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## United Churches of Lycoming County's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly!

**U**nited Churches of Lycoming County's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly will be held Thursday, November 18, 2021. This year it will be held at Pine Street United Methodist Church, 441 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA. The building is handicapped accessible and has off street parking in the lot next to it. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m., with a welcome and meal blessing at 6:30.



The evening will include:

- Presentation of an Ecumenical Service Award
- Election of Officers and New Board Members
- Adoption of the 2022 Budget
- Program: "Shining Brightly Together for 75 Years"  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Gwen Bernstine and Dr. Charles Getchell

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 congregation.

Registration is \$16.00 and includes a delicious meal. The menu is Cheddar Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Fresh Baked Bread/Rolls, Homemade Ice Cream Cake, and Drinks! Each person will also receive an Annual Report and a new Church Directory of Lycoming County. Please review your current listed information and let the office know of any changes by e-mailing [office@uclc.org](mailto:office@uclc.org) by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Reservations are needed by Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Pastors will be receiving an information packet via e-mail. Contact the UCLC office, 570-322-1110, or by e-mail at [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org) to make reservations.

United Churches of Lycoming County officially began on January 4, 1946. Through the years, we have been able to provide for our community because of each and every one of you, willing to give of your time and talents and share the love that God has shared with you! The heart of United Churches of Lycoming County is to be...Connected through Faith, United in Service. Come and celebrate with us 75 years of "Shining Brightly Together"!

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**"United Churches of Lycoming County"**



### Shepherd of the Streets\*

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**A**llow me to once again thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry through your prayers and generous donations. The needs of many have been and will be met through your willingness to give. We continue to be humbled by the goodness of the Lord and the faithfulness of His people.

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.” (Colossians 1:3)

We are constantly helping people with monthly hygiene kits and we rely upon your donations of specific items for the kits. Listed below are a few items that we currently need.

- **Laundry pods (small packs)**
- **Men’s and Women’s Shampoo**
- **Men’s and Women’s Conditioner**
- **Men’s and Women’s Body Wash**
- **Women’s Deodorant**
- **Feminine Hygiene Products**
- **Paper Towels**



Please be mindful of the fact that the Shepherd of the Streets ministry receives no government funding. It is through the faithfulness of many individuals and local congregations and through our faithful stewardship that the needs of many

in our community continue to be met. Also allow me to remind you to send all correspondence to our P. O. Box at:

**Shepherd of the Streets  
P. O. Box 2184  
Williamsport, PA 17703**

Please do not mail anything to our Park Ave. address or our former address on Center St. because it will be marked as undeliverable.

Your faithfulness enables us to serve the least, the last and the lost in Jesus name. Consider with me this word of Old Testament wisdom, “The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor” (Proverbs 22:9).

### Deadline

**A**ll information for the November Edition of the UCLC Newsletter is due November 1, 2021. Please email your submission to [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org).

### Music On Campus!

**A**n Opportunity for Church Musicians and All who Sing or Play Hymns will be presented by Dr. Karl Moyer of Lancaster, organist and retired professor, on

**Saturday, October 30, 9:00-12:30**, at Weber Chapel on the campus of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. His topic is



titled "Authenticity in Hymn Singing, Translating Theology into Organ Sound," addressing how different church bodies' hymnody reflects their theologies, citing Middle Ages, Moravian, Lutheran, Calvinist, Church of England, Lowell Mason,

and Anabaptist hymnody. The event is sponsored by the Williamsport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is free for any Organ Guild members; there is a \$10 registration fee for others. For more information, contact Donna Elkin at 570-323-7367 or [donnaelkin@gmail.com](mailto:donnaelkin@gmail.com).

### A Celebration of Anniversaries

**T**he year was 1946 and several significant events took place, making this year their 75th anniversaries. They included the first of the Little Golden Books, the South Williamsport Mummer's Parade, the Williamsport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and United Churches of Lycoming County.

On Sunday, November 14, at 3:00 pm, Covenant Central Presbyterian Church will be the site of a joint celebration between the Organ Guild and United Churches, as they combine to present an organ recital featuring the 75th anniversaries of the two organizations, including music of composers with significant anniversaries, ranging from 1621 to 2021.

United Churches of Lycoming County's Executive Director, Tammey Aichner, will bring greetings along with the Dean of the Organ Guild chapter, Donna Elkin. The audience will be invited to sing a hymn together. A special feature will be a screen showing the performers as they play. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken to divide between the two groups.



Everyone is invited to hear great music and celebrate these special anniversaries.

### Bible Study

**J**oin us at Sojourner Truth Ministries, at 10 am, on Tuesdays, for a Bible/Book Study led by Pastor Jerry Cline. We will be discussing "Soul Shift: The Measure of a Life Transformed" by Steve deNeff.

**POVERTY: A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE**

*Christian Social Concerns Committee*

**J**esus said, 'You give them something to eat' Matthew 14:16. Let us raise our voices so that our elected representatives in Washington may they hear the cry of the poor who live throughout the world.



**Bread for the World – End child hunger:**

Hunger is reaching historic levels. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to devastate communities across the United States with a disproportionate impact on Black, Latino, and Native American families, and immigrants, and worsening the effects of hunger and poverty around the globe. Use the following letter or words of your own to lift up this “cry of the poor”. Personalize your message for the most impact.

Dear Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

The pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in our safety net and food systems. And child hunger in both the U.S. and abroad has skyrocketed. Specifically, Congress should:

\* Make the Child Tax Credit (CTC) in the American Rescue Plan permanent and available to all children regardless of immigration status. The CTC expansion would move millions of children out of poverty, as well as help reduce hunger and narrow the racial wealth gap exacerbated by unemployment as a result of COVID-19.

\* As you determine funding priorities for the fiscal year 2022 Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, I urge you to increase global nutrition funding to \$300 million.

Now more than ever, my faith calls me to stand alongside those in my community and around the world who have been impacted the most by the global pandemic. Let us work together to ensure U.S. policies help people move out of poverty and feed their families in the U.S. and around the world.

Sincerely,

(Include your signature, printed name and address)

Addresses to use:

- Senator Bob Casey, Jr., U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510
- Senator Patrick Toomey, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510
- Representative Fred Keller, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

**Food Pantry\***

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**G**od bless and hope all are doing well. Since the Food Pantry has moved to our new location, we have continued to be blessed with giving people and churches. However, it is a smaller area so we are not in need of much food at this time. We can always, and will always, be in need of financial support through dollars or gift cards.

The clients here enjoy receiving special gifts such as gift cards/birthday cakes, when they visit during the month of their birthday. Therefore, when thinking of doing a Harvest collection this year at your church, it would be great to consider such a contribution.

Through communication and acts of kindness/giving, one is able to show their love for those around them and the community. The Food Pantry of United Churches of Lycoming County is very blessed to have such willing and giving community members/churches! Be willing and open minded when out and about, share with others words of encouragement and God’s love! Just one word/action or gift can help a family/individual in need. And in return they, as well, may do the same to another in their life!



**In need of at this time:**

- financial gifts and/or grocery gift cards

**Hours of Operation**

Mondays 9:00-11:00 for donations and stocking.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15-12:00 for client shopping.

**QPR Training**

**Q**PR is for suicide prevention and consists of three skills.

- Question - a person about suicide
- Persuade - someone to get help
- Refer - someone to the appropriate resource

QPR is not a form of counseling or treatment. Rather, it is intended to offer hope through positive action. By learning QPR, you will come to recognize warning signs, clues, and suicidal communications of people in trouble. You will gain skills to act and prevent a tragedy.

The training will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, in the Fleming Center, at 702 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. To register, call 570.323.9456. There is no charge for this training.

## Ecumenical Youth Group

**J**oin us this Fall for "Hoops & Jenga with Jesus." It is an Ecumenical, Intergenerational, Children, Youth, & Family gym and game night which will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6-8 pm. Bring a favorite snack to share. We will meet in the gym (or outside when possible) and end with a short prayer service.

We are building on past ecumenical youth gatherings and VBS with Trinity Episcopal, New Covenant UCC, and First Church of Christ (Disciples) but opening it to more churches this year.

The first 3 months will be held at Trinity Episcopal.

- **Oct 24**
- **Nov 14**
- **Nov 28**



## Church Fuel Oil Co-Op

**T**he Church Fuel Oil Co-Op contract was awarded to R W Dittmar Plumbing Heating & Oil Company of Muncy, with the contract for the 2021-22 heating season. Their CAP price bid for this year is \$2.699 per gallon from September 2021 to September 2022. Member congregations (and their paid staff who use oil and wish to be part of the Co-Op) will never pay more than that price for oil. The tank wagon price will be charged if lower than the CAP price on the day of delivery. They will continue to get a 15 cent discount off the tank wagon price (if paid within 10 days of delivery), and a 5 cent same day discount if paying that day by calling in with a credit or debit card or having one of file.



Additionally, member congregations can offer their members the 15 cent and 5 cent discounts if they wish to obtain their oil through Dittmar Fuel. Retired clergy are automatically able to become part of the Co-Op. The cost for a congregation to become a member of the Co-Op is a one time fee of \$100. If you'd like more information on this program, please contact Tammey at 570.322.1110.

## Soup Sale To Benefit House of Hope

**O**n November 18, 19, and 20, for just a \$10 donation, come and warm up with a quart of soup! This fundraiser will benefit Sojourner Ministries House of Hope. The hours for pickup, at St. Boniface, are as follows: 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm, 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm, and the 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. Pick up and heat homemade soup! Volunteers needed! Call 570-323-1797 or email pamelart4stm@gmail.com.

## ECUMENICAL LUNCH IS THE PLACE TO CONNECT WEDNESDAYS \*

**T**he Time Is Now to be part of our virtual lunches on Wednesdays for great programs this spring! You can bring your lunch to your computer, tablet or phone and enjoy conversation with each other and the speaker. Zoom is free. This link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88609741957> will either help you download the app or prompt it to open.



You are also able to connect by phone. Call 1-301-715-8592 (toll charges apply), when prompted enter the meeting number 886 0974 1957. The passcode is 56076370. For other arrangements call United Churches at 570-322-1110.

### October:

- 13- **Ms. Corinne Stammel-Demmien**, Program Director, Habitat for Humanity of Lycoming County, *"Homeownership Opportunity"*
- 20- **Ms. Hope Harrison**, Executive Director, Mission Central, *"Connecting God's Resources with Human Need"*
- 27- **Mrs. Rose Ann Wallace**, Faxon-Kenmar United Methodist Church, *"An Hour of Art"*

### November:

- 3- **Ms. Shelley Litz**, Coordinator, United Campus Ministry, *"A New Beginning"*
- 10- **Ms. Tammy Sempko**, Executive Director, Susquehanna Valley CASA, *"Voices for Children"*

## Community Naloxone (Narcan®) Drive-Thru Distribution

**W**est Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission will be distributing Naloxone Kits to the Lycoming County Community. Resources and instruction on how to administer naloxone will be provided.

**Location:** River Valley Health and Dental Center

**Date:** Last Tuesday of each month – October 26, 2021

**Pick-up time:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

\*In order to comply with the CDC, we ask that you stay in your car and staff will bring you everything you need.

\*We ask if you walk up to the tent, please wear a mask.

**Dial-A-Devotion\***

570-322-5762  
Available 24/7

Have you called yet, today?



**D**evotions are three minutes or less, change daily, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer Walk with God". The devotionists this Fall are:

- **October 11-17:** Ms. Yvonne Shenuski
- **October 18-24:** Rev. Danesta Whaley
- **October 25-31:** Overseer Bernice Coaxum
- **November 1-7:** Rev. James and Pastor Kathy Behrens
- **November 8-14:** Rev. Gwen Bernstine
- **November 15-21:** Rev. Danesta Whaley
- **November 22-28:** Pastor Tammy Aichner

**T**he 22nd Annual Victorian Christmas, "Visual Arts of the Victorian Era", will be held November 19th through November 21st. We invite you to join us for a festive weekend to kick off the holiday season.

This year our tour of homes and historic sites will be on Saturday the 20th from 9 am to 5 pm. There will be an additional tour of local churches on Sunday the 21st from 12 pm to 4 pm (all located in the Historic District and within walking distance from



each other). Complementary trolley transportation will be available for Saturday's home tours only. The ticket charge of \$20 for Saturday provides funds necessary to continue our mission, which is to increase public awareness and appreciation of the fine architectural heritage in the Historic District and Williamsport proper.

In addition, we want to educate the public (including all ages) by instilling knowledge and appreciation of Victorian style and the importance of its preservation for future generations. These proceeds also help in the beautification of the historic district, with flowering baskets adorning lampposts during the summer and lighted wreaths & garlands during the winter holiday. There will be a separate charge of \$10 for the Sunday tour. We are donating half of these proceeds to benefit the United Churches Food Pantry and Emergency Energy Project.

We hope you join us explore these lovely homes, historic buildings and beautiful churches while experiencing their architectural beauty and historical significance. There will be many events scheduled throughout the weekend to attract those of all ages. For detailed information go to our website at [www.victorianchristmaspa.com](http://www.victorianchristmaspa.com). Visit our Facebook page: Victorian Christmas in Williamsport.

Please join us for a step back in time to enjoy the visual arts of the Victorian era!

**Let's end COVID! Science and Religion Support Vaccines**

**PA Catholic Conference:**

"Catholics may, in good conscience, receive any vaccine, in order to protect themselves. Being vaccinated against COVID should be considered our moral responsibility."

**Islamic Society of North America:**

"It is halal. It is lawful. There is nothing wrong with taking it. By taking the vaccine you actually get rewarded by God Almighty for preventing harm to others."

**National Association of Evangelicals:**

"To get maximum participation, this is the moment for government to partner with our faith communities. The vaccine will only be effective if people get it."

**Orthodox Archdiocese of America:**

"There is no exemption in the Orthodox Church for Her faithful from any vaccination for religious reasons."

**American Baptist Churches USA:**

"We encourage members of our affiliate congregations to be vaccinated."

**Central Conference of American Rabbis:**

"We urge members and members of the communities we serve to be vaccinated, unless ineligible or medically disqualified."

**Episcopal Church USA:**

"Getting the vaccine, wearing your face mask, keeping social distance and out of crowds are real ways that we can love our neighbor as ourselves."

A message from *Let's end COVID!* and the City of Williamsport.

**An Ecumenical Prayer Gathering**

Strengthening & Building Our  
COMMUNITY Through the  
Power of Prayer

**Where:** Brandon Park Band Shelter

**When:** October 23, 2021

**Time:** 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join Williamsport Area churches in prayer for our community leadership, schools, teachers & children, first responders and more...



### Habitat for Humanity of Lycoming County

**H**ello Community Partners! Habitat will be accepting applications for our homeownership program starting in October. We are looking for three partner families for our upcoming builds in Williamsport and South Williamsport starting in Spring/Summer 2022. That means we will be building homes for 10 families within 4 years once construction begins! This is quite a step up from what we have been doing previously.



In the past we've had a hard time finding families that qualify so I am asking for your help to spread the word within our community. Please go to our Facebook page and share our post about applications.

Thank you for all you do for our community!

### Hymn Sing

**C**ome join us and discover, or rediscover, hymns that have warmed our hearts and drew us closer to God for generations.

- **Where...**Beech Valley United Methodist Church, 30 Beech Valley Road, Trout Run, PA 17771
- **When..**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Starting at 6:30 p.m.



Light refreshments will be available after. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions, 570.692.2759, and ask for Pastor Calvin Phillips.

### Ministry Opportunity

**O**nce again, we want to take the opportunity and bless our local health care workers, specifically at UPMC.

As the pandemic continues, the UPMC staff has been working around the clock to care for members of our community. Many of them are putting in long hours, skipping breaks and sacrificing time with their families to make sure we are safe and healthy.

We are looking for donations of pre-packaged "snack" items. Things like microwave popcorn, ramen noodles, cookies, pretzels, dried fruit, trail mix, etc. UPMC has to be very strict about what is allowed in. So all items MUST be individually packaged.

We are also looking for encouraging and uplifting notes for the staff members. Anything that would lift someone's spirits or give someone a bit of a boost. Notes, cards, pictures from the kids, etc.

If you would like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at Pine Street United Methodist Church (441 Pine Street, Williamsport) between 8am and 2pm weekdays.

### Church Women United In Lycoming County

**C**hurch Women United's World Community Day will be held on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 527 Park Avenue, Williamsport, PA. The event will start at 1:30. The theme this year is "Becoming One in 2021", referencing John 13:34-35.

Eighty years ago, Church Women United (United Council of Church Women) was birthed at a time of grave concern for world peace, in 1941. Two years later, in 1943, as our concern for peace grew, the first World Community Day was celebrated. World Community Day is one of the ways in which we, as members of Church Women United, express our concerns about the changing landscape as it relates to peace in the global community.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Gwen Bernstine, retired Executive Director of United Churches of Lycoming County.

Refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall following the celebration.

**Christmas Stocking Project:** We will be preparing gift items for over 1,125 nursing residents. We are asking for a \$4.00 donation per resident. Items included in the stockings are: pen, notebook, hand cream, emery boards, tissues, comb, and a Christmas card. We also prepare 50 gift bags for children who have mothers in the State Correctional Institute at Muncy. All donations will be used for the Christmas Stocking Project.

**Workday Monday:** Filling of the Christmas stockings will be on Monday, November 15, 2021 at Pine Street United Methodist Church, Williamsport at 9:00 a.m.

### Catholic Mass in Spanish

When: Sunday, Oct. 10 4:30pm

Where: St. Boniface Church

326 Washington Blvd

Williamsport, PA

...with Rev. Neftali Feliz Sena

There will be singing & free Bibles!

### Rescheduled

**D**ue to a tremendous amount of rain, our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, that was originally scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled to October 15<sup>th</sup>. The new shotgun start time will be 10:00 a.m.



## Creation Corner

### Christian Social Concerns Committee

**S**ome thoughts preceding COP26 (The Conference of the Parties), another name for it is the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference, begins in Glasgow, Scotland, next month, the purpose of which is to "ratchet up ambition to mitigate climate change."

As it gets underway, the church may also ask itself what it is doing. Here are some suggestions for parishioners, derived from Leah Schade's book, "For the Beauty of the Earth: A Lenten Devotional", and its list of 50 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day. Chalice Press, 2019.

<https://chalicepress.com/products/for-the-beauty-of-the-earth-lenten-devotional-perfect-bound>:

- Call your local legislators today and ask their position on climate change. Tell them you are a Christian who votes on climate issues and ask them to support climate legislation.
- Make a sign that you could carry or post, such as "Christians Care About Climate." "All God's Children Deserve a Healthy Planet." "If you mess it up, clean it up---Love, God."
- Adjust your thermostat one degree to save on either heating or cooling costs (depending on where you live" and lessen your environmental impact.
- During the prayers of the people, pray for Planet Earth and ask for people to be united in caring for our common home.
- Call your denominational head office and ask if they have divested from fossil fuels. If the answer is yes, thank them. If the answer is no, ask why. Tell them why this is important to you as a member of the church.
- Borrow a copy of Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si' from your local library or listen to it as an audio book. Notice the way he frames caring for Creation using theology, scripture, and the teachings of the church.
- Find out what environmental legislation is currently under consideration in Congress. Call your representative and senators and encourage them to support the strongest protections for the planet.
- Write a prayer of lament, confession, or intercession regarding Creation. Share it with your pastor and ask if it could be read at the service on Sunday.
- Call your local mayor's office and ask if there is a task force for addressing climate preparedness. If there is, thank them and ask how you can help. If not, ask why. Share with them what you've learned about how climate change will likely affect your community.
- If you have investments, look at where you have placed your money. Have you divested from fossil fuels? Have you invested in clean energy firms? How might you "green" your financial portfolio?
- Line dry your clothes to minimize the use of your electric dryer. The average household can save up to \$200

per year and reduce their carbon footprint by 2,400 pounds.

- Reach out to organizations such as GreenFaith, Blessed Tomorrow, and Interfaith Power and Light to join environmental efforts with a wider coalition of interfaith religious climate activists.
- Make a donation to a local environmental organization. Make it in honor of a special child in your life.
- Air pollution, environmental toxins, and extreme weather events exact a heavy toll on neighborhoods already struggling with poverty, crumbling infrastructure, lack of access to good healthcare and nutrition, and neglected education systems. Connect with the Poor People's Campaign to learn more about how you can join with others to address the intersections of poverty, race, and environmental issues.
- Pioneering environmentalist Rachel Carson was born on May 27, 1907. Borrow a copy of her book *Silent Spring* from your local library or listen to it as an audiobook. What points of resonance do you notice from when she wrote it 1962? Think about why her work is still so relevant today and what she can teach us.
- The book *Creation-Crisis Preaching: Ecology, Theology, and the Pulpit* helps pastors craft sermons that address environmental issues from a biblical and theological perspective. Purchase a copy to give to your pastor. Of if you are a clergyperson, get a copy for yourself to help you "green" your preaching.

From **The Green Bible: Understand the Bible's Powerful Message for the Earth** come recommended actions for individuals and families (with general emphases, and those for oceans, health, endangered creatures, land conservation, how to be a deep green family and practical tips to get started). Here are some action ideas for churches:

- Help your church hold a "Creation Sunday" worship service.
- Start a Bible study on what the Bible says about the environment. Consider inviting people outside the church.
- Get your church to conduct an energy audit and implement improvements.
- Become a "sister congregation" with a church in a community where toxic waste or pollution threatens the health of church members.
- Set up a booth at an environmental fair or Earth Day event, or plan one for your church (such as on St. Francis Day, yearly on October 4).
- Adopt a local stream, park, or roadway for cleanup, monitoring, or restoration.
- Identify an important environmental issue and visit or write letters to local, state, or national leaders.

**Positions Available**

**O**rganist/Choir Director position available at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hughesville, PA. Please apply, or to ask any questions, by calling the office at 570-584-3490. Or, send an email with your resume to [lutherans17737@gmail.com](mailto:lutherans17737@gmail.com).

You may also mail us your information to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 120 South Main Street, Hughesville, PA 17737.

**N**ew Covenant United Church of Christ, 202 East Third Street, Williamsport is searching for a Music Director or a church musician interested in supplying on Sunday mornings. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please contact Pastor Brad at 570-326-3308.



**I**mmEDIATE opening for co-office manager, part time hours, with salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to Bethany Lutheran Church, Attn: Gail Stover, 369 Broad Street, Montoursville, PA 17755.

**You are Invited!**

**F**armers and Food- Presentation regarding the plight of local and regional farmers and the ongoing crisis of food insecurity. This presentation and conversation will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall on Thursday, October 21 at 6:45 pm. Presenters include Brenda Cochran (Tioga County), Walter Barnes (Tioga County), Carol Sides (Lycoming County), and Barb Troester (Union County).

**Together We Can Make a Difference**

**NAMI of NCPA Support Group News...**

Lycoming County Support Group: meets in person at Lycoming MH/ID Joinder Building basement (enter from West side basement entrance), on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Face mask requested. Look for the NAMI signs. All are invited!

Clinton County Support Group: meets in person at Lycoming Clinton MH/ID Office, 8 North Grove Street, Lock Haven (up stairs, turn right, second door from the end), on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Face mask requested. Look for the NAMI signs. All are invited!

Union County Support Group: meets on Zoom, Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**United Campus Ministry**



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**D**ear Church Family and Friends of Lycoming County,  
“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9

This autumn has ushered in many opportunities to extend personal invitations to college students to join our United Campus Ministries group on the Penn College campus. God has blessed me with the ability to reach students both in the classroom and on campus, planting seeds, and praying for the harvest. God has provided me with three guest pastors who have graciously given their time on Monday evenings to minister to students. God has encouraged students to attend fellowship time on Monday evenings when they could be engaged in other social, personal or academic activities. God has nudged some students who are beginning their search for Him to find Him within the ministry that our group provides. God is good!

Our UCM group continues to use our Bible study time to explore the issue of “temptations” and its’ significance in college. Our students are learning how to recognize temptations and find “their way out” of them that God can provide. On Sunday, October 31st, our group will spend time off-campus exploring God’s beauty by hiking the trails at Worlds End State Park. I humbly ask for your continued prayers in supporting the students and this vital ministry at Penn College.

In His service,  
Shelley  
United Campus Ministries Coordinator  
Pennsylvania College of Technology

**Christmas Music By Candlelight**



**T**he Williamsport Music Club invites you to our 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Christmas Music by Candlelight” program on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. at Pine Street United Methodist Church, 441 Pine

Street, Williamsport. Featured will be many familiar and beloved Christmas carols for all to sing and enjoy. A free will offering will benefit a local charity.

