

Businesses donate furniture to Habitat ReStores

The Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County ReStores have received donations of unwanted and discontinued home furnishings from Ashley Homestore of Central New Jersey, the Olive Garden restaurant in Langhorne, and Toll Brothers, Inc.

Product donations to the ReStores help fund the construction and rehab of homes for low-income families in Bucks County.

By donating unwanted or slightly damaged furniture to the ReStores, Ashley Homestore, a furniture retailer, was able to

divert 100,000 pounds of items from the landfills this year.

The Olive Garden restaurant at 2245 East Lincoln Highway, Langhorne, donated all its fixtures and furniture to the Langhorne ReStore during its recent makeover.

Builders Toll Brothers, Inc., donated 300-plus doors to the ReStores.

"We are extremely grateful to Ashley Homestore of Central New Jersey, Olive Garden Langhorne, and Toll Brothers for their support," said B.J. Breish, ReStore director.

"In addition to strengthening their commitment to the community, joining forces with our ReStores is an economical and tax-deductible solution for local

businesses."

Donations are accepted in the Habitat Bucks ReStores located at 31 Oak Ave., Suite 100, Chalfont, and 1337 East Lincoln Highway, Langhorne.

They sell overstocked, discontinued, new and used building materials, furniture and household goods to the public. Manufacturers, retail stores, contractors, and area residents donate these items.

For donation pick-up, call 215-822-2812.

Riegelsville library granted \$5,000 from Bucks foundation

The Riegelsville Public Library has received a \$5,000 grant for general operational use from the Bucks County Foundation.

"This grant will help us in two important ways," said Executive Director Therese Randolph. "It will allow us to offer our community access to more books and materials and to provide engaging, enriching programs for all residents. We are grateful to the

Bucks County Foundation for this generous donation. We depend on support from many different sources."

The library received the grant through an application process with the foundation, which awards grants to nonprofit organizations that serve Bucks County.

The Riegelsville Public Library, at 615 Easton Road in Riegelsville, is found in the same

location as it was originally situated when John Leidy Riegel created the building in 1885-1886 as a school for the children of the community.

It serves Riegelsville Borough and Durham Township, providing and accessing print and multimedia resources for patrons of all ages in a professional and courteous environment.

Visit riegelsvillelibrary.info.

Jewish history museum receives \$150,000 grant

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has awarded a \$150,000 grant to the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH).

The grant is to support the development of a pop-up exhibit

tion, "Let My People Go: The

Movement to Free Soviet Jews." The exhibit will explore the late 20th century human and civil rights movement led by American activists to free Soviet Jewry. The exhibition will be ready in July.

On the Spiritual Side

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Patricia Walsh-Collins: Shared Teachings Breath of a new day



PATRICIA WALSH-COLLINS

to be present at this age, in America, on planet Earth at this time?

Given my apparent soul-choice, what is it that I am meant to do? With my experience, knowledge and skill set, what am I meant to contribute?

Throughout these days of inquisition and reflection, I continually felt a mystifying, unidentified sense of comfort. Feeling my back against the wall, I felt an assurance in know-

ing there was nowhere to go but forward.

I am not only permitted, but required to show myself fully by stepping into my power. There is no choice, no other decision to be made. This is the gift, being summoned to be who I was meant to be, for I am needed, as are you.

I don't see a political movement; I see a renewed spiritual alignment. We will experience serious hardships and pain as we continue to dismantle our old paradigm of separation. What lies ahead is the brave light and breath of a new day.

It has already begun. Our teachers are stepping forward, radiating their teachings from the epicenter, the new/old school of humanity in Standing Rock, N.D. The universe had no other choice but to send us a message so deafening, it forces us to listen.

In the breath of a new day, instill me with understanding and compassion for others.

In the breath of a new day, open my eyes and heart to see and feel the grandeur of your vision and the depth of your love.

In the breath of a new day, grant me the strength, wisdom, and courage to share my gifts in the service of others.

In the breath of a new day, bless me with the confidence and

fearlessness to step fully into my power.

In the breath of a new day, know that I am humbled and grateful.

Patricia Walsh-Collins is a 37-year resident of Bucks County, with a 22-year career as a professional educator. She is creator and owner of Art of Spirit, and Art of Spirit's Earth School.

Quaker Meeting for Worship was draped in sorrow, the likes of which I hadn't felt since 911 or the political assassinations of the 1960s.

Despite individual choices, the majority of American citizens share in this sense of loss. The shame and dishonor of our country's election process is a reflection of our own fear, anger and loss of faith.

It is the deconstruction of our American democracy, and it is necessary.

Awaking to the election results, I fell into quiet reflection for days. I reached inside to find my footing, first asking why, followed by what?

I believe each soul chooses when and where to be born. Why then, did my soul choose to be born when it did? Why is it that at this moment in time, I am not a 5-year old child, in my 20s, or even in my 40s? I am in my 50s, having lived through many stages of life. Why did I choose

OLMC Peace and Justice Ministry hosts talk on Mother of Mercy House

As the Year of Mercy comes to an end, the Peace and Justice Ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Doylestown welcomes the Rev. Liam Murphy, who will talk about his work at the Mother of Mercy House in Philadelphia.

Founded a little more than a year ago, Mother of Mercy House is a storefront mission located in the Kensington and Allegheny section of the city, the second poorest congressional district in the country.

It is run by Murphy, Sister Ann Raymond Welte, and the Rev. Joseph Devlin. Devlin and Murphy, responding to Archbishop Chaput's call for a continued ministry in troubled areas where Catholic churches had been closed down, volunteered and received funding from the arch-



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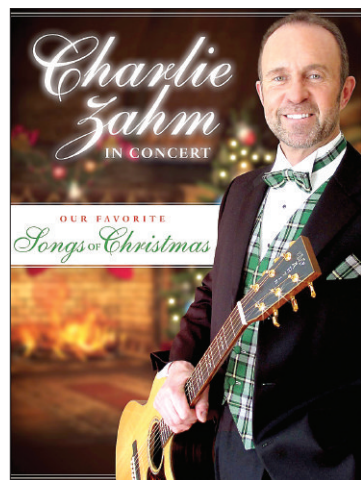
diocese to open this mission.

They were inspired by the words of Pope Francis: "I see the

church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars. You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else."

The mission combines prayer, guidance and charity. There are daily Masses and a weekly AA/NA meeting, and Mother of Mercy House provides food for neighbors in need, "serving the neighborhood through the corporal works of mercy."

Hear Murphy speak about this new mission in Philadelphia, at St. Mary's Hall, 209 E. State St., Doylestown, at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5. Refreshments will be served. For information, contact: Rosemary Ramil at 215-340-0238.



Celtic Christmas concert

"A Celtic Christmas": Scottish and Irish songs of the season and more, will be performed by guitarist and singer Charlie Zahm, making his 11th concert appearance at Solomon's U.C.C., 2990 Bedminster Road (Route 113), Perkasie, between Center School and Kellers Church roads outside Bedminster, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. There is no admission fee. Proceeds of a free-will donation will benefit Pennridge FISh. For information, call 215-795-2668 or visit solomonsucc.org.

HAPPENINGS

St. Stephen's UCC holds Advent celebrations

St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 110 N. 6th St., Perkasie, celebrates the First Sunday of Advent by lighting a candle and sharing in Communion, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 27.

The church offers cookies and cocoa from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, during the Perkasie Tree Lighting event. Join in for fellowship and treats.

Church members will be tying fleece blankets for FISh and have Christmas cards available to send to veterans.

Hear the joy of the Handbells as they ring in the Advent journey during the 9:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 4. Children are invited to bring their Teddy Bears for a personalized blessing during a special children's time.

The congregational meeting follows worship. For information, visit thesperkasie.org, email office@thesperkasie.org or pastor@thesperkasie.org, or call 215-257-6460.

First United Methodist offers Nativity Display

First United Methodist Church, 501 Market St., Perkasie, will carol throughout the Perkasie area on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26, and host a Nativity Display from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

See the many examples of the stable where

Christ was born. Coffee and goodies will be served. Stop in on your way to the 107th Perkasie Tree Lighting.

For information, call 215-257-4626, email funperkasie@verizon.net or visit funperkasie.com.

Deep Run West Mennonite sets Christmas Community Night

Celebrate at Christmas Community with Deep Run West Mennonite Church from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Start with a free dinner in the fellowship hall. Enjoy a walk outside through a Live Nativity hearing the story of Jesus' birth and singing carols. Come back inside and have cookies and hot beverages with a short Christmas Movie.

An R.S.V.P. would be appreciated for dinner preparations at deprunwest@verizon.net or 215-766-8157. Find the church on line for information.

St. Martin of Tours hosts free lunch, coat drive

The St. Martin's Men's Ministry will serve a free lunch for community friends and neighbors, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26.

All are welcome to join in for food and fellowship, at 1 Riverstone Circle, New Hope

The parish is sponsoring a Coat Drive from Nov. 26 to 27. Bring your gently used coats and blankets. For information, call 215-862-5472.

Worship Directory

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Sunday, November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

9:30 am Worship/Sunday School

Pastor Michele Schenk

10:30 am Fellowship and Refreshments

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