Community Initiative, 618 Diamond Street, Williamsport.

Dinner Theatre: St. Paul-Calvary United Methodist Church invites you to see "Murder at the Pie Auction" on April 24, 25, 26 at 6pm for dinner and the show, or for a Sunday Matinee, April 27th at 2pm with dessert only. Call Larry Rhinehart (570-546-7294) for ticket reservation.

Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 27-May 4, 2014, sponsored by your regional conservation district. "Dig Deeper: Mysteries of the Soil" is the theme. Educational materials for all ages and stewardship program insert/litany available. Visit <http://www.nacd-net.org/education/resources/digdeeper> or call 1-888-695-2433.

Arbor Day, celebrated annually the last Friday of April, inspires people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. <http://www.arborday.org>.

Health Education Programs: AmeriHealth is offering to provide educational programs that stress the importance of early detection, preventative care, healthy behaviors and overall personal health awareness. Some of the areas include: 25 Ways To Wellness, Adult Dental Health, Asthma Management, Bullying, Cavity Free Kids, Childhood Weight Management, Child's Health, Diabetes Management, Heart Health, and Medicine Safety. For more information or to schedule an event contact Melissa Farenish at 570-419-3263.

UNITED CHURCHES GOLF TOURNAMENT 2014

Our Fourth Annual Golf Tournament is Friday, September 25 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 come back as sponsors year after year!

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Cindy L. Horn, Longaberger Home Consultant
Plumbing Masters
Rick Musselman, Golf Services Unlimited
Wendy's in Montoursville
Merle Norman Cosmetics & Day Spa
Rick Mahonski Jewelry Walmart
Lazy Alpaca Store, Muncy PA
The Eye Center on River Ave. Williamsport
Dincher's Auto Body
Perkins Family Restaurant & Bakery

Utz
Snyders Nursery
Labels by Pulizzi
Petro's Jewelers
Bimbo Bakeries
Panera Bread
Thrivent Financial
Pat Ressler

Rada Cutlery

CHURCH SPONSORS

First Baptist Church, Williamsport
St. Boniface Catholic Church
Montoursville Presbyterian Church
Northway Presbyterian Church
St. Paul - Calvary United Methodist
Citychurch of Williamsport
Larryville United Methodist Church
Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Wmspt.
Messiah Lutheran, South Williamsport
First Church of Christ (Disciples)
Trinity Episcopal Church, Williamsport
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
St. Ann's Catholic Church
New Covenant United Church of Christ
Church of the Resurrection Muncy
White Pine United Methodist
First United Methodist in Muncy
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

