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### POVERTY: A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE.....*The Christian Social Concerns Committee* \*

**F**or I was hungry and you gave me food (Mt 25:35.) Jesus makes clear that we are called to feed those who are hungry and be servants to those living in poverty. We are also called to advocate for changes to economic and political systems that contribute to the existence of hunger and poverty. Both charity and justice are required. How are we doing individually and collectively as people of faith?

**Local School-Lunch Programs reveal persistent level of need:** The recently released data for the 2019-20 school year for Free and Reduced Lunch programs in county schools reveals a continuing high level of need for children. The overall county total of children receiving free or reduced lunch is 7,575 children. Wages need to improve so as to help families and their children.

School District	% Free Eligible	% Reduced Eligible	Total % 2020	Total % 2019
East Lycoming	32.3	3.4	35.7	36.3
Jersey Shore	40.8	6.3	47.1	48.6
Loyalsock	35.1	3.1	38.2	37.3
Montgomery	42.2	5.5	47.7	45.2
Montoursville	26.4	2.8	29.2	30.8
Muncy	37.5	4.5	42.0	40.0
South Williamsport	49.0	6.5	45.5	48.2
Williamsport	59.9	5.1	65.0	66.0

In charity, we need to do more to support food pantries and other programs that assist families with children. In justice, we need to advocate for strengthening programs focused on child nutrition, raise the minimum wage, and urge employers to provide a living wage. *(Statistics are from the PA Department of Education.)*



**Public school homeless rate for 2017-18** – The National Center for Homeless Education report that 1.5 million public school students were homeless at some point in 2017-18. This figure was the highest in a dozen years and was 15% higher than 2016-17. Housing affordability was a primary cause of such homelessness. In Lycoming County, programs such as Family Promise attempt to serve families who are experiencing homelessness. Children of school age are often part of the families served.

**Unemployment rates:** National rate - 3.6 %  
 Pennsylvania – 4.2 %  
 Lycoming County – 5.6 %

The local rate is above the state and national rates. The figure 5.6% relates to real people. An estimated 3,200 people are currently looking for work in the county. Let us not forget them.

**H**ow Important is the 2020 Census...that everyone should take part? The census happens once every ten years throughout the nation. Notices will be sent out by mail later in March and information collection will be in full swing during April.



The census is mandated by the US Constitution and is the primary method for equitably allocating resources across the country. For every person that's left out, that's twenty thousand dollars that our county misses out on! That's huge!

Funding comes to us for schools, libraries, roads, housing, senior services, healthcare, transportation, community development, law enforcement, employment.... If you are not counted then we all loose.

I know some of us find it difficult to trust the government when it comes to sharing private, personal information. And sometimes what someone thinks they know is misinformation, myths about the census. Some think just citizens are counted, but everyone should be counted. For decades, the black and brown communities have been undercounted. We need to make sure none of the communities that make up Lycoming County allow fear to cause us to be undercounted. If we do, we'll miss funds that could make this an even better place to live. *Pass the word!*

**BECOMING PLASTIC FOAM FREE**

**A**re we there yet? Almost a year ago United Churches through the Social Concerns Committee issued a call to action to individuals and congregations in our county to learn more about the dangers of Styrofoam like products and to work to stop using it. Articles have been written and read, discussions have happened all over the place and changes are being made in homes, congregations, and businesses!



A grant through UMCORE was obtained to help congregations and small businesses transition away from plastic-foam products. Our first order of alternative products is being delivered this week and about a dozen congregations have signed up to be part of the Grant Project,

and others are in the midst of the decision making process. We will soon also be touching base with small businesses through Jason Fink's leadership at the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to New Covenant United Church of Christ for donating the storage space and Gail Landers for donating her time to coordinate the program. The funds saved will be applied to providing more product to help folks in their transition from plastic-foam. *Are we there yet? No. But we are on our way. Won't you join us!*

**FOOD PANTRY \***

**Mona Rundio, Coordinator 570-322-1657**

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**L**ent is for us to give up, repent, and restore ourselves without expecting anything in return. We also need to pray for those who have not found Jesus, went down a wrong road, or who are weak or depressed. These Lenten disciplines generate a positive spirit and faith in our world.



Our pantry clients are very thankful for your generosity! They are pleased with the variety of items available and comfortable having a friendly place to come where our staff gets to know them and understand their needs, wants and hardships. In return we all receive more than we expected, both love and respect! Far beyond that good feeling you get when you have been helped or have helped someone. Hospitality is a spiritual gift we can all celebrate as we are drawn together!

Everyone at the pantry would like to give a huge thanks to those that helped us with Super Bowl contributions and weekly donations to the food pantry. We pray and hope that the giving keeps on going and growing.

Located at the rear of 320 Park Avenue the food pantry at this time is in need of these products: Easter meal products and much more.....

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Drinks/Coffee</i>   | <i>Canned Meats/Fruits/Veggies</i>    |
| <i>Cereal/Oatmeal</i>  | <i>Microwave Meals/Soups</i>          |
| <i>Ramen Noodles</i>   | <i>Cake or Muffin Mixes/Frostings</i> |
| <i>Spaghetti/Sauce</i> | <i>Ketchup/Mustard/Mayo</i>           |
| <i>Healthy Snacks</i>  | <i>Peanut Butter/Jelly</i>            |
| <i>Gravy/Stuffing</i>  | <i>Canned Yams/Ham/Pickled Beets</i>  |

The pantry hours are:

- Monday..... 9-11 for donations and stocking
- Tuesday/Thursday..10:15-2 for clients

May God bless you and keep you this spring!!

**DIAL - A - DEVOTION \***

Have you called yet today?  
The number is 570-322-5762.  
It's available 24/7.



**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 spring are:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 3/9-15 Mrs. Dorothy Wagner    | 3/16-22 Ms. Pat Jenkins            |
| 3/23-29 Pastor Tammey Aichner | 3/30-4/5 Ms. Yvonne Shenuski       |
| 4/6-12 Deacon Sandy Grier     | 4/13-19 Ms. Patty Gohrs            |
| 4/20-26 Rev. Gwen Bernstine   | 4/27-5/3 Pastors Jim/Kathy Behrens |

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!

**SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS\***

J. Morris Smith, Th.D.,  
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*Missings Of The Poor*

**M**any are the doubts, apprehensions, qualms, and suspicions of those who live in a culture developed by achievement, accomplishment, attainment, acquirement, and knowledge. One's birth, heritage, opportunities, and environment, are not of one's own choosing. To a great extent, the scope and dynamic of a person's abilities and world view will establish his/her probable future which prohibits his/her possible future, and results in lack of confidence and true self-image.

The dehumanization that occurs in childhood and youth is the lack of love, joy, faith, peace, kindness, confidence, reason, self-control, grace, and inherent goodness. The psychological damage done to these requisites engender a basic fear and suspicion of the world and its doings, both natural and man-made. And so it is that harm, sickness, accident, medical treatment, surgery and such are approached with anxiety, dread, fear (often unreasonable), and irrational thoughts.

As Shepherd of the Streets, much of my time is spent in clinical counseling; listening to qualms and suspicions, and answering questions provoked by doubts and misinformation.

This ministry is vital to presenting a sufficient pathway from diagnosis to healed. But it is costly and in need of a steady flow of enough money. If you are not already, please consider a monthly donation to endow this vital ministry of United Churches of Lycoming County.

To help us bring hope and help to those who ask, send a blessing to Shepherd of the Streets, Box P.O. 2184, Williamsport, PA 17703 and/or visit us at Shepherd of the Streets, 320 Park Ave., Monday - Thursday, 9am-2pm.

Thank you also for your donation of hygiene items, baby needs, and/or bedding. These family sized hygiene items are such a blessing because people suffer the most when there is not enough money to feed, clothe, and house their family, and most illnesses are a surprise to their budget. This continues to be a necessary part of our ministry. The list follows:

- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes*
- Shaving Cream and Razors*
- Shampoo and Conditioner*
- Women's Hygiene Products*
- Towels and Wash Cloths*
- Bedding and Blankets*



- Tissues and Toilet Paper and Paper Towels*
- Soap*                      *Deodorant*                      *Combs*
- Baby Diapers*              *Baby Shampoo*                      *Baby Oil*
- Baby Q-Tips*              *Baby Wipes*                      *Baby Powder*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\***

**W**e need a few more volunteers to fill the ministries schedule. Both clergy & laity can help. With the flu season upon us this past Sunday we filled Valley View twice and then had to cancel the service. The nursing home residents love to come together to worship, something they have done all their lives! We are there to remind them of God's love and faithfulness and bring them the hope they need to face the challenges of life. Leaders are needed for services on Sunday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Contact Gwen at [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org) or 570-322-1110.

**T**wo seats are currently available for our (UCLC) day in Lancaster to see Sight and Sounds newest production, **Queen Esther** on Tuesday, March 24.



Again flu season seems to be taking it's toll so if you are interested give Yvonne a call. We will also have a waiting list in case someone can't go on short notice. The cost is: Adults: \$125, Children under 12: \$90. Yvonne Shenuski can be reached at 570-546-7786 (call or text) to make your reservation.



**Tammy Aichner, Coordinator, [ucm@uclc.org](mailto:ucm@uclc.org)**

"Perseverance through 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, new opportunities to make disciples, new job as a substitute paraprofessional."

"Praise for God's conviction. Pray for my friend that he would listen to God's voice."

"Prayers for safe travels for my dad and his friend driving home from out of state. Prayers to balance schoolwork and church."

"Future mission opportunities, Christian relationships, What more does God have for me?"

**E**very Monday evening, before we close our Bible Study with prayer, we each write prayer requests on an index card. One student picks a number, another a direction. We pass the cards around and the one you end up with is the prayer request you lift up for that week. I have prayer cards in my binder, in my desk, in my wallet, tucked throughout my Bible and folded in my pockets. I lift them up every day! I continue to pray for students who have graduated, married and now have children of their own. As I come across a prayer card, I remember that student, perhaps even the night I received their card, and it makes me smile as I read it! Our students are so awesome!

We are finishing our Spring semester and they need your prayers more than ever. In the words of one of our graduating seniors..."My senior project is going to kill me. Depression is a thing."

**THE PLACE TO BE FOR LUNCH WEDNESDAYS \***

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

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 United Churches Office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attender will help our caterer, Heidi, to prepare.

**MARCH:**

*A Journey through Lent*

**The People Jesus Met On His Way to Jerusalem**

- 11- **Rev. Glenn McCreary**, Resurrection Catholic Church, Muncy, *"The Disciple Who Wanted To Know More About Prayer"* - Luke 11:1-13
- 18- **Rev. David Smith**, Montoursville Presbyterian Church, *"The Brother Who Wanted Some Of The Family Inheritance"* Luke 12: 13-21
- 25- **Rev. Brad Walmer**, New Covenant United Church of Christ, Williamsport, *"The Lawyer Who Tests Jesus"* Luke 10:25-37.

**APRIL:**

- 1- **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, Staff, United Churches, *"The Crippled Woman"* Luke 13:10-17
- 8- **Rev. Dr. John Charnock**, Director, Mission Integration & Ethics, Pastoral Care & Volunteer Services at UPMC Susquehanna, *"Simon Of Cyrene Who Carried Jesus' Cross"* Luke 23:26-31
- 15- **Mr. Brian Patchett**, CEO, North Central Sight Services, *"Helping The Visually Impaired Maximize Their Quality of Life"*
- 22- **Ms. Carol Waltz and Ms. Leatha Kieser**, Williamsport Music Club *"A Spring Song."*
- 29- To Be Announced

**AREA MINISTRY NEWS**

**L**ittle League Coupons: The World of Little League Museum is again offering churches complimentary youth passes to be used in conjunction with Easter Egg Hunts or similar events. To allow more children to have the opportunity to visit the museum, passes for children 12 and under are available to be used as gifts for your event. Contact Gwen at [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org) or 570-322-1110 today (by 3/19.) Note: children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or other adult in the museum.



**E**arth Week Clean-Up: The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is organizing a cleanup for the week of Earth Day, taking place April 18 - 26. SGP will register groups with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and obtain and provide gloves, safety vests and garbage bags for them. They ask groups to self-organize teams, and then share with them

their weight of litter, number of volunteer hours, and area of litter collection. Contact Sam Keller at [sjkeller@susquehanna-greenway.org](mailto:sjkeller@susquehanna-greenway.org) to share your team's information. Appoint a representative from your organization to pick up supplies on April 14<sup>th</sup> at their distribution meeting.



**T**hank you from the bottom of our hearts for each and every person who offered

prayer, came to visit, or donated time, talent, or other resources to Sojourner Truth Ministries as we prepared for our House of Hope to be unveiled at the Open House Fri 2/28/2020. House of Hope is planned communal housing for women coming out of homelessness who wish to replace the lies they have believed about their worth with the Truth of who Jesus Christ says their value is.

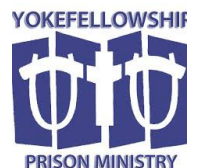
The event was a wonderful success with many coming out to see, and to connect and fellowship together. There were people from many walks of life and as many denominations, making it more beautiful.

Please visit our website [www.stmwilliamsport.org](http://www.stmwilliamsport.org) to see what positions we are hiring for. We are also looking for several volunteers in positions of mentors, social service advocacy, maintenance, and more. There is also an updated list of (new) items still needed.

We did a pilot program with St. Boniface church, and they come weekly to prepare and serve a meal. This has been a positive ongoing interaction from all sides. If your church might like to do something similar, please reach out to us! We are always looking for ways to connect people.

....As of this writing we are just a few thousand dollars from our goal. **Thank You!** Your prayers and support have already made a difference in our community.

Rev. Danesta (Nessie) Whaley,  
Northeast Regional Dir. Yokefellow Center  
Phone: 570-326-6868



"The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve" -Matthew 20:28

**S**pring is right around the corner! Are you looking forward to some New Adventures? I sure am! It has been so amazing to see how the Lord continues to work in prison ministry and in the lives of His people everywhere. It is a privilege to not only send volunteers into prison but also for me to be an active participator as well. When I have the opportunity each week to minister and serve to many inside the prison walls, I take great delight in having a part to play in each life that crosses my path. Every time we step into the prisons, change happens even if only in the life of one person.

I personally get to witness that change even in small ways. The Word of God is shared, prayers are made and the men and women inside have thankful hearts that someone took the time to come in and serve.

Our Yokefellowship volunteers are some of the best! It makes my heart glad to see the willingness and enthusiasm throughout this entire ministry. All Praise and Glory continues to be given to God, who graciously allows us to serve. Check out our website at [www.yokefellowship.net](http://www.yokefellowship.net) for the new updated video. You will hear many wonderful testimonies from former inmates and Yokefellowship volunteers.

Will you consider being a part along with us? Please contact our office at the above number to become involved. There are opportunities to serve inside the prisons and outside of the prisons. There is a place for you! Our ministry building is located at 1200 Almond Street, Williamsport. \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

**A**re there people in your congregation experiencing vision issues? North Central Sight Services, Inc. is here to help those of all ages experiencing blindness and vision loss reach their fullest potential.

NCSS provides Assistive technology and training to help individuals in all aspects of life- education, personal and professional to enhance independence. Our goal is to give people with visual impairments access to their community and maximize their quality of life. Whether it is a child needing assistance with reading to adults utilizing assistive technology that assists them in employment, NCSS provides the tools and education needed to remain independent. NCSS offers other person-centered services as well such as transportation, peer support/social recreation groups, and a prevention of blindness program.



If you or someone in your congregation is experiencing vision loss and needs support, please contact us at 570-323-9401, stop by 2121 Reach Road, Williamsport or visit our website at [www.ncsight.org](http://www.ncsight.org). We are here to help. \_\_\_\_\_



**National Night Out** **T**he Williamsport Citizen Corps Council is again planning for our 2020 National Night Out festivities for August 4, 2020. After a very successful partnership with the United Churches of Lycoming County last year we are hoping to expand this partnership with even more participation from churches and local organizations this year. The objective of this event is to reach out to all members of the community to further strengthen neighborhood unity and continue to help one another, striving to make our city and the surrounding area a safer place to live and work. It is never too early to start planning. Let's all put our thinking caps on and come up with some unique activities and programs that reflect our mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." As we get closer to August 4<sup>th</sup> there will be more information forthcoming. Again, Thank You to all groups who participated last year and hoping for even more participation this year. -Jeff Reeder, President WCCC



**CREATION CORNER**

*Christian Social Concerns Committee*

Events, Anniversaries, Wildlife Conservation, Books

**Events**

- Turn Off Your Lights for Earth Hour, Saturday March 28, 2020, 8:30 p.m., info at [www.worldwildlife.org/eh20](http://www.worldwildlife.org/eh20)
- 2020 Soil and Water Stewardship Week and Sunday theme is "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?" from the National Association of Conservation Districts. Education materials available. [www.nacdet.org](http://www.nacdet.org)

**Anniversaries**

- 10th anniversary of the publication of the Bill McKibben book, EAARTH: Making Life on a Tough New Planet.
- 50th anniversary of the founding of Friends of the Earth (FOE) International 1969.
- Quotes for "Earth Day at 50" (April 22), from the Sierra Magazine cover story article of March/April:
  - "Earth Day should be, among other things, a festival for those who wish to remind everyone that we should let other living things be just because they are alive."
  - "Earth Day as usual, a polite exercise of stewardship, is wholly inadequate considering the scope and urgency of the climate emergency."
  - "We are asking the world to transition. But as a movement, are we willing to change?"

**Also of related interest:**

- Becoming Wild: How Animal Cultures Raise Families, Create Beauty, and Achieve Peace. Carl Safina.
- The Birds of Pandemonium: Life Among the Exotic and the Endangered. Michelle Raffin.
- End of the Megafauna: The Fate of the World's Hugest, Fiercest, and Strangest Animals. Ross D.E. MacPhee.
- Extinct: An Illustrated Exploration of Animals That Have Disappeared. Lucas Riera (for children/youth).
- The Hunt for the Golden Mole: All Creatures Great and Small and Why They Matter. Richard Girling.
- Last Chance to See. Douglas Adams & Mark Carwardine.
- Tamed: Ten Species that Changed our World. Alice Roberts.

**Films Of Notice**

1. Environmental Film Festival, March 12-22, 2020 in Washington D.C. [www.DCEFF.ORG](http://www.DCEFF.ORG)
2. Sundance Film Festival 2020 [www.sundance.org/program](http://www.sundance.org/program)
3. Film and web site on the 100+ uncontacted tribes around the world, [www.survivalinternational.org/uncontacted](http://www.survivalinternational.org/uncontacted)

**Books**

- 101 Ways to go Zero Waste. Kathryn Kellogg.
- Being the Change: Live Well and Spark a Climate Revolution. Peter Kalmus.
- The Earth is Not for Sale: A Path out of Fossil Capitalism to the Other World that is still Possible. David and Peter Schwartzman.
- From Disposable Culture to Disposable People: The Unintended Consequences of Plastics. Sasha Adkins.
- Here: Poems for the Planet. Elizabeth J. Coleman, ed., foreword by the Dalai Lama.

- Plastic-Free: How I Kicked the Plastic Habit and How You Can Too. Beth Terry (also a TED talk).
- Projects. Andy Goldsworthy (land art).
- The Secret Life of Flies. Erica McAlister.
- Shamrocks and Oil Slicks: A People's Uprising Against Shell Oil in County Mayo, Ireland. Fred A. Wilcox.
- Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States. United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice. 1987.
- Toxic Wastes and Race at Twenty. United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice. 2007.
- Water, Wind, Earth and Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements. Christine Valters Painter.



### WORKSHOPS

Bishop Charge Banquet. Info: 570-601-1791.

**B**e Encouraged To Be About The Lord's Business is a Conference at Freedom House, Community Worship Center on March 13-15. Friday: 6 pm - Praise Service & Dinner, Saturday 9-5: Workshops + Trainings, 4 pm: Healing Service. Sunday: 4 pm

**T**here Is Treasure In Your Tragedy: Only You Have The Key - will be presented by Day by Day Ministries on March 21 from 1 - 4:30 pm at Diamond Street Christian Church, 822 Diamond Street, Williamsport. Carolyn Perry, facilitator, Belton Mobley, Pastor. Details: [daybydayministries@yahoo.com](mailto:daybydayministries@yahoo.com) or 570-220-8063,

**A**nnual Women's Retreat: "Sisterhood: How and Why to Create a Community of Faith" is being sponsored by First UMC, Muncy on Saturday, May 2 from 9-3 in their Living Water Cafe. It will be led by the Rev. Susan Halverstadt. Info: 570-546-8030.

**M**ental Health First Aid Training will be held on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-5 at the Genetti Hotel & Suites, Williamsport. Registration: Participants pay a non-refundable fee of \$25 to register, which covers the cost of the required training manual. To register go to: <https://www.neacjs.org/2020-mental-health-training-workshop> Upon completion, participants receive a National Certification in Mental Health First Aid. Certification is renewable every three years. For questions about this training, please contact Michele Bratina, [mbratina@wcupa.edu](mailto:mbratina@wcupa.edu). For payment by check, contact [jtucker@wcupa.edu](mailto:jtucker@wcupa.edu).

### MUSICAL EVENTS\*

**P**edals, Pipes, and Pizza, an introduction to the organ for children, youth, and adults, will be presented by the Williamsport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, on Saturday, March 14, from 10 am to noon, with registration beginning at 9:30, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 844 W 4<sup>th</sup> St., Wmspt. The cost is \$5, including a pizza lunch. For details, contact Donna Elkin at 570-323-7367.



**E**cumenical Festival Choir will present A Performance of Sacred Choral Music on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Faxon Kenmar United Methodist Church, 1301 Clayton Ave., Wmspt. Come and enjoy the beautiful music! Admission free. (Poster in supplement)

### LENTEN EVENTS

**A**nnual Lenten Soup Sale and Luncheon is held every Thursday now thru April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am – 1pm. The menu is: Hamburg BBQ, Hot Dogs, Homemade Vegetable Soup, Baked Beans, and Homemade Pies. Soup \$5/quart. Call 570-368-1863 to order from Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, 31 N. Loyalsock Avenue, Montoursville.

**M**idweek Lenten Services are being hosted by the Nippenose Ministerium. They begin at 7 pm and all are welcome.

March 11th at Oriole United Methodist Church

March 18th at Antes Fort United Methodist Church

March 25th at Oval United Methodist Church

April 1st at St. James Lutheran Church

### ECUMENICAL SERVICES FOR\*



Noon Trinity Episcopal Church, 844 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, Voices Around The Cross, sponsored by the Williamsport Ministerium.

1:00 p.m. St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 201 South Main Street, Muncy, with Rev. Rob Rice preaching, sponsored by the Muncy Ministerium.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS\*

**S**panish Speaking Mass is available at St Boniface on a trial basis. The next one will be on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The address is 326 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport.

**M**ade for More: Visions from the Promised Land... Christopher West will be at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 326 Washington Blvd., Wmspt, on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 call 570-323-9456

**P**ro-Life Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express (Grand Ball Room) in Williamsport. The principal speaker will be Dr. Monique Ruberu. Breakfast buffet: \$15 Adult & \$5 Children 10 & under. RSVP: Doris at 570.745.3502 before Friday, March 20.

**V**ictorian Tea will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 2 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 844 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Williamsport. A \$15 donation includes tea, sandwiches and savories, drinks, and traditional British sweets. This year's theme is Dollhouses! Fanciful attire is encouraged. Ticket auction and door prizes, too. For tickets, call the church at 570-322-0126.