

# Neighbor to Neighbor



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## Summer Sizzles with Youth Cooking Classes!

This summer, the LAIVC Faith in Action program launched *Intergenerational Cooking Classes* with several churches and the Latrobe Senior Center. The idea was to bring youth of all ages (2–20 years) together with our many experienced cooks who are retired and willing to share their recipes and expertise.

Working with Rachel Komarinski, an intern from Saint Vincent College, a youth volunteer (Bree Larkin), eight youth leaders, and thirteen “expert” cooks, the program organized five different classes that were held at various locations including Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Holy Family Church, St. John the Evangelist Church, Saint Vincent Basilica, and the Latrobe Senior Center.

An end of the summer party at the Saint Vincent Grove featured samples of all the cooking including ham loaf (the #1 favorite of the kids), meatballs and sauce, pierogies, halushki, and the Senior Center’s famous noodles. Ruth Atkinson, whose class at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was cancelled due to extreme heat, brought her recipe and delicious macaroni and cheese.

Each family received a cookbook with copies of all the recipes. Fall and winter classes are being planned for holiday baking. Teachers and students alike are welcome to apply.



*Helper takes a break to give “Grandma” a big hug.*

Teams from both boys and girls Adelphoi group homes in the Greater Latrobe area helped thirty six program recipients this summer with a variety of chores including grass cutting and trimming, weeding, raking, washing windows, and household chores.

Many program recipients need a little extra help in the summer to help maintain their yards and homes and the kids are eager to help. They will all be participating in the annual Fall Leaf Raking Day scheduled for mid November along with many area youth groups.



**Noodle making class at the Latrobe Senior Center**

## \$ Dine at Eat N Park \$

Take the family to Eat N Park in Latrobe and 10% of your check will be donated to the LAIVC Faith in Action Program.

A flyer and certificate is enclosed—please pass on to a friend or neighbor if you cannot use it. Visit every week? Call us and we’ll send you more! Or download more from our website!

This is just one of many ways you can help to support this vital community outreach program. Visit our website for more ideas!

[www.laurelfia.org](http://www.laurelfia.org)

*Our Mission: To enhance the quality of life for persons 60 years and older who reside in the Greater Latrobe and Ligonier areas by providing companionship and assistance.*

*When Ruth called our offices four years ago, she asked for some help with vacuuming. She proudly stated that her health was good and she did not even take any medication! Imagine our surprise to find her confined to a wheel chair with partial paralysis. We soon learned that she had outlived most of her family and friends and was truly isolated and alone. She is now surrounded by friends from Faith in Action, aids from the Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging, a neighbor who picks up a few groceries, a hairdresser who will come to the home, friendly delivery volunteers with Meals on Wheels, and the pastor from her church. Working together with others in the community, we are truly able to make a difference in many lives.*

**In as little as two hours per week, you can make a difference too! Please visit our website or call today!**

## **LAIVC honors organizations at Annual Awards Luncheon**

Three local groups were honored at the third annual awards luncheon held in June at Saint Vincent College. Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital and the Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation received this year's Civic Award for helping to promote the program to the greater community. The Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging was given the Founder's Award as one of the founding organizations supporting LAIVC. St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal church received the Partners in Faith Award for their work in helping to expand the program in the Ligonier area.

Community leader Phil Dymond was the keynote speaker for over one hundred attendees.

***Welcome Holy Family Church in Latrobe and Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Ligonier—the newest congregation teams!***

### **LAIVC Upcoming Events:**

October 21	Latrobe Presbyterian Church's Fall Harvest Luncheon
October 26	Volunteer Recognition Dinner
November 18	Annual Leaf Raking Day
November	Advent Project-Assemble & Deliver

***LAIVC has tracked over 12,000 service hours since 2002!***

### **Important Notice:**

LAIVC is a partner agency of the United Way of Westmoreland County. Please support the United Way Community Impact Fund and/or designate your donation to **LAIVC Faith in Action.**

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