

THE MESSENGER

Zion Presbyterian Church,
Helvetia, West Virginia

Pickens Presbyterian Church,
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As the snow continues to fall, and last night was the coldest night of the winter thus far; (- 15 degrees back Metzner Hollow Road) everyone is anxiously awaiting the warmer weather that spring time will bring.

Much appreciation to Betty Van Gilder, Dan Booth, Bill and Becky Betler, Patricia Karlen, Gerald Waybright, Lynn Morgan, Phil and Tonya Penrose, Alice Stankus, and Ellen Stefanism for their generous donations and continued support of The Messenger. It is the intent to continue to publish The Messenger bimonthly as long as articles of interest are submitted.

Also, many thanks to those who have submitted interesting articles to share with our readers. Please continue to submit news at any time. Please send items to me by mail, email, Facebook Messages, or give me a call. Again, please let me know of any corrections in dates or mailing addresses. I also welcome comments and suggestions. I want to keep all information as accurate as possible.

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ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Christmas time at Zion Presbyterian Church is always a very special time. Much appreciation to Betty Biggs, Alvin Duke, Lana Duke Hull, and Charlotte Chandler, for the beautiful Christmas decorations. The lights, candles, greenery, ornaments, and ribbons make our church a very special and beautiful place for people to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Each Sunday of Advent, a different church member or family does the prayer and readings. This is a special part of Christmas for all who attend church during the holiday season. This year on the third Sunday of Advent, the Children's Sunday school class did the readings, prayers and also sang "Away in the Manger". Many thanks to Joe McInroy for playing the guitar as the children sang together.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was beautiful. Again, many thanks to Joe McInroy for leading the service. Joe also led the choir with their beautiful singing. Each year the service ends with candlelight being shared from the Christ candle and then passed from each person's candle to candle with the singing of "Silent Night" in German. This traditional service is always planned for Christmas Eve. If any friends or family are visiting in town for the holidays, everyone is very welcome to attend Zion Presbyterian Church on Christmas Eve. Also many thanks to the Mailloux/Lehmann/Arnett Family for opening their home to all for such a warm holiday Open House of food, friends, family and festivities after the Christmas Eve Service.

After the regular church service on January 31, 2016, the annual Congregational Meeting was held at Zion Presbyterian Church. Rev. Charla Koerner opened the meeting with prayer. Joe McInroy was reelected as Elder to serve another three year term. Maxine Metzner gave the annual treasurer report, and Helvetia Cemetery Trustee, Kevin Betler gave a cemetery report. Again, many thanks to Dave Loudin and his family for their continued caring of the cemetery each year. We will continue to have Children's Sunday school and plans are being made for summer Bible School. All annual reports and a copy of the meeting minutes will

be posted on the bulletin board of the church entryway for anyone who is interested.

As always, **everyone** is very welcome to attend church service on any Sunday at 10:00.

KULTUR HAUS HELVETIA

Kultur Haus Helvetia held a Holiday Open House on December 5. The store was decorated and many new handmade scarves and ornaments were for sale along with the usual honey, wool yarn, homemade soaps, local crafts, and prints for framing, glassware and shirts. Several folks stopped by to see the store and to enjoy cookies, punch and hot cider. Much appreciation goes out to all who attended. A very special thank you to Vernon Burky and Phil McAvoy for the beautiful fiddle and guitar music. Everyone enjoyed the Swiss songs as well as joining together singing Christmas carols. The time together was lots of fun and we are hopeful to continue this as an annual holiday event.

Much appreciation to Ellen Stefanism for her Kultur Haus donation. Ellen is a great-granddaughter of Rev. Daniel F. Schroth who was the pastor in Helvetia when the church was built. She is also the great-granddaughter of Gottfried and Marianna Aegerter. Ellen has many fond memories of childhood vacations in Helvetia.

HELVETIA RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Sitting here in snowy Helvetia two days after we burned 'Ole Man Winter' at Fasnacht. It never fails he comes back and bites us in the rear end. Six inches of snow and at least another 6 in the next 36 hours. And looking at 15 degrees below zero this coming weekend.

Fasnacht was a huge success. The Community Hall was packed like Ramp Supper Square Dances of the 1970's. Restoration would like to thank all those that came to our event and to all the locals that helped us behind the scenes to make it a great success.

Now we move on to our next project, a Playground near the Library. We are proud to announce that we have acquired several nice donations to fund the project. Locally the Helvetia Fair Association, Willie Lehmann, Clara Lehmann, and Dave Whipp have donated

money plus we have two very generous grants from Modern Woodsmen of the World and the Snowshoe Foundation. Additionally several other local organizations have promised to support the project. When spring arrives in Helvetia we will begin this major undertaking. In addition HDRO would like to remind the Helvetia community that 2019 will be the 150 year anniversary of the founding of our village. We would like to help in a Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Another project that we must do this spring is shore up the sills on the Museum.

Submitted by: Woody Higginbotham
President HDRO

Much appreciation to Ellen Stefanism for her donation to the Helvetia Restoration and Development Organization.

Also, remember if you are in town on the first Saturday of any month, join in the fun by attending a square dance at the hall sponsored by the restoration organization.

HUTTE RESTAURANT/SWISS VILLAGE

Last summer, Swiss Village made some renovations to the Hutte's Alpine Penthouse. We expanded the size of the guests' bathroom, including installation of a tub, new vanity, and toilet. And we expanded the size of the kitchen/dining area. The renovations make the penthouse more comfortable, practical, and aesthetically pleasing.

In the fall, we finished another full coat of paint on the exterior of the Hutte. This spring, we need to replace some roofing on the gable end of the Hutte due to a leak. Furthermore, we will replace the welcome sign at the corner of the building on Adolph Road. Lastly, we plan to replace the septic for the Blue House this year, in hopes, that we can begin renovations on the building in 2017.

HELVETIA COMMUNITY FAIR

The 2015 Helvetia Fair added a few new features including the Treichel Award for best float (awarded to "The Vernon Burky 90th Birthday" float in 2015), brochures, a head-in-the-hole board near the library, and a 50/50 drawing at the exhibits. We also had a children's activities table (Jerianne Davis), Aegerter Alley photo booth (Morgan Rice), and

slippery pole (Willie Lehman) in place, but weather kept the crowds away. Although it was a rainy weekend and some of the outdoor activities were cancelled, the festivities were successful. Next year and weather permitting, expect pony rides, a slippery pole contest, additional crafters/artisans, and much more. Dan & Willie Lehmann installed power supply at the meadow's stage to improve outdoor performances. We also advertised on NPR for the first time.

If you would like to distribute some of the new brochures, contact Fair Director, Jonathan Lacocque. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer or if you have ideas to improve the fair. We are interested in holding folk dance lessons for adults; please contact Jonathan if you or anyone you know are interested in participating. Let's keep the folk dancing tradition alive. Lesson dates and times will be posted at the Kultur Haus, Hutte, and on the Helvetia Fair Facebook page once finalized.

HELVETIA'S CENTENNIAL-PLUS 150TH BIRTHDAY

In three years, Helvetia will celebrate its 150th birthday. A committee is forming to plan for a special celebration. If you would like to participate in the committee, volunteer, or if you have ideas, please email Clara Lehmann at clara.lehmann@gmail.com or Eleanor Betler at elbetler@yahoo.com.

COAT OF ARMS

Coat of Arms completed a short animated film called "Death Loves Life," written and directed by Clara Lehmann and Jonathan Lacocque. It was selected and screened at the Los Angeles Shorts Film Festival, the West Virginia International Film Festival, the Gdansk International Animation Film Festival in Poland, and it will screen at the Cleveland International Film Festival in April. Due to festival rules, the film can only be viewed privately. If you'd like a private screening, email Clara and Jonathan at info@coatofarmspost.com. We will release the film online at the end of its Festival run (likely in August).

As mentioned in a prior Messenger, Coat of Arms is producing a documentary about Eleanor Mailloux and the

Hutte Restaurant entitled "Born in a Ballroom." Now that the "short" film has turned into a feature length film, we have a final interview and some footage to capture before the post-production process can begin. We hope to complete the film by January 2017. If you have any footage or special photographs of Eleanor, we'd love to consider them for the film.

Thank you, Clara Lehmann and Jonathan Lacocque for submitting these articles for The Messenger.

ART GALLERY OPEN IN HELVETIA

Joe McInroy, our choir director and pianist at our church, would like to invite you to stop in his Art Gallery when you are in town. The Art Gallery is located 500 feet past the Cheese Haus in the old Helvetia Woodshop and features paintings and prints of local Helvetia scenes and surrounding areas.

Examples of his paintings {they are for Sale if one interests you} can be found on his website:

joemcinroy@helvetiawv.com

Stop in anytime between the hours of 10 to 4PM.

Much appreciation to Natalie and Joe for extending the invitation for everyone to stop by the gallery when they are visiting Helvetia.

OBITUARIES

Clyde Junior 'Whitey' Depoy -

TENNERTON - Clyde Junior "Whitey" Depoy, 68, of Pringle Mill Road, the Alton Community, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born on Nov. 5, 1947, in Czar, a son of the late Clyde Newman and Hilda Lee Gould Depoy.

On Nov. 8, 1968, he married Joyce Luther Depoy, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter Michelle DaSilva, of Alton; one son Kevin Depoy and wife Krystal, of Bristol, R.I.; three grandchildren: Jami Warner, Kyle Depoy, and Lillian Depoy; and one brother Carl Depoy and wife Linda, of Buckhannon.

Mr. Depoy was an avid hunter and member of the East Warren Rod and Gun Club

in Rhode Island. He also served as treasurer of the Alton Cemetery Committee.

The body was cremated and no services were held.

Demaris 'Dee' Barbe Suan -

BUCKHANNON - Demaris (Dee) Barbe Suan passed away Jan. 25, 2016 in Amargosa Valley, Nev. She was born on Dec. 20, 1946 in Mill Creek, daughter of the late Rhea Haddix Wasmer and Woodford Barbe. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her stepfather, Nelson Wasmer and one brother, Phillip Barbe.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Edsel Suan, of Amargosa Valley, two sons; Eddie Suan and Marcus Suan and one grandson, Treyton, all of Las Vegas, Nev. Also surviving are two brothers; Coy Barbe, of Diana, and Chris Wasmer, of Gordonsville, Tenn., three sisters; Janet Kirk, of Akron, Ohio, Jackie Bennett, of Lost Creek, Jill Bentley, of Buckhannon, and several nieces and nephews

. She was a Baptist by faith and requested her body be cremated. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

Russell William McIe -

TENNERTON - Russell William McIe, 72, of Cutright Chapel, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016, at St. Francis Hospital in Charleston, W.Va. He was born Nov. 28, 1943, in Webster Springs, a son of the late Thomas Franklin and Elise Eliza Currence McIe.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Collins McIe, of Cutright Chapel. Also surviving are three sons: Thomas McIe and Marvin McIe, both of Cutright Chapel, and Roger McIe of Weston; two grandsons whom he raised: Mikey and wife Cathy McIe and Sam and wife Rachel McIe of Charleston, W.Va.; six daughters: Mary Lou and husband Danny Spencer, Lena and husband Harry Small, Janet McIe and boyfriend Robert Oliver, Loretta McIe and boyfriend Terry White, Patty and husband David Ware, and Connie and husband Paul Sipe, all of Buckhannon; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews; two brothers: Ronald and wife Kay McIe of Lodi, Ohio and Leonard and wife Dorthie McIe of the Alexander Road.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda Sue McIe; four sisters: Levada Croucher, Bula Howard, Bessie Browning, and infant Lena May McIe; five brothers: Lonnie, Raymond, Robert, and infants Junior and James McIe.

Mr. McIe loved working with his horses and cutting wood.

The funeral was Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016, with Rev. Brad Tenney officiating. Interment followed in the Pickens Cemetery.

Louise Malcomb Age 85 of Helvetia passed away January 31, 2016 at Holbrook Nursing Home in Buckhannon. She was born March 23, 1930 in Alton, WV.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Frank J. and Hazel Tenney Smith; husband Luther G. Malcomb, and brother Harold Smith.

Surviving are her sons, Charles Robert, "Bob" Malcomb, William Randall "Bill" Malcomb and wife Kelly, and Timothy James "Tim" Malcomb and wife Tara. Four grandchildren, Trey Isaac Malcomb, Elliot Sloan Malcomb, Ethan Hunter Malcomb, Luke Walker Malcomb, and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Helvetia, the Rebekeh Lodge of Pickens, The Helvetia Folk Dancers, a 50 year member of the Farm Women's Club of Helvetia, and the 2001 Randolph County Belle.

The funeral was held at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Helvetia with burial following at the Pickens Cemetery.

Donna M. Day of Glen Daniel passed away on February 8, 2016 at her home after a long battle with cancer. Donna was born and raised in Pickens. She was a 49 year resident of Glen Daniel and a long time member of the Breckenridge Baptist Church. Donna was also a volunteer in outpatient surgery at Raleigh General Hospital for 15 years.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph K. Day and a granddaughter Jillian Day. She is survived by her children: Roberta Sypolt of Beckley, Paula Smith and her husband Cedric of Surveyor, Patty Bailey and her husband Mark of Bolt, Joseph Day Jr. of Bolt, Mary Jo McGraw and her husband David of Bolt, Tina Bailey and her husband Kevin of

Bolt, Lezlie Bronico and her husband Brian of Texas, J.T. Day of Glen Daniel, and Momma Day to Marcia McGrady of Beckley.

Her grand children are: Jason Smith, Kimberly Smith, Austin Bailey and wife BreeAnn, Emily Hutchenson and husband Brian, Joseph Day III and wife Amanda, Stefanie McGraw, Allison Pugh and husband Matthew, Daniel Bailey and wife Chasity, Hannah Mason and husband John, Timmy Day and girlfriend Amber, Tanner Day, Derek Bronico, Eli Bronico, and Josie Day. Her great grandchildren are: Ethan Rogers, Walker Smith, Heidi and Bowen Hutchenson, Bevin and Brier Bailey, Trent and Gabby Day, Tyler Harris, Talan McGraw, Caroline and Charlie Pugh, Andrew Bailey, Braeden, Kenadee, and Marlea Day, Also surviving are sisters, Eileen (Sis) Been of Pickens, Sharon Buckley of Elkins, and two nieces, Kim Been and Beth Been.

Funeral services were held at Breckenridge Baptist Church on February 11, 2016. Her grandsons: Jason Smith, Austin Bailey, Joseph Day III, Daniel Bailey, Timmy Day, and Tanner Day were pallbearers. Burial is at the Allen Cemetery in Bolt.

PEOPLE

Harley D. Booth, son of Harry and Myrtle Tenney Booth, of the Fairview Community; and **Anna M. Booth**, the daughter of Edwin Ramsey and Bertha Betler Ramsey of Helvetia; celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2015 at Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge. They were married at the bride's birthplace and home on the Ramsey/Betler Farm on July 1, 1950. They have lived on Cherry Fork Road near Montrose, WV since 1986.

Many thanks to their son Dan Booth for submitting this wonderful news of the Booth's 65th wedding anniversary celebration.

90th Birthday Celebration

Norma Daetwyler Moore Stalnaker of Elkins turned 90 years old on January 5, 2016. She was born in Helvetia to the late Paul and Anna Zumbach Daetwyler. Norma graduated from Pickens School in 1944 and from Davis and Elkins College in 1948. Her first year of teaching was at Pickens School in 1948-49. She married Harrison Moore in June 1949. They had

two children, Paul Moore of Morgantown and Helen Moore of Wilmington, Delaware.

Aunt Norma told me that she didn't teach again until 1961-62. She taught at Elkins Junior High School as a math teacher. I asked her why she didn't teach from 1949-1961. She told me married women couldn't teach school. I asked Diane Betler about it. She found out that some places that desperately needed teachers during the time, would allow married women to teach, however, most boards of education did not allow married women to teach. These officials knew that the teacher may become pregnant and then the students, particularly the younger ones, would be asking how that happened. In those days these matters were not discussed, and were very hush-hush, particularly when teachers were involved. Therefore, once a lady married, she could no longer be a public school teacher. Aunt Norma's first husband, Harrison died in 1991. On December 29, 2001, she married Vilas Dale Stalnaker who survives.

Her daughter Helen Moore and husband Bill came in on Saturday, January 9 to visit Norma. On Sunday, January 10, they went to Morgantown and celebrated Norma's birthday with her son Paul and his wife Linda, and Norma's grandchildren.

They ate at Denney's in Morgantown. Those attending were Helen and Bill Moore; Paul and Linda Moore; granddaughter Becky Moore of Morgantown; granddaughter Stephanie and husband Bob Miller of Pittsburgh; and grandson James Moore and wife Gretchen of Morgantown.

Aunt Norma currently resides at Colonial Place in Elkins. She is my husband Garland Kelley's aunt.

Submitted by: Flora Kelley

Calendar of Up Coming Events

Maple Syrup Festival--- March 19&20

Easter Sunrise Service Zion Presbyterian Church--- March 27 8:00 AM
Breakfast following service—Everyone welcome

Pickens Ramp Dinner --- April 16

Helvetia Ramp Dinner---April 30

Pickens School Alumni Banquet---May 7

Pickens School Graduation---May 28 1:00

Helvetia Cemetery Decoration ---June 11

Pickens Cemetery Decoration---June 18

Helvetia Music Bliss Festival weekend---June
24&25

Helvetia Community Fair Weekend---September
10&11