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29th ANNUAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE

7:30 P.M., Sunday, March 13, 2011

Speaker:

Bishop Robert L. Driesen

Upper Susquehanna Synod

Evangelical Lutheran

Church of America



Place: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

800 Mulberry Street, Montoursville

Sunday, March 13th will be a wonderful opportunity for each of us to witness to the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to renew our faith and unite as people of God, and to then go out and proclaim the good news. It will also be a good opportunity for you to greet Bishop Driesen, is a former pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport, and a past president of United Churches (UCLC).

UNITED CHURCHES 2011 CHALLENGE

The Board of Directors has adopted a multi-faceted, daring, ambitious, and entirely plausible fund raising plan. A plan that will allow us to continue to do God's ministry together

This past June the economy and income for United Churches forced us to reduce all five day a week positions to four days a week. This was continued for the 2011 budget, and means that staff and ministry hours for Shepherd of the Streets and United Churches took a 20% pay reduction and have 20% less time to get their ministry completed.

The challenge is to raise enough funding this year to return United Churches staff to their regular employment status and to begin the process of replacing investment principal so that the ministry of United Churches might be appropriately supported. The goal is to celebrate at the 2011 Annual Assembly the raising of \$45,000 (over and above regular donations) so that we can plan for the future stability of United Churches.

1. The Board began fund raising among themselves, and are currently almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to their goal of raising over \$3,000.

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2. We will then go to ecumenically minded individuals through whom we hope to raise \$10,000. If 30 people give \$100, 20 give \$250 and 4 give \$500 we'll make it!
3. The challenge will also go to each of our 180 congregations who partner with us on many levels, and through whom we hope to raise an additional \$22,000. If just 102 catch the vision and 40 give \$100 extra, 30 give \$200, 20 give \$250, 10 give \$500 and 2 give \$1,000 we will easily make the goal! Some will do that with a special collection on United Churches Sunday - June 19, or you can choose a date that works for your congregation.
4. We will be having our 2nd Amazing Grace Tour this summer. It will be Saturday, August 6. The churches on the tour are; Holy Cross Orthodox, St. Boniface Roman Catholic, New Covenant United Church of Christ, Salvation Army and St. Marks Lutheran. The money raised will be split this year between our Shepherd of the Streets and the Salvation Army. We hope to make well over our \$3,000 goal.
5. A new fund raiser for us will be our First Annual United Churches Golf Tournament which will be held Tuesday morning, September 20 at White Deer Golf Course. Our goal is to make over \$7,000 and the next article explains how congregations can help.

We will have a lot to celebrate together at our November 2011 Annual Assembly for we've always know....

**United Churches
is your church
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in Ministry**

1st Annual UCLC Golf Tournament

As a part of the 2011 UCLC Challenge you read about in the previous article, we are happy to tell you that our plans for our first golf tournament are well under way.

We will have hold this tournament on Tuesday September 20 with a shotgun start at 9am at White Deer Golf Courses. The cost per golfer is \$75 which includes the round of golf, your golf cart, and a luncheon immediately following the event.

As we head into spring we are looking for golfers and sponsors. Pastors will soon be receiving a letter asking them to appoint one contact person that will handle all information and registration. We also are looking for any golfers from the general public.

Our other need is sponsorships. We will need hole sponsors as well as organizations willing to give us prizes for our golfers. Anyone with the right connections should contact us as well.

Contacts for both golfers and sponsors as well as any other information should be sent to Ken Weiss at kweiss1213@hotmail.com or at 323-6325.

WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES*

Join us from 12 to 1 p.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 p.m. No reservations are necessary. (Call Gwen at 419-1464 to check for snow cancellation.)

MARCH:**LENTEN SERIES: The Dramatic Silences**

- 9- **Prof. Jane Keller**, Member of the Pennsdale Friends Meeting House, "*The Silence of Seeking God*", Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- 16- **Rev. James Sunderland, Jr.**, Pastor, Unityville United Methodist Parish, "*The Silence of Jesus' Last Week in the City*", Mark 11: 9-11
- 23- **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, Executive Dir, United Churches "*The Silence of Jesus At the Table*", Mt. 26:20-22
- 30- **Dr. J. Morris Smith**, Shepherd of the Street "*The Silence of Jesus At the Oil Press*", John 18:6

APRIL:

- 6- "*By the Fire*", Luke 22:60-61 Speaker TBA
- 13- "*In the Courtroom*", Mt 27: 13-14 Speaker TBA
- 20- **Dr. J. Morris Smith**, Shepherd of the Street "*Of the Threefold hour*", Luke 23:44-45a

This is a ministry that everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in. Make plans to join us and you're welcome to bring a friend!

DIAL - A - DEVOTION *

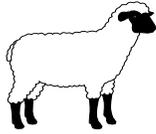
Have you called yet?
The number is 322-5762.
It's available 24 hours a day.



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 fall include:

- 3/7-13 Mrs. Dorothy Wagner 3/14-20 Rev. Kathleen Ehrsam
- 3/21-27 Fr. Dan Kovalak 3/28-4/3 Rev. Gwen Bernstine
- 4/4-10 Revs. Jim and Kathy Behrens

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!



SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS*

J. Morris Smith, Th. D.,
Contact at: 322-6538

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Poverty is when one does not have the means to be sheltered adequately, eat nutritionally, clothe appropriately, cover the cost of water, heat, and electricity, pay for medicine, care for the body, and provide the same for those for whom they are responsible. The abundance of this land is beyond the reach of many and costing more and more, making the American dream, the impossible scheme. Why?

The poor must turn to charity and welfare to have even the bare necessities. Public assistance is from \$125 to more, depending on number and age. The food is lacking in nutritional value, the clothes are “pre-owned”, the utility bill is inadequately subsidized, often only a portion of the total amount which quickly mounts beyond impossible, resulting in shut-offs. Food cost is increasing, utilities have accelerated, and medical-dental services are out of the question. SSI is \$600 a month average, disability is about the same, and rent, utilities, food, health and hygiene must come out of that. When I first started ministry, I got \$600 a month and it bought my groceries and provided my basic needs. I thought I was well paid for a freshman pastor.

Some reading this are old enough to remember “the depression” with food lines and rationing, but everyone survived. Some of us are old enough to remember that during World War II practically everything necessary was rationed and we were given those little stamps when it was our turn to get the ration. We even had a victory garden and bicycles were a major mode of transportation for the young and the older. We saved tinfoil, string, and newspapers for the war effort. And all of that was adequate. We were satisfied.

The kitchen was used to prepare and cook food from scratch and eat breakfast, lunch, and supper as a family. Before graduating from high school, I think I ate at a restaurant twice. (Mom was sick or something.) During school we ate lunch with everyone else at the cafeteria for 35 cents a day and on Fridays we could buy a candy bar after lunch for a nickel! (I just discovered that this laptop does not have a “cents” symbol. What does that tell you?)

That’s the way it was, but at least these basics were available because they did not cost so much to begin with. Most things were produced locally or nearby and were simple, one of a kind. When I started driving, gasoline was 11 cents a gallon, bread was 8 cents a loaf, milk was 9 cents a quart, and one could have a Friday night date on \$2, which included the gasoline to drive the family car, two tickets to the movie with popcorn, and a big ‘ole soda to share at the Dairy Queen where all the young folks gathered, date or not,

sitting on the car fenders just talking. We called it entertainment.

What has happened? Technology...a blessing and a bane, has provided mass production, often not needing human skill, except to know where the on and off switch is. Prepared foods, mass entertainment, variation upon variation of communication and entertainment devices, each outperforming the other, are mass produced. But, to get the technology, the farmer or manufacturer had to invest big bucks, and to do that, they had to borrow money which makes money cost more than its value. Cost + interest + material + labor = higher price. This is why the price of oil affects everything...fuel to run the machines, fuel to transport the commodity (mostly made of plastic), larger spaces with refrigerated cases and all the machines to retail the items. Add the demand for what was not even known a year ago (making the current obsolete) and what used to cost \$10 now costs \$50.

Used to be, if you wanted bread, you had the choice of packaged and sliced white or brown. Now look at the bread rack at the supermarket...the variety is ridiculous, but the demand for that variety is more delusional and if the store is not able to carry all of it, people go to the store that does, forcing the small grocer to either enlarge or quit, leaving food to the most expensive way. What used to be 8 cents now is \$3.98. A nickel bar of candy is now a dollar. What is poverty on the increase?

As Pogo said, “We have met the enemy and he is us.” When someone loses his job, or is underpaid or under-hired, they join the ranks of poverty, caught in this insatiable cycle of human need and want. The world calls this whole wad progress. Progress is supposed to lead to a stronger, wealthier, happier society. Has it? If somehow we could simplify.

Church Women United
May Friendship Day Luncheon and Program
 Friday, May 6 beginning at Noon
 Montoursville Presbyterian Church
 Mark the date and watch for more information.

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

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matt 4:3-4) Jesus' first temptation in the desert dealt with his hunger resulting from his fasting. Jesus acknowledged the need for bread (food) while stressing his need to focus on the word of God. All people need adequate material goods as well as spiritual ones. Lent is a time to increase our spiritual nourishment. Lent is also a time to renew our commitments to serve the needs of others in our families, communities, nation and the world. As we begin the Lenten journey of renewal may we be balanced in meeting needs – both spiritual and material.

Lycoming County Unemployment Rate Increased: The preliminary rate of unemployment for Lycoming County (Williamsport Metropolitan Statistical Area) for December 2010 was 8.3%. This was an increase compared with November.

Lenten Action: Write a Letter ...and turn three minutes of your time into lasting change for hungry people – out of faith rises advocacy for justice.

A handwritten letter to Congress can be an effective expression of faith. Adding why you are motivated to write to the sample letter below can influence Congressional action.

Be sure to provide your name and address on BOTH the letter and envelope so that your members of Congress know you are one of the people they represent.

***SAMPLE LETTER ***

Dear Representative _____ or Dear Senator _____

I'm asking you to reform the way the United States delivers foreign assistance so it will help millions of people in poor countries move out of hunger and poverty. Streamlined and more efficient U.S. foreign aid programs will ensure that our tax dollars are used effectively – without increasing the amount of money spent.

By focusing our aid dollars on moving people out of poverty, we help foster economic growth and opportunity. Fewer people struggling with poverty and stronger economies in developing countries contribute to our own national security as well.

This is why I am asking you to support reforms in the ways we deliver and administer U.S. foreign aid. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your name

Your address

Send your letter to Congress. Put each letter in a separate envelope and address it as below.

Senator _____ (Robert Casey / Patrick Toomey)
 U.S. Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

Representative _____
 (Glenn Thompson – PA 5th / Thomas Marino – PA 10th)
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515

UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY *
Gail Burkhardt, Coordinator 322-1657

Our Food Pantry provides a three day supply of food to many in need in our community. In February we assisted a total of 369 persons; 203 adults, 109 children and 57 elderly in 132 households.

Just a reminder as you gather food donations from your own cupboards or the cupboards of a loved one who perhaps has moved to an assisted living facility, etc., please take a second to look for the expiration dates on the foods you send us. We must be extremely careful that the foods that we distribute to are in code so that we don't make anyone sick! Sometimes the expiration dates are very clear and easy to read, sometimes you have to look a little more closely. Our volunteers are trained to try to check each item but your help in this is greatly appreciated.

I think the one that has the record for past due date is a box of 'Betty Crocker Pie Mix' dated 1981 !!!!! Honest. That is one for the records !!! I'm really into antiques and collectibles but... our clients prefer edibles!

We are always grateful for your donations, thoughts and prayers. This month the items that we especially need are:

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| ramen noodles | tea bags | saltine crackers |
| mac-n-cheese | granola bars | oatmeal packs |
| sugar | spaghetti sauce | coffee |
| cakes mixes/frostings | canned veggies | pasta |
| chunky soups | canned tomatoes | |

The sun is shining brighter and the birds sound much more cheery, spring can't be far behind. Have a good month and many thanks for all that you do to support our ministry.

Your donations are best brought Monday mornings from 9:30 - Noon. Persons needing food should call and leave their name and number on the answering machine to make an appointment to receive food on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 - 3 and at other times by appointment.

CAMPUS MINISTRY *

Sharon Comini, Coordinator,

Contact at: 419-5376 or ucm@uclc.org

By the time you read this newsletter, we will be on our way home from our mission trip in Washington D.C. We would like to thank everyone for your support in getting us there.

- Thank you Lutheran Shared Ministry and Bernadette Jones and everyone involved in putting together "A Christmas Carol" back in December. The proceeds from that greatly helped to fund our trip.
- We would also like to thank everyone for your generous support with our soup sale. If you provided soup for us, we thank you, and if you purchased a quart or two of soup, we thank you. We hope that it warmed you up on those cold days we had. With your help, we were able to raise over \$500 for our trip.
- In February, we had the opportunity to speak to the children at St. Mark's Lutheran Church about our mission work. The kids generously supplied us with snack items for our trip. Thanks so much for that. We appreciate it.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We look forward to sharing our Washington experience with you in next month's newsletter. We are so very blessed and encouraged by your support.

In His Love,

Sharon Comini and the UCM Students

CREATION CORNER

from our Christian Social Concerns Committee

Billtown Film Festival 2011

-by Richard James - guest columnist

We in the final stages of preparations of the 2nd Annual Billtown Film Festival and have a very eclectic mix of animation, live action, narrative and documentary styles. We're anxious because we truly want the festival to be rousing success. Please come and enjoy 3 wonderful evenings of creative, thought-provoking films. Here's the schedule:

In response to the heightened sensitivity of environmental issues facing our region, the Billtown Film Festival committee has selected films and videos that address the concerns of climate change, alternate energy technology, social and moral responsibility, and environmental sustainability. The films are artful, funny, poignant, profound, informative and entertaining.

While the audience is being seated the screenings will be preceded with 30 minutes of movie theme scores. Each night will be different. Admission is FREE! Donations welcomed.

Thursday, April 21, 2011

6:30 pm *Movie Music*

7:00pm *Short Films*

Carbon Footprint

The Meatrix 1

Balancing Point

The Next 7 Generations

Garbage Angels

7:30pm *Feature Film*

Carbon Nation

Friday, April 22, 2011

6:30pm *Movie Music*

7:00pm *Short Films*

Child's View of Recycling

Time Lapse Earth 1

The Meatrix 2

Corner Plot

The Cow Who Wanted to be a Hamburger

7:30pm *Feature Film*

Renewal – Stories from America's

Religious-Environmental Movement

Saturday, April 23, 2011

6:30pm *Movie Music*

7:00pm *Short Films*

Plastic Perils of the Pacific

Soil in Good Heart

An Environmental Restaurant

Gone Fishing

The Meatrix 2.5

7:30pm *Feature Film*

The Great Squeeze – Surviving
the Human Project



Sponsors and Community Partners: The Community Arts Center, First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, RPA Inc., The James V. Brown Library, The Williamsport Sun Gazette, Mainstreet - Williamsport, The Graphic Hive.

Please Note: Due to the seriousness nature of the theme, some films may not be suitable for children. Parental supervision is advised.

Be sure to check out the Billtown Film Festival Blog website. <http://billtownfilmfestival.com/category/blog/> It has tons of useful information for film makers, policy makers, average citizens and movie lovers.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Jewish Christian Dialogue: God, Kingdom and Messiah is being offered by the division of Spiritual Care Geisinger Medical Center on Tuesday Afternoons: March 8, 22 and April 5, 2011 from 1-3 pm at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, Pine and Market, Danville. Two eminent scholars, each expert in his own tradition, take Jewish-Christian dialogue to a new level.

Neusner and Chilton's lively comparisons serve as a primer on the defining energies of these two monumental religions, intertwined in their roots. One is invited to identify the unity of questions and the equally strong difference in answers held by each tradition. In doing so, one may not only better understand the other, but attain brighter clarity of one's own religious faith.

Facilitators are Rabbi Shaul Rappeport, Rabbi of Ohav Sholom Synagogue, Williamsport; The Reverend Canon Marjorie Menaul, Rector of St. Paul Episcopal Church, Bloomsburg, and Chaplain Karl A. Polm-Faudre, PhD Director of Education, Research and Outreach, Division of Spiritual Care, Geisinger

Text: Neusner, Jacob and Bruce Chilton (1998). *Jewish-Christian Debates: God, kingdom, messiah*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. ISBN 0-8006-3109-9

Registration required and limited to 18 participants on a first-come-first-serve basis. To register, call Chaplain Karl at 570-214-5091, indicate the name of the workshop series, your name, contact phone number and email address. You will receive a return phone call confirming your reservation.

From suffering a loss to becoming an advocate for reform:

Personal Reflection on the Death Penalty.

A Presenter: Vicki Schieber
Vicki Schieber's daughter, Shannon, was raped and murdered on May 7, 1998 while finishing her first year of graduate school on a full scholarship at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Since this tragic incident, Vicki and her husband, Sylvester, have dedicated their careers and lives to a moratorium on the death penalty. In addition to teaching many high school and university classes on abolition, Vicki runs workshops for state conferences, is a published author, and served on the 2008 Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment. Vicki is the recipient of the Fannie Mae Foundation Good Neighbor Award, the Courage in Community Award of the McAuley Institute Board of Trustees and the Exceptional Community Spirit Award from Rebuilding Together of Washington, D.C. Despite her tragic loss she does all this in the name of Catholi-

cism, citing that "The death penalty is against our religion, a belief system in which life is held to be sacred."

Vicki Schieber will be speaking at Lycoming College, Honors Hall / Performance Hall (southeast corner of E 4th & Basin Sts) **in Williamsport on Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 P.M.** The event is free.

Everyone is invited to come and hear her compelling story of reconciliation and forgiveness. If you require more information or would like a flyer emailed to you, contact Jim Foran at margyjimforan601@cs.com, or Gwen Bernstine at uclc@sunlink.net or 419-1464.

School of Healing: Trinity Episcopal Church, 844 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport, will be hosting a School of Healing for three full days on April 1-3. It is a program of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center's Healing Ministry, directed by the Rev. Nigel Mumford, an Episcopal priest and the speaker of the C-t-K Center in Greenwich NY. The cost is \$100. Topics covered in level one include:

- scriptural foundations for healing
- healing our image of God
- introduction to inner healing
- gifts of the Holy Spirit
- the healing power of forgiveness
- praying for physical healing
- becoming a prayer minister

For more information, or to register for the course (limited room and time) - contact organizer - Lynne Sprinsky at lsprinsky@gmail.com or call (570)433-4377.

Leadership Conference: The Northumberland Presbytery has scheduled Rev. Dr. Charles Arn to be the speaker on the topic "Welcome to the Family" (How to assimilate Newcomers into your Church family). This one day seminar will be held at Montoursville Presbyterian Church on Saturday April 9 from 9:00-3:30. The workshop is open to all Clergy and Lay Leaders. Cost: \$20.00, this will include your lunch and your workbook. To register, contact the Presbytery office at 368-3906.

Caring for the Caregiver A morning seminar will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at Mater Dolorosa Parish Hall. The Keynote Speakers will be **Dr. Alexander Nesbitt, Barbara Natel and Rev. John Charnock**. This interactive training is designed to help you in providing care to the caregiver and will include community resources available. Registration and light breakfast will begin at 7:30 and the seminar will finish at noon. Save the date. The cost is \$10. CEU available. Register with United Churches at 322-1110 or uclc@sunlink.net.

Pennsylvania State Pastors' Conference theme will be "Practical and Practiced Awe: Reclaiming the Joy and Wonder of Our Call". It will feature the following keynote speakers...

- **Anabel C. Proffitt**, Associate Professor of Educational Ministries, Lancaster Theological Seminary; author of *The Sense of Wonder: Pathos and Play in Religious Education* (forthcoming).
- **John A Berntsen**, Director of Student Services, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; author of *Cross-Shaped Leadership; On the Rough and Tumble of Parish Practice* (Alban, 2008)

Skilled leaders will present engaging workshops on a variety of topics aimed at enhancing pastoral ministry. You'll also be able to enjoy special interest luncheons, Worship, fellowship and so much more when we gather at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East. Reserve November 14-16, 2011 on your calendar and plan to attend.

YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY

Rev. Danesta Whaley, Council Director - 326-6868

Watering and working for the Glory of God!.....

I planted, Apollos watered, But God gave the Increase. What an amazing thing dear ones to be able to co-labor with the Lord whether we are the planters or the waterers of the seeds in the lives of HIS people. We NEVER do this in vain. ... for the Lord will surely bring HIS increase in HIS time and way.

Thank you for all of your giving and support with our recent fund raiser with our rose sale. We were grateful to each one who helped support us. The Montoursville High School students gave their support in helping us with the packaging and many hands worked together to help bring some profit for the ministry. These funds will be put to good use at Yokefellow as we continue to forge ahead with HIS plans.

Exciting days ahead ...we recently held a volunteer training where 5 new volunteers attended along with a few seasoned volunteers to give their testimonies and share in support. Another lady from Wellsboro desired to attend but the snow kept her back for that day. However, she is anticipating connecting very soon with us. One day while standing on her porch, she could see the prison.

The seeds of prayer for the men and women housed there seemed to overtake her on that day. "What more Lord can I do", she asked of HIM. Within a very short time, the Lord seemed to be gently leading her to search the internet. A connection was made and she came across the ministry of Yokefellow. A contact was made and the rest of the story I am certain will be fruitful as we connect.

Everyday, we see HIS leading and HIS inter workings within the ministry. The seeds are being planted and the watering is continuing to those behind the wall. We are grateful to each one who is sowing in prayer, volunteering in the prisons, financial support and wherever the Holy Spirit is leading. Keep watering and working for the Glory of the Kingdom!

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Women's Lenten Breakfast to be held at New Covenant United Church of Christ, 202 East Third St. Williamsport, will host a Women's Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, March 12 at 8:30am at the church. The program will help people prepare for the Lenten journey and will be conducted by Rev. Clara Benson. There is no cost but a good will offering will be taken.

March Madness Revival will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 527 Park Avenue, Williamsport, Wednesday through Friday, March 30 - April 1, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Join them and hear world renowned speaker, Pastor Clinton McFarlin.

To Forgive is to Love Retreat II will be held at St. Patrick's White Haven, PA, April 8th and 9th, 2011. The retreat will be led by Msgr. John Esseff and Rwandan genocide survivor and best selling author of "Left to Tell", Immaculée Ilibagiza. For more information or to register, call Fr. John McHale - 570-233-8548 or email him at buzzmch@hotmail.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Ebenezer Baptist Church is updating their Children's Church Room and would appreciate donations of good used tables, chairs, toys, books, puzzles, workbooks, etc. The church is at 527 Park Avenue. To contact them call 322-7415.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Center City - West Fourth Street Ministerium - Wednesday evenings at 7 - "Forty Days With God's People" Rotating congregations and speakers.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICES

12 Noon - 1:30: Redeemer Lutheran Church by the North East Cluster of Churches
 1:00-2:00 p.m.: St. Andrews Lutheran Church by the Muncy Ministerium

- Complete listing next issue.....