

Church News & Events



Singers wanted for Annual Ecumenical Cantata - Fall is upon us and thoughts will soon be turning to the Christmas Season. **"The Greatest Story Ever Told"** by Dennis and Nan Allen will be performed on **Sunday, December 2nd at 7:30 PM**. This is a brand new cantata for Zion's ecumenical singers and was a gift to the church from last year's participants of the cantata. The orchestration was purchased with memorial gifts in memory of Shirley Wentz and Carol LaRose who were both faithful members of Zion UCC's choir.

The group will once again be accompanied by the Zion Festival Orchestra and will also be doing another anthem which is to still to be determined.

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" is a special cantata consisting of a wonderful mix of contemporary and traditional songs. It includes "For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart", "Heaven Sings Glory", "Angels from the Realms of Glory", "One King", "A Strange Way to Save the World" and more. The narration is simply beautiful! All are encouraged to attend no matter what your singing experience is! Practice CDs will be made available!

Rehearsal Dates: Wednesday, October 31st at 8:30 PM; Thursday, November 8th at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30 PM ; Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 PM (Practice with orchestra); Wednesday, November 21st at 8:30 PM; Thursday, November 29th at 7:30 PM ; Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 PM (Performance at 7:30 PM)

Please note that participants are not expected to make every rehearsal! The days of the week have been scattered so they don't consistently interfere with other rehearsals or commitments!

To pre-register to sing in the cantata please visit zionlehigh.org and click on the link in the article about the cantata. You can also contact director Brad Cressley at ccmusic@ptd.net for more details. You can also simply show up at one of the rehearsals and register then!



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October 27 – Craft Fair – St. Thomas UCC, 902 E. Macada Rd., Bethlehem – 9AM to 2PM - 8' x 6' spaces available - \$15/space - \$25/space if table supplied by St. Thomas – call 610-868-9167 for registration form & information



October 27 - Trunk or Treat in the grove - Christ's Church at Lowhill, 4695 Lowhill Church Rd, New Tripoli - 3 to 6PM - free community event, Girl Scout, Boy Scout Troops, teams or groups welcome, food for purchase in our pavilion - come out and decorate a trunk or come out for treats and fun in a safe environment. Call 610-842-4781



October 28 - "Rest In Peace: An Autumn Afternoon Cemetery Walking Tour Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown – 1:30PM - we will begin in the historic sanctuary of the church and then proceed out onto the old and new cemeteries - view the oldest tombstone on the cemetery that can still be read (and the oldest tombstone on any Lutheran or Reformed Cemetery in Lehigh County), as well as visit the site of Indian burials and the final resting places of several members of the Bogert family, who lived nearby at the Bogert Homestead (Hunter's Cabin) and Farms at Bogert's Bridge - the tour will explore the graves of those who died unusual deaths, from disease, accident... and even murder - rain or shine – will last approximately 1 ½ hours ending with refreshments and fellowship time in the Tilghman K. Kline, Memorial Chapel - please wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather - donations will be accepted



October 28 - Trunk or Treat - Heidelberg Church (in the parking lot), 5187 Irvin Rd., Slatington - 4 to 6PM - Also food served from 4 to 6PM in the fellowship hall - Trunk or Treat is a fun activity to do close to Halloween where trick or treating is done from parked-car to parked-car in a local parking lot.



October 28 - Apple Dumplings - St. Peter's Union Church, 184 St. Peters Rd., Tamaqua (Mantzville) - Order your apple dumplings by October 28 for pick-up November 15 from 1-5PM - call Karen at 570-386-5472



November 2- Spaghetti Dinner- Jordan UCC, corner of Route 309 and Walbert Ave., Allentown- 5 to 7 PM. Delicious spaghetti with meat sauce or marinara, salad with dressing, bread, applesauce, coffee and homemade desserts. Adults \$7. Information: 610-395-2218

November 3 - Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner - Hope UCC, 701 Cherry St., Wind Gap - 4 to 7PM - tickets are \$10/adults, \$5 for children and free for those under 5 - tickets are available at the door and Take Out is available

November 3 - Blood Drive - Jerusalem UCC, 545 Church Dr., Palmerton - 9AM to 2PM - in the church parking lot - for details please call 610-681-4412 - call and reserve your time slot

November 4 - Forks UCC Art Series presents: "Brothers In Grace Gospel Quartet" – Forks UCC, 4500 Sullivan Trail, Stockertown - 3 PM - Admission is Free - Info: 610-759-5676

November 4 - (Last day to order) - Thanksgiving Filling Sale - Jerusalem UCC, 545 Church Dr., Palmerton - \$6/2 lb. or \$12/5 lb. - potato/bread filling - pick up at church November 11 & 18 between 11:30AM to 1 PM - to order call Lana at 610-377-4936 or the church office at 610-681-4412.

November 10 – Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner – Forks UCC, 4500 Sullivan Trail, Stockertown – 4:30 to 7PM - Advance/\$10; at door/\$1; age 6-12/\$5 - Under 5 FREE - Info: 610-533-9108

November 10 - PA Dutch Bazaar – Longswamp UCC, 200 Clay Road, Mertztown, (610-682-6230) – 9AM to 2PM - traditional PA Dutch food and desserts, and local crafts - live Blue Grass/Old Country Music by Linda and Mike Hertzog 11:30AM-1PM - vendor tables available

November 10 - Fall Craft Fair - Salem UCC, 615 Third St., Catasauqua - 9AM to 1PM - Crafters, bake sale, basket raffle and lots of good food - also available pickled red beets - If you would like to have a table for a donation of \$10, call the church(610-264-4091) or Bev Werner(610-248-2822)

November 10 - 22nd Annual Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction - Old Zionsville UCC, 5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionsville - (610-966-3601) -9Am to 3PM - crafters, vendors, filled basket auction, lunch (including chicken potpie and potato corn soup), bake sale - free admission - basket auction: 25 chances for \$5.

November 10 - Annual Ham & Turkey Supper - St. John's of Farmersville, 8065 William Penn Highway, Easton - reservations are a must for the following times - 4:30PM & 6:30 PM - donations are adults/\$18; ages 6-12/\$8 - for ticket information call 610-868-0086 or 610-865-2289 - TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

November 10 - Chicken Pot Pie Dinner - Christ's Church at Lowhill, 4695 Lowhill Church Rd, New Tripoli - 4 to 7PM - Dinner includes pot pie with home-made noodles, lettuce with bacon dressing or tossed salad or applesauce, roll, dessert & beverage - \$10 adult, \$5 child(5-12), under 4 free, Live entertainment, guitar player and singer Rob Ballonoff from 5:30-7pm, call 610-395-0723 or 610-842-4781 for tickets

November 10 - Pork & Sauerkraut Supper - St. Peter Church, 184 St. Peters Rd., Tamaqua (Mantzville) - 4 to 7PM

November 11 - Variety Bingo - St. Peter's UCC (Seemsville), 8142 Valley View Rd., Northampton - 1:00 pm - doors open at 11:30AM - refreshments available - for tickets & directions please call Sheila at 610-457-6368 or the church at 610-837-7426. Seating is for ticket holders only!

November 11 - Homemade Filling Sale - St. Peter Church, 184 St. Peters Rd., Tamaqua (Mantzville) - Order by November 11 - pick-up November 21 from 11AM to 2PM - call Karen 570-386-5472

November 13 – DEADLINE to order Filling & Bacon Dressing – Heidelberg Union Church, Church & Irvin Rds., Slatington (Saegersville Area) – filling 2 ¼ lbs./\$6 (packed in aluminum container and can be heated in oven) – bacon dressing 1 pint/\$3 – Pick up November 20 from 4 to 7 PM – call 610-767-5351 or 610-767-6557 to order

November 15 (Order Deadline) - Let us Prepare Your Dessert for Thanksgiving - Dryland UCC, 4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth - 9" Pies, \$8.50 Each - Apple Crumb, Sweet Potato, Apple Tart, Strawberry Rhubarb, & Pumpkin - Pick up dates are: Tuesday, November 20 from 1 – 7 PM & Wednesday, November 21 from 8 AM – 6 PM - To order, contact Rich at 484-894-9799, Karen at 610-504-1158, or the church office at 610-759-4444

November 16 - "A Day in NYC", bus trip - bus departs from Christ's Church at Lowhill, 4695 Lowhill Church Rd, New Tripoli at 10AM - returns approx. 10PM - \$35 adults, children 12 and under \$25, for tickets call Jason 610-360-4281, or email him at Lowhillchurch@gmail.com

November 16 - Basket Social - Jordan UCC, corner of Route 309 and Walbert Ave., Allentown - doors open at noon to deposit tickets and social starts at 5:30 PM. For more information email [jordanbasketsocial@gmail.com](mailto:jordanbasketsocial@gmail.com)

November 22- Community Thanksgiving Meal - Jordan UCC, corner of Route 309 and Walbert Ave., Allentown – 11-2 PM. All are invited to enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Volunteers welcomed. Call the church office for information at 610-395-2218

December 9 – DEADLINE to order Christmas Cookie Cutouts - Heidelberg Union Church, Church & Irvin Rds., Slatington (Saegersville Area) - \$16/lb. –pick up December 12 from 4 to 7PM – call 610-767-5351 or 610-767-6557 to place order

December 16 - Christmas Program (The Amazing Magi) - Good Shepherd UCC, 3940 Mountain Rd., Slatington - 3PM - free - light refreshments to follow - donations appreciated or non-perishable donation for the Food Bank - (Michael Reist, "The Amazing Magi" will be sharing the WORD through his magic. Michael is an ordained Lutheran Pastor and Christian entertainer.