

HAPPENINGS IN BARRETT TOWNSHIP

April 2014 Happenings at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church...

Barrett Paradise Council of Churches - Ecumenical Lenten Services

The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus...all services are Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Offerings support summer community Vacation Bible School.

April 9.....St. Bernadette Gregg Schafer

Holy Week Concerts - Community Chorus of Churches...

Sunday April 13th 3:00 Faith Lutheran Blakeslee
Tuesday April 15th 7:30 Tobyhanna United Methodist Church
Wednesday April 16th 7:30 Reeders United Methodist Church

Easter Carnival...Saturday April 19, 2014 at 10 a.m. to noon - Pre-Registration Required by Wednesday, April 16th. Enjoy the Easter Story, games, crafts, & snack followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Activities will be held rain or shine

Pilgrimage to Places of Hope...Good Friday Noon to 3:00. Meet in the Mountainhome United Methodist Church parking lot to travel to places throughout the area that are symbols of hope. Each stop will include prayer, reflection and meditation.

Easter Sunrise...April 20, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. - Gather on the porch and in the dining hall overlooking the lake at Pocono Plateau to celebrate the resurrection. Enjoy a Continental Breakfast with you neighbors following worship.

Save The Date - Mother/Daughter Luncheon...Saturday, May 10th at 12:30. For all women of the church & their mothers, daughters, granddaughters, nieces, sisters, cousins. Every woman is someone's daughter! Sign up by May 4.

Save The Date for A Night at Coca Cola Field...Thursday June 5th at 7:05 p.m. The Iron Pigs vs. the Louisville Bats. Tickets \$11--order from Barbara Seese (570) 595-7064 no later than April 28th. Payment must accompany order.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party...June 8th – watch for further information. Get in the spirit by wearing a hat to church on Sundays.

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. Also volunteers are needed in keeping our grounds beautiful by picking up litter.

Kingdom Rock Community VBS at Canadensis UMC...to be held July 28th through August 1st. Station Leaders and Crew Leaders needed. Contact the church office for more information and registration. Please register your children early.

Special Needs Crossroads Café Schedule...The Crossroads Cafe for teens & young adults with special needs, 13 years old & up is open from 7 to 9 pm the 2nd Friday of every month. Parents are invited to stay. 2013-2014 dates 4/11 & 5/9.

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.

April 2014 Happenings with the Barrett Township Historical Society...

April 18th is the General Membership Meeting of the Barrett Township Historical Society... (General Membership Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by a program. Please watch for more information regarding the April program on posters at local businesses or by contacting Maryann Miller at 570-595-2501. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend and **ALL** are welcome!

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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April 2014 Happenings around Barrett Township...

Passion Play by the Youth of Most Holy Trinity Parish... April 5th at St Mary's in Mount Pocono 7:00 p.m.

Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts from Ashland, PA ~ Presents "Born For This"... at Canadensis United Methodist Church. Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. From the hope of Palm Sunday to the fellowship of the last supper, from the anguish of Gethsemane to the agony of Calvary, from the grief of Veronica on the road to Golgotha to the joy of Mary Magdalene at the resurrection, "Born For This" not only follows Jesus on his journey of love but draws you into the journey and makes you a part of it. Doors open at 5:30. Admission \$10. For tickets call 570-595-7277.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast at Tobyhanna United Methodist Church... held the first Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 8 AM.

Spring Fling at Canadensis Moravian Church

Friday and Saturday April 11th and 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We'll have odds & ends, Easter treats, baked goods, crafts and a lite lunch.

April 2014 Happenings at Pocono Plateau...

Pocono Plateau Mother Daughter Retreat for mothers and daughters...

All 6th graders to adult (including adult daughters) are invited. The cost is \$90 for Mom/\$85 daughter/\$75 additional daughter. Enjoy singing, creating beautiful art work, worshipping and high adventure with time for rest & relaxation. Register on line at www.poconoplateau.org or call 570-676-3665.

April 2014 Happenings at the Friendly Community Center...

Friendly Community Center Armchair Travel... explore Israel with Revs. George Alt and Barbara Housley along with Dr. Norma Levine on Friday evening April 25th beginning at 6:30.

Let's Go Walking...

blow the dust off your walking shoes and enjoy the beauty that early spring has to offer! Beginning in April, The Friendly Community Center is offering two walking programs to get you back in the swing of your walking routine or on the road to starting a new one. Men and women are encouraged to attend. Weekly Walkers meet Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and travel to various locations throughout our area to enjoy our beautiful natural resources while getting exercise. Join Nancy Hooke and Nick, one of our Public Health interns from ESU, on Wednesday mornings in April to restart your walking routine. Our Fitness Walking group works up to a 40-minute session from warm-up to cool-down that helps you increase your stamina, time walking, and distance traveled while moving at your own pace.

April 2014 Happenings with the Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township...

"The Silfies Family History" ...presented by Gene Kerrick on Thursday, April 10th at 5:30. The Silfies family history is a rich one. It begins with John Heinrich from the Palatinate landing in Philadelphia in 1738. The family gradually made its way north, first into Northampton and then Monroe County, including Ross Township and the West End. Descendants lived also in Carbon County. Many also lived in Tobyhanna Township and some ran businesses here. Several are buried in the various cemeteries in our area. Longtime HATT member and past-President, Gene Kerrick, will coordinate the presentation, as he has other family histories. Technical support for Gene's work is provided by Scarlett Rehrig.

HATT's Annual Bus Excursion to the Arlington National Cemetery's 150th anniversary... Monday-Tuesday, May 12th and 13th Departure is at 8:00 a.m. on the 12th. An overnight bus trip will enable us to attend the commemoration of Arlington National Cemetery's 150th anniversary. In particular, we will have access to the first major event of the month-long commemoration, a wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite of Army Pvt. William Henry Christman. Private Christman, who was the first military burial at Arlington, was a resident of Tobyhanna Township. The group will also tour Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon and the monuments of our nation's Capital, under the lights.

"The William Henry Christman Story" presented by Rick Bodenschatz... to be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Rick Bodenschatz has conducted extensive original research into the life of our own Private William Henry Christman, of Tobyhanna Township. He will share with us the highlights of Christman's family life; his military career; his untimely death during the Civil War; and the legacy, which is epitomized by his unique status as the first soldier buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Rick Bodenschatz is a local historian, and has done extensive research

into many local historical topics, including "Our Civil War Veterans." He is currently the President of HATT.

"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 28th 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 10th 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 17th at 5:30 p.m. (and will be repeated Tuesday, July 22nd 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 14th 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 21st at 5:30 p.m. (and will be repeated Tuesday, August 26th 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 11th 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 24th 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 8th 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 13th 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 13th at 1:00 p.m. (December 20th 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.

April 2014 Happenings outside of Barrett Township...

Ongoing: Locomotive Shop Tours... Steamtown National Historic Site, South Washington Avenue, Scranton, 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.

Day of Dance... Saturday, April 12th 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Pocono Dome in Sciota, PA. Register online: www.poconomedicalcenter.org/dayofdance. Family-friendly event focusing on healthy living and getting active with amazing dance performances and several fun dance instruction sessions for zumba, yoga, ballroom, kick-boxing and more. Pocono Medical Center will also be providing health screenings and "ask the doctor" tables and local partners will have booths set up to help you stay on a path towards healthy living. Registration required: \$5.

Family Promise Spring Forward Luncheon Fashion Show... held at Lawnhaven - Stroudsmoor Country Inn. Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information call 570-420-8589.

P. A.T.H. (Pocono Area Transitional Housing) Walk... join us on Sunday May 4, 2014 at the Courthouse Square in Stroudsburg, PA. Registration begins 12:30 and the "Walk" begins at 1:30. You can walk, run, jog, stroll, wheel or dance. Sponsor sheets are available from Rev. Housley.

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!