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9/11, Remember Those Who Lost Their Lives And Honor Those Who Gave Theirs

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Eighteen years ago this week, the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 that went down in Somerset County, Pa., brought our country together, in disbelief, in grief, and then with a common purpose.

That purpose, while easily forgotten in a time of relative peace, was fresh in the minds of Americans in the days and weeks following 9/11. Since Sept. 11, an entire generation of young Americans has gained new understanding of the value of freedom and its cost in duty and in sacrifice.

Since 9/11, the "cost in duty and in sacrifice" has been steep, more than 2.7 million Americans have deployed since 9/11 in support of the global war on terrorism, the longest war in our nation's history. And among them, close to 7,000 men and women in uniform have given their lives safeguarding democracy at home and abroad.

On Wednesday, as the names of thousands of men, women and children from more than 90 countries who perished on 9/11 are read aloud, our thoughts and prayers will be with the victims' families. But our thoughts and prayers also will be with the thousands of military families who lost family members, in the long struggle to defend freedom.

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First United Evangelical Congregational Church 175th Anniversary

By Mary Ann Repsher

BANGOR - The church family at First United Evangelical Congregational Church, 25 South Second Street in Bangor, is celebrating a milestone during worship on Sunday, September 15th at 10:30 a.m.

The church had its beginnings in 1844 with the Evangelical Association and for several years services were conducted in the homes of the worshippers and in a schoolhouse. In 1854 the congregation built a house of worship, the site of the present Salem Church on South Main Street. When a division occurred in the Evangelical Association, the congregation decided to remain independent of the denomination affiliation until the spring of 1898 when it united with the United Evangelical Church. During that time some members left and remained independent of any denomination for four years as they worshipped in a roller skating rink! In 1899, during the pastorate of the Rev. H. W. Behney, the building known as the First United Evangelical Church was dedicated upon the site of the present house of worship.

With the growth of the congregation, the need arose for a larger building and in 1921-22 the edifice was

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Jennifer Renaldo Recognized By Pen Argyl Borough

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - At their regular monthly meeting the Pen Argyl Borough Council presented one of the boroughs business leaders, Jennifer Renaldo with a certificate of recognition for her outstanding contribution to the 'Beautification of Pen Argyl Borough.'

Renaldo, who owns Jennifer's Hair Salon & Consignment Boutique at 6 East Main St. in Pen Argyl was recognized for all her efforts to remodel her building inside and out. She shared the building with a great man of the Slate Belt Roger Reto (her father) for many years, who was a well known Barber for over 50 years.

After his passing Renaldo expanded her Consignment Boutique business into the space her father had cut many heads of hair including my older brother for over 35 years.

The beautification is not over yet, Renaldo applied for a facade grant from 'Slate Belt Rising' the economic development group of the Slate Belt. The work will consist of painting, a new awning and a new sign, the work should be completed by the end of this year.

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L-R Pen Argyl Council Woman Tammy Kemp, Jennifer Renaldo, owner of Jennifer's Hair Salon & Consignment Boutique in Pen Argyl

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L-R Concetta Reto, Cindy Chaffier, Lisa Vonelli, Shawn Coco, Jen Renaldo (owner of Jennifer's Hair Salon & Consignment Boutique), Mary DiGerlando, Dave Renaldo

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There to share her presentation was her husband Dave Renaldo, her mother Concetta Reto, and her staff: Cindy Chaffier, Lisa Vonelli, Shawn Coco, Mary DiGerlando.

Jennifer's Salon will be sponsoring a fashion show at Pen Argyl Park Youth Center on October 27th noon. From 11am to 3pm will be shopping of consignment boutique clothing and accessories, food and vendors. Call the salon to model or register as a vendor at 610-863-5191.

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rebuilt at a cost of \$92,000.00. When the merger of the United Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Association was effected in 1922, this congregation did not unite with the newly formed group but associated itself with a new group, the Evangelical Congregational Church.

First UEC Church boasts many "firsts" in their history. They held the first rummage sale in town. They were the first local church to hold an Easter dawn service and organize a nurse school class in their Sunday School (total Sunday School attendance was over 400 at times). And their pepper pot soup sales were always a hit. The quilters group of women made very impressive quilts. Vacation Bible School was also very well attended. Gospel singing was and still remains important.

In the 1920's and 30's the church hosted famous evangelists Billy Sunday and Gypsy Smith. Five men from the congregation have gone on to become ministers.

In the year 2000 when the Salem United Methodist Church (S. Main St.) was discontinued, the 40+ active members joined with the folks at First UEC, a bringing back together of their past heritage.

Former pastor Rev. Robert Klersy, will return to share with the congregation at their special service. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

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