

# HAPPENINGS IN BARRETT TOWNSHIP

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR and SUPPORT...** Ian Conklin's Eagle Scout Project. Ian is building a new loading dock and new handicap ramp for the C.A.M.E. Building located at High Acres Park. Ian is having a fundraiser **CAR WASH** at the **Barrett Township Municipal Building** starting at **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**. The money raised will go towards the purchase of the building materials needed for the new construction. Thank you for supporting Ian!

## August 2014 Happenings at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church...

**Church History Books...** about the Mountainhome UMC written by Dr. William Burry in 1984 are for sale for \$5.00. They will be available at the craft table during the flea markets and the antique show or by asking the pastor for a copy. The books will also be available at the Barrett Friendly Library and at the Cresco Station Museum. Other Historical items which can be purchased are pewter and china church plates and a variety of cookbooks.

**The 2014 Flea Markets...** will be held on Saturdays August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>. There are always lots of things to see and buy and friends to greet. If you would like a space speak to Maryann Miller.

**T-SHIRTS for sale...** the Mountainhome United Methodist Church is selling T-shirts featuring the Cross and Crown symbol that is also the design in one of our windows. Shirts are \$15.00 and can be purchased from Cathy Stout (570-595-9056) or through the church office (570-595-2077).

**Liztech Pin Stained Glass Window Fundraiser...** pins are still available for purchase. This fundraiser is being done to raise funds for the Church's glass window restoration project. Purchase your pin by contacting the Church Office at (570) 595-2077.

**Church's Ministry Center...** is available for birthday parties, showers and other events. Contact Mickey Miller 570-595-7390 to make arrangements.

## August 2014 Happenings with the Barrett Township Historical Society...

**August 15<sup>th</sup> is the General Membership Meeting of the Barrett Township Historical Society...** (General Membership Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church, Routes 390 & 191 in Mountainhome, PA.) The August meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by a program. Watch for posters around town with more information about the August presentation. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend and **ALL** are welcome! For more information contacting Maryann Miller at 570-595-2501.

**The Barrett Township Historical Society...**is looking for any memorabilia pertaining to the old Barrett High School in Mountainhome. We are especially interested in obtaining or knowing the whereabouts of many of the sports trophies. If you would like to loan or donate any items, please call Jim Berger at (570) 595-7540 (if no answer, please leave a message).

**The Barrett Township Historical Society's 2014 Calendar features the twelve remaining hotels still standing in Barrett Township...**they are available for sale at Theo. B. Price Lumber & Country Store or the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library. This year's calendar is based on the Inns, Lodges, and Hotels in Barrett Township. We also have past editions of the calendar if you would be interested in purchasing them for the monthly pictures and information. Calendars can be purchased at the monthly general membership meetings, as well.

**The Barrett Township Historical Society...**also has available for sale their new cookbook "MEMORIES FROM MOUNTAIN KITCHENS". The cost is \$20.00 and is available at Theo. B. Price Lumber & Country Store and at the society's monthly meetings.

### **August 2014 Happenings at Spruce Lake...**join them for the following concerts

AUGUST CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES at SPRUCE LAKE. Spruce Lake is located 3 miles north of the 447/390 intersection in Canadensis, following 447 North to the entrance on the left at Spruce Lake Drive. All events are held in Lakeview Program Center. For tickets, call Spruce Lake at 800-822-7505 or 570-595-7505. (tickets also available Night of Concert):

#### **33 ILES Concert - Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. – tickets \$15/person**

A Christian pop-progressive, church-accessible band with a clear message – we are meant for more than life on "autopilot!" For Chris Lockwood and Jason Barton of 33 Miles, the pursuit of a Christ-focused life fuels everything they do — especially their music.

#### **Christian Illusionist BRETT A. MYERS – Wednesday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. – tickets \$5/person.**

As a skilled illusionist, Brett Myers used comedy, audience participation and sleight of hand as an "unbelievable" platform for sharing his testimony – and the Gospel!

#### **STEVE GARRETT Concert – Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. – tickets \$5/person.**

Christian acoustic pop-rock artist and worship leader Steve Garrett offers an originality that freshens our insight and a touch of God's grace. Garrett travels widely as an artist, speaker and short-term missionary.

#### **WAYFARERS & COMPANY Concert – Friday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. – tickets \$5/person**

Rooted in the Pocono Mountains, Wayfarers blends intricate rhythms and distinctive harmonies into their repertoire of gospel, folk and traditional tunes.

#### **GLAD Concert – Saturday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. – tickets \$15/person OR \$25 for the Outdoor Chicken BBQ/Concert package.**

Among the pioneers of contemporary Christian music in the early 1970's, GLAD still delivers – all a cappella - the impeccable vocals, layered harmonies and immense versatility they've always been known for.

#### **THIS HOPE Concert – Sunday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. – tickets \$10/person**

Forged on the Alaskan frontier, this Christian worship band sings a unique blend of a cappella and accomplished music. They travel internationally and write most of their own songs.

## **August 2014 Happenings at Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center...**

**Summer Camp is in full swing at Plateau...**join us for some fun and adventures. For more information and brochures please contact Mountainhome United Methodist Church Office (570) 595-2077, go to the Plateau's website [www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org) or phone the camp at (570) 676-3665.

## **August 2014 Happenings at the Canadensis Moravian Church...**

**A Peach Festival & Chicken BBQ...**will be held on August 16, 2014 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**August 2014 Happenings with Theatrical Gems...**our local Theater for the Performing Arts at Evergreen Community Charter School. Located on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. Season tickets now available for purchase. The line-up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> season is filled with great shows. The new season begins this July, so contact them and get your tickets for your favorite shows.

## **August 2014 Happenings with the Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township...**

**HATT's Annual Picnic - Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area...**will be held on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. **"Scouting In the Poconos"** presented by the NEPA Scouting Council Once again, we will grill fresh fish and enjoy a feast on the banks of Tobyhanna Creek! The setting, just two miles south of Camp Acahela, will provide a perfect backdrop for a brief discussion of the history of area scouting, which will observe its centennial in 2015. A leader of the NEPA Scouting Council will attend, as will Eagle Scouts who have done noteworthy work in our area.

**"The Wright Brothers and Milestones of Flight"...** presented by Fred Lehrer will be held on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. (and will be repeated Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.). "The Wright Brothers" is a phrase synonymous with manned flight. They were two American boys, sons of a bishop from the Midwest, who realized a dream as old as mankind. Learn about the extraordinary intelligence and perseverance that led to the 1903 miracle at Kitty Hawk. However, Wilbur and Orville were not the only historic figures with "The Wright Stuff". The Montgolfier balloons, early dirigibles, advances by Count Zeppelin leading to ocean liners of the sky like the Hindenburg...all will be documented with colorful narrative and images. As will other interesting personalities and developments in aviation, including adventure flights, warfare and airline travel that has transformed our world. Fred Lehrer, a private pilot, is a longtime HATT member and a lifelong student of history. His past presentations to us have been well received.

## **SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS**

**"The Stroud Family & Mansion"...** presented by Amy Leiser will be held on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Amy Leiser will share with us the history of the Stroud family and their landmark Mansion, which was built by Jacob Stroud for his son in 1795. That story will be supplemented by interesting material found in letters written by Daniel Stroud, and by a description

of the fraudulent political machinations that led to Stroudsburg becoming the County seat. As Executive Director of the Monroe County Historical Association for the past eight years, Amy is uniquely qualified to speak on this subject. She is an area native who holds a Master's Degree in History from ESU, and is a member of the Jacob Stroud Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs and the Board of Directors of Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm.

**"The Legacy of World War I"**...presented by Dr. Brian Alnutt on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. 2014 is the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, and an appropriate time to examine the troublesome legacy of that conflict. This talk will discuss the reasons for US entry into the war; an overview of our military role; the terrifying flu epidemic that erupted at the end of the war; President Woodrow Wilson's efforts to shape the Treaty of Versailles; the messy conflicts that broke out amidst the ruins after the war; and the war's legacy for the world of today. Dr. Brian Alnutt, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of History at Northampton Community College. His personal focus is on U.S. history of the late 19th to mid-20th century. A native of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, he has lived in the Lehigh Valley for the past 26 years.

## **OCTOBER HAPPENINGS**

**"The Real Christopher Columbus"**...presented by Kenn Anderson on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Kenn is a talented and personality-rich historian who can dress in costume and draw listeners into his portrayal. He will appear as Don Cristobal Colon, Admiral of the Ocean Seas and Viceroy of all that he discovered! Admiral Colon will discuss whether Columbus was a greedy gold-seeker or a saintly missionary. Whether he won the favor of Queen Isabella and convinced her to sell her jewels to finance his trip, or relied upon the King as his real backer. Did Columbus wish to exploit native populations or to save them through the Catholic Church? Was he a bumbler, wandering the Atlantic Ocean under grand delusions of reaching China, or a skilled navigator with possible prior knowledge of just where he was really going? Did he live out his last years in dignified honor or was he penniless, disgraced and forgotten at the time of his death? Historian Kenn Anderson is author of "Warrior Road" and spoke to HATT about Sullivan's Expedition in 2011. As a high seas sailing enthusiast, his interests in Christopher Columbus are triggered by many trips over the oceans, such as on the HMS Bounty.

## **NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS**

**"History of Buck Hill Falls"**...presented by J. R. Robbins on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The Buck Hill Inn was a cornerstone of the Pocono tourist industry from 1901 until the Inn closed in 1991. The grande dame of Pocono resort hotels, the Inn boasted almost 500 rooms, 27 holes of golf designed by Donald Ross, 12 tennis courts with American tennis legend Bill Tilden as its pro, stables, ice skating, lawn bowling, its own drama troupe, and its own market, baker, butcher and Post Office. An extensive summer colony sprouted around this iconic American hotel, with some of the country's most prominent industrialists taking up summer residence in modest cottages. While the settlement survives, the hotel is still sitting silent. John Robbins, a third generation Buck Hiller will use period postcards and images to document the extraordinary growth of Buck Hill from its simple Quaker beginnings.

## **DECEMBER HAPPENINGS**

**"Home for the Holidays....a Community Musical Celebration"...**to be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. (December 20<sup>th</sup> is our Snow Date). This is the fourth year of HATT's Christmas gift to the community. The audience will be entertained with a variety of musical selections that will please the widest of interests. Soloists, duets, choral and instrumentalists will all perform; and the audience will join in the fun, singing favorite Christmas Carols. Historical accounts of each composer and composition will be featured. The distinguished list of performers from Tobyhanna Township range from some with international stage experience to those who perform in regional venues and events. Following the concert, refreshments will be served. The site of this musical celebration is the Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, located at 1188 Route 940 in Pocono Lake. Details for the required (but free) tickets will be announced in November.

## **August 2014 Happenings outside of Barrett Township...**

**Ongoing: Locomotive Shop Tours...**Steamtown National Historic Site, South Washington Avenue, Scranton, [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea). Join a Park Ranger or a volunteer on a 45-minute look at what it takes to maintain and repair steam locomotives. This walk through the historic Locomotive Shop of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad allows all to see the huge, behind-the-scenes system that was necessary for safe and efficient railroad operations. Admission is included in the park entrance fee. See website for details.

If you know of someone who would enjoy receiving **"Happenings in Barrett Township"** please send me their email address and I will add them to the list. Thank you!