

# HAPPENINGS IN BARRETT TOWNSHIP

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

**The young people of the Church will hold a "Youth Car Wash"...** on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Church. Proceeds support Mountainhome United Methodist Church.

**A New Pastor for Mountainhome United Methodist Church...** members of the Church welcome their new Pastor the Rev. John Keretzman II, his wife Beth and their sons Ian and Austin. Rev. Keretzman's first Sunday at the Mountainhome pulpit will be June 29<sup>th</sup>.  
**Please welcome Rev. Keretzman and his family to our community.**

**A MAD HATTER TEA PARTY...** will be held on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church's Ministry Center, located behind the Church. All are welcome!! Tickets must be reserved in advance at a cost of \$25.00. Reservations are due by Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. For tickets call 570-595-7993 or 570-595-9233. Proceeds from the Tea will benefit the Stained Glass Windows Restoration Fund. Wear your favorite hat or purchase one from a limited supply of hats that will be available for sale at the event. There will be a Silent Auction, a presentation titled "Short History of Ladies' Hats" and a demonstration by Julie Niering on "Flower Arranging For the Tea Table". Have your photo taken with the Mad Hatter to round out your day.

**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.

**Educational Grants are available...** from the Eastern Pennsylvania Education Society has grants of \$500 to \$1000 available for members of the United Methodist Church for undergraduate education. Rev. Housley has applications. The application must be received in Valley Forge by May 16 (electronic applications are NOT acceptable). There is also money available for a single mother (not necessarily a member of the UMC) to pursue undergraduate studies. If you know of someone who might be eligible, ask Rev. Housley for more information.

**The 2014 Flea Markets...** will be held on Saturdays July 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**"Kingdom Rock" Vacation Bible School...** sponsored by the Counsel of Churches will be held July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Canadensis United Methodist Church located at the intersection of Routes 390 & 447 in Canadensis, PA. Registration forms are available through the Mountainhome United Methodist Church Office. More information is available by calling the Office at (570) 595-2077. Please register your child/children early so that we can plan accordingly. Your help and support throughout the week of Bible School would be greatly appreciated. Please ask about helping when you call to reserve a place for your child/children.

**Lawnmower Needed...**the church's riding lawn tractor is on its last legs (or is that wheels?) and we need a new or used mower still in good condition. Some funds toward purchase have already been received. Contact Charlie Fullington or Millard Price for more information

**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).

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

**The Mountainhome United Methodist Church is trying something different in the way of fundraising...**"On-Line Shopping at the United Methodist Church Market". If you shop on line for books, airlines, theater or concert tickets, clothing, electronics, special hobbies or a host of other items, there is a way that you can benefit our church. Before you do your shopping, log onto <http://www.umcmarket.org/home>. Find your favorite shopping places and log onto their site from the market site. Shop the same way you always shop online. For every dollar that you spend at the store, the church will receive a percentage of your total sales. There is NO COST TO YOU. This is something "new." For more information or help with the process, contact the church office (570) 595-2077.

## **June 2014 Happenings with the Barrett Township Historical Society...**

**The Barrett Township Historical Society's ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL and SECOND ANNUAL FLEA MARKET/COOKOUT...**will be held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church, Routes 390 & 191 in Mountainhome, PA. Pre-order your pies (Strawberry Rhubarb or Strawberry Crème) by calling Sharon at 570-676-5255. You don't want to miss out on such a treat that only comes to Barrett once a year. You can also reserve your Flea Market space with Sharon. If you have no fleas to get rid of, be sure to mark your calendar and stop by to see what fleas others are getting rid of and of course you'll want to have some lunch at the Cookout. Can't you smell the food on the grill already?

**June 20<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 June meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by a program. Watch for posters around town with more information about the June 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 ARE HERE...**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.

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

**Summer Camp at the Plateau...**will be happening soon. 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.

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

**June Funky Finds Craft Fair** will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Vendors Wanted

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

**June 2014 Happenings with Theatrical Gems...**our local Theater for the Performing Arts at Evergreen Community Charter School. Located on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The June performance will be "Bye Bye Birdie". The performance times are 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are \$20.00 and available now by emailing [Tickets@theatricalgems.org](mailto:Tickets@theatricalgems.org) or by phoning 570-595-7267. This is the last show of the 2<sup>nd</sup> season and tickets will be gone before you know it, so call today!

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

**"Grey Towers" presented by Melody Remillard...** will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. Grey Towers, a treasure just an hour from Pocono Pines, is the ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot, noted conservationist, founder and first Chief of the US Forest Service, and two-term Governor of Pennsylvania. Melody will discuss the history of Grey Towers itself, and will present some of the many accomplishments of prominent members of the Pinchot family. They include contributions to the American Conservation Movement, the arts, education, and social justice in American society. Melody, the Visitor Services Information Specialist with the US Forest Service at Grey Towers National Historic Site (NHS), started her Forest Service career as an archaeologist on the Lassen National Forest in northeast California. Her federal career also included two years with the Bureau of Reclamation at Shasta Dam, where she gave tours of the nation's second largest dam, and provided water conservation education programs to students. While she and her husband raised their 3 children, Melody changed careers and worked for 10 years in the public schools in Los Alamos, NM and Brockport, NY, as the family followed her husband's federal career.

**28th "Keystone" Division Army Band Concert...** to be held Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Pocono Mountain West High School Auditorium. The concert is dedicated to Private William Henry Christman. HATT and the PM High School Band Boosters are sponsoring this patriotic concert. It is the last event of the year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of William Henry Christman, as the first soldier buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Many hand-clapping, foot-stomping favorites will entertain us as we prepare for July 4th. The concert is free to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a canned food item for the local Food Pantry. The 28th "Keystone" Division Army Band is one of the most famous National Guard Band's in the US. It has toured the US and Europe. The band was activated for combat during the Battle of the Bulge in World War 2. The band's decorations include the Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Luxembourg Croix De Guerre.

**"DL&W and Resorts of the Poconos"...** presented by John Layton will be held on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. John will share with HATT a presentation originally given to the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society's annual convention. He will discuss the history of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad (DL&W), and the synergy between it and resorts of the Poconos. The railroad was a primary advertiser of Pocono resorts in an effort to attract passengers to supplement freight traffic. Many old pictures and advertising brochures will make this a colorful and interesting presentation! John Layton was born in Monroe County, resided in East Swiftwater, and now lives in Pocono Manor. He began studying genealogy in 1972, and has done independent research at the Library of Congress and the National Archives.

**"The Travels of Benjamin Franklin"...**presented by Bruce Denlinger. The program will be held on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. (and will be repeated Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.) Bruce will provide an interesting perspective of a great American through the prism of Franklin's travels, both foreign and domestic. Franklin traveled extensively during two lengthy stays in London from 1757 to 1775; served as ambassador to Paris from 1775 to 1785; and made interesting trips to Bethlehem and Lancaster during the French and Indian war. He even wrote a travel guide for those planning to immigrate to America. Bruce is a lifelong student of history, with both Bachelor and Master Degrees. Having retired from the insurance industry in 2012, he is now an adjunct teacher at Northampton Community College. He and wife Trudi Quinn Den.

**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.

**"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.

**"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.

**"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.

**"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.

**May 2014 Happenings outside of Barrett Township...**

**Pocono Lodge 780 Free and Accepted Masons...** We will be holding their annual Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge located on Route 390 in Cresco. Adult Tickets are \$10.00 and children under 12 are \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Take-outs will also be available. We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable for C.A.M.E. our local food pantry. For further information please contact Stu Malin at 595-2440

**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!