

The Messenger

Zion Presbyterian Church Helvetia, WV

Pickens Presbyterian Church Pickens, WV

December 2015

Greetings from Helvetia! As the warm fall weather is turning to cooler winter days, many folks are preparing for the holidays. We hope everyone is enjoying wonderful times with friends and family. We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and may good health and happiness fill your new year.

Much appreciation to Anna Grace Daetwyler, Patricia Karlen, Alice Phillips, Cornelia Britton, and Edythe Ortiz who have generously donated to The Messenger fund.

We hope to send everyone news from folks far and near every other month. It is wonderful to keep in touch with family and friends who no longer live in the area. But those of us who still live in the area love to hear from friends and family who live in places away from here too. If you have news that you would like to share, please send it to me and I will be sure to include it in the next newsletter. Please remember that we cannot reprint copyrighted publications. You can send information to my home address, email me, or send a Facebook message. Thanks so much.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

With each mailing of The Messenger, several newsletters are returned to sender with no forwarding address. I realize that through the years people may have moved, or sadly, may have passed away. I have found addresses for several returned Messengers and have sent it on to the new address. However, there are still three people that I do not know about. If you have the address of these folks or know about them, please let me know and I will make changes. They are: Joan Gray, Robert Alderman, and Carmel and Shirley Bruno. Also, if you know of anyone who is not currently on the mailing list, but would like to be, please let me know.

CHURCH NEWS

The Zion Presbyterian Church in Helvetia remains active in the community. After many years, we have now started Children's Sunday school twice a month. Local parents are sent notices of the dates each month and a reminder is posted at the store. If you are visiting in town, we would love to have your children or grandchildren join us for Sunday school. We begin at 9:15. Please check for a poster or call 304-924-5593 for information.

It is the privilege of Zion Presbyterian Church to have Bob

McCutchon lead worship on some Sundays. Mr. McCutchon is a professor at Davis and Elkins College. He also does missionary work in Kenya. On many Sundays, he shares interesting stories about his experiences in Kenya. One thing that Bob is very interested in doing is helping the people of Kenya set up schools for the children that live there. Zion Presbyterian Church, along with other churches from our Presbytery, are sponsoring scholarships for Kenyan children. Mr. McCutcheon will be going to Kenya in January to present these scholarships to the schools there so that a few more children will be afforded the opportunity of basic education.

Please join us for regular services every Sunday at 10:00. We are blessed to have Joe McInroy continue getting service ministers to lead worship each Sunday. The Pickens Presbyterian Church has services on selected dates too. Please join them if you are in Pickens. You can also worship at Pickens Baptist Church or attend Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Pickens as well.

Zion Presbyterian Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with a candlelight service held at 8:00. Everyone is welcome to attend this beautiful service of scripture and music.

PICKENS SCHOOL NEWS

The school 2015-2016 year at Pickens School is passing by quickly. It has been a busy fall for the students, parents and staff. The students have been involved in online classes, field trips, Arts Bank, special visitors and class activities, along with their day to day learning. The Local School Improvement Council presented their annual school presentation to the Randolph County Board of Education on October 15, 2015. The presentation can be seen online at: pickens.rand.k12.wv.us/annualreport. It is a great presentation put together by students and staff.

HELVETIA FAIR

The Helvetia Community Fair was a great success this year despite inclement weather. Thank you to all volunteers and attendees! We couldn't put on this event without each of you. Next year, we hope to grow and continue to encourage participants to explore our heritage. Please contact Jonathan or another Fair Director if you have ideas on how to enhance future events, or if you'd like to get involved next year. We'd love to hear from you.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Helvetia's 2015 Town Meeting went well! Coming together as a community is integral to our success and growth. We appreciate all who made the effort to come out and share news. One topic involved the future of our Kultur Haus. Please email ideas you may have to help the Kultur Haus in its effort to develop and maintain a presence in our community. Please continue to invite visitors to the store and mask museum. Please send your ideas to KulturHaus.@HelvetiaWV.com

KULTUR HAUS HELVETIA

Kultur Haus Helvetia, the building and historical structure in the center of Helvetia, has a new exterior look! The building has been painted a beautiful blue with brown trim. The funding for this wonderful project was given by a private donor who loves our small Swiss village. Kultur Haus Helvetia continues to provide a place for the US post office, the country store, the Alpen Lodge, and the Fasnacht Mask Museum. It is also a place where visitors can get Internet access while visiting Helvetia.

Over 25 interested townspeople attended a meeting that was held at the Kultur Haus on November 10, 2015. The focus of the meeting was to remind everyone that the Kultur Haus is a community owned organization that is

made possible by donations, and volunteers; and to update the community on the conditions of the organization. The focus of the organization is to preserve and maintain this historical and pivotal building for current community use, as well as for future generations. There are two paid employees, neither of which are full time. The Kultur Haus, financially struggles, and at some point may have to close because the costs of keeping it open are greater than the funding that is coming in. It is so encouraging and exciting to know that many local folks and some organizations have responded to the need. The Helvetia Farm Women have donated the entire amount to pay for the new credit card swiping machine which was required to be installed for the store to accept credit cards. Since sweatshirts and t-shirts are a good source of income for the store, but costly to initially have printed, a private donor loaned money to have shirts printed. Another person donated funds from the annual Follow Your Bliss Music Festival to make a large shirt order possible. Some members of the past Helvetia Shepherd's Association donated their yarn that their organization had left, to be sold at the store. Other local crafts have been donated. It is hopeful that with continued donations and support, the Kultur Haus will be a community organization for many years to come.

HELVETIA RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Helvetia Restoration and Development Organization has a few projects it is working on. We have applied for two different grants to put a playground on our property next to the Helvetia Library. We have not received a final OK on either grant but things are looking good that both will get funding. When the playground is constructed we will be asking the citizens of Helvetia to pitch in and help. A new brochure on the

Village of Helvetia is almost complete and we hope to have it back from the printers before Fasnacht. We are happy to announce that through the help of the Public Service Commission, the pay phones were reestablished in Helvetia and Pickens. Our next event will be the First Saturday of the Month Square Dance on Jan. 2, 2016 from 7 pm to 10 pm in the Red Hall. Then the next event will be the Annual Fasnacht Celebration on Feb. 7th, 2016.

Woody Higginbotham

President HDRO

OBITUARIES *

Ralph Raymond Conrad, 84 of Morgantown, passed away on February 27, 2015. He was born on July 7, 1930, in Mongo County, the son of the late Richard and Josephine Jones Conrad of Elkins. Ralph graduated from Tygarts Valley High School in 1948. He served honorably as a member of the US Navy. He worked at various jobs including NASA and later retired as a hearing aid specialist. He is survived by his wife Diana Day Conrad; three daughters, Mary Beth Papandreas (George) of Morgantown, Cheryl Abel(Harold) of PA and Kyra Pulliam(Andre) of VA; three stepchildren, Melodee Wolford(Doug) of Elkins, Tammy Rizzio(Bryan) of Beverly, and James Murphy(Amy) of Elkins. Also surviving are three brothers; Randall, Earl, and Erwin. Two sisters; Doris Bartlett and Iris Conrad also survive as well as 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Margie Betler Conrad; wife, Marilyn Blizzard Conrad; daughter, Susan Conrad; three brothers, Herman, Sherman, and Vernon Conrad; and a great-grand-daughter Maddison Hedrick. A funeral was held on March 8, 2015 at Morgantown Bible Church.

Frank J. Zolar, age 94, beloved husband of 59 years to Lois (nee Hodgson); father of Kathleen Rhoney (Scott), Teresa Stevenson (John) and Karen; brother of Sophia Rupert, Jane Snyderburn (Charles) and the late Mary Andrews, Molly Dietrick, Eustine Poyle, Agnes Bors and Patricia Bates; uncle and great-uncle of many. WWII Army Veteran and a member of the Big Red One. Passed away July 20, 2015. Funeral Mass was held, Monday, July 27, St. Richard Church

Blaine Edward Winkler, age 81, of Old Elkins Road, Buckhannon, died Sunday, July 26, 2015, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. He was born on October 10, 1933, in Pickens, WV, a son of the late Dart Augustus and Ruth Lawton Winkler. On April 16, 1958, he was united in marriage to his wife of 56 years, Dora G. Hamrick Winkler, who preceded him in death on July 27, 2014. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Clinton and Luther Winkler; and one niece Peggy (Moody) Collette. He is survived by nieces: Kaye (Paul) Tracewell of Dublin, OH, Ruth Longwell of Hannibal, OH, Linda (Pat) Cassidy of Parsons, WV, Ruth Ann (Steve) Marks of Liberty, NC; sisters-in-law: Loretta Winkler of Junior, WV, Dorothy Winkler of Philippi, WV; and special friends Robert and Janet Lantz, Paul "Slugger" and Debbie Brady, his furry friend Tommy, along with many other extended family and friends. Mr. Winkler graduated from Pickens High School and joined the U.S. Army in 1954 where he served as a Drill Sergeant. After 22 years of military service and several tours in Vietnam and Germany, he retired from the Army in 1976. He attended Morehead State University in Morehead, KY and spent many additional years working as a Veterinary Assistant before coming back home to WV. He was a member of the Lions Club of Buckhannon and attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Elkins. The funeral was held on, July 30, 2015,

Regina "Nanny" Tiffner Kelley, age 69, of Buckhannon, WV died Thursday, August 6, 2015 at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV. She was born September 3, 1945 in Webster Co., WV, a daughter of the late Wade and Vesta Cogar Tiffner. On July 21, 1963 she married Charles Kelley who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Tiffner; two sisters, Nora Bachman and Beatrice Spittler and two brothers-in-law, Toby Spittler and Dennis Bachman. Surviving are two sons, Timothy Kelley and wife Vicky of Buckhannon and Winston Kelley and Rhonda Borders of IN; one daughter, Amanda DeMoss and husband Daniel of Buckhannon; one grandson, Winston Cole Kelley of Buckhannon; one granddaughter, Kacey Hanline and husband Joe of VA; three brothers, Sonny Tiffner and wife Connie and Bob and Roger Tiffner; four sisters, Gatha Bachman, Virginia Jackson, Sue Haddix and husband Mike and Charlene Duke and husband Jim; one brother-in-law, Randy Bachman and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Kelley was a childcare provider and a Baptist by faith. A graveside service was held at the Pickens Cemetery. Burial followed in the Pickens Cemetery.

James 'Jim' Holland Biggs, age 69, died August 7, 2015 at Morgantown, WV.

Robert L. Morgan, age 68 years, a resident of Czar, WV passed away Saturday evening, September 19, 2015 at his home. He was born August 11, 1947 at Czar, a son of Lily G. Sanders Morgan who survives at Czar and the late John J. Morgan. Also surviving are two brothers, Kenneth "Brad" Morgan and wife Paula of Beverly and Gregory Morgan and wife Pam of Elkins. Two nieces and two nephews, Betsy Cutright, Jonathan Morgan, Kelly Dasher and Justin Morgan, one great nephew, Grant Morgan and

three great nieces, Emma Morgan, Lacie Peek and Summer Dasher. He leaves behind his two cats, Tracy and Wendy. Bob was retired from Huttonsville Correctional Center where he had worked as a supervisor. He was a member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of the Beech Mountain Sportsman's Club, a past member of the Tygart Valley Muzzleloaders and was an avid outdoorsman. A funeral service was held at 1:00 pm Thursday. Interment followed in the Pine Grove Cemetery near Czar.

Sophia Marie Rupert, (nee Zolar), age 92, of Pickens, WV, and Euclid, OH, passed away on October 13, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Edward Rupert for 35 years until his death in 1981. Loving mother of Michael, Rebecca Luckman (Michael, deceased), Frank (Barbara), Christopher, and John. Doting grandmother of Mark Luckman, Bryan, Amy, and Sarah Rupert, and Daniel and Lillian Rupert. Great-grandmother of Shae Luckman. Sophia is also survived by one sister, Jane (Charles) Snyderburn, and many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Mary (nee Zafred) Zolar, one brother, Frank Zolar, and five sisters: Mary Andrews, Molly Dietrick, Eustine Poyle, Agnes Bors, and Patricia Bates. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 19, at Ss. Robert & William Parish, Private burial in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

Lily G. Sanders Morgan, age 89 years, a resident of Elkins, passed away Thursday morning, October 22, 2015 in the Ruby Memorial Hospital at Morgantown. She was born June 4, 1926 at Czar, WV a daughter of the late George Washington Sanders and Clara Cutright Sanders. On February 16, 1946 at Buckhannon, she was united in marriage to John J. Morgan who preceded her in death March 6, 1997. She is survived by two sons, Kenneth "Brad" Morgan and wife Paula of Beverly

and Gregory Morgan and wife Pam of Elkins. Two granddaughters and two grandsons, Betsy Cutright, Jonathan Morgan, Kelly Dasher and Justin Morgan, one great grandson, Grant Morgan and three great granddaughters, Emma Morgan, Lacie Peek and Summer Dasher. Also surviving is a special nephew, Ray Sanders and wife Julie and close friends, Rod and Beverly Woods and Guy and Mary Howell. Also preceding her in death was one son, Robert L. Morgan, three brothers, Guy, Arnold and Orville Sanders. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Mrs. Morgan had worked as a bookkeeper at the H. H. Cook Credit Bureau, Montgomery Ward and Memorial General Hospital. She later watched her grandchildren prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Beech Mountain Sportsman's Club and a member of the Business and Professional Women. She was a member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women of the Church Circle Number 1. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM Sunday, October 25, 2015 at the Pine Grove Cemetery near Czar.

Oliver "Red" Williams, Jr., age 89 years, a resident of East Dailey, passed away Thursday, November 5, 2015 at his residence. He was born June 13, 1926 at Fork Ridge, Webster County, a son of the late Oliver Williams, Sr. and Myrtle Reynolds Williams. On October 20, 1946 at Helvetia, he was married to the former Bertha Jeanne Sutton, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Robert Francis Williams and wife Dolores of Goochland, VA, Stephen Williams and wife Arlene of East Dailey and two daughters, Margaret "Peggy" Thomas and husband Dale of Frostburg, MD and Constance Lynn Shaw and husband Dave of Silver Springs, MD. Eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren also survive. Also preceding him in death was one son, David Ray Williams, two brothers and

three sisters. Mr. Williams was a graduate of Pickens High School. He worked as a coal miner for forty three years having worked the last twenty three years with Marson Coal Company. Mr. Williams was a member of Randolph Lodge No. 55 A.F. and A.M. of Beverly for 50 years and attended the Valley Bend Presbyterian Church at East Dailey. A funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, November 7, 2015. Interment followed at the Pickens Cemetery.

Marjorie Leigh Smith Kinney, aged 54, passed away November 13, 2015. She was born December 15, 1960 at Cleveland, Ohio the daughter of Loman E and Lora Jean Fincham Smith. She is survived by her daughter Amber Leigh Kinney. **Donald "Skip" Vincent**, 70, of Buckhannon, W.Va. died on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015 at his home. He was born Dec. 21, 1944 in Randolph County, W.Va., a son of the late William L. and Eileen M. Wasmer Vincent. On April 8, 1972 he married Deanna Sue Harris who survives. Also, surviving are one son, Robert Vincent and wife Mayra of Arlington, Texas; three granddaughters, Ashley and Aimee Sanchez and Avery Vincent all of Arlington; one brother, Gregory Vincent and wife Melinda of Mt. Nebo, W.Va.; one sister, Carolyn Sue Dean of Lake Wells, Fla.; one sister in law, Judy Vincent of Buckhannon and several nieces and nephews. Skip was a coal miner.

Richard Reed Woody, 62, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015 while hunting. He was born Oct. 11, 1953 in Clarksburg; son of the late George R. and Rosemary F. Woody Bragg. Richard is survived by two sons, Richard "Rick" Reed Woody II and wife Amber, of Sharpsburg, Md., Michael Fahrner Woody and Melissa, of Winchester, Va.; six grandchildren, Logan, Luke, Dylan, Garrett, Kara and Julien; one sister, Beverly Pennington and husband, William, of Virginia Beach, Va.; and one half-sister, Kimberly Montgomery, of Kentucky. Along with his parents, he was

preceded in death by one brother, Yale Warren Woody. Richard enjoyed hunting, outdoors, ATV and collected taxidermy mounts.

MARRIAGES*

Alfred Tenney and Meredith Leigh Towle were married in July 2015

William "Bill" Howard Daetwyler and Connie Smith were married in Harrison County 2015

James Carroll Wallace and Karly Elise Kramer were married at Elkins on October 10, 2015

***Much appreciation to Anna Chandler who submits information on marriages, births and deaths for each edition of The Messenger**

PEOPLE

Tammie Rizzio has assumed the position of interim executive director of Youth Health Services in Elkins. Ms. Rizzio has 15 years' experience in the field of behavioral health and non-profit services. She is a graduate of Shephard University and West Virginia University. She is a licensed graduate social worker who has spent the last four years at YHS as a therapist. Tammie Rizzio is the step daughter of the late Ralph Conrad of Morgantown.

Doug Betler, son of Bill and Becky Betler of Clarksburg, attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA for ten weeks this past summer. He graduated from the academy on September 18, 2015. Doug is employed as a lieutenant with the Bridgeport Police Department in Bridgeport, WV. He resides in Quiet Dell with his wife, Melissa; son, Mason; and their dog, Lily; and cat Hobo.

Michael Carvelli, grandson of Bill and Becky Betler of Clarksburg, graduated from WVU School of Journalism in August of 2013. He is currently employed with the Exponent Telegram as their Sports Multimedia Editor.

Bryanna DeFazio, granddaughter of Bill and Becky Betler of Clarksburg, graduated in May 2015, from WVU School of Medicine as an occupational therapist. She has accepted a traveling job with MedTravelers as a traveling occupational therapist. She is currently working her first assignment at Cecil County Maryland School Systems as an occupational therapist until June 2016.

Allison Carvelli, granddaughter of Bill and Becky Betler of Clarksburg, is currently attending Radiology School at UHC.

Shawna Kay DeFazioMarozzi, granddaughter of Bill and Becky Betler of Clarksburg, graduated from WVU and has been employed as a teacher in Harrison County School since 2005. She is married to Patrick Marozzi and has made Bill and Becky the proud great-grandparents of two little boys, D'Anthony Patrick Marozzi who is 2 ½ years old and Dante Luca Marozzi who is one year old.

Alice Phillips was delighted to receive her copy of "The Messenger". With her donation, she has said that she is proud to have lived in Helvetia. After living in Long Island for 42 years she has sold her home and moved to South Carolina to be near her son and his family. She is trying to "squeeze" everything into each room of her new home. She still loves singing and attending concerts. Another hobby that Alice enjoys is drawing and painting. Her third love is gardening. Alice, we thank you very much for your Messenger donation and your letter.

Natalie Karlen of North Hagerstown signed to play lacrosse at Division I Central Michigan. Natalie earned All-Washington County first team honors last

season in both basketball and lacrosse. She scored 68 goals, which was more goals than any other player last year in Washington County and added 23 assists. Karlen also plays for Baltimore based M&D Lacrosse, a club she joined as she entered her freshman season. She first played lacrosse through the Hagerstown Area Youth Lacrosse Association. Natalie is the daughter of Geoffrey and AnnMarie Karlen of Hagerstown. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Mary Ann (Betler) Karlen of Charles Town, WV.

Betler Trip to Switzerland

By Claudette Brown

Darren and Nancy Betler and Claudette Betler Brown had the wonderful opportunity of taking a trip to Switzerland, July 31, 2015 – August 8, 2015. The goal was to visit ancestry locations in Boltigen and Saanen, Bern.

Darren and Claudette are the children of Delbert and Geraldine(Smith) Betler. Grandparents on the Betler side were Arnold and Ella (Karlen) Betler. Great Grandparents: Emmanuel Gottlieb and Ida (Stadler) Betler.

Gottlieb Betler was from Boltigen and was baptized in Saanen.

Darren, Nancy and Claudette flew to Munich, Germany on Friday July 31st. They met cousin Pater Otto Bruce Betler there, who took a week vacation to travel with them. It was wonderful to have such a knowledgeable and fun personal tour guide. Bruce has lived in Germany several years and has traveled extensively in Switzerland. Emmanuel Gottlieb was also Bruce's Great Great Grandfather. (Great Great Grandmother was Verena Risch, Gottlieb's first wife.)

Bruce has many friends from his travels and from his work at the Swiss embassy in Washington, D.C., so our itinerary was to visit with his friends and touring the towns of our ancestry.

The first day we traveled via car from Munich, through Austria into Switzerland to Flums. We stayed there 4 days with Bruce's friend Thomas Stahl and his family. They have a bakery and café in the town of Flums which is at the base of the Alp and Ski resort of Flumserberg. It was rainy and overcast, so we could not see the Alps the first day. We did however enjoy the hospitality of the Stahl family and played Jass (the traditional Swiss card game.) It was amazing that we could play this game with the locals: They don't speak very much English and we spoke no German; yet we were able to play this game that has been passed down to us through the years. The rules of the game have changed very little and we spent several delightful evenings' playing cards with much laughter and fellowship.

Church bells chime regularly in most of the towns, which made us glad that we have the church chimes in our Helvetia too.

We took day trips for the next 3 days, using Flums as our base. We visited Chur and Dissents/Muster. Visited several monasteries and churches. Bruce's contacts at some of the monasteries allowed us to tour parts that are not open to the public. Very humbling to know these structures were built hundreds of years ago. Drove south into the Italian Alps one day and later that day drove up the valley where Verena Risch was from. This part of Switzerland is called the Pretigau.

On Monday, it was a beautiful, warm summer day and we spent the day in the Alp above Flumserberg, hiking with Thomas and Bruce. Amazing views and wonderful company. Many herds of cows

grazing in the alps-- with their cow bells on; it was quite loud at times. Rode the ski lifts up and hiked our way back down the mountain. Breathtaking scenery.

That evening we visited and swam in nearby Lake Walensee. We enjoyed food with Thomas' friends and played more Jass.

The Tuesday day trip was to Flawil where the Stadlers were from. Also visited Herisau, Gossau and Appenzel. Most restaurants have a large variety of sausage entrée's. And of course all types of Swiss cheeses. Also lots of good breads. The Swiss make hay off every little corner of every piece of land regardless of how steep it might be. We also saw some castles and military rock outcroppings. In the evening we enjoyed the fellowship of Thomas Stahl's extended family.

Wednesday we drove to Lucern and walked the city. So many historic buildings and bridges. We spent Wednesday night at the parish in the town of Langnou with another friend; Anneliese and her husband.

Thursday, we drove through the Emmental and Symmental regions where Boltigen and Saanen are located. We drove past the Hofer hotel in one of the small towns. We went to a distant relative, Walter Bettler's home, but they were away on holiday. (Bettler was originally spelled Bettler). We toured Boltigen, and then drove to nearby Saanen to tour the church where Gottlieb was baptized. We went through a cemetery there and found several Bettler's, Aegerter's and Daetwyler's. We stopped by the Gruyere Castle and toured the walled village and monastery. That evening we visited with Emmy Reichen and family in Bern and had a wonderful supper and delightful conversation.

The last two days of the trip, we spent with Bruce at his St. Ottilien monastery which is a working farm estate. We attended a vesper service on Friday evening with Bruce playing guitar, singing and preaching the service. He joked some about us, but since the mass was in German, we couldn't understand what tales from our childhood he was telling them. There was much laughter. We were able to visit and talk with several of the other monks and villagers after the service; many could speak English.

Bruce went with us on Saturday morning to Munich and showed us some of the city. We had brunch at Hofbrauhaus before leaving on our trip back to the US.

A memorable and very blessed trip. We made many new friends which we hope to visit with again in the future. They loved hearing about our little Helvetia, WV and our childhoods and the Swiss customs that we maintain and cherish.

Pickens Cemetery Decoration---June 19, 2016

Follow Your Bliss Music Fest---June 24-26, 2016

Helvetia Community Fair---September 9-11, 2016

*To the best of our knowledge, these dates are accurate. If there are changes or these dates are incorrect, please let us know.

UPCOMING DATES*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Zion
Presbyterian Church -----8:00

Fasnacht---February 6, 2016

Maple Syrup Festival---Weekend of March
18-20, 2016

Pickens Ramp Dinner---April 16, 2016

Helvetia Ramp Dinner---April 30, 2016

Pickens School Senior-Alumni Banquet---
May 7, 2016

Pickens School Graduation Ceremony---
May 28, 2016

Helvetia Cemetery Decoration--- June 12,
2016