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NEW SHOPS OPEN: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE and ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY THRIFT SHOP

The Swissvale Shopping Center has two new shops! Both shops are nonprofit donation based thrift stores with different specialties and where profits go back to local communities.

See articles on page 2 for more information.



Luminaries for December 24



LIGHT UP OUR TOWN THIS CHRISTMAS EVE!

Luminary kits are being sold for \$10 and include 10 bags, 10 candles and sand.

All proceeds benefit Swissvale initiatives including the Food Pantry. You are asked to put the kits out after 6 p.m. on December 24.

Sales and pre-ordered kits (from the Farmers Market) are available at the Night of Lights, or contact Support Our Swissvale via facebook for additional sale dates.



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NEW SHOPS OPEN *Continued from page 1*

Habitat for Humanity **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE** **ReStore**

The Grand Opening was held October 22. The Store is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Habitat for Humanity ReStores are home improvement stores that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at deep discounts. There are several stores in the Greater Pittsburgh Area including Braddock Hills.

The stores and donation centers accept reusable products and all proceeds from the sale of donations help place families in affordable shelter in the Greater Pittsburgh area. The ReStore provides an environmentally and socially responsible way to keep good, reusable materials out of the waste stream while providing funding for Habitat's community improvement work. Volunteers work every aspect of the ReStore including customer service, picking up donations and sorting donated goods.

Email restore@pittsburghhabitat.org with questions or to schedule a donation pick-up. Please provide a list of items that you'd like to donate as well as your address. Or learn more at www.pittsburghhabitat.org.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY THRIFT SHOP

The Grand Opening is December 3. The Store will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The store offers clothing, shoes, purses, belts, toys, games, puzzles and home furnishings and accessories. Make sure you check out the 50% off daily specials (Seniors, Kids, Ladies, Upscale, Men, 99 cent). There is also a Loyalty Card Program. Additional stores are located in Castle Shannon, Coraopolis, Monroeville and Sharpsburg.

Shopping at St. Vincent de Paul supports your neighbors in need. Revenue from stores provides assistance to local people through a variety of programs including food and utilities. On average, stores provide free clothing for over 2,000 individuals and families every year. Referred by one of the conferences, clients receive a voucher that they can redeem in stores to select quality interview clothes, children's clothes, dishes, pans, and many other essential items that fit their needs and their style. There is a Swissvale conference through Madonna del Costello Catholic Church.

Donations are accepted at stores during business hours or through donations boxes located across the city (including at Word Of God on McClure Avenue) or schedule a pickup of large furniture by calling 412-321-1071, option 1. Or learn more at www.svdppitt.org.



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NOBLE STREET TV FILMING

Downtown Swissvale was swarming with activity as Netflix crews filmed a scene for “Mindhunter” on November 10. The new original series, scheduled to air in January 2017, found Swissvale to be the perfect location to film because of its classic architecture and small town feel. Based on a series of novels, “Mindhunter” follows an agent in the FBI’s Elite Serial Crime Unit.

In preparation for the shoot, location crews staged the 2000 block of Noble Street to look like 1970s Altoona. The Borough building became a back lot for production storing over a dozen 1970s cars. Swissvale

Bowl-A-Rama served as hair and makeup. Filming took place in a “beauty shop” (2007 Noble Street, thanks to Bill and Mary Price) where the main character interrogates a key witness.

Crews expressed their thanks to Borough officials for making the shoot possible.

See more pictures on the Borough’s facebook page.



Municipal parking lot



Crews on Noble Street



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Duquesne Light will send a letter to customers notifying them of the upcoming meter exchange. This notification letter will provide details about the meter exchange and outline any actions the customer should take. Three to five days before the day of the exchange, customers will receive a reminder call. They will not need to be home for the exchange. A Duquesne Light authorized installer, with a valid ID, will arrive at the customer's residence to complete the exchange.

For any additional questions, customers can visit the FAQs on the Meter Exchange Program section of our website, DuquesneLight.com, email at MeterExchangeInquiry@duqlight.com or call 1-888-928-8539. Press "1" and follow the prompts to reach a Customer Service Representative.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

Home owners, businesses and building owners are required to remove snow within 24 hours of a snowfall. Observe parking limitations and restrictions on streets and alleyways to simplify snow plowing and removal by borough crews.

SWISSVALE MILE JUNE 24

Save the Date! The Swissvale Mile will be back again for the 4th year on June 24, 2017! Registration opens April 1 so stay tuned for more information.

The Swissvale Mile is fun for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities, including four-legged ones! Overall 2016 winner, Dave Spell finished the race in just 5 minutes, 24 seconds! Last year's event raised over \$6,000 to benefit the Swissvale K-9 officers and Swissvale Recreation. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, walked, and ran. We look forward to making 2017 the best year yet!



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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday By Appointment

Important Tax Office Information

The Borough tax collector, Thomas S. Barr, Jr., is the independent *collecting agent* for the Borough’s Real Estate Taxes and Garbage Fee.

The tax collector’s office CANNOT:

- **Set Assessment Values**—that is the responsibility of the Allegheny County Office of Property Assessment. Any questions regarding your assessment should be directed to them at County Treasurer John Weinstein’s office 412-350-4600.
- **Set Tax Millage or Garbage Fee**—Borough Council discusses and sets this during regular meetings
- **Change or Customize Collection Due Dates**—set by the County, Borough and School District
- **Add, Delete or Change the Name** that appears on your tax bill—to do this, by law, you must record a new deed at the Department of Real Estate. Call them at 412-350-4100 for further information.
- **Waive Late Fees**—the tax collector does not have the authority to waive penalty charges that are applied after the due date.

Every effort is made to mail a tax statement to property owners of record, but by law, it is the responsibility of the owner to obtain and pay the taxes on time. If you have recently sold, purchased or transferred any property, or have changed your tax bill mailing address, please contact the tax office at 412-351-3342.

Important Tax Dates for 2017:

Tax/Fee	Statement Date	Face Period Ends:
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Monthly Meetings at Living Spirits
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Monthly Meetings

Swissvale Economic Development Corporation recently welcomed its newest member LauraEllen Ashcraft. Find out more about this organization when meetings resume January 23 (fourth Monday of each month).



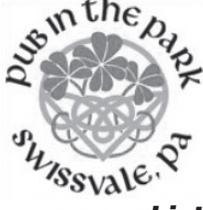
MVI Awards Dinner, October 20



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Late fall and into the winter your gardens and trees need maintenance to prepare your yard for the upcoming spring and set your plants up for success. Mulch your garden and tree beds to insulate them.

Use leaves as organic mulch in your garden. If there are large amounts of leaves, shred and compost them. Cover the stems of thin-barked, young trees in sunny areas with a light colored wrap to avoid sunscald and frost cracks. Prune your oak trees during this time to avoid oak wilt infection. Water your young evergreens during warm and dry periods; they can experience drought stress even in the winter. Cover evergreen shrubs or trees that are susceptible to street salt. Be thoughtful with your ice melting salt use and avoid over-application in root areas of your favorite trees and shrubs.

If you have any specific questions about how to best prepare and care for your trees and garden over the winter contact our Urban Forestry Manager, Jared Manzo, at jared@ninemilerun.org or 412-371-8779 x116.

NINE MILE RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

www.ninemilerun.org, 412-371-8779

New Street Trees in Swissvale!

On October 29, just before the annual Halloween Parade, volunteers started their day with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) and NMRWA staff by planting street trees in the Borough. After receiving instruction on how to properly install a tree, groups set out to Harrison and Michigan Avenues to plant. Redbuds, cherries, Kentucky coffeetrees, and hardy rubber trees are some of the 10 different species that comprise the 14 planted. Building diversity in a street tree population is an important long-term strategy to mitigate severe impacts by invasive diseases or pests.

These trees were granted through WPC's TreeVitalize Pittsburgh program which has planted more than 26,000 trees in the Pittsburgh region. With Swissvale Council's support, NMRWA collected tree requests and submitted the application last March. Furthermore, NMRWA will lead the stewardship effort to ensure these trees are watered in the first 2-3 years and the rooting areas are mulched. Volunteers and staff celebrated the morning's effort with lunch donations from Maldini's Pizza and Joe & Pie Café Pizzeria.



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Thank you to Dave Green (the awesome market manager), Candy Morgan (our kid's table sponsor), Dave and Joanne Faith, Dave Mann and all our super volunteers and steering committee members, our vendors, Just Harvest and all the musicians who came out and made the market great! And thanks for another great year to the patrons who embraced the move to the paved lot at Dickson School!

For updates about the 2017 season, visit us at www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org or on facebook. See you in May!

SWISSVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLAR PLUNGE DECEMBER 10—BENEFITS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

For the 6th consecutive year, the Police Department, the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department, the mayor, some council members and family and friends have teamed up to brave the icy waters of the Allegheny river to raise awareness and money for Special Olympics Pennsylvania.

You can help by making a donation on behalf of them taking the 2016 Polar Bear Plunge. Checks made payable to “Special Olympics Pennsylvania” can be mailed directly to the Police. Please be sure to include the Team name (Geppert’s Guardians) in the memo area so that the staff will know where to credit the contribution. Or if you prefer the web, visit www.plungepa.org and click sponsor a plunger.

If you want to learn more about this spectacular winter event and all the chilly details, visit www.specialolympicspa.org.



Geppert's Guardians 2015

SWISSVALE ROTARY CLUB

Rotary Club of Swissvale

The Swissvale Rotary Club held a successful mixer November 9 at the EOS Studio Arc office of member Lisa Whitney on Noble Street. Perspective members learned about just a few of the programs sponsored by the local club (periodicals for the library, dictionaries for 3rd graders), Rotary District 7300 (scholarships) and Rotary International (polio eradication, clean water initiatives). This is all possible through dues, support of the Rotary Foundation and fundraisers. The club is always looking for new members that believe in Rotary's motto “Service Above Self.” If you weren't able to attend or want to know more about Rotary, drop by when the club meets at Goodfellow's every Wednesday, for lunches on the 1st and last at 12:15 pm (same as the Council Meetings) and evening gatherings are the 2nd and 3rd at 6:15 pm.



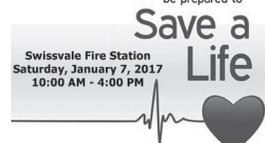
November 9 Mixer

SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Fire Department will again be hosting a Community CPR Class on Saturday, January 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will learn Adult, Child and Infant CPR, First Aid and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Class is free to Swissvale residents and non-residents are \$50 per persons. Call the Fire Station at 412-271-0448 for details.

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Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Carnegie Free Library Turns 100!

Help celebrate the library's 100th birthday on Sunday, March 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. Join us for stories, music, library birthday cake, games and more! Come to our first planning event on Thursday, December 15 at 6 p.m. Or call Kate at 412-731-2300 to let us know you want to be involved.

The Annual Christmas Book and Bake Sale

The "Friends of the Library" team is pleased to announce that the Annual Christmas Book and Bake Sale will begin on December 9 at 10 a.m. The event will feature holiday themed baked goods at reasonable prices. Need treats for holiday gifts? Baked goods can be purchased individually, by the box, or as part of a customized tray ideal for gatherings or gift giving. The reusable, decorative trays and gift-wrap are just \$1 more and the bake goods can be hand-selected. The sale includes hand-knitted gifts by Pam & Donna, handmade soaps by Andre of Regent Park Naturals and children's books from Usborne. There will also be tons of gently used Christmas decorations for sale in time for decorating or re-gifting. As always, all profits benefit the library and it's a great way to show your support. Hours are Friday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional information is available at 412-731-2300.

More Cookies

The library's annual, ever-popular Holiday Cookie Exchange takes place on Friday, December 16 at 7 p.m. Bring an empty container and three dozen of your favorite home-baked cookies or other treats, and take home three dozen made by someone else. And yes, you can mix and match!

September Was Love Your Library Month, How Did We Do?

The Friends of the Swissvale Library raised \$2,400 during September, and received \$565 in matching funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this campaign, including shoppers who made the fall book and bake sale the best ever. By the way, library lovers throughout Allegheny County raised a total of \$530,910 during this campaign. With a matching pool of \$125,000, each dollar raised was matched with 23 cents on the dollar. Thanks to the Jack Buncher Foundation who made this campaign possible.

Library Programs—You're Invited!

FOR KIDS weekly through December 19 and begins again week of January 7:

Preschool Classes—For kids 3-5 play, learn and hear stories. Mondays from 11 am to noon.

Afterschool Games—Board games, card games, BINGO Mondays at 4 pm.

Saturday Fun—Kids learn and have fun with a variety of craft, cooking and game classes at 1 pm.

FOR ADULTS:

Computer Tutor—Bring your computer questions to our Computer Tutor, who provides free, 30 minute, helpful tutoring sessions. Get the information and confidence you want. Sign up at the library front desk. Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 to 4 p.m. Choose whichever day and the ½ hour time that works best for you.

Book Discussion Groups—Check out one or more of our book discussion groups. By popular demand, we host two mystery discussion groups (on the 4th Monday of the month, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.) and two eclectic groups, meeting on the 2nd Thursday 3 p.m. and

1st Thursday at 7 p.m. New members welcome anytime.

Knitting and Crocheting—2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your own project, get tips from veteran members, have fun. New members welcome anytime.

Adults' Book Lunch—Hear about some really good books, take them home to read, enjoy delicious food and interesting conversation, meet new people on Sunday, January 22 at 1 pm.

For Louise Penny Fans and Friends—You are invited to attend the library's 2nd annual Three Pines Party. It happens Sunday, January 8 at 1 p.m. Sign up at the library desk and bring a dish to share.

Better Choices, Better Health—Put life back into your life! This is a 6 session workshop for people with chronic health conditions. You will get the support you need and find practical ways to deal with your condition. The program begins in the spring. Call the library at 412-731-2300, ask for Kate for more information.

FOR FAMILIES AND EVERYONE:

Book Bucks—Track your reading from now through mid-May on the Book Bucks form, win prizes in the auction in May. All independent readers, including adults, are welcome to participate.

Little Listeners—For children too young to read – use the library's tracking sheet to list the books you read to your young child. For each 15 books, your child will receive a small prize.

Wizard Tournament—This ever-popular weekly card game tournament begins on Saturday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Participants ages 10 to adult welcome!

Interested in a Hamilton Party—Stop by the library and let Miss Bonnie know. If enough people are interested, we'll have one in the spring.

WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

7604 Charleston Street, Swissvale, PA 15218 • www.wscpcgh.org, 412-244-8458

WSCC Holiday Shop, First Cookie Bake-off and Gingerbread Workshop December 2-4

For over 35 years, the Holiday Gift Shop has been a unique event designed to give local crafters an outlet for their talents and to provide an opportunity for area residents and friends to purchase. A portion of the sales supports the community center and its many positive activities and services. Hours are Friday 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The WSCC is having its first ever, Cookie Bake-off contest with Special Guest Judges WQED's Rick Sebak and Chris Fennimore on December 4. All the cookies will then be on sale to the public after the 11 a.m. contest. All proceeds benefit the WSCC building fund. There is a Gingerbread Workshop December 4 from 3 to 5 pm. Cost is \$20 per house and includes all the candy you need to trick out that house and there is still plenty for snacking!

Do Something New in 2017

The WSCC is a welcoming place for you to try something new, experience all types of dance, get fit, learn a new language, and even learn to decorate a cake. We are proud to offer a wide variety of classes with high quality instruction at a great price point. Here just a few offerings at the WSCC. Visit wscpcgh.org for the whole shebang.

- **Chicago Stepping with Darryl Daughtry**, Wednesday 7 p.m. drop in \$5
- **Detroit Urban Ballroom (int/adv levels) Marva and Basil Ferris** Tuesday 6:45 p.m. drop in \$5
- **Salsa with Connie Durning** Wednesdays 7 p.m. drop in \$10
- **Tango with Pittsburgh Tangueros** Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., 4 classes for \$50
- **Belly Dance** Thursdays at 7 p.m.
- **Tap and Jazz for Adults with Kim Curtin**, Wednesdays 11 a.m. and Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
- **Community Yoga with Carrie MacDonald**, Mondays 7 p.m., suggested donation \$5-\$10
- **Ageless Yoga with Cathy Reifer** Saturdays 10 a.m. \$10
- **Pilates with Deirdre Atkins** Tuesdays 10 a.m., drop in \$12, Pass for 10 class \$100
- **Tai Chi with Patty and Stan Swartz** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays
- **Aikido Kokikia with Barbara Litt** Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays
- **Astrology 101: A Star Gazer's View** January 11, 7 p.m. \$45
- **Lux Cake Decorating with Dave Green** February 6, 7 p.m. \$25

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Rankin Promise Program:

235 Fourth Avenue, Rankin

Phone: 412-271-2957

The Woodland Hills Rankin Promise Program is an alternative education program for students within the district who have demonstrated at-risk behaviors. The program features a full academic curriculum identical to courses used within the district's other schools. Students range from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The students participate in group sessions along with group projects. One of the projects introduced by Mrs. McGough to her science class students was aquaponics. This is a system of aqua culture in which the waste produced by the goldfish in the tank supplies nutrients for plants grown hydroponically which in turn purifies the water. This is done by a recirculating system. In addition to that, science teacher Mr. Wiley started a "go fund me" account in order to get the students much needed new microscopes. Rankin Promise art teacher, Mr. Pascuzzi, began a project of mural wall art by projecting the image of a photograph on the wall. The students traced the image and magically the image comes to life on the wall.



Mural created by Woodland Hills Rankin Promise students



Swissvale Ministerium

MINISTERIUM - RIVER CITY

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Soul Food Saturdays: All members of the community are invited on January 14 and February 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. to the free meals that will include Black-eyed Peas with ham hock, rice and cornbread (with mac-and-cheese for the kids).

SWISSVALE PRESBYTERIAN

1825 Monongahela Avenue
Swissvale, PA 15218

Worship Hours: Adult Bible Study 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m. and Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

Special Services (at 11 a.m. unless noted):

- December 11 Worship Service followed by Congregational Holiday Gathering
- December 18 Communion Service
- December 24 at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 Christmas Casual and Carol Service
- February 12 Worship Service followed by the Congregational Annual Report Meeting; members are asked to attend.

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Madonna del Castello and Word of God

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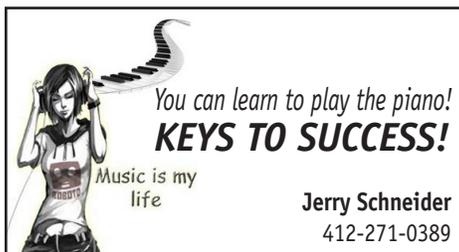
- **“The Light is Still on for You” Confessions:** Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at both Madonna and Word of God. The Sacrament of Penance (“Confession”) is the sacrament through which Jesus forgives a person who is sorry, confesses and does penance for their sins.
- **Christmas Masses:** Saturday, December 24, 4 p.m. at Madonna, 6 p.m. and Midnight at Word of God. Sunday, December 25, 9 a.m. at Word of God and 11 a.m. at Madonna.
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Observance of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn:** Friday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Madonna.
- **Blessing of Throats:** At the 8 a.m. Mass on Friday, February 3 at Madonna and after all Masses on the weekend of February 4-5.
- **Ash Wednesday:** March 1, 8 a.m. Mass at Madonna, Noon Service with Ashes at Word of God, and 7 p.m. Mass at Madonna.
- **Lenten Fish Fries:** begin Ash Wednesday (March 1) and all the Fridays in Lent (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7) except Good Friday (April 14), noon to 7 p.m, Madonna’s Dattilo Hall.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, noon at Word of God and 7 p.m. at Madonna.

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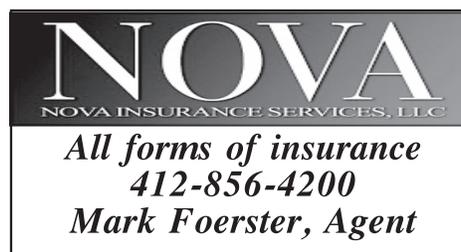
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Original Christmas Production: “The Storyteller” will be presented Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4 at 7 p.m.

**Sunday’s presentation will be preceded by a time of sharing from our Kids Bible Club.*



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CITYREACH CHURCH

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CityReach Church Welcomes Pastor Chris! Pastor Chris Ansell joined the CityReach team in early September. One of Pastor Chris' greatest strengths is simplifying difficult biblical concepts and discussing them in a way that others can understand. Swissvale has been home to the Ansell family since they returned to Pittsburgh 10 years ago. Both Chris and his wife, Sarah, fell in love with the area and quickly became deeply invested in the fabric of the community. Chris serves as the chair of the Swissvale Recreation Board and



the Judge of Elections for district nine. Sarah founded "Swissvale Moms" as a way for local moms to support each other and the community. Sarah is also co-director of the "Swissvale Mile" and one of the organizers of "Support Our Swissvale." Chris and Sarah never imagined having the opportunity to pastor a church only a block from their house! They look forward to this new way of serving the community that they love. Come meet Pastor Chris and check out the weekly worship service on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Special Services:

- Advent Sermon Series – November 27 – January 1
- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Christmas Service – 10:30 a.m.

Check out all of the happenings at swissvale.cityreachnetwork.org and Facebook: *CityReach Church Swissvale*.

SWISSVALE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Serving Swissvale and Rankin at Swissvale United Methodist Living Spirit Ministry 2011 Noble Street, Swissvale 412-351-1802

Food Pantry distributions are on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

7350 McClure Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412 731-6125
Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

A variety of activities are offered so stop by the center to get the complete schedule and information about the lunch program. Don't forget to check out the new BINGO machine the Borough donated to the Center.



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Carol Fest

The Swissvale Clergy Association will sponsor its 10th Annual Swissvale Community Carol Fest on December 11, at 6:30 p.m. Each year this event moves to a different host church. For 2016 the hosting congregation will be Swisshelm Park Primitive Methodist Church. This delightful event consists of congregational carol singing interspersed with performances provided by several of our local congregations. It is always an interesting, entertaining and inspiring event.





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SWISSVALE'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to Aidan Demkee who achieved scouting's highest rank which was commemorated in an "Eagle Scout Court of Honor" on October 29. Participating in the ceremony were Troop 23, the Scout Masters Charles Huse and Keith Kondrich, Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder and Aidan's parents Mark and Eile. One of the many projects Aidan completed, to be considered an Eagle Scout, was geotagging and affixing markers to Swissvale's storm drains that feed into Nine Mile Run and the Monongahela River.



Eagle Scout Aidan Demkee with parents, Mark and Eile.

SWISSVALE SOFTBALL AND FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Orioles Girls Softball team who are again the 2016 City Parks Mayors Cup Champions and the Golden Flashes Football teams on their winning seasons. The Midget's football team were runner's up at the Mid Atlantic National Championship game in Canton Ohio on November 26.



*Pictured above: Orioles win at PNC Park.
Pictured left: Golden Flashes football team*



Swissvale's Annual Night of Lights

The Night of Lights is the perfect start to celebrating the holiday season. Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of festive fun.

Kids can make a holiday craft, explore Swissvale's fire engines and get a picture with Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

Grown ups can enjoy the sights of the season while chatting with friends, sipping coffee and munching on cookies.

Activities begin at 5:30 PM.
Tree lighting at 6:00 PM.

**December 3rd
5:30 PM
Swissvale FD
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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SAUSAGE DAY

The newly remodeled Boomerang Bar is hosting its famous Sausage Day on December 10, starting at 11 a.m. until sold out. Fundraising has occurred all year long and culminates in this event with all proceeds going to Children's Hospital's Free Care Fund (www.givetochildrens.org). They have consistently been a top 10 contributor (in the under \$50,000