

# UNITED CHURCHES' NEWS

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## COME TO OUR ANNUAL ASSEMBLY\*

**O**ur 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the United Churches will be held Tuesday, November 19 at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Fleming Center, 720 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport. The church is handicapped accessible and parking surrounds the church. Registration begins at 5:45 P.M., with the dinner at 6:30 P.M. The evening will include:

- ★ Presentation of an Ecumenical Service Award.
- ★ Election of officers and new board members.
- ★ Adoption of the 2014 Budget.
- ★ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Shepherd of the Streets.
- ★ Futuring Update.

Attending from each member congregation should be three delegates, the pastor and two lay people. *We encourage other interested persons to be present as non-voting representatives of your congregations.*

Registration is \$13.00 and includes dinner served family style. The menu is baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls and butter, coffee, tea and cakes. Each person will also receive an annual report book. Pastors will receive information via e-mail. Please call the United Churches office, 322-1110 or at [office@uclc.org](mailto:office@uclc.org) to make your reservation by Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

## POSTER CONTEST\*

### **Shepherd of the Streets**

**T**ogether We Make A Difference is the theme of this event, as we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Shepherd of the Street Ministry! The poster contest is open to students throughout the county. Entries must be submitted by Monday, November 11. All entries will be displayed at the United Churches Annual Assembly and winners in each category/age group will be announced. - Details are on age 3



## CHURCH EVENT PROMOTION\*

**S**end your church event information via e-mail to [News@uclc.org](mailto:News@uclc.org) for possible inclusion in our 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 the broadcasting 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.

Visit us at the following web site - [www.uclc.org](http://www.uclc.org)

**CROP WALK**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013**



*Walks Begin at 1:30 P.M.*  
*Registration begins at 1:00 P.M.*

**C**ROP Walk is this Sunday October 13 at 1:30 pm. Most of us will be walking along the River Walk, starting and finishing at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Market St. You can do a 3, 6, and 9 mile loop or anywhere in-between.

Our world is filled with people in need. Disasters seem to be everywhere - fires, floods, winds, drought, war. One minute people are OK and then they are in extreme need. This is why Church World Service is here and their CROP program works with those who are hungry.

This is the 34<sup>th</sup> year of walking for the Williamsport/Lycoming County CROP Walk. There will be people from White Pine, Muncy, Salladasburg, Quiggleville, Loyalsockville, Hughesville, Montoursville, Williamsport, South Williamsport and lots of places in between. Join us!

Our goal is to have 400 walkers and raise \$20,000. Please know that every dollar makes a difference. 25% of the funds we raise support local hunger agencies. This year the agencies we've chosen the following ministries to receive these funds: Food Pantry, Son Light House Food Pantry, American Rescue Workers Food Pantries in Williamsport and Jersey Shore, and St. Anthony's Kitchen.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED \***

Regina Gross, President - 322-2619

**W**orld Community Day will be celebrated on Friday, November 1, at 1 p.m. when women from throughout Lycoming County will gather at the Albright LIFE Center, 901 Memorial Avenue, Williamsport. The theme is "Walking Through Doors of Opportunity". We will have a wonderful experience of both inviting and welcoming new people into new spaces.

Christmas stockings will be collected at this service along with the \$3 donations to fill each stocking. Checks should be made out to Church Women United of Lycoming County. These stockings will be assembled Monday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. at Pine Street UMC, Wmspt., (free parking signs will be available in the church). Women are welcome to help assemble and package the 1200+ stockings that are distributed to area nursing home residents.



**DIAL - A - DEVOTION \***

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



**D**evotions 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:

10/7-13 Rev. Dr. Margaret Balliet 10/14-20 Rev. Danesta Whaley  
10/21-27 Rev. Gwen Bernstine 10/29-11/3 Pastors Jim/ Kathy Behrens  
11/4-10 Rev. Dr. Margaret Balliet 11/11-17 Mrs. Melanie Taormina

***Listen today and tell others about this ministry!***

**UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY \***

*Gail Burkhart, Coordinator 570-322-1627*

**T**he leaves have been pretty this year. The 'old timers' tell me you don't need cold weather for the colors to change. Dry weather will do it. Must be true because up until tropical storm Karen brought us rain, it's been dry.

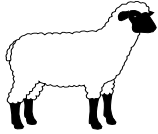
That makes me think about how one thing causes many other things to happen. It's easy sometimes for us to slide into a 'judgmental' mode when we look at folks who need help and think 'if they'd just work harder, or just get a job', they would not need help. If it were only that easy! Many have had a good job but the company closed. Others had good paying jobs when old illnesses resurfaced and make them unable to physically do that job. Many things can go haywire and knock us off track and ...boom...we need help.

So as we work with each person, we try to really see them, remembering they are God's child. We make every effort to make them feel special. We aren't perfect, but it is rewarding to be able to help so many in need. Your donations help make that happen. We have finally received our State funding but just like your family budget we can only stretch that so far. With your help we can accommodate the tremendous increase in our client base. Know how important each item you donate is to us. We are so very grateful.

With cold weather coming, some of our food needs change. This month we are in need of the following items:  
chunky soups    popcorn    oatmeal packets  
pasta (all shapes)    coffee    hot chocolate packets  
tea bags    poptarts    granola bars  
pasta sauce    saltines    canned fruits & veggies  
We are praying for you and asking that you, too, pray for all pantries. We wish you a beautiful Autumn Season.

Don't forget that our Pantry Office is now at 320 Park Avenue. The hours are Mondays 9:30 - Noon for donations and Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-3 for clients food services.

## SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS\*



**J. Morris Smith, Th. D.,**  
 Contact at: 570-322-6538 or [shepherd@uclc.org](mailto:shepherd@uclc.org)

## OUR DUTIES TOWARD OUR NEIGHBOR

**M**an is a social being, born to live in community with his own kind. Man is a spiritual being, born of the image and likeness of God. Man is superior to all other creatures and can reason, and as such has free choice in all things...right or wrong, good or bad, righteous or unrighteous, moral or immoral. It is precisely this freedom that causes a person to presume himself wiser than God.

In this there is good or faulty reasoning, using the mind, knowledge, will, judgment, and senses that have been acquired and trained by man alone. If faith has not been part of one's upbringing, it should be no surprise that faith is misunderstood and unused. If hope has not been a household value in a person's childhood, it should be no surprise that hope is a strange and silly notion. If love has not been beyond self centeredness, it should be no surprise that hope for a better life is missing from one's vision. These three, faith, hope, and love, undergird the nature and scope of Christianity.

Jesus teaches that the love of God and the love of neighbor stand on the same plane...that one must love his neighbor as himself. By this love, all men know that we are disciples of Jesus, if we have love for one another. (Jn. 13:35). "If any man says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. He that does not love his brother, whom he sees, how can he love God, whom he does not see." (1 Jn. 20-21) This love of God and neighbor is based on man being in the image of God and having the freedom to act and react in the likeness of God.

Thus, the duties of justice and charity share the same motivation which is universal. Our motivation rises from more than sympathy or affection (which, upon close examination is selfishness), but rises from the truth that the poor and degraded are also the children of God, and as such our brothers and sisters. Jesus put entry into the Kingdom based on this principle when He said that such justice and charity was the same as personally serving Him (Mt. 25:31ff).

The charity demanded by Jesus is independent of flesh and blood, not contingent on the subject being Christian, or the ability to overcome their situation. (Mt. 5:46-48). Jesus came to save us and show us how to live in holiness as children of God. His was a life of service to all, so the true imitation of Christ can only be found where the same spirit of universal love is found. "I have given you an example, that as I have done to you, you should also do." (Jn. 13:15).

## POSTER CONTEST

**Together We Make A Difference**

For 25 years the Shepherd of the Streets has helped individuals and families in Lycoming County who are in need of hope and peace while in the midst of poverty and need. The program's ability to make a positive impact on lives in need depends on the compassion and generosity of the congregations and residents of Lycoming County.

**Poster Theme: Together, We Make A Difference**

Poster category by grade: - K-1  
 - 2-3  
 - 4-6  
 - 7-9  
 - 10-12



The contest is open all (public, private, home school).

**Rules:**

- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer only special category)
- poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- Each entry must have a completed and signed entry form attached to the back of the poster to be eligible for judging.
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, United Churches encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored by adult assistance.
- Poster contest entries can be submitted either by mail, delivery or through churches.
- Entries must be postmarked by November 11, 2013 and mailed or delivered to: (United Churches of Lycoming County, 202 E. Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

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**To enter the contest:**

Posters must have the official entry form attach to the back of the poster and must be submitted to United Churches of Lycoming County. Deadline for Poster submission is Monday November 11, 2013

**Poster Evaluations**

Poster Contest entries are reviewed judges. The posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Message (50%) (Poster demonstrates the spirit of extending a helping hand to those in need.)
- Visual effectiveness (30%)
- Originality (10%) and
- Universal appeal (10%)
- Also taken into consideration artwork is completed on poster is that of participant (unless noted on entry form)



**Prizes** will be awarded to the top 2 winners in each category. For the entry form, please contact the United Churches office at 570-322-1110 or [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org) or [www.uclc.org](http://www.uclc.org)

**WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES\***

**J**oin us on Wednesdays. 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.



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 the UC office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attendee will help the caterer know how to prepare.

**OCTOBER:**

- 9- **Mr. Don and Mrs. Faye Konkle**, Members of Montoursville Presbyterian Church, *"Mission Trip to the New Jersey Shore"*
- 16- **Ms. Debbie Colton**, Oasis of Hope Ministries, *"Building Safe Havens for the Children Who Are Domestic Victims of Sex Trafficking"*
- 23- **The Rev. Canon Andy France**, Chaplain, Lycoming Prison, Archdeacon Emeritus, Episcopal Diocese of Central Pa. *"Heroin – It's Here and We Need to Do Something: a Personal Story"*
- 30- **Mrs. Tammy Aichner**, United Campus Ministry Coordinator, *"Ministry With College Students"*

**NOVEMBER:**

- 6- **Mr. Jeffrey Mensendiek**, Director of the Student Center for the Board of Global Ministries for The Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ, stationed in Sendai, Japan near Fukushima, *"Ministry to Students, Families and Community Dur-*

*ing and After the Tsunami and Nuclear Meltdown"*

13- To Be Announced

20- **Mrs. Margorie Thompson**, Dir., West End Christian Community Center, *"Embracing the Needs of the Community"*

27- **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, United Churches, *"Give Thanks"*

**GOLF TOURNAMENT REFLECTIONS\***

**Ken Weiss**

**H**ow do you measure success? The world usually does so in dollars and cents. In that case,



our Third Annual Golf Tournament, was by all means a success! While final numbers are not yet in we've passed the \$10,000 mark in monies raised. That is well over \$2000 of either of our first years and well over our stated goal of \$9,000. We can probably even look at an amount of over \$11,000 but we are waiting on some final totals to be sure. *So thank you for that success.*

Yet, we are not a people just of this world. We represent a far better world that measures its success in other more important ways. Again, I can say without a doubt, we were very successful. We reached a record number of sponsors, over 40 major sponsors giving \$100 - \$500; another 50 or more giving supplies, food, raffle prizes, door prizes, etc.; and another 20 congregations. This tells us that we are indeed important to many people in our community who wish to thank us for our continued ministries and to support us in this manner. It is good to know that we matter to so many.

Perhaps the biggest success was the comments of some who received a free hot dog that day while playing on the other course or working at White Deer. "You mean you'll just give us a hot dog? We don't have to pay anything?" Of course we will! One gentleman was actually moved to tears and said it was the first time he'd ever received anything for free... no strings attached. Oh, you see, that is exactly what God is like. We receive God's love totally free, just because God loves us. So, yes, have another hot dog!

It was a huge success all the way around - we raised a lot of money for United Churches. (Now can we please give our staff a little more of their pay cut back?) We heard that what we do is important and we need to continue. We touched the very souls of so many during that day. Plus, those of us who were there had a great time and lots of fun.

We are already planning our 4th Annual Golf Tournament for Friday Sept. 26, 2014. Mark it down now so you will be there to share the many joys of the day. Many thanks to a great committee. It takes a lot of work. However, we see that it pays off in so many ways. God bless us all and may God continue to Bless United Churches.



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

**B**lessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, who gives bread to the hungry. – Psalm 146:5-7

We are called to provide food and to act for justice on behalf of those living with poverty. Advocacy for fairness in society and for preference in economic and political policies for those most in need is the calling of a person of faith. Individual and collective action is required especially in these times of deep divisions in our society.

**Child Poverty and Faith:** Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." All children are gifts from God. Yet, an astounding one in five children in the United States lives in poverty. In fact, the younger you are, the more likely you are to live in poverty. One in four children under age five live in poverty. The hunger, homelessness and instability poverty imposes on children can crush God's dreams for their potential-filled lives. Child poverty is a scandal and a sin that requires a groundswell of faithful voices to call for change. (Source: Ecumenical Poverty Initiative)

**Child Nutritional Programs Face Deep Cuts:** The House of Representatives supported cuts to a variety of programs that help children. Women and Infant Children (WIC) faces cuts along with school lunch programs. The Farm Bill has always included essential nutritional supplemental assistance especially SNAP (food stamps) which supports many families including children. Very deep cuts and other restrictions are proposed by some in Congress to these and other programs.

**Sequestration:** More Automatic Cuts Coming to Programs Aiding the Poor: In 2013, sequestration will mean 4 million fewer meals served to poor seniors through programs like Meals on Wheels. It will push 70,000 children out of Head Start. And 2 million people around the world will lose some or all access to lifesaving food aid. These numbers are just for this year. Sequestration's harmful effects will continue to grow in the coming years unless Congress acts. Additional cuts become automatic in 2014. (Source: Bread for the World)

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**R**esources for the 2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) are available. The theme is "Has Christ Been Divided?" (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:13) Order forms are available from our office or you can access information online and make your order at [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org). Materials include prayer cards, a posters, bulletin covers, and resources for Worship, discussion and involvement.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY \***

**H**Health Care Marketplace Discussion: On Tuesday, October 22 at 11 am. Jan Todd will be at United Churches, 202 E Third St, Wmspt., to discuss the new Healthcare Marketplace. This is open to clergy, pastors, church leaders, community advocates, and others who would like to know that there is someone in the community to help those that need insurance or assist them in navigating the new marketplace to obtain it. Jan will go over some key pieces about the marketplace, talk briefly about her role at the Susquehanna Community Health and Dental Center, as an Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator, and address your questions. Hopefully, it will help you to put a face to a name if you are helping someone who has no health insurance and/or doesn't know a thing about this new marketplace. Register by contacting Gwen at [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org) or call 570-322-1110. There is no cost for this event.

**L**unches for Habitat: Volunteers are needed to provide Saturday lunches for the 6-10 volunteers at Habitat work sites this fall. For more information or to schedule a time contact Ana White, at 570-322-2515x303 or [ana.white@lycominghabitat.org](mailto:ana.white@lycominghabitat.org).

**M**ission Trip To Biloxi, Mississippi: You are invited to join New Covenant United Church of Christ on a mission trip to Back Bay Mission on July 13-19, 2014. Back Bay is a community ministry of the United Church of Christ. Helpers are needed in the clothing room, the soup kitchen, Micah House – the day care center for homeless people and veterans, and on teams rehabbing houses. No experience is needed. Cost is \$125/person plus your transportation. Space is limited. For more information about Back Bay, go to [www.thebackbaymission.org](http://www.thebackbaymission.org) or contact [adunlap44@yahoo.com](mailto:adunlap44@yahoo.com) or the church, 570-326-3308.

**C**lothing and Toys for Syrian Refugees: Clothing, toys, blankets and sheets are currently being collected for Syrian refugees. The priority is clothing for children, but adult clothing is also needed. Please remember when selecting clothing that they will be needing sweaters and jackets. Also remember that women do not wear "revealing" clothing, in their culture. So do not send women's shorts, sleeveless or short sleeve dresses and tops, or anything with a short skirt.

Donated items should be packed in sturdy boxes and labeled as to contents (for example: used clothing for women size medium). All items need to be clean and in good condition. Boxes can be dropped off at Dr. Rajjoub's home, 1100 Campbell St., Williamsport. Please stack them by the garage, in inclement weather put them on the porch.



Tammey Aichner, Coor, [ucm@ucl.org](mailto:ucm@ucl.org) or 570-419-5376

**F**or I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...-Mt. 25:35. In the month of October, our Campus Ministry students will pack meals for the hungry on October 5th and walk to support the hungry on October 13th. We will continue in November by serving in a soup kitchen, remembering that Jesus said, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt. 25:40.

We would like to thank our pastors from September and October that conducted Faith Talks on Mondays in CC 105 from 8-9 p.m.: Rev. Paul Browne (New Life Orthodox Presbyterian Church), Pastor J.J. Shimko (Light and Life Chapel), Rev. Kenneth Wagner-Pizza (Trinity Episcopal Church), Rev. Robin Baer (St. Paul-Calvary United Methodist Church), Rev. Dr. Rob Manzinger (First Baptist Church) and Rev. Jay Jones (St. John's-Newberry United Methodist Church). These pastors provided a great study/discussion each week. If you would like to facilitate a Bible Study next semester, please contact me.

The semester goes so quickly! Soon it will be finals week and we would like to hand out "Student Survival" bags. Please prayerfully consider putting a few together, as a church, to donate to our ministry. We also could use items to put in bags, such as: pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, hand sanitizer, microwave popcorn, chewing gum/mints, index cards, prayers, etc.

Continue to pray for our students and the growth of our ministry.

### **CREATION CORNER**

*The Christian Social Concerns Committee*

Environmental Resources You May Have Missed

Biophilia: The Human Bond With Other Species  
E.O. Wilson, 1984.

The Biophilia Hypothesis  
Stephen Kellert and E.O. Wilson, eds. 1993.

Breaking New Ground: A Personal History.  
Environmentalist Lester R. Brown's autobiography (see [www.earth-policy.org/books/bng](http://www.earth-policy.org/books/bng)). 2013.

Ecological Intelligence: How Knowing the Hidden Impacts of What We Buy Can Change Everything.  
Daniel Goldman, 2009.

The Human, The Orchid, and the Octopus: Exploring and Conserving Our Natural World.  
Jacques Cousteau and Susan Schiefelbein, 2007.

Planet Earth: An Illustrated History. - Kelly Knauer, ed. for Time Life. 2008. Explores the atmosphere, pedosphere (land), biosphere (life), hydrosphere (water), cryosphere (frozen regions), and geosphere (subterranean earth).

Rewilding the World: Dispatches From the Conservation Revolution. - Caroline Fraser, 2009.

Sacred Earth: Places of Peace and Power.  
Martin Gray, 2007. 137 portrayed sites; listing of 500 of the world's most sacred sites.

Simply Living: The Spirit of the Indigenous People. -Shirley Ann Jones, ed. 1999. (Ethnophilosophical Quotations).

Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor.  
Rob Nixon, 2012.

<http://www.worldchanging.com/> -A sustainability website (and book) for solutions to planetary problems.

<http://www.edge.org/> -Wide-ranging discussion of science and technology matters.

<http://www.shalejustice.org/> - A Pennsylvania-based coalition of organizations united for the environment.

**B**ook on **Christian Muslim Relations** has put out jointly by Anglicans and Lutherans. Grafton, David, Joseph Duggan and Jason Craige Harris, editors. *Christian-Muslim Relations in the Anglican and Lutheran Communion: Historical Encounters and Contemporary Projects*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Chapter 4 of this book, "Early Signs of Climate Change in Lutheran Dialogue with Islam" is *written by Rev. Viking Dietrich, pastor of St John Lutheran in Montgomery and member of our United Churches Board of Directors*.

In a time in which Islamophobia has become common, and many public discussions have focused upon either terrorist activities of Muslims or the implementation of sharia in the US, little attention has been given to actual inter-faith engagement and practice among Christian and Muslim communities. Anglicans and Lutherans have a long history, and a wide variety of experiences from which to draw and reflect in responding to both simplistic interpretations of Islam and vitriolic rhetoric against Muslims. This work seeks to provide vignettes of Muslim-Christian engagement within the Anglican and Lutheran experiences from around the world. This work does not look to reduce Christian-Muslim relationships to a least common denominator of religious pluralism or civic religion. Rather, it provides thoughtful Anglican and Lutheran responses to these relationships from a variety of perspectives and contexts, and lays the groundwork for ongoing thoughtful, faithful, sensitive, and sincere engagement between Christians and Muslims.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES\*

**P**LANNING FOR MUSIC MINISTRY: A workshop will be held Sat., Oct. 19, from 9-4:30 at St. John's UCC, 1050 Buffalo Rd, Lewisburg. The day includes worship, workshops on *Reading Music by Playing Tone Chimes*, *The Mystic Organ Music of Spain*, *Service Playing and Effective Registration*, and *Choral Conducting and Good Rehearsal Techniques*. There will be a display of choral, organ, and piano music. The day concludes with an organ recital by Mark Laubach. Register with Shirley Smith at 570-412-5949 or [ssmith@dejazzd.com](mailto:ssmith@dejazzd.com). Sponsored by the Williamsport and Susquehanna Valley chapters of the American Guild of Organists.

**W**riters Beyond is the conference being sponsored by the West Branch Christian Writer's Association on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Life Tree Church, 500 River Rd, Jersey Shore from 8:15 to 4:45. Lunch is included. You'll learn about writing poetry, personal experiences, magazine articles, speculative fiction and devotionals. Authors and editors are there to learn from and have lunch with. Registration is \$65. Contact them at [www.westbranchchristian-writers.com](http://www.westbranchchristian-writers.com) or 570-322-1570.

**V**ibrant Faith Workshop: Lutheran Shared Ministry of the greater Williamsport area is sponsoring a FREE workshop for parish and congregational leaders on Sat., Oct. 26 from 9 to noon at Messiah Lutheran Church, 324 S. Howard St, South Williamsport. The workshop is designed to give leaders strategies and tools to empower families to grow in faith at home. This workshop is aligned with recent research on family assets and strengths and anchored in decades of experience in family ministry. Designed for Church Staff, Children's Ministry Teams, Small Group Ministry Teams, Adult Formation Teams, Sunday School Teachers, Council Members, and other ministry leaders and volunteers, this course is free; but, registration is necessary. Pre-register at <http://plusworkshop-williamsport.eventbrite.com/> or contact Kathy Wither at 570-326-9171 or [wither15@comcast.net](mailto:wither15@comcast.net) for details.

**R**aising A Faith-Filled Family, is a free workshop for parents. Sponsored by Lutheran Shared Ministry of the greater Williamsport area, it will help parents who want to raise a faith-filled family. Held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 5-7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, S. Wmspt., a light supper will be served followed by the class. Child Care is available. The course is FREE, but pre-registration is necessary. Contact Kathy Wither at 570-326-9171 or [wither15@comcast.net](mailto:wither15@comcast.net) for details. When families spend time together, build healthy relationships with one another, share meals, and solve conflicts and rec-

oncile with one another, they grow not only in well-being, but also in faith. This session will show ways to recognize how God lingers in the creases and folds of the ordinary and extraordinary events of their family life.

### YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY (YPM)

By Rev. Danesta (Nessie) Whaley, 570-326-6868  
North Central Regional Director Yokefellow Center

THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS!

**C**onfess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. - James 5:16

Yokefellowship Prison Ministries is committed to help change people's lives through personal discipline and committed small groups where problems and faith can be shared. Our goal is simple: to connect people to God, to one another and to help raise up disciples in a relational manner. One of our "marks" of a Yokefellowship volunteer is the Discipline of Prayer.

Prayer for this ministry is vital as the Lord helps us to minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of inmates and their families.

As our volunteers go into the prisons weekly, prayers are lifted before the Lord's throne for them as well as for those they will have opportunity to minister to. Our board members are covered in prayer as they help make decisions for the furtherance of the ministry.

Please join us in praying for these needs:

- Prayer for our new State Exec. Director, David Bowen who replaces Larry Coleman over all the Yokefellowship councils such as ours.
- Prayer for our local council, Upper Susquehanna and for me as the Regional director and all of our board members. Also pray for our other 14 councils.
- Prayer for our volunteers to demonstrate God's love as they go into the various facilities throughout Pennsylvania and beyond.
- Prayer for the men and women we minister to – God's plans and purposes.
- Ministry Expansion and impact in more facilities
- Aftercare ministry (re-entry into society)
- Volunteer Resources
- Financial support

Thank you for praying for and with us! If you would like to know more about. Our ministry or would like to connect with us, give our office a call at the number above. Our local Yokefellowship office at 1200 Almond Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.



### EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COUNTY \*

**Basketball:** Churches interested in having teams in the John Bower Sunday School Basketball League should have a representative at the league's next meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at St. John-Newberry United Methodist Church or contact Bob Cellini at 570-368-3260. The entry fee remains at \$25 per team. Games are played Saturdays from 9 a.m. until early afternoon at the Total Sports Arena and YMCA from Dec. 7 into February with a break over the holidays. The league has five divisions ranging from beginner pee-wee to seniors.

**Lecture Series:** Holy Cross Orthodox Church, off Northway Road in Loyalsock, invites you to attend either/both lectures. All are Mondays at 7 pm.

- 10/14: **From Science to Faith** - Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk - A well educated physicist born and raised in the former Soviet Union who became not only a Christian but an Orthodox priest. He is Dean of St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, and he will share his own story as he helps us appreciate how discussions of science enhance our understanding of God and creation.
- 10/21: **An Unbroken Circle** - Fr. Moses Berry serves Theotokos "Unexpected Joy" Mission in Missouri and believes there is "an unbroken circle linking ancient African Christianity to the African-American experience. As part of his lecture he will share artifacts from the Ozark African-American Heritage Museum, which he founded.

**Yard Sale:** The Newberry Branch of NGA will hold their annual yard sale on Sat. Oct. 19 from 8-1 at St. John's-Newberry United Methodist Church, Newberry St, Wmspt. There will be household goods, books, clothes and much more. Newberry NGA supplies new clothes, shoes and coats to needy persons throughout Lycoming County through Head-Start, Joinder Services, the WASD, the Salvation Army, and through UCLC. Remember that any member of UCLC can contact the Newberry Branch of NGA for clothing and shoe needs. 570-323-1707 or [dbuckman@chilitech.net](mailto:dbuckman@chilitech.net). Sale donations can be dropped off on Friday, Oct. 18 from 10 am - 8 pm.

**Pastoral Care Week Breakfast:** Susquehanna Health invites area pastors, chaplains, Eucharistic ministers, volunteers and other spiritual caregivers to breakfast on **Wednesday, October 23 from 8:30-10:00 AM** in the Tower Atrium of Williamsport Regional Medical Center, 700 High Street, Williamsport.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Prophetic Voice." In addition to the morning meal, attendees will enjoy inspiring and informative presentations, rich fellow-

ship with other caregivers and the opportunity to forge new relationships. Please RSVP by October 18, 2013 to Jackie Perchinski at [jperchinski@susquehannahealth.org](mailto:jperchinski@susquehannahealth.org) or phone 570-321-2215.

**Action for Family Promise** is being held at the Pajama Factory on Saturday October 26 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. The price includes food and beverages. It is \$3 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Paddle, \$6 for 3 Paddles. Contact Melissa at 570-567-7103 or [familypromiselycoming@hotmail.com](mailto:familypromiselycoming@hotmail.com).

**Fair Trade Craft Sale:** If you love shopping for unique, creative gifts and, more importantly, would like to buy a hand-crafted item that supports an artisan from a developing country, then come to the SERRV Sale on Saturday, November 2, 9:00 to 4:00 at Muncy First United Methodist Church.

SERRV is a non-profit organization celebrating over 60 years of developing international trade through community-based organizations (now in 36 countries). Fair trade policies assure that fair wages are paid, empowering producers to develop their own businesses and foster sustainable development. There will be a wide variety of items for sale, including jewelry, baskets, household décor, toys, fair trade coffee, Christmas nativities and ornaments. Most items are less than \$25. Come early for the best selection.

Muncy First UMC is located at 602 S. Market St. Bring your family and friends, as well as your holiday gift list and have the satisfaction of knowing your purchase improves the lives of artisans worldwide.

**MOSES:** Love Unlimited Ministries invites you to join them on their bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater on Saturday, March 22, 2014 to see Moses. The cost is \$145 for adults, \$110 for teens (13+) and \$90 for children (3+) which includes the show, a lunch smorgasbord at Shady Maple and motor coach transportation. Call 570-326-2410.

### LYCOMING COUNTY CLEARINGHOUSE

United Way is happy to announce that the Clearinghouse is up and working once again. The administration has been transferred from STEP to American Rescue Workers over the summer. The program ensures that families in crisis receive appropriate assistance, and that congregations and service agencies use their funds as wisely as possible. To learn more about the program contact Kimberly Love at ARW, at 570-323-8401 ext. 112 or [kimarw@chilitech.net](mailto:kimarw@chilitech.net).



WHAT TO DO WHEN PERSONS NEED HELP

NEEDS	AGENCIES (Revised October 2013)	PHONE
<p>1. When persons need a free <b>hot meal</b>....</p>	<p>A. <u>St. Anthony Center</u>, 125 E Willow St., Wmspt., Noon - 1 Monday - Friday                      B. <u>ARW "Love Center"</u>, 115 Howard St, J. S. Lunch: 11-12:30, M-F, Linden+JS                      C. <u>Sojourner Truth Ministries</u>, 501 High St. (side entrance), Wmspt., Hot Meal Light Breakfast or Hot Lunch: Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Fruit &amp; Vegetables available Tues, Day old Bread/Pastry available Wed.-Fri.                      D. <u>Antioch Baptist Church</u>, 514 High St. - side entrance - Williamsport Breakfast 8:00-9:30 a.m. Lunch: Noon - 12:45 p.m. Weekdays                      E. <u>Senior Center Lunches</u> six sites throughout county for people over 60                      F. <u>Christ Episcopal Church</u>, 426 Mulberry St. Wmspt. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday evening each month 4-7 p.m. Delivery available (call ahead)                      G. <u>West End CCC</u>, 901 Diamond St., Wmspt. 11-1, M., T, &amp; Th.                      H. <u>Golden Agers Club</u>, Salvation Army, 457 Market St, T, Th, 10-1                      I. <u>Senior Lunch</u>, Montoursville Presbyterian, 900 Elm St, 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at Noon</p>	<p>570-326-2244                      570-398-1551                      570-323-1797                      570-323-2425                      570-323-3096                      570-322-8160                      570-323-6297                      570-326-9187                      570-368-1595</p>
<p>2. When persons need supplies of additional <b>food</b>.....                       No appointments needed unless noted.</p>	<p>A. <u>United Churches Food Pantry</u>, 320 Park Ave (the Castellano Center) Wmspt. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. (by appointment)                      B. <u>Salvation Army</u>, 457 Market Street, Williamsport 9:30 -11:30 a.m. and 1:00-2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday                      C. <u>American Rescue Workers</u>, 643 Elmira St, Wmspt. M-Th 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.                      D. <u>ARW "Love Center"</u>, 115 Howard St, J.S. 9-11:15 am, 12:15-2:15 pm, M-W                      E. <u>Sonlight House</u>, 130 Carpenter Street, Muncy 7:30 -10 a.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturdays every other week                      G. <u>WIC Program</u> 612 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Wmspt. M-F, 8-4 Appointment only. No emergencies (For pregnant, postpartum &amp; breast feeding women, and for children up to age 5.                      H. <u>Antioch Baptist Church Pantry</u>, 514 High St., Wmspt, M-F 10-12(call ahead)                      I. <u>West End Food Bank</u>, 911 Newberry St, Wmspt, Call 1<sup>st</sup> (Incl. Linden/Dubois town, Cogan Station, Ralston etc.) 12:30-3:30 p.m. the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 Thursdays each month.                      J. <u>Meals on Wheels</u>, Office of the Aging, 2138 Lincoln St., Wmspt. Weekdays 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. (Assessments needed - must be homebound and 60+)                      K. <u>St. Joseph the Worker Parish</u>, 711 West Edwin St., Wmspt. Wed. 4-5 pm.                      L. <u>Lycoming Cty Assistance Office</u>, 400 Little League Blvd, Wmspt. Food Stamps</p>	<p>570-322-1657                      570-326-9187                      570-323-8401                      570-398-1551                      570-546-3585                      570-322-7656                      570-323-2425                      570-323-1891                      570-323-3096                      570-323-9456                      570-327-3300</p>
<p>3. When persons are <b>homeless</b>...</p>	<p>A. <u>American Rescue Worker's Men's Shelter</u> 643 Elmira Street, Wmspt., 9-4                      B. <u>YWCA</u> (single women only) - 815 W 4th St., Wmspt.                      C. <u>Liberty House</u> (women and children) 815 W 4<sup>th</sup> St. Wmspt                      D. <u>Family Promise</u> (For Families) 804 Sherman St, Wmspt (Office/Day Ctr M-F, 9-5)                      E. <u>Saving Grace Homeless Shelter</u>: 324 Campbell St, Wmspt. referral is needed from the American Rescue Workers or Salvation Army                      F. <u>Freedom House Women's Center</u>, 1700 Memorial Ave., Wmspt. (Single women)</p>	<p>570-323-8401                      570-322-4637                      570-322-4637                      570-567-7103                      570-323-8401                      570-772-0543</p>
<p>4. When persons need <b>jobs</b> or <b>Employment Skills and Services</b>...</p>	<p>A. <u>Career Link Lycoming and Vetrans Services</u>, 329 Pine St. Wmspt. M,T,W. 8:30-4:30, Th. 8-4:30 F. 9-4:30                      B. <u>Counseling/Career Disability Svs</u> Penn College, 1 College Ave., Wmspt. 8-4:30 Weekdays                      C. <u>Office of Vocational Rehabilitation</u> (for eligible persons with disabilities) 208 West Third St. - Suite 102 8 am. - 4:30 p.m. Weekdays                      E. <u>Experience Works</u>, 329 Pine St. (For persons 55+) M-Th. 8-3:30</p>	<p>570-601-5465                      570-327-4765                      570-327-3600                      570-321-5811</p>

5. When <b>Veterans</b> need assistance	<p>A. <u>The Vet Center</u> (Counseling, therapy &amp; referrals) 49 E 4<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 104 Weekdays 8-4:30 (Employment requests are referred to Career Link see 13A.)</p> <p>B. <u>V A Medical Clinic</u> - Wenner Bld, 1705 Warren Ave Suite 304, M-F. 8-4:30</p> <p>C. <u>Lycoming County Veterans Affairs</u>, 330 Pine St, Wmspt.</p> <p>D. <u>American Legion Post #1</u>, 10 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St.</p>	<p>570-327-5281</p> <p>570-322-4791</p> <p>570-327-2365</p> <p>570-323-9409</p>
6. When persons need <b>clothing...</b>	<p>A. <u>American Rescue Workers Thrift Store</u>, 141 S. Main St, JS 9-5 M-F, 9-4 Sat</p> <p>B. <u>American Rescue Workers Thrift Store</u>, 335 Rose St., Williamsport (no vouchers) 9 am - 6 p.m. Monday.-Friday., 9am - 4pm Sat. (Items have a minimal cost)</p> <p>C. <u>American Rescue Workers Thrift Store</u>, 643 Elmira Street, Williamsport. Weekdays 9am -5pm , Sat 9 am-4pm (Items have a minimal cost)</p> <p>D. <u>Sonlight House</u> 130 Carpenter St., Muncy, M, Th, Sat 7:30 - 10</p> <p>E. <u>From Our Hands to Yours</u>, For Kids &amp; Adults, 501 High St. Wmspt. 10-2 M-T-W</p> <p>F. <u>Salvation Army Store</u>, 25 W 4<sup>th</sup> , Wmspt. Mon.- Sat.: 9:30 - 4:30, and 530 Lyc. Mall Drive, Pennsdale M-F 9-6, Sat 9-5</p> <p>G. <u>Daniel's Closet</u>, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1101 Washington Blvd, Wmspt. Free Clothing for Children and Adults. 9-11 a.m. 4th Saturdays monthly</p> <p>H. <u>West End Christian Community Center</u>, 901 Diamond St, Wmspt. (Nominal fee) Clothes Closet: M, Th. 9 - 2, T, W 9-12 &amp; 4:30-7, Sat 8:30-Noon Shoe Express: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat: 1 sneakers/socks for kids up to 17 (need access card/referral)</p> <p>I. <u>Antioch Baptist Church</u>, 514 High St, Wmspt. Side Entrance, Weekdays 9-1</p> <p>J. <u>Shepherd of the Streets</u>, 669 Center St. Wmspt., 1<sup>st</sup> pair work shoes or uniform</p> <p>K. <u>Needlework Guild of Am.</u> (Local Chapter): new outfit, coat or shoes (kids &amp; adults)</p> <p>L. <u>Liberty House Boutique</u>: 815 W 4<sup>th</sup> St., Wmspt. W 4-7, Th-F 11-5, Sat 10-2</p>	<p>570-398-4311</p> <p>570-323-7321</p> <p>570-323-8401</p> <p>570-546-3585</p> <p>570-323-1797</p> <p>570-327-3035</p> <p>570-546-5509</p> <p>570-322-2333</p> <p>570-323-6297</p> <p>570-323-2425</p> <p>570-322-6538</p> <p>570-323-1707</p> <p>570-322-4637</p>
7. When persons need emergency <b>fuel</b> assistance....	<p>A. <u>Department of Welfare (LIHEAP, Regular and Crisis Programs)</u> 400 Little League Blvd, Wmspt., 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays</p> <p>B. <u>United Churches Fuel Bank</u> Administered by STEP Outreach 9 - 5 M-F (Person must have applied for State Funding)</p> <p>C. <u>STEP Office of the Aging</u>, 2138 Lincoln St, Wmspt. 9-5 Weekdays, Seniors 60+</p> <p>D. <u>STEP Outreach Office</u> 2138 Lincoln Street, Wmspt. 9-5 weekdays</p>	<p>570-327-3497</p> <p>570-327-5485</p> <p>570-323-3096</p> <p>570-327-5485</p>
8. When persons need <b>furniture...</b>	<p>A. <u>Sonlight House</u> 130 Carpenter Street, Muncy (When available) M-Th-Sat 7:30-10</p> <p>B. <u>St. Anthony Center</u> 125 E Willow St., Wmspt. (When available)</p> <p>C. <u>American Rescue Workers Store</u>, 643 Elmira St, Wmspt. Monday - Friday 9-5</p> <p>D. <u>Salvation Army</u>, 530 Lyc. Mall Dr., Pennsdale M-F 9-6, Sat 9-5 (vouchers)</p> <p>E. <u>Expectations for Women</u>, 854 W Third St, Wmspt - Baby furniture -no cribs M &amp; W - 10 am-6 pm, T &amp; Th - 10 am-8 pm, F 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>F. <u>American Legion Post #1</u>, 10 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Wmspt: (available to anyone)</p>	<p>570-546-3585</p> <p>570-326-2244</p> <p>570-323-8401</p> <p>570-546-5509</p> <p>570-321-8254</p> <p>570-323-9409</p>
9. When persons need <b>utilities</b> assistance....	<p>A. <u>STEP (Limited)</u> 2138 Lincoln St. 9-5 weekdays (Cap for gas) 800-844-9276</p> <p>B. <u>PG Energy</u> program (Must be on a payment plan)</p> <p>C. <u>PPL-CARE</u> (electric) (Must be on a payment plan) 8-5 weekdays Operation help program.... a one time payment.</p> <p>D. <u>PPL On Track Program</u> - Through STEP Outreach Office Help for electric bills of eligible persons with reduced monthly payments</p> <p>E. <u>Salvation Army</u>, 457 Market Street (By appointment only)</p> <p>G. <u>Am. Rescue Workers</u>, 643 Elmira St, Wmspt (Limited) Fri-9-4 by app. Ext. 12</p> <p>H. <u>ARW "Love Center"</u>, 115 Howard St, Jersey Shore, 9-3 Weekdays</p> <p>I. <u>Shepherd of the Street</u>, 669 Center St, Wmspt. 9-12, 1-3 Monday - Thursday</p> <p>J. <u>Public Utility Commission</u>, Insure safe reliable reasonably priced electric, gas, water, telephone. Their decision is final. Determination hotline:</p>	<p>570-327-5485</p> <p>800-820-8620</p> <p>800-342-5775</p> <p>570-368-5267</p> <p>570-326-9187</p> <p>570-323-8401</p> <p>570-398-1551</p> <p>570-322-6538</p> <p>800-692-7380</p>

<p>10. When persons need <b>pastoral care</b></p>	<p>A. <u>Shepherd of the Streets Ministry</u> 669 Center Street, Wmspt. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m. (Both counseling &amp; referral)                  B. <u>Sojourner Truth Ministries</u>, 501 High Street, Wmspt. 9-3 M-F</p>	<p>570-322-6538                  570-323-1797</p>
<p>11. Another Resources</p>	<p>A. <u>Lyc. Cty. Clearinghouse</u>: % ARW, 326 Bridge St, Wmspt. kimarw@chilitech.net                  B. <u>Lycoming County Health Improvement Coalition</u>: A comprehensive online listing of human resource providers in Lycoming County: <a href="http://www.lchic.org">www.lchic.org</a></p>	<p>570-323-8401                  Extension 112                  570-323-0390</p>
<p>12. When persons need <b>medical help...</b></p>	<p>A. <u>St. Anthony Free Clinic</u>, 125 E Willow St., Wmspt 7-8:30 p.m. Mon., and 11-12:30 Wed.; Physicals (<i>appointment needed</i>) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays 11:30 -1                  B. <u>Susquehanna Community Health Center</u>, 471 Hepburn Street Mon-Fri - 8:30-11:30, 1-4:30. appointments required                  C. <u>SHS Community Dental Clinic</u> 469 Hepburn Street, Hepburn Plaza, 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Accepts medical assistance) Appointments required                  D. <u>Healthy Kids Help-Line</u> Medical info and help for uninsured children                  E. <u>Healthy Baby Help-Line</u> for infants and pre-natal                  F. <u>Adult Health Insurance</u> information/referral or basic insurance                  G. <u>Lead Information Line</u>                  H. <u>STEP Office of the Aging</u>, 2138 Lincoln St, In home services and referral for elderly                  I. Hepatitis Testing and Care - Susquehanna Health System - Call for info.                  J. <u>Pennsylvania Department of Health</u>, 1000 Commerce Park Drive                  K. <u>Hearing Aids Lions Club International Hearing Pgm.</u> - Art Girio                  L. <u>Penn College</u> - 1 College Ave, Wmspt - Routine Dental Cleaning &amp; Check-up                  M. <u>Shepherd of the Streets</u>, 669 Center St, Wmspt., Eyeglass/Dental Surgery Ast.                  N. <u>Rural Health Care Marketplace</u>, 471 Hepburn St. Wmspt. Weekdays 8-5                  O. <u>Covering the Uninsured</u>, 1010 Wisconsin Ave, NW # 800, Washington DC 20007                  P. <u>Adult Insurance for Those with Pre-existing Conditions</u>                  Monthly premium are \$283 plus co-pays.                  Q. <u>Healthy Women Project</u>, 699 Rural Avenue, Suite 202, Wmspt. Free pap tests, mammogram for ages 40-60 with no/limited insurance and low/moderate income                  R. <u>PA Health Law Project</u>, helps low income families/disabled/elderly obtain health care</p>	<p>570-326-2566                  570-567-5400                  570-567-5430                  800-986-5437                  800-986-2229                  800-462-2742                  800-440-5323                  570-323-3096                  570-321-1000                  570-327-3400                  570-326-1793                  570-327-4500                  570-322-6538                  570-560-3035                  202-572-2928                  888-767-7015                  570-321-3131                  800-274-3258</p>
<p>13. When persons need <b>prescriptions...</b></p>	<p>A. <u>American Rescue Workers</u> 643 Elmira St, 9-4 M-F (<i>Limited</i>)                  B. <u>Shepherd of the Street</u>, 669 Center St, Wmspt. 9-12, 1-3 Monday - Thursday                  C. <u>PaceNet &amp; Pace</u> - Office of the Aging 60+, 2138 Lincoln St., Wmspt. Weekdays 9-5                  D. <u>PA Patient Assistance Program</u>, Dept. Of Public Assistance, 400 Little League Blvd, Wmspt. for 19-64 year olds not receiving Medicare</p>	<p>570-323-8401                  570-322-6538                  570-323-3096                  570-327-3497</p>
<p>14. When persons face <b>HIV/AIDS</b></p>	<p>A. <u>AIDS Resource</u>, 500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Wmspt. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Weekdays (Support services for those infected and affected with HIV or AIDS)                  B. <u>PA. Department of Health</u>, 1100 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 109 Wmspt.</p>	<p>570-322-8448                  570-327-3400</p>
<p>15. When persons need <b>transportation</b></p>	<p>A. <u>Am. Rescue Wks</u>, 643 Elmira St, Wmspt. Emergencies only. Limited (By appointment)                  B. <u>STEP Transportation</u> (Step Van) 1-800-222-2468 or                  C. <u>Shepherd of the Streets</u>, 669 Center St., Wmspt, 9-12, 1-3 M - Th                  D. <u>STEP Office of the Aging</u>, 2138 Lincoln St, Free bus pass for seniors 60-64                  E. <u>American Cancer Society</u>, Road to Recovery Program (medical appts.)</p>	<p>570-323-8401                  570-323-7575                  570-322-6538                  570-323-3096                  800-ACS-2345</p>
<p>16. When persons need <b>rent...</b> (all services extremely limited)</p>	<p>A. <u>American Rescue Workers</u> Fridays 9-4 (families a priority) By Appointment                  B. <u>Dept. Of Welfare</u> Emergency Housing Funds 8-5 Weekdays 400 Little League Boulevard, Wmspt.                  C. <u>ARW Love Center</u>, 115 Howard St, JS, 9-3 weekdays by appointment Priority: families                  D. <u>Salvation Army</u> - 457 Market St Rent - Security - Mortgage - Mentoring                  E. Also see 19 - O. (Consumer Credit Counseling) on the next page.</p>	<p>570-323-8401                  570-327-3300                  877-867-4014                  570-398-1551                  570-326-9187                  See 19-O.</p>



<p>17. When persons are <b>mentally or emotionally disturbed &amp; or suicidal...</b></p>	<p>A. <u>Lycoming/Clinton MH/MR and Children and Youth</u> (24 hr.) 200 East St Wmspt.                  B. <u>Catholic Social Services - Lycoming</u> 1201 Grampian Blvd, Suite 2G                  9-5 Weekdays, evenings by appointment (Counseling/ Pregnancy &amp; Adoption Svs)                  C. <u>Diakon Family Life Services</u>, (formerly Tressler) 435 W 4th St(by appointment)                  Monday - Thursday 8-8, Friday - 8-4. Family, Individual, Marital &amp; Suicide Counseling                  D. <u>Suicide Hotline</u>: National: 1-800-SUICIDE(784-2433) Lycoming Cty Crisis Int.                  E. <u>Universal Community Behavioral Health</u>: 214 Broad St Mont. M-T-F, 8-4:30                  Outpatient services for children and adolescents.                  F. <u>Universal Community Behavioral Health</u>: 7930 Nittany Valley Dr Mill Hall                  Weekdays 8-5, Outpatient &amp; inpatient services for children and adolescents.</p>	<p>570-326-7895                  570-322-4220                  570-322-7873                  570-326-7895                  570-726-4306                  570-726-4306</p>
<p>18. When persons have serious <b>drug &amp; alcohol problems....</b></p>	<p>A. <u>West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse &amp; Tobacco Addiction Commission</u>                  Case Management Unit, 213 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Wmspt 7:30 - 4 M-F (call anytime)                  B. <u>Psychological Services</u> (Outpatient therapy) Bloomsburg 9-5 Weekdays                  C. <u>Alcoholics Anonymous - District 48</u> PO Box 303, Williamsport 17701                  D. <u>AlAnon and AlaTeen</u> Williamsport Hospital Conf. Rm 1B, 7 pm Sun.                  E. <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u>, PO Box 1161, Williamsport 17701                  F. <u>Alcohol and Drug 24 Hour Referral Line</u>                  G. <u>White Deer Run - Lock Haven</u>                  H. <u>Valley Prevention</u> - 520 W 4<sup>th</sup> St. Wmspt. Suite 2B                  I. <u>Susquehanna NW Human Svs. Outpatient Mental Health Drug &amp; Alcohol</u>  <u>Counselling</u>, 520 W 4<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 2A, Wmspt.                  J. <u>White Deer Run</u> - Devitts Camp Road, Allenwood                  K. <u>White Deer Run Outpatient Treatment</u> - 901 Westminster Drive, Wmspt</p>	<p>323-8543                  389-1249                  327-2860                  800-344-2666                  327-2678                  800-821-4357                  893-8100                  323-9940                  322-1216                  800-255-2335                  570-321-6127</p>
<p>19. When persons have <b>a specific need...</b></p>	<p>A. <u>Crisis Hotline</u> 24 hour National Crisis Service                  B. <u>Special Kids Network &amp; Parent to Parent Information and Referral.</u>                  Help for kids with disability/health conditions State office, Harrisburg                  C. <u>STEP Inc.</u> 2138 Lincoln St, PO Box 3568, Day Care / Head Start, Weatherization, Training Programs.                  D. <u>STEP Inc.</u> 2138 Lincoln St, Funded Child Care.                  E. <u>Center for Independent Living</u> 210 Market St. #A. Serves disabled, M-F 8-4:30                  F. <u>North Penn Legal Svs</u> 329 Market St, Wmspt.8:30 - 4:30 Weekdays                  Civil cases only. Eligibility based on income and household size.                  G. <u>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline/Shelter</u> - 815 W 4<sup>th</sup> St. Wmspt.                  For victims of crimes - in crisis - With transient services for Women and Children                  H <u>Expectations Women's Center</u> 854 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St (Counseling. Care &amp; Supplies)                  M &amp; W - 10 am-5 pm, T &amp; Th - 10 am-7 pm, F 10 am-1 pm 24 hr hotline                  I. <u>West End Christian Comm. Ctr</u> Limited Vouchers -diapers 901 Diamond St, Wmspt.                  J. <u>Campbell St. Family, Youth/Community Assoc.</u> 844 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Wmspt                  Recreational, financial, educational pgms, for children-youth-adults-seniors                  K. <u>N.W.PA Optical Clinic</u> 901 Diamond St, Wmspt. appointments needed                  New prescription classes to low/moderate income persons, \$36 starting price                  L. <u>North Central Sight Services</u> 2121 Reach Rd, Wmspt., W-F 8:30-4:30 vision                  M. <u>Shepherd of the Streets</u>, 669 Center St., Wmspt., Birth Certificates and ID's                  M. <u>Consumer Credit Counseling Svs.of NE PA</u>, 201 Basin St. Suite 6, Wmspt.                  Mediation - advocacy - budgeting M, T, W &amp; F., 8:30:-4:30, Th. 11-7, Sat. by appointment                  O. <u>Hearing Loss</u>, 901 Diamond St, Wmspt 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays each month                  e-mail contacts only: tybergkay7376@yahoo.com</p>	<p>211                  800-784-2433                  570-326-4980                  800-986-4550                  570-326-0587                  570-601-9703                  570-327-9070                  570-323-8741                  570-323-8167                  800-326-8483                  570-321-8254                  800-395-HELP                  570-323-6297                  570-322-5515                  570-601-3399                  570-323-9401                  570-322-6538                  570-323-6627                  800-922-9537                  NA</p>