

# Siblings raise more than \$500 for families in need

Hayley, Mikey and Tessa Hink of Doylestown hosted a Limeaid stand outside of B&B Beverages on Sawmill Road on June 11 to raise money to help children in need in Bucks County.

The three children offered Limeaid and baked goods to customers in exchange for donations to benefit Family Service Association of Bucks County, a nonprofit social service organization with locations throughout Bucks County.

When Mikey guided a potential customer to the Limeaid stand, the customer asked: "How much is the Limeaid?" "It's free, but we accept donations," Hayley replied. "Yeah,



Hayley, 13, Mikey, 9, and Tessa Hink, 8, host a Limeaid stand to raise money for children and families in need in Bucks County.

all of the money goes to children and families in need," chimed in Tessa.

The "donations only" strategy paid off. In just three hours, the Hinks raised \$527.53 for Family Service.

Every cent raised at the Limeaid stand goes directly to Family Service programs and services that help children and families in need. The nonprofit provides emergency shelter, educates parents, helps prevent suicide, provides school-based counseling and much more.

"As a parent, there's no better feeling than watching your child

do something so selfless and give back to their community," said Ashley Corsey, mother of the Hink children.

"The kids had so much fun running their Limeaid stand, and they're already asking when they can do it again. I'm so proud of these three for working together as a team - with a little competition among siblings - for a great cause."

To host a Limeaid stand, visit fsabcc.org/limeaid or contact Nicki Bedesem, director of communications, at 215-757-6916 x214 or nbedesem@fsabcc.org.

## Univest gives \$1,140 to Synergy Project

As it celebrated its 140th anniversary this summer, Univest made a \$1,140 donation each week chosen from stories submitted by Univest employees.

The initiative, called 140 Forward, asked Univest employees how they would use \$1,140 to pay it forward.

From the employee submissions, five recipients were selected, representing causes throughout the Univest service area of Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Lehigh and Philadelphia counties.

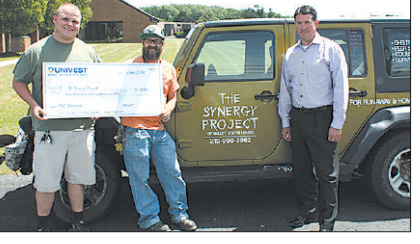
The third recipient of the \$1,140 donation was The Synergy Project, a street outreach program

designed to help runaway, homeless, nomadic and street youth in Allentown and Bucks County.

The program offers survival supplies, peer support, informal counseling, information and referral services and assistance to get off the streets. The Synergy Project also offers mobile drop-in centers for youth to shower, receive a hot meal and find relief from the outdoors.

The Synergy Project operates as a program of Valley Youth House. To learn more, visit valleyyouthhouse.org.

Sean Searfuss and Robert "Woody" Wood, accept a check on behalf of The Synergy Project for \$1,140. They are joined by Univest SVP Alan Sterner, who nominated the organization as part of Univest's "140 Forward" initiative.



## NOVA's Thrift Shop seeks volunteers

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA), supporting victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County, needs volunteers to help staff its NOVA Thrift Shop at 1628 Swamp Road, in Fountainville.

Volunteers would assist with merchandise display, sales and customer service in a friendly setting.

Meet new people, or form your own NOVA Thrift team with friends, neighbors, congregation or community group and share the joy of working together a few hours a week or month on a flexible schedule.

NOVA Thrift also welcomes teen volunteers over the age of 14.

Proceeds from all thrift shop sales help to fund NOVA counseling, advocacy and education

programs in support of victims of violent crime and their families in Bucks County.

NOVA Thrift has donated more than \$2.2 million to NOVA's programs since the shop's founding in 2001. Thanks to a largely volunteer staff, less than half of the store's annual income goes toward overhead costs.

A new, larger facility is under construction one mile up the road; the shop expects to move into these quarters this fall.

For information on volunteering at the NOVA Thrift Shop, or other volunteer opportunities with NOVA, contact Julie at 215-343-6543 or JulieD@NOVA-Bucks.org, or stop by at NOVA Thrift. The shop is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

# On the Spiritual Side

## Hunterdon's First Unitarian welcomes new minister

The Rev. Seth Fisher has stepped into the pulpit as the new minister at The First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County (FUUFHC) in Baptistown, N.J.

Fisher has been meeting with members of the congregation, learning the administrative ropes and getting familiar with Hunterdon County since July.

He will lead his first service, a traditional celebration called a "water communion," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

At the water ceremony, members pour water from a special or meaningful place into a bowl to symbolize that they share a faith springing from many sources.

The fellowship has more than 200 members, including 80 children, primarily from Hunterdon and Bucks counties.

Unitarian Universalism is guided by seven principles: the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity and compassion in human relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in congregations; free and responsible search for truth and meaning; the right to conscience and the democratic process in congregations and in society at large; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and respect for the interdependent web of all

existence.

First Unitarian was founded in 1979 when approximately 10 Hunterdon-area families began to gather in their living rooms.

The congregation established itself as a solid member of the area's church community, eventually adopting as home an abandoned, historic 200-year-old church, known lovingly to members as the Old Stone Church.

Today, the fellowship owns the church and a total of about 10 acres on the corner of Route 519 and Oak Summit Road in Baptistown, where it hopes to someday expand to meet the spiritual needs of a growing Hunterdon County.

Fisher accepted the call of the fellowship in May, after an exhaustive two-year search process.

The previous settled minister, Bob Janis-Dillon, served the fellowship for eight years, until 2014, and the Rev. Larry Smith of Cherry Hill, served as interim minister while the search was conducted.

Fisher is originally from the Pacific Northwest but comes to First Unitarian by way of the Unitarian Universalist community in Chicago, Ill. He graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a Master of Divinity degree in 2013 and was ordained in 2015.

He has settled in Frenchtown, N.J., and is acquainting himself with this rural-suburban area with the help of GPS and his motorcycle.

Fisher admits to missing certain city conveniences, like 24-hour access to ice cream, but says the features like the quiet and beauty of the Delaware River more than compensate.

Over time, Fisher hopes to broaden his relationship - and the fellowship's - with the wider faith community and help First Unitarian raise its profile.

Unitarian Universalists, says Fisher, are natural bridge builders. Interfaith efforts, discussions groups, or vigils are among the types of collaborations Fisher is interested in working on.

"The UU commitment to pluralism is more needed than ever," he said.

"FUUFHC can be a sort of refuge in uncertain times," Fisher said.

"We are trying to offer understanding, rather than fear. At our fellowship, we try to have a dialogue to deepen our understanding of ourselves and the world we live in. I think that is desperately needed."

For information about Fisher and FUUFHC, visit hunterdonu.org or visit the fellowship's page on Facebook.



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## HAPPENINGS

- St. Martin's hosts community luncheon**  
The Men of St. Martin's.
- St. Luke's welcomes guest pastor**  
The Rev. James Heckman will be guest pastor at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at St. Luke Evangelical Church, 470 Church Hill Road, Kintnersville. All are welcome. Visit stlukeferdale.com for information.

## St. John's of Spinnerstown celebrates sanctuary renovation with Valley Choral Society concert

St. John's Lutheran Church of Spinnerstown invites the community to experience the music of the Valley Choral Society at a free concert at 1 p.m. Sept. 11 in the church's renovated sanctuary.

The sanctuary upgrades, which include air conditioning, new carpeting, paint and lighting, pew pads and the sandblasting and hand painting of the 100-plus-year-old stamped tin ceiling, will be unveiled to the congregation that day at the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

Services have been held outdoors since June in St. John's "grove" across the road from the church, 1565 Sleepy Hollow Road, Spinnerstown (for GPS, use Quakertown, 18951).

The Valley Choral Society, under the direction of artistic director and conductor Patricia Conrad of Pennsburg, will pay tribute with some patriotic selections to those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Also included in the group's repertoire will be spirituals and music from the 1940s. The piano

accompanist will be Andrew Long of Perkasie, the society's assistant director.

Refreshments will be served following the hourlong concert. There is no admission fee for the concert, but free-will offerings will be accepted.

The Valley Choral Society, whose members are from Montgomery, Bucks, Berks and Lehigh counties, performs music of all styles and genres.

It has appeared at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, the Pennsylvania State Capitol, as part of a concert series at St.

Francis Xavier Church in Philadelphia, and for the Reading Express, the Philadelphia Phillies, and the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs.

In 2014, the choral sang at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., and in 2007, traveled on a goodwill concert tour to Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic.

"St. John's, whose history dates to 1734, is the oldest Lutheran church in Bucks County." For information, visit stjohnsfspinnerstown.org. or call 215-536-0734.

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