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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.

COME TO OUR ANNUAL ASSEMBLY*

Our 68th Annual Assembly of the United Churches will be held Tuesday, November 18 at Montoursville Presbyterian Church, 900 Elm Street, Montoursville. 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 2015 Budget.
- ★ Celebration of the Ministry We Do Together.
- ★ 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 \$10.00 and includes dinner. The menu is meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, homemade apples butter and relish, beverages, and gingerbread with lemon curd topping for dessert. 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 to make your reservation by Monday, November 10th.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED *

Regina Gross, President - 570-322-2619

World Community Day will be celebrated on Friday, November 7, at 1:30 p.m. when women from throughout Lycoming County will gather at the Bethel Linden Presbyterian Church, 2758 Bottle Run Road, Williamsport. The theme is "Through God Our Hands Can Heal". We will be exploring ways we can bring healing to each other in our own groups, our families and our communities. When we acknowledge that healing is possible, we are following the directions that Jesus gave his disciples. President, Regina Gross invites you to join in this inspirational service and time of fellowship.

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. 17th 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.



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

UNITED CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY **Gail Burkhart, Coordinator 570-322-1627*

This is the 'quiet' time for the Food Pantry (if there is one!) All of the anxiety of getting everyone ready to go back to school is passed and most everyone is accustomed to getting up to the sound of the alarm clock. We have this beautiful time to enjoy Nature as the seasons change and the leaves put on their awesome color show for us, as we marvel at the gifts that God has given us.

Then of course we start the hustle-bustle of the holiday season. That first enjoyable excitement turns into panic as we run looking for the 'perfect' gift, decorations, sending cards...you know the drill. Let's make this year different (novel idea, huh?) Seriously, let's not get caught up in all that craziness. Let's decide that this holiday will be for God. Let's go to holiday church services in our own churches and sister churches, participate in the hanging of the greens service, organize Carol Sings, bake cookies for shut-ins or nursing homes, and help the Marines with the "Toys for Tots" program. There are many things we can do to dedicate ourselves to the Infant who came to Earth to save us and fulfill His Father's plan. Think about your plan to give thanks and adoration to the Perfect One who made this world and saved us from Original sin. This season, let it be for Him, not for us and our material selves.

The Food Pantry is moving right along, feeding hungry families every week. As the weather turns, we know needs will increase. This September we served 497 people. To keep up with the demand we need the following items:

Spaghetti Sauce	Microwave Popcorn	Cereal
Canned Fruit	Saltine Crackers	Tea Bags
Peanut Butter	Pasta (any shape)	Mustard
Canned Veggies	Oodles of Noodles	Ketchup
Mac-N-Cheese	Pork-N-Beans	Coffee
Chunky Soups	Powdered Drink Mix	Pudding
Cake Mixes	Powdered Coffee Creamer	Frosting

Your support is greatly appreciated. You are always in our prayers and we request that you remember us in your prayers as well. Have a good month. Don't forget that our Pantry is now at the Rear of 320 Park Avenue. The hours are Mondays 9:30 - Noon for donations and Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-3 for clients services.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Hymnals Available from years past:

- 1957 - Evangelical United Brethren (red) "The Hymnal"
- 1957 - Tabernacle Hymns - #5 for Church and SS (redish)
- 1964 - "The Book of Hymns" (brownish)

Contact: Trinity UMC, Wmspt. 570-322-7613 for details.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Resources for the 2015 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) are available. The theme is Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (John 4:7) Order forms are available from our office or you can access information online and make your order at www.geii.org. Materials include prayer cards, a posters, bulletin covers, and resources for Worship, discussion and involvement.

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

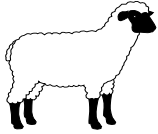
Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37) In Luke Gospel, the parable of the Good Samaritan serves to illustrate the commandment to love your neighbor. Jesus makes clear that showing mercy is the heart of that love. What does mercy mean as we encounter poverty in our communities, nation, and the world? Are we showing mercy?

Feeding America – a Nationwide Network of 200 Member Food Banks: Feeding America supports 46,000 local food agencies including the United Churches Food Pantry and other organizations in Lycoming County. The Central PA Food Bank in Williamsport is the local coordinator for Feeding America. Nationwide 51% of the agencies rely entirely on volunteers and 62% are faith-based. The Feeding America Network serves 46.5 million people each year by providing groceries (67%) or serving meals (33%). One in seven million people in the U.S. are served. Children served number 12 million and seniors another 7 million.

Hunger in America 2014 – a Report from Feeding America: Characteristics of families served by Feeding America food banks:

- 20% of Feeding America households have a member who has served in the US military (1 in 4 households had a current US military member)
- 69% had to choose between food and utilities
- 66% had to choose between food and medical care
- 37% had to choose between food and education
- 39% of households served had at least one child
- 33% of households included at least one senior
- 54% of households were employed in the past year
- household median monthly income was \$927

Implications of Current Feeding America Findings; *Hunger in America 2014* illustrates that addressing food insecurity in America will take the collaborative efforts and services of both the government and the charitable sector.



SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS*

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LIVING WITHOUT CHOICES

Few to whom Shepherd of the Streets ministers can make choices such as where to live, what to wear, what utility to pay this month, how to get places, how to get medicine, clean clothes and adequate bedding. Most of those reading this article can make choices for all of these things based on price or brand or suitability or fondness or style, but we can choose this or that simply because we have the means.

We have the means because we have been raised to utilize our abilities, to exercise our capacity of intellect and reason, to acquire hindsight and foresight, to be motivated by positive attitudes around us in family, school and culture, and have been given good example of morals and virtues by those who love us and want us.

Much of the poverty that SOS deals with is not financial poverty that has come about by circumstance, but rather is social and spiritual poverty...often generational where low self esteem, insecurity, ignorance, abuse, and anger take its toll, leaving no choices.

Often, in that environment, if a child turns from despair to desire for the disciplines that will result in advancement, he is chastised by a guilt-laden parent, put down by peer indignation, or unsupported by parental ignorance. There develops a dependency mentality that forces lack of choices with a low self-image and an attitude of defeatism.

There are those who escape, climb out, and have that inner strength to overcome, and though we might have helped them along the way, they no longer ask for it...for they have made good choices. But, far too many do not.

Jesus said that society would always have the poor. But, He used the poor to cause reflection on those He was teaching...to see that we often take the same course of action spiritually who have arrested self-image that freezes our faith and weakens our wills.

When we show mercy and sacrificially help the poor, we can all say, "There go I." We have given up on overcoming some sin or attitude, or learning what lies ahead on our way to Him, that would minimize our choices and disable our spirit. But God is not through with any of us and in love and mercy gives and gives, hoping that we might break. The greatest joy in heaven is over one sinner that repents...the greatest joy at SOS is when a person breaks through the barriers. It is great joy to us because we do not just give something needed, but point to the greatest sacrifice that God has made on their behalf and ours.

Please sacrifice that mercy may grow in you and self-

worth (the right kind) may break through to the one your sacrifice is helping. What we give in the work of the Lord always is accompanied by the light that darkness cannot overcome.

GOLF TOURNAMENT REFLECTIONS*

Rev. Ken Weiss, Chairman

A huge thank you goes out to so many as our 4th Annual Golf Tournament has successfully come and gone. This was once again, our best year ever. We just get better each year. We had 28 foursomes (116 golfers) and more sponsors than ever. Our list of raffle items was huge and we sold almost every ticket printed. Each golfer received two free shirts, a number of other free gifts, a great door prize, enjoyed the perfect weather with their round of golf and cart. All that plus free hot dogs, snacks, drinks, breakfast items, & buffet luncheon. Certainly the best deal in town for their \$80 entrance fee. Most every golfer shared with us that our tournament is simply the best one they play in the entire year and we promise to keep that going in 2015.



While all the money is not yet in from our tournament it looks like we made a profit of over \$10,000 again. We had over 75 sponsors continuing to support us in so many ways. We have turned into one of the largest and I think the best tournament of the year because so many in our community agree that United Churches is a worthwhile organization that needs to continue. I am amazed at the wonderful comments we get, we really do make a difference in our community.

So thanks to the committee that worked so hard and now has two months off before beginning the process for 2015. Thanks to all of you for continuing to support United Churches through our golf event. Mark your calendars now for 2015, the last Friday in September once again... 9/25/15. We'll do our best to make this a fun day that brings in a lot of needed financial support for all our ministries at UCLC.

WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES*

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and a interesting program! The lunch line opens about 11:45 a.m. and you are always assured of a tasty \$6 lunch, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally,

physically, spiritually and socially. The parking is free in the Pine Street lot north of the church from 11 to 1:30. No reservations are necessary, but a call to Gwen at the United Churches Office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attendee will help the caterer know how to prepare.

OCTOBER:

- 15- **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, Executive Director, United Churches, *"The Game of Life in our Community"*
 22- **Rabbi Joel Kessler**, Spiritual Leader, Ohev Sholom Congregation, *"Israel's Lone Soldiers"*
 29- **Mrs. Candy Watkins** and **Mrs. Carol Waltz**, Area Musicians, *"For All the Saints" Music of All Saints and All Saints (Hallows) Eve*

NOVEMBER:

- 5- **Alexander Nesbitt MD**, Medical Director Susquehanna Hospice/Palliative Care, **Catherine Haefner RN**, Susquehanna Hospice/Palliative Care, and **Allison Brion MSW**, Susquehanna Hospice; *"Partners in Caring; Susquehanna-Shirati Partnership for End-of-Life Care in Tanzania"*
 12- **Mrs. Connie Phillips**, Victorian Tour Committee *"Victorian Christmas Come to Life as Emma Rolley"*
 19- **Dr. John Piper**, Historian, *"Home of the Friendless: A Women's Ministry to Women"*
 27- **Mr. James Foran**, Director of Religious Education, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, *"How To Celebrate Thanksgiving Canadian Style"*

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 devotionists this fall include:

10/13-19 Mrs. Dorothy Wagner 10/20-26 Pastor Dorothy Anderson
 10/27-11-2 Pastor Dianna Herritt 11/3-9 Pastors Jim/ Kathy Behrens
 11/10-16 Mrs. Sandy Grier 11/17-23 Fr. Dan Kovalak

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!

CREATION CORNER*The Christian Social Concerns Committee***MOOCs, TED Talks, and "The Great Courses"**

Here are various examples that help us, from secular sources, as we advocate and take action on behalf of the environment.

MOOCs. "The New York Times" declared 2012 to be "the year of the MOOC" (massive open online courses). See *MOOCs: The Essential Guide* by Jonathan Haber (MIT Press Essential Knowledge series). Using "google search", enter your topic (e.g., Christianity and Ecology mooc, or creation care mooc).

MOOCs can be university-based online courses or personal online learning; free or not; some have starting dates, others are self-paced; some you can audit, others provide certificates of achievement; some may have pre-requisites and a time commitment, others not; some are videos, others live lectures; some have "classroom" discussions, others may use online forums.

Coursera.org is a MOOC source. Courses include those on sustainability; greening the economy; our energy future; climate literacy; navigating climate change conversations; climate change in four dimensions; etc.

edX.org, another MOOC example, offers courses such as global warming science; Blue is the new Green (global water crisis); human health and environmental change; making sense of climate science denial; solar energy; energy 101; intro. to environmental science; etc.

TED Talks "1800 talks to stir your curiosity" says the TED.com site. Of interest to us are Nicholas Stern's "The state of the climate and what we might do about it"; "How not to be ignorant about the world" by Hans and Ola Rosling; and others on the disappearance of bees, the danger of science denial, plastic recycling, a critical look at geoengineering against climate change.

The Great Courses are widely advertised (www.sale-greatcourses). These DVD lecture series include ones on Francis of Assisi; Science and Religion; Earth's Changing Climate; Earth at the Crossroads: Understanding the Ecology of a Changing Planet, etc.

Note: Mike Ochs began this series entitled "Creation Corner Column" in October 1997 (see newsletter at <http://www.uclc.org/>) and adopted as a blog in March 2011 by the web site at LutheransRestoringCreation.

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Tammy Aichner, Coor, ucm@ucl.org or 570-419-5376

Thanks to everyone that contributed to making our Fall Retreat such a success! On Sept. 19th, a group of students from Mansfield University joined our Penn College United Campus Ministry students at The Haft, for what we hope is an annual event. We enjoyed our fellowship, kayak trip and food. A special thank you to the Rev. Danesta Whaley, our Saturday morning speaker. Next year we would like to make it a two night event and will be looking for praise music for Friday evening. Thank you to everyone that keeps Campus Ministry in your prayers and contributions.

We are starting a recruitment push for more students. If you have any young adults attending Penn College, please encourage them to check us out on Monday nights from 8-9 for Faith Talks, an on campus Bible Study with their peers that is pastor led. I would like to recognize the pastors that have volunteered their time, in what I am sure is an already busy schedule, to facilitate a study for the students to date... the Rev. Paul Browne, Captain Debbie Engel, Pastor Salvatore Minnella and Dr. Rob Manzinger.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY PREPARATIONS

The Beloved Community Council is a local organization consisting of individuals committed to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of love, justice, and peace. They invite you into a service project to help to alleviate the shortage of resources at area agencies come mid-winter. There are two ways your congregation can help. First, you can hold a collection drive of food and personal care items. The second way to help is to participate in the Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 17, 2015 at the facility formerly known as the Campbell Street Center. On that day, we will celebrate Dr. King's legacy with two simultaneous peace walks (one beginning at Lycoming College and the other at the Pennsylvania College of Technology). Once at the facility, the service project will consist of organizing and sorting the donations to be distributed to various local ministries and agencies. This project cannot succeed without the community working together. The Beloved Community Council invites you to join in this endeavor.

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Lycoming Children and Youth Services is searching for families and individuals willing to foster youth in our County. They have a great need for people willing to foster and adopt children ages 0-21 with all different needs and make every effort to keep children in their home community, attending the same schools and keeping the same friends. Families may work full time, be a single parent,

have children of their own, or be retired. If you or someone you know is interested, check out our website, www.lycomingfostercare.org, or contact Heather Wood, 570-326-7895 or hwood@joinder.org.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Climate Justice: Faith in Action: Interfaith Power and Light Annual Conference will be held Sunday, Oct. 26 from 2-6 at Summit Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy, Phila. This conference will bring together clergy and lay leaders of all faiths for a dynamic afternoon of information on climate change. There will also be a dedicated workshop for teens "Speaking Our Minds" concurrent with other workshops. For more information go to: <http://www.paip.us/event/pa-ipl-annual-conference/>.

Mental Health First Aid Training: The Lycoming/Clinton MH/ID program is sponsoring this free training Oct. 28th at the Little League Complex, S. Wmspt. from 8-4:30. The training is designed to teach professionals how to intervene when dealing with an adolescent/youth experiencing a mental health crisis. Continuing Ed credits are available. For details or to register contact Mark Longenberger, at 570-326-7895.

Pennsylvania Parent Forum: The Parent Panel Advisory Council, in collaboration with the Dept. of Drug and Alcohol Pgms., is hosting a free, day-long informational event for parents. Topics included will be signs and symptoms of substance abuse, how to motivate your child to get help, and how to access help/treatment when needed. The forum round table will allow for feedback. This event is intended for parents, not professionals. WHEN: Friday, November 7, 2014, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. WHERE: Holiday Inn Harrisburg – Hershey (Grantville) COST: Free, but registration will be required. Contact: PA Dept of Drug & Alcohol Pgms. 717-783-8200

Witness in Common: An Exploration of Full Communion Agreements will be held on Monday, Nov. 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. The day will feature the Very Rev. Dr. Tom Ferguson, Dean at Bexley Seabury Seminary Federation and former Ecumenical Officer of the Episcopal Church as the plenary speaker. You will have an opportunity to participate in small groups to hear from three panels that will address ①the history of full communion agreements, ②the view from the judicatory level, and ③perspectives from congregations that are living into these agreements. For more information or to register for the day contact the Pennsylvania Council of Churches at 717-545-4761 or www.pachurches.org. Please list your panel preferences and note if you need a vegetarian or gluten-free lunch.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COUNTY *

Basketball: Churches interested in having teams in the John Bower Sunday School Basketball League should contact Bob Cellini at 570-368-3260. Games are played Saturday mornings and early afternoon at the Total Sports Arena and YMCA from December into February with a break over the holidays. The league has five divisions ranging from beginner pee-pee to seniors.

Yard Sale: The Newberry Branch of NGA will hold their annual yard sale on Saturday Oct. 18 from 8-11 at St. John's-Newberry United Methodist Church, Newberry St, Wmspt. There'll be household goods, books, clothes and more. Funds supply new clothes, shoes and coats to needy persons throughout Lycoming County.

Icon Festival: You are invited to gather with Holy Cross Orthodox Congregation to learn about Iconography, the ancient, mystical art form that has played a critical role in the worship, education and growth of the Christian Church. Located at 1725 Holy Cross Lane in Williamsport, the day begins at 10 a.m. with the Miracle Icon of St. Anna, the Grandmother of Christ, venerated during an Akathist service followed by a presentation/discussion. Iconographer Lynette Hull, of the Protopone School, will be available throughout the day. The event is free and is accompanied by a great selection of delicious ethnic foods on sale for lunch.

Ghostly Scarols: On Sunday, October 19th, at 3 pm, the Williamsport Civic Chorus will open its concert season with *Ghostly Scarols*, a "hair-raising" event for kids and grown-ups alike! This performance is in collaboration with Mrs. Denise Connor's talented drama students from Montoursville, and features a rousing assortment of chilling stories, spooky poems, and Halloween "scarols" in minor keys. The concert will take place at Curtin, 85 Eldred St, in Wmspt. Children under the age of 12, accompanied by a ticketed adult, are free.

Pastoral Care Week Breakfast: Susquehanna Health invites area pastors, chaplains, Eucharistic ministers, volunteers and other spiritual caregivers to breakfast on Thurs., Oct. 23 at 8:00 in the Atrium of Susquehanna Tower, 700 High St., Wmspt. The theme for this year's celebration is "Spiritual Well-Being." In addition to the morning meal and fellowship, Joanie Delovich, Dir. of Patient Experience, will share the progress being made in Susquehanna Health's initiative to improve patient encounters. RSVP by 10/20, to Jackie Perchinski at 570-321-2215.

The American Cancer Society's 5th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Lycoming County 5K walk will take place Sat., Oct. 25, in Indian Park, 617 N. Loyalsock Ave., Montoursville. Registration

will begin at 9 and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Most of the funds raised on our walk helps local women who are uninsured or under insured get screenings and wigs.

Concert: The Wellsboro Men's and Women's Chorus will perform at Faxon Kenmar UMC, 1301 Clayton Ave., Wmspt. on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 2 pm. Admission is free.

Concert: Nick Biddle, Tenor Soloist, will perform at Faxon Kenmar UMC, 1301 Clayton Ave., Wmspt, on Sun. Oct. 26th at 2 pm. Admission free.

Community Center: A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 11:30 and Open House (Noon-5) will be held on Friday, November 7 to herald its reopening and renaming. Previously known as The center or the Bethune Douglas Center located at 600 Campbell Street, Williamsport. It was recently purchased by Firetree LTD. They also need Volunteers for a diversity of programs including after school and senior programming, administrative tasks, event planning, etc. Leah Borow, Program Director, looks forward to meeting and working with you and speaking to the community. RSVP at 570-601-0877x2030 for the ribbon cutting.

Chamber Choir From Lycoming College will sing on Sunday, November 9th at 2:30 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport. Join them and **Organist Richard Lakey** for a concert featuring one of the most beloved 20th century compositions for choir and organ, **Maurice Durufle's Requiem**. It combines the beauty and solemnity of chant with the colors and impressionistic qualities of 20th Century France, and is ideally heard in an acoustic such as St. Joseph's. The concert begins at 2:30 pm and is free of charge. St. Joseph the Worker Parish is located at 702 West. Fourth Street in Williamsport. If you have questions call the church office at 570-323-9456.

Thanksgiving Day Public Dinner: The American Rescue Workers will host a free Thanksgiving Day dinner on Thursday, November 27 from Noon - 4 in their 2nd floor dining room at 643 Elmira St., Wmspt. Delivery is available only to shut-ins and handicapped persons by calling 570-323-8401x110 at least one day in advance.

Christmas Baskets: American Rescue Workers will be available for families in Lycoming County who meet federal poverty guidelines and register for the Toys for Tots Program through the ARW from 11/3 - 12/12 at their Social Service Center, M-F from 1-4 pm or at the Jersey Shore YMCA. Many volunteers are needed to assist with this the packing and distribution of these toy baskets. Holiday public dinners are being provided this year rather than food baskets. Call 570-323-8401 for details.

5. When persons need jobs or Employment Skills and Services...	<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</p> <p>B. <u>Counseling/Career Disability Svs</u> Penn College, 1 College Ave., Wmspt. 8-4:30 Weekdays</p> <p>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</p> <p>E. <u>Experience Works</u>, 329 Pine St. (For persons 55+) M-Th. 8-3:30</p>	<p>570-601-5465</p> <p>570-327-4765</p> <p>570-327-3600</p> <p>570-321-5811</p>
6. When Veterans need assistance	<p>A. <u>The Vet Center</u> (benefits, counseling, therapy, housing, meds,) 49 E 4th St. #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 3rd St.</p>	<p>570-327-5281</p> <p>570-322-4791</p> <p>570-327-2365</p> <p>570-323-9409</p>
7. When persons need clothing...	<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 & Adults, 501 High St. Wmspt. 10-2 M-T-W</p> <p>F. <u>Salvation Army Store</u>, 1445 Dewey Ave, 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 & 4:30-7, Sat 8:30-Noon Shoe Express: 1st, 3rd 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>, 320 Park Ave. Wmspt., 1st pair work shoes or uniform</p> <p>K. <u>Needlework Guild of Am.</u> (Local Chapter): new outfit, coat or shoes (kids & adults)</p> <p>L. <u>Liberty House Boutique</u>: 815 W 4th St., Wmspt. W 4-7, Th-F 11-5, Sat 10-2</p> <p>M. <u>Children's Closet</u>: Clothes for Kids 0-6 Castellano Ctr, 320 Park Ave, Wmspt, Tues. 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> <p>N/A</p>
8. When persons need emergency fuel 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>
9. When persons need furniture...	<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) and 1445 Dewy Avenue, Williamsport, Mon.- Sat.. 9:30 - 4:30,</p> <p>E. <u>Expectations for Women</u>, 854 W Third St, Wmspt - Baby furniture -no cribs M & W - 10 am-6 pm, T & Th - 10 am-8 pm, F 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>F. <u>Cribs for Kids/Pack N Play Cribs</u> for newborns, Coroner's Office, 48 W 3rd St, Wmspt.</p> <p>G. <u>American Legion Post #1</u>, 10 E. 3rd 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>570-327-3035</p> <p>570-321-8254</p> <p>570-327-2305</p> <p>570-323-9409</p>

<p>10. When persons need pastoral care</p>	<p>A. <u>Shepherd of the Streets Ministry</u> 320 Park Ave. Williamsport. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m. (Both counseling & 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. When persons need utility assistance...</p>	<p>A. <u>STEP (Limited)</u> 2138 Lincoln St. 9-5 weekdays (Cap for gas) 800-844-9276 B. <u>PG Energy</u> program (Must be on a payment plan) 800-820-8620 C. <u>PPL-CARE</u> (electric) (Must be on a payment plan) 8-5 weekdays Operation help program.... a one time payment. 800-342-5775 D. <u>PPL On Track Program</u> - Through STEP Outreach Office 570-368-5267 Help for electric bills of eligible persons with reduced monthly payments E. <u>Salvation Army</u>, 457 Market Street (<i>By appointment only</i>) 570-326-9187 G. <u>Am. Rescue Workers</u>, 643 Elmira St, Wmspt (Limited) Fri-9-4 by app. Ext. 12 570-323-8401 H. <u>Shepherd of the Street</u>, 320 Park Ave. Wmspt. 9-12, 1-3 Mon - Thurs 570-322-6538 I. <u>Public Utility Commission</u>, Insure safe reliable reasonably priced electric, gas, water, telephone. Their decision is final. Determination hotline: 800-692-7380</p>	<p>570-327-5485 800-820-8620 800-342-5775 570-368-5267 570-326-9187 570-323-8401 570-322-6538 800-692-7380</p>
<p>12. When persons need medical help....</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 a Friday. 570-326-2566 B. <u>Susquehanna Community Health Center</u>, 471 Hepburn Street 570-567-5400 Mon-Fri - 8:30-11:30, 1-4:30. appointments required C. <u>SHS Community Dental Clinic</u> 469 Hepburn Street, Hepburn Plaza, 570-567-5430 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 800-986-5437 E. <u>Healthy Baby Help-Line</u> for infants and pre-natal 800-986-2229 F. <u>Adult Health Insurance</u> information/referral or basic insurance 800-462-2742 G. <u>Lead Information Line</u> 800-440-5323 H. <u>STEP Office of the Aging</u>, 2138 Lincoln St, In home services and referral for elderly 570-323-3096 I. <u>Hepatitis Testing and Care</u> - Susquehanna Health System - Call for info. 570-321-1000 J. <u>Pennsylvania Department of Health</u>, 1000 Commerce Park Drive 570-327-3400 K. <u>Hearing Aids</u> Lions Club International Hearing Pgm. - Art Girio 570-326-1793 L. <u>Penn College</u> - 1 College Ave, Wmspt - Routine Dental Cleaning & Check-up 570-327-4500 M. <u>Shepherd of the Streets</u>, 320 Park Ave, Wmspt., Eyeglass/Dental Surgery Ast. 570-322-6538 N. <u>Rural Health Care Marketplace</u>, 471 Hepburn St. Wmspt. Weekdays 8-5 570-560-3035 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 570-321-3131 R. <u>PA Health Law Project</u>, helps low income families/disabled/elderly obtain health care 800-274-3258</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 570-321-3131 800-274-3258</p>
<p>13. When persons need prescriptions...</p>	<p>A. <u>American Rescue Workers</u> 643 Elmira St, 9-4 M-F (<i>Limited</i>) 570-323-8401 B. <u>Shepherd of the Street</u>, 320 Park Ave., Wmspt. 9-12, 1-3 Mon - Thurs 570-322-6538 C. <u>PaceNet & Pace</u> - Office of the Aging 60+, 2138 Lincoln St., Wmspt. Weekdays 9-5 570-323-3096 D. <u>PA Patient Assistance Program</u>, Dept. Of Public Assistance, 400 Little League Blvd, Wmspt. for 19-64 year olds not receiving Medicaide 570-327-3497</p>	<p>570-323-8401 570-322-6538 570-323-3096 570-327-3497</p>
<p>14. When persons face HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>A. <u>AIDS Resource</u>, 500 W 3rd St, Wmspt. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Weekdays (Support services for those infected and affected with HIV or AIDS) 570-322-8448 B. PA. Department of Health, 1100 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 109 Wmspt. 570-327-3400</p>	<p>570-322-8448 570-327-3400</p>
<p>15. When persons need transportation</p>	<p>A. <u>Am. Rescue Wks</u>, 643 Elmira St, Wmspt. Emergencies only. Limited (By appointment) 570-323-8401 B. <u>STEP Transportation</u> (Step Van) 1-800-222-2468 or 570-323-7575 C. <u>Shepherd of the Streets</u>, 320 Park Avenue., Wmspt, 9-12, 1-3 M - Th 570-322-6538 D. <u>STEP Office of the Aging</u>, 2138 Lincoln St, Free bus pass for seniors 60-64 570-323-3096 E. <u>American Cancer Society</u>, Road to Recovery Program (medical appts.) 800-ACS-2345</p>	<p>570-323-8401 570-323-7575 570-322-6538 570-323-3096 800-ACS-2345</p>

<p>16. Additional Resources</p>	<p>A. <u>Lyc. Cty. Clearinghouse</u>: % ARW, 326 Bridge St, Wmspt. Information verification for providers kimarw@chilitech.net</p> <p>B. If you still need help finding a resource call.....</p> <p>C. <u>Favors Forward</u> - email: favorsforward@gmail.com www.favorsforward.weebly.com</p>	<p>570-323-8401 Extension 112</p> <p>211</p> <p>570-326-3805</p>
<p>17. When persons are <i>mentally or emotionally disturbed & or suicidal...</i></p>	<p>A. <u>Lycoming/Clinton MH/MR and Children and Youth</u> (24 hr.) 200 East St Wmspt.</p> <p>B. <u>Catholic Social Services - Lycoming</u> 1201 Grampian Blvd, Suite 2G 9-5 Weekdays, evenings by appointment (Counseling/ Pregnancy & Adoption Svs)</p> <p>C. <u>Diakon Family Life Services</u>, 435 W 4th St(by appointment) Monday - Thursday 8-8, Friday - 8-4. Family, Individual, Marital & Suicide Counseling</p> <p>D. <u>Suicide Hotline</u>: National: 1-800-SUICIDE(784-2433) Lycoming Cty Crisis Int.</p> <p>E. <u>Universal Community Behavioral Health</u>: 214 Broad St Mont. M-T-F, 8-4:30 Outpatient services for children and adolescents.</p> <p>F. <u>Universal Community Behavioral Health</u>: 7930 Nittany Valley Dr Mill Hall Weekdays 8-5, Outpatient & inpatient services for children and adolescents.</p> <p>G. <u>Heartworks</u>: Children's Bereavement Specialists, 1100 Grampian Blvd. Suite 383, Wmspt</p> <p>H. <u>Crossroads Counseling</u>: 501 E 3rd St. Wmspt. M-Th 8am-9pm, F&S, 8-2 or 8 N. Grove St, Lock Haven, M-Th 8-8, F 8-1 or 444 E. College Ave Suite 460 State College, M-Th 8am-9pm, F, 8-2</p>	<p>570-326-7895</p> <p>570-322-4220</p> <p>570-322-7873</p> <p>570-326-7895</p> <p>570-726-4306</p> <p>570-726-4306</p> <p>570-320-7691</p> <p>570-323-7535</p> <p>570-893-1886</p> <p>814-231-0940</p>
<p>18. When persons have serious <i>drug & alcohol problems....</i></p>	<p>A. <u>West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse & Tobacco Addiction Commission</u> Case Management Unit, 213 W. 4th St., Wmspt 7:30 - 4 M-F (call anytime)</p> <p>B. <u>Psychological Services</u> (Outpatient therapy) Bloomsburg 9-5 Weekdays</p> <p>C. <u>Alcoholics Anonymous - District 48</u> PO Box 303, Williamsport 17701</p> <p>D. <u>AlAnon and AlaTeen</u> Williamsport Hospital Conf. Rm 1B, 7 pm Sun.</p> <p>E. <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u>, PO Box 1161, Williamsport 17701</p> <p>F. <u>Alcohol and Drug 24 Hour Referral Line</u></p> <p>G. <u>White Deer Run</u> - Lock Haven</p> <p>H. <u>Valley Prevention</u> - 520 W 4th St. Wmspt. Suite 2B</p> <p>I. <u>Susquehanna NW Human Svs. Outpatient Mental Health Drug & Alcohol Counselling</u>, 520 W 4th St. Suite 2A, Wmspt.</p> <p>J. <u>White Deer Run</u> - Devitts Camp Road, Allenwood</p> <p>K. <u>White Deer Run Outpatient Treatment</u> - 901 Westminster Drive, Wmspt</p> <p>L. <u>Crossroads Counseling</u>: 501 E 3rd St. Wmspt. M-Th 8am-9pm, F&S, 8-2 or 8 N. Grove St, Lock Haven, M-Th 8-8, F 8-1 or 444 E. College Ave Suite 460 State College, M-Th 8am-9pm, F, 8-2</p>	<p>570-323-8543</p> <p>570-389-1249</p> <p>570-327-2860</p> <p>800-344-2666</p> <p>570-327-2678</p> <p>800-821-4357</p> <p>570-893-8100</p> <p>570-323-9940</p> <p>570-322-1216</p> <p>800-255-2335</p> <p>570-321-6127</p> <p>570-323-7535</p> <p>570-893-1886</p> <p>814-231-0940</p>

<p>19. When persons have a specific need...</p>	<p>A. <u>Crisis Hotline</u> 24 hour National Crisis Service</p> <p>B. <u>Special Kids Network & Parent to Parent Information and Referral.</u> Help for kids with disability/health conditions State office, Harrisburg</p> <p>C. <u>Child Safety Seat Inspection</u> - Free - by appointment: Wmspt Bureau of Fire, 440 Walnut St, or Old Lycoming Township Vol. Fire Company, 1600 Dewey Ave, Wmspt.</p> <p>D. <u>STEP Inc.</u> 2138 Lincoln St, PO Box 3568, Day Care / Head Start, Weatherization, Training Programs.</p> <p>E. <u>STEP Inc.</u> 2138 Lincoln St, Funded Child Care.</p> <p>F. <u>Center for Independent Living</u> 210 Market St. #A. Serves disabled, M-F 8-4:30</p> <p>G. <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.</p> <p>H. <u>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline/Shelter</u> - 815 W 4th St. Wmspt. For victims of crimes - in crisis - With transient services for Women and Children</p> <p>I. <u>Expectations Women's Center</u> 854 W 3rd St (Counseling. Care & Supplies) M & W - 10 am-5 pm, T & Th - 10 am-7 pm, F 10 am-1 pm 24 hr hotline</p> <p>J. <u>West End Christian Comm. Ctr</u> Limited Vouchers -diapers 901 Diamond St, Wmspt.</p> <p>K. <u>Campbell St. Family, Youth/Community Assoc.</u> 844 W 4th St, Wmspt Recreational, financial, educational pgms, for children-youth-adults-seniors</p> <p>L. <u>N.W.PA Optical Clinic</u> 901 Diamond St, Wmspt. appointments needed New prescription glasses to low/moderate income persons, \$36 starting price</p> <p>M. <u>North Central Sight Services</u> 2121 Reach Rd, Wmspt., W-F 8:30-4:30 vision</p> <p>N. <u>Shepherd of the Streets</u>, 320 Park Avenue, Wmspt., Birth Certificates and ID's</p> <p>O. <u>Consumer Credit Counseling Svs.of NE PA</u>, 201 Basin St. Suite 6, Wmspt. Mediation - advocacy - budgeting M, T, W & F., 8:30:-4:30, Th. 11-7, Sat. by appointment</p> <p>P. <u>Hearing Loss</u>, 901 Diamond St, Wmspt 2nd Thursdays each month e-mail contacts only: tybergkay7376@yahoo.com</p>	<p>211</p> <p>800-784-2433</p> <p>570-326-4980</p> <p>570-327-1602</p> <p>570-323-1665</p> <p>800-986-4550</p> <p>570-326-0587</p> <p>570-601-9703</p> <p>570-327-9070</p> <p>570-323-8741</p> <p>570-323-8167</p> <p>800-326-8483</p> <p>570-321-8254</p> <p>800-395-HELP</p> <p>570-323-6297</p> <p>570-322-5515</p> <p>570-601-3399</p> <p>570-323-9401</p> <p>570-322-6538</p> <p>570-323-6627</p> <p>800-922-9537</p> <p>NA</p>
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