

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10th at 8:30 PM  
 Thursday, October 18th at 7:30 PM  
 Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:30 PM  
 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](http://zionlehigh.org) and click on the link in the article about the cantata. You can also contact director Brad Cressley at [ccmusic@ptd.net](mailto: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 13 - "Celebrate Autumn" Community Breakfast to Benefit the Crop Walk to fight Hunger - Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown - 8 to 11AM - in addition to our regular menu of eggs, bacon, sausage, French Toast, toast, English Muffins and hash browns, coffee, tea and juices, there will be a special menu in celebration of Autumn, including Sausage Apple Breakfast Strata, Sweet Potato Oatmeal Bake, Apple Cake with Maple Buttercream and Pumpkin Cream Cheese Swirl Muffins - the breakfast is available for a suggested donation of \$7.00



October 13 - Pasta Nite - UCC Greenawalds, 2325 Albright Ave., Allentown - 4:30 to 7PM - menu - variety of pasta, variety of sauces, meatballs, salad, bread & dessert. Tickets sold at the door \$10 adult, \$5 child 4-10 yrs, under 4 is free. Proceeds benefit Family Promise of Lehigh Valley and a portion to UCC Disaster Ministries.



October 13 - Autumn Glory Bazaar Craft & Vendor Show - Jordan UCC, corner of Walbert Ave. & Rte. 309, Allentown - 9AM to 3PM - two floors and over 70 tables of crafts, vendors and lots of food



October 14 - Deadline to order homemade apple dumplings - Christ's Church at Lowhill, 4695 Lowhill Church Rd, New Tripoli, pick up Oct 18 or Oct 19, 4 to 6PM - \$3 each - call Sue 610-395-0723



October 19 - Gift Card Bingo - St. John's UCC (Mickleys), 2918 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall - doors open at 5PM and bingo starts at 6PM - tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/at door - 20 games of bingo & door prizes—refreshments included with your admission—please call 610-417-2010 OR 610-509-9654

October 20 - Halupki Dinner - Grace UCC, 902 Lincoln Ave, Northampton - 4 to 7PM - tickets are for sale at the door on the night of the event or ahead of time thru church office. Adults \$10, kids 12 and under are \$3. The menu includes 2 halupkies, mashed potatoes, roll, cupcake, coffee, tea, lemonade.

October 20 - Ham Dinner - Jordan United Church of Christ corner of Route 309 and Walbert Avenue Allentown - 4:30 to 7PM - delicious cured ham dinner with sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, corn, string beans, salad with bacon dressing, dessert and assorted beverages - Adults \$12 and children \$6, under 6 free.

October 20 - Blessing of the Pets (all pets are welcome) - St. James UCC, 37 S. 15th St., Allentown - 10:30AM to Noon - special guests from the Allentown Police Dept. K-9 Demonstration with Officer Smith and the K-9 Officer Django

October 21 - Evening Vespers - St. John's UCC, 538 E. Thomas St., Coopersburg - 5 to 6PM - an alternate, quiet, prayerful, hope-filled experience, grounded in music to nourish the soul - Evening's theme, "Spirit of Life" - Music by Joanna Mell, who has spent the last 32 years performing as a Celtic harpist, singer and storyteller all over the U.S. Free will offering - Questions? 610-282-3310 or 267-221-8915

October 21 - All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner - St. James UCC, 37 S. 15th St., Allentown - Noon to 2PM - Adults /\$8 - under age 12 /\$4 - spaghetti, salad, dessert, apple cider, coffee & tea - Contact Info 610-432-7677

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 - 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 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 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 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. Reserved Seating. For more information email [jordanbasketsocial@gmail.com](mailto:jordanbasketsocial@gmail.com)

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.