

Baby shower supports Summit Life Center

BY RACHEL STEVENS

Colonial Heights FMC

The Colonial Heights Free Methodist Church recently held a unique “Jack and Jill” baby shower at the church.

We, as a congregation, got together and did all the things you do at a shower: We played baby shower games, drank punch, ate snacks and enjoyed fellowship and laughter.

But instead of buying gifts for a mother-to-be that we knew, we brought gifts such as diapers, strollers, clothes, toys, toiletries and more to donate to Summit Life Center.

Summit is a local pregnancy resource center that focuses on helping the mother not just through pregnancy, but the families can find support though the first year of the baby’s life. They are located at 1622 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls.

In addition to on-site sonograms and prenatal support, the center provides parenting classes, where parents can earn credits that they can use for diapers, clothes and toys –



Members of Colonial Heights Free Church in Niagara Falls recently held a baby shower to benefit the Summit Life Center, 1622 Pine Ave. Instead of buying gifts for a mother-to-be that they knew, the church congregation brought gifts to donate to the pregnancy resource center that offers support and parenting classes. Rachel Stevens, left, family ministries director for Colonial Heights Free Methodist Church in Niagara Falls, and Mary Crooks, show the gifts that were recently donated by church members to help support Summit Life Center. (Submitted photos)



giving these families incentive to grow and learn.

We had a great time supporting and praying for these young families. One of the women in church even cro-

cheted more than 20 little hats for the babies of the center, praying through her stitches.

Perhaps what our church did for Summit Life Center will inspire others to support

the center. We hope so. They are really doing a great work, and you can tell that they care deeply for these women who are faced with such hard decisions.

Rachel Stevens is family ministries director for Colonial Heights Free Methodist Church, 1310 Saunders Settlement Road, Niagara Falls.

IN THE NEWS

HAL hosts talk on Niagara Power Project

The Historical Association of Lewiston’s next program, “The Niagara Power Project, An Inside Look,” will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah Fellowship Hall, 915 Oneida St.

Event organizers stated, “Jim Zeames will present the ins and outs of Niagara Falls electricity generation. From the first company to generate electricity from the Niagara Falls in 1882, through the disaster that led to the planning of the Niagara Power Project. He will present the Niagara Power Project history through construction and into present day contributions.

Zeames received a BSEE from the University at Buffalo in 1994. He was hired by Occidental Chemical in May 1995 as a maintenance electrical engineer and promoted to supervisor in 1997. Zeames was hired by NYPA in 2001 as an electrical maintenance supervisor and presently is the

electrical maintenance superintendent. While with NYPA, he received his master’s degree in engineering from the University at Buffalo and his New York state professional engineer license.

Zeames served in the 107th Air National Guard, retiring in 2010 after serving for 25 years. He is a Lewiston resident who became committee chairman for Boy Scout Troop 855 – and a proud father of three Eagle Scouts.

This community event is free and open to all, but donations “are greatly appreciated to help support our museum,” the press release noted.

Refreshments will be served.

Morinello announces Italian-American Conference Scholarship

Assemblyman Angelo Morinello announced the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators is accepting applications for four \$3,000 scholarships: two academic and two athletic.

Scholarships are available to

residents of the 145th Assembly District who are current college students or high school seniors entering college. Students can access and complete the application by visiting: <https://www.nyiactsl.org/apply-for-scholarship-form>. The application deadline is Friday, March 15.

“This is an excellent scholarship opportunity for high school seniors and college students in the 145th Assembly District who have worked hard, distinguished themselves from their peers, and intend to pursue higher education,” Morinello said. “With college costs continually rising, this is a chance to lessen the financial burden that is a concern for so many young people and their families. I encourage eligible students in my district to apply.”

Applicants should have a grade-

point average of 85 or higher; be active in community service and extracurricular activities; and demonstrate financial need. In addition to these qualifications, students applying for an athletic scholarship must also be involved in an organized sport. Applicants need not be of Italian-American heritage to apply.

Scholarship recipients will be

announced in April, and the winners will be honored at a ceremony in Albany.

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