

On the Spiritual Side

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Spinnerstown church hosts old-fashioned picnic

In celebration of its 250th anniversary as an independent congregation, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Spinnerstown invites the community to an old-fashioned church picnic from 2 to 7 p.m. June 29, with a rain date of June 30.

The picnic, once an annual tradition, will be held in "The Grove," across the street from the church, 1565 Sleepy Hollow Road, Spinnerstown, and will feature food, games and live music.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, water, snacks and ice cream will be offered for sale.

Live music will include bluegrass, country and swing by Without a Paddle, from 2:15 to 3 p.m. and 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., and punk, rock and alternative by



Stick Shift plays punk, rock and alternative music the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church picnic on June 29. The rain date is June 30.

bring lawn chairs. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

There will be free games for children, beginning at 3 p.m., and a "cake walk" from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. For 50 cents a round, participants can vie for home-baked cakes provided by church members.

The picnic is part of a series of events marking the anniversary of the church, which traces its roots to 1734.

For information, call 215-536-0734. For directions, visit stjspin.org.



Without a Paddle performs bluegrass, country and swing June 29 at a picnic celebrating the 250th anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Spinnerstown. The rain date is June 30.

New pastor comes to Methodist church

Quakertown United Methodist Church, 1875 Freier Road, Quakertown, welcomes senior pastor the Rev. Russell J. Atkinson and his wife, Barbara, on Sunday, June 30.

Atkinson previously served United Methodist churches in Lancaster, Hazleton and Swarthmore. He succeeds the Rev. Ronald A. Waite, who is retiring.

In his greeting to the Quakertown congregation, the incoming pastor wrote, "I want to offer kind and effective pastoral

care to the families of Quakertown United Methodist Church, and to the communities surrounding them. I want to work with you to discover and implement an effective disciple-making community that frequently challenges our members to grow emotionally, spiritually, intellectually, and in grateful service to God."

Assistant Pastor Hilary Ann Golden, who began her ministry at Quakertown United Methodist Church in May, will work with Atkinson.



THE REV. RUSSELL J. ATKINSON

Confirmands unite with Salem congregation

On May 19, seven young confirmands united with the congregation of Salem United Church of Christ, 186 E. Court St., Doylestown. The seven students spent nine months preparing for church membership.

They built on their previous years of Sunday school and home learning about the Christian faith. They studied the Bible, examined the concept of the Trinity, studied church history, learned about the United Church of Christ, retreated with other Confirmation classes (toured mission sights, worshipped in a Jewish synagogue, learned about the Islamic faith, and worshipped together), discussed the role of the church as teacher and friend, and took time to think about the Christian faith.

The class designed stoles with Christian symbols to be worn as they took their membership vows.



The Rev. Tyson Frey, pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, with confirmands from left: back, Spencer Beck, Dylan Zerby, Carter Beyer; front, Hunter Young, Erin McRee, Cole Schug, Scott Moyer.



Grey Nuns mark Jubilees

Celebrating their Jubilees, the anniversary of their entrance into the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart congregation and religious life, this June, are sisters Maureen Quigley, front row, 60 years; Donna Jean Tavernier, 60 years; Molly McGuire, 80 years; Loretta Wundrok, 60 years; Marita Campbell, back row, 50 years; Anne Marie Beirne, 50 years; Kathleen Sholette, 60 years; Mary Sue Thomas, 60 years; Barbara Pollock, 50 years; and Patricia Connolly, 50 years. A celebratory Mass and dinner was held at the Grey Nuns' Motherhouse on Quarry Road in Yardley on May 25.

Archbishop Chaput calls for prayers for immigrants

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. has designated Sunday, June 30, as Sunday for Justice for Immigrants in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The call for a day of prayer comes in light of recent deliberations in the United States Senate regarding Senate Bill 744.

The proposed legislation would tighten border security while creating a clear path to citizenship "within a reasonable timeframe and cost"

for the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the country illegally. The bill would also remove some obstacles that obstruct family unification.

The archbishop will celebrate a Mass for the intention of Justice for Immigrants at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. All are welcome.

Faithful throughout the

Archdiocese are encouraged to respond to the plight of immigrants by understanding the daily challenges they face. They also are encouraged to: know the church's position in support of reform; write to Congress, offering support of the U.S. Catholic Bishops Immigrants Campaign; and pray for justice.

For information, visit uscce.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/.

HAPPENINGS

Trenton church starts summer schedule

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 W. State St., Trenton, N.J., begins its summer schedule on Sunday, June 30.

The 8 a.m. service will continue in the chapel, but the 10:30 a.m. service in the cathedral will be held at 10 a.m. until Sept. 22. Wednesday healing services will resume on September 18. The cathedral office will close at 4 p.m. July 1 and through Sept. 6.

The Rev. Canon William H. Stokes, rector of St. Paul's Church, Delray Beach, Fla., has been elected the 12th bishop of the Diocese and will be consecrated on Nov. 2, succeeding the Right Rev. George E. Council, who will be retiring.

For information, call 609-392-3805, extension 100, or visit TrinityCathedralNJ.org.

New Hope church screening outdoor movie

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 10 Chapel Road, New Hope, holds a free outdoor showing of the film "Lincoln" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Food and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

For information, visit stphilipsnewhope.org.

Bethlehem group discusses faith and science

InSpiral meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, July 1, to present and discuss "Thank God for Evolution," a film based on the book of the same name by Michael Dowd.

The group meets the first Monday of every month at St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem. It is organized by individuals interested in and committed to exploring, sharing and understanding the discoveries of science, especially evolution, and its impact on spirituality and spiritual growth. All are welcome.

For information, contact Linda at cyklopps@rcn.com.

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