

“Yesteryear”



2007

In Barrett and Paradise

Patriotic Order, Sons of America

Born in the late 1800's, Washington Camp No. 482, P.O.S. of A., Mountainhome, was a very active unit, with its own building which also served as a community center. The main purposes of the unit were patriotic and religious with "love of God and love of country" the unique features of all activities. The women's group, P.O. of A., furnished Bibles and flags for schools as well as other conducting other activities. The eagle pictured is from the women's meeting room in their building which was located on land which they donated to the Barrett Ambulance Corps. The building was razed in 1972. The eagle can be seen at the Cresco Station Museum where it is part of an exhibit about the P.O.S. of A and the P.O. of A.

Barrett Township residents have always been willing to serve and several clubs and organizations have been a part of the community through the years. They include: Sons and Daughters of Liberty, a group dedicated to helping members with financial problems, Barrett Lions Club, Barrett Auxiliary of the General Hospital, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Woodmen of the World and Modern Woodmen of America, Independent Order of Oddfellows and Rebekahs, (dedicated to meeting the needs of the working class), Rotary Club, Junior women's Club, Forest Fire Crew No. 34, American Legion, and many others.

A "Sign" of the Times

One of the present day concerns of the Barrett Business Association is the proliferation of signs in the Township. Knowing that visitors come to the Pocono's and Barrett Township in particular to enjoy the natural beauty of the mountains, they feel that a multitude of signs are an obstruction to this beauty. This copy of a letter that appeared in the Pocono Press Monthly in 1930 illustrates that it is an ongoing problem.

To the editor:

Herewith letter from Mr. Jenkins, the contents of which I am sure will interest your magazine readers.

Sam H. Packer

Dear Sam,

I hope that the members of the Barrett Business Association will see the need of taking a strong hand on the matter of Highway Advertising. Recently, a number of new signs have been set in place further disfiguring the Pocono Landscape. Barrett Township's chief industry is summer visitors. They come to the mountains to enjoy the scenery, the trees and the flowers, and it is a short-sighted policy which permits disfiguring advertising signs to be placed along the road.

I think you ought to pledge all the members of the Association not to lease land for this purpose and ask them to remove signs which are already placed. In England there is a strong organization of many thousands of members who have pledged themselves not to buy of patronize and firm that advertises by disfiguring the landscape. I am not sure you will want to go this far, but I believe an aroused public opinion will keep Barrett Township from becoming as bad as Lackawanna Trail (Route 611) now is, and the Trail is becoming worse all the time. If your Association could accomplish the result of roads free from advertising, it would fully justify its existence.

Chas. F. Jenkins

Philadelphia Oct. 18, 1930

It seems that there is really "nothing new under the sun" and eighty six years later, we are still facing the same dilemma.

Maybelle Cottage

Maybelle Cottage was the home of Harry and Maude Geissinger. It was located on the left side of the entrance to Onawa Lodge (at the Intersection of Rt. 191 and Brutzman Road). The books for the Barrett Friendly Library were housed on the side porch until the "new" building was opened in 1913. The Cottage burned in 1914. On the extreme left of the picture was the Odd Fellows Hall which was purchased by Onawa Lodge and used for guests during the war years.



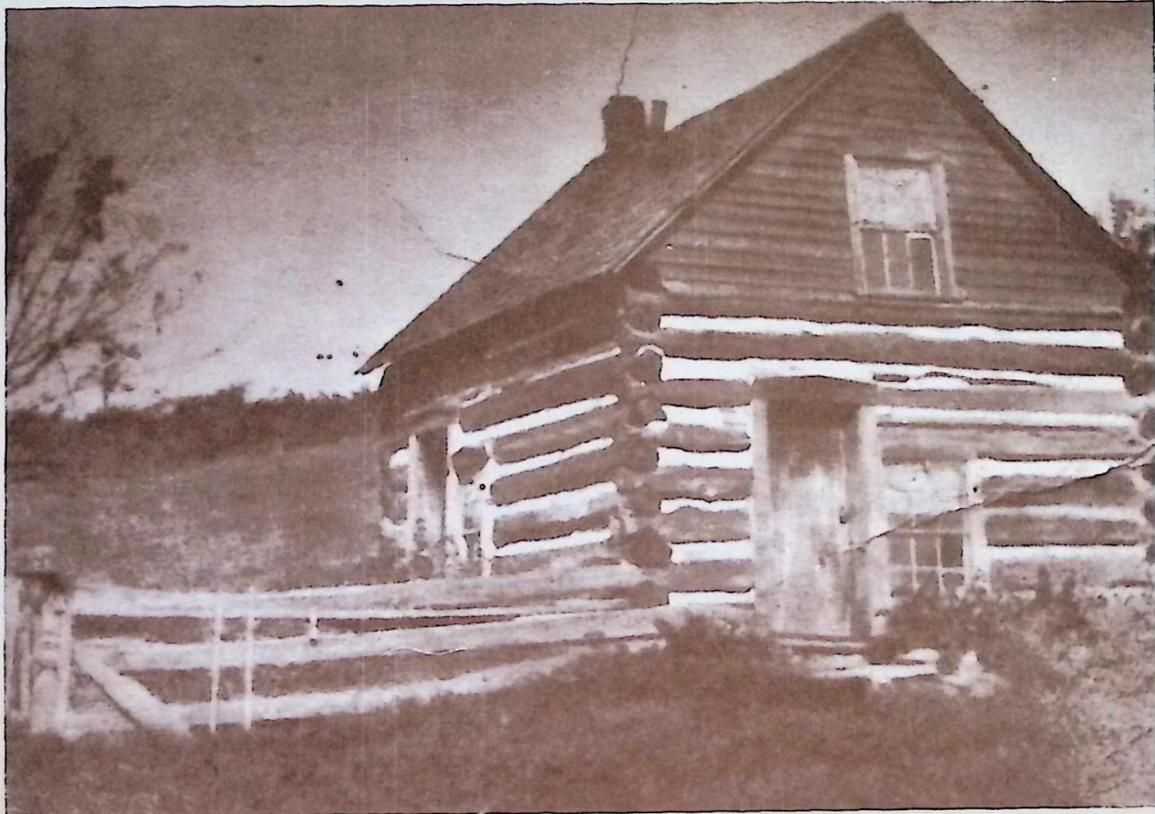
Onawa Lodge Ski

Winter sports became popular in the Pocono's in the early 1900's. This picture, probably from the 40's, shows Onawa Lodge Ski and Toboggan area. A toboggan chute can be seen in the foreground adjacent to the ski slope. Note the "finish line" in the center of the picture. The proprietor of Onawa Lodge, Harry Shinnen, sponsored ski races from Cresco Heights.



Lizzie Lloyd's Cabin

Lizzie was a corncob pipe smoking character from New York City. The cabin was located above Skytop at the Northeast Corner of Rt. 390 and East Mountain Road. The small bridge over the Leavitt Branch is still called Lizzie Loyd's Bridge by old timers. Her husband hauled props and ties to Mountainhome by wagon pulled by mule power.



McComas Chapel

Construction for McComas Chapel started in 1865 across the road (Rt. 447 in Price Township) from the cemetery, on land sold to the board by Mrs. Ella Krae for one dollar. Mrs. Krae also donated fifty dollars to the building fund. Organizers and board members consisted of Perry Price, Charles Stewart, Elija Posten, Oliver Seese, H.G. Labar and William Bates and families. Completed and dedicated in 1865, the church was named for Reverend N.D. McComas, first pastor and circuit minister for the Methodist Conference. In 1977 the church was disbanded and moved one half mile North on Route 447 to Colony Village where it was restored and remains there today.



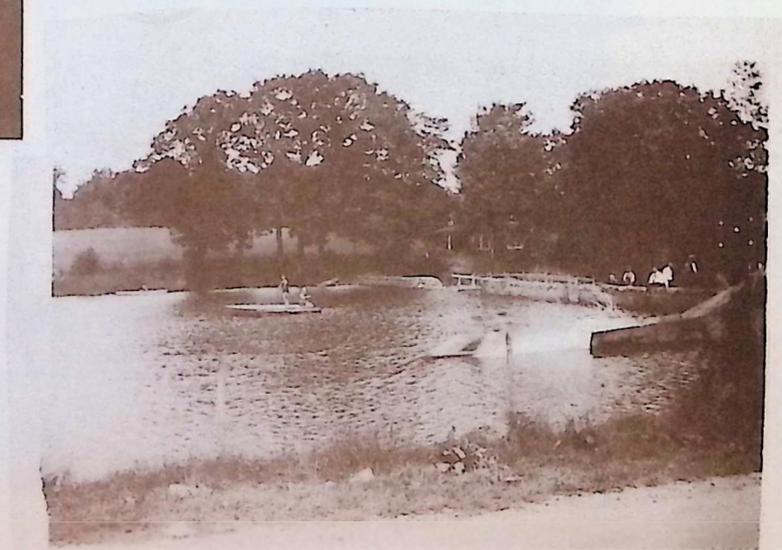
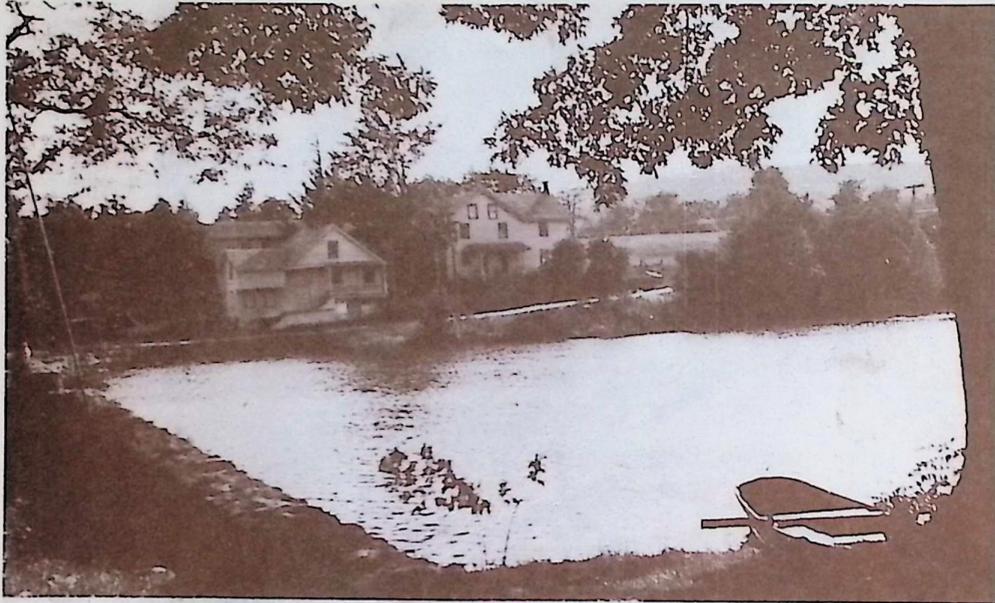
McComas Chapel 1961

Zachary Price

Krummel Pond

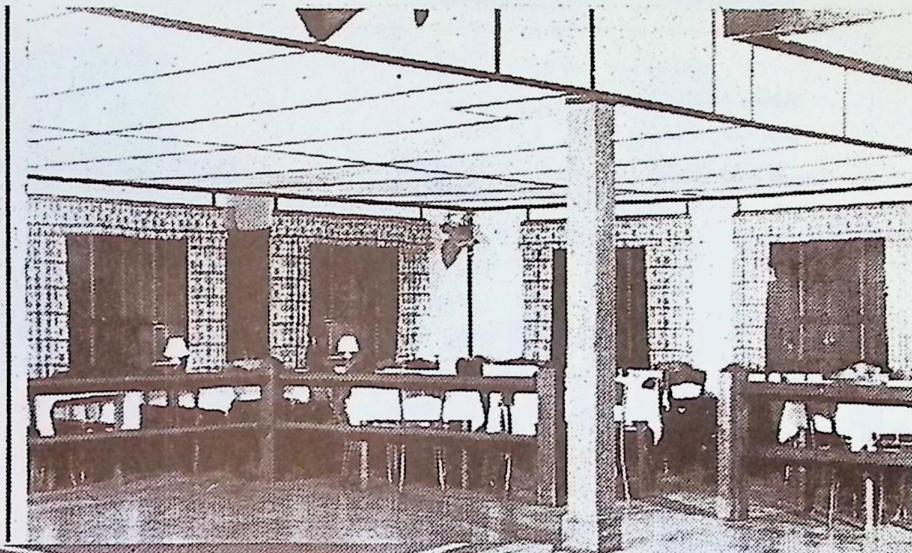
This view looking east from Spruce Cabin Road shows the lower end of Krummel's Pond. To the right was the Shafer and Rinehart sawmill which was powered by a water wheel. Much of the cut lumber was taken to the railroad siding in front of the Methodist Church for shipment. The pond provided a great winter skating place for the residents of Mountainhome. The pond was already gone prior to the 1955 flood.

Looking west over Krummel's Pond toward the Shafer home. Most of the building still remains. The smaller cottage to the left once housed the Oakland Post Office.



Clyde's Tavern

The building once housed an ice cream and souvenir shop. Clyde Price then opened it as a tavern and restaurant, both of which were very popular, especially the restaurant. The bar became well-attended notably during World War II with Jimmy Applegate's band playing regular dates. After Mr. Price died the property changed hands several times, and was renovated by each owner. Recently the building was the site of a candle shop until it was completely destroyed by fire in 2005.



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CLYDE'S
BUCK HILL FORKS
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL
CRE/CO, PA. 9427

Deer Lake

This picture shows the lower end of Deer Lake, on the White Golf Course at Buck Hill Falls, which was washed out by the 1955 flood and never replaced. To the left of the wooden bridge was the number five tee before the White Course was realigned. To the extreme right of the bridge you can see the ice harvesting chute which directed blocks of cut ice over the breastworks to the ice house. The end of the building is just visible in the trees. The ice harvesting ended in the 1940's as other sources of refrigeration became cheaper and more convenient.



"Summer Riding By Deer Lake 1939" (photo submitted by Tudy Voros)

Gas Company

Left to Right: P.J.S. Humaker, Lloyd Martin, Jack Frick, Stan Miller, John Davenport, Jim Dietrick, J. Shumaker, Jr., Jack Shumaker, and Mervin Williams.

Employees of the Pocono Gas Company located on Rt. 390 in what is now the Stonehedge Building. Directly across the road, now Mountainhome Antiques, were two huge propane tanks. One Sunday night a bomb, which proved to be a fake, was attached to one of the tanks and the entire area was evacuated to the Barrett School until it was discovered to be a prank



Dolly's Choir

The 24 children in the Junior Choir of Mountainhome Methodist Church, under the leadership of Dolly Price are proudly showing off their new choir robes. Dolly directed the choir for 40 some years and always invited past members to join in the singing The Holy City on Palm Sunday. The members in 1956 were: Front row, (left to right) Patsy Hardy, Millard Price, Rebecca Black, Elmer Albert, Paul Hawk, Teddy Price, Allan Connally, Elizabeth Clark. Second row, Donald Shepard, Jerry Lynn Dann, Robert Wieboldt, Ronald Kochera, Donna Hardy, Catharine Renick, Jean Hardy, Mildred Jumper, Judith Robacker. Third row, David Shaller, George Kochera, Stanley Miller, Jr., Fred Albert, Michael Shepard, Barbara Wieboldt, Patty Ritz. Dolly (Mrs. William A. Price) Choir Director, and Rev. Harold N. MacMurray, pastor, in the rear.



Theo. Price Sprag Mill

The sprag making industry became an important part of Barrett Township in the early days. Hardwood saplings ranging from two and one-quarter to three and one-quarter inches in diameter, were cut into 22 inch lengths and taken to the sprag mill where the ends were each trimmed to a conical point. The finished sprags were shipped to mines where they were used in "spragging the wheels" in mine cars when mechanical brakes were unheard of. Small quick teenagers called runners shoved a sprag into each wheel to slow it down. If they missed, the cars could easily go out of control and crash.

Form 1, S. B. 33
9-14

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R. Co.

C. M. SMITH, REPORT OF MINE MATERIAL
TIE AND TIMBER AGT. INSPECTED.
SCRANTON, PA.

At _____ Car No. 10163
By Theo. Price Inspector
Owner Theo. Price
Date 2/3/12 Address _____

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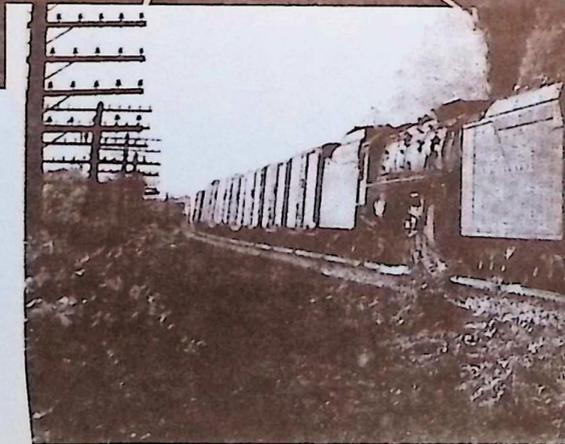
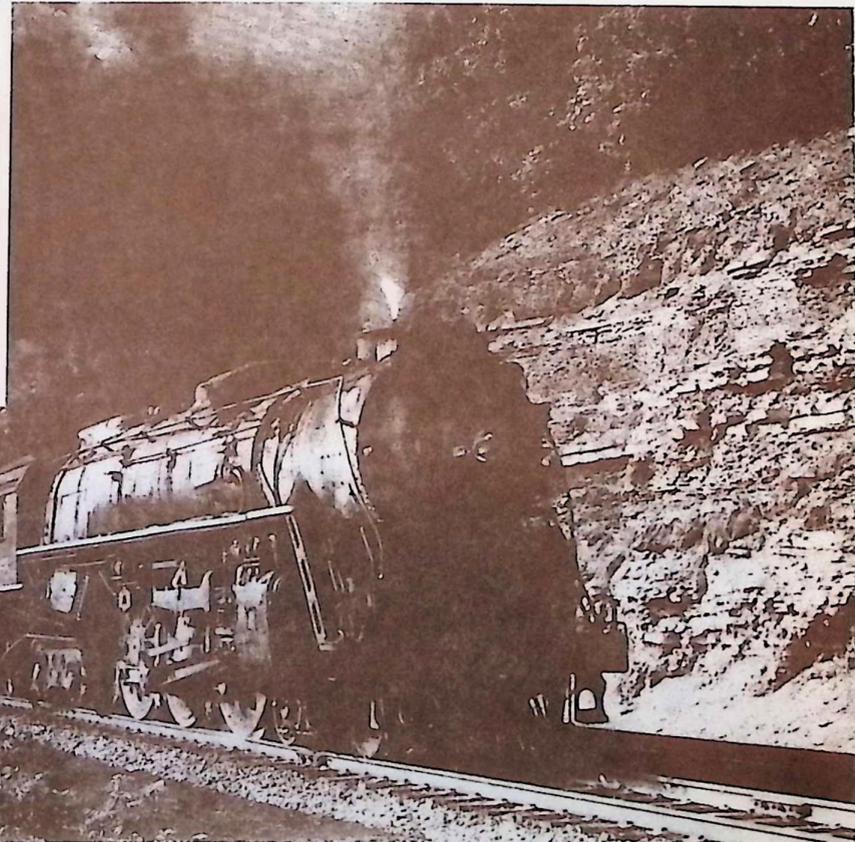
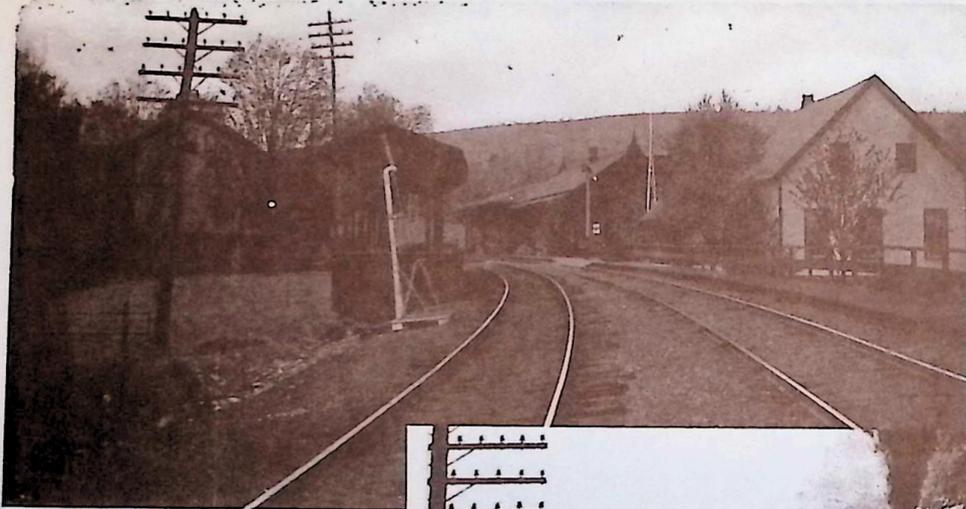
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Train and Station

A Lackawanna locomotive rounding the bend north of the Cresco Station Museum

On January 21, 1856, the first D.L. & W. locomotive moved over the Delaware and Barrett township was linked with the outside world by the iron horse. The original Oakland (Cresco) station was located closer to the Mountainhome track, just beyond the present station. It wasn't much more than an open sided pavilion with a canvas top. In the 1880's the present station was built and looked much the same as it does today. Closing in 1967 or 68, it reopened as a museum in 1999 under the auspices of the Barrett Township Historical Society and has been recently purchased from the Railroad by the Weiler Family Foundation. This Foundation has been responsible for the restoration of the Station and provides continuing support and encouragement.



James Kintz' Mill, Paradise Valley

This was the only mill before Stroudsburg and originally owned by John Edinger for a Gristmill. James Kintz was hired to build the mill. It ran by an overshot waterwheel fed by a box race from the mill pond across Keokee Chapel Lane. When an annex to Pocono Mountain house (now Paradise Inn) of 4 stories and including 3 bath rooms (tub and sink only) and 6 toilets the water was supplied by pumping the mill water into a large vat on the 4th floor. They also pumped to the Jefferson Cottage summer kitchen into a large black pot over the fire and several tubs. This was the Pocono Mountain House Laundry.



Organizations

Barrett Ambulance Corps

Meetings: 1st Tuesday at
Ambulance Building

Barrett Friendly Library

M-TH 12-5:00 PM

And 6:30-9PM

Fri. 12:00-4:00 PM

Sat. 11:30-3:00 PM

595-7171

Barrett/Paradise Business Assoc.

Meetings: 1st Monday every other
month 595-9393

Barrett Historical Society

Meetings: Third Friday 7:30 PM

Mountainhome United Methodist
Church

Barrett Lions Club

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Monday
7:00 PM at The Cook's Touch

Barrett Volunteer Fire Co.

PO Box 1

Buck Hill Falls, PA 18323

Concerned Citizens of Barrett Township

4th Thursday 7:PM Oct-May High

Acres Community Bld.

June-Sept. High Acres Park

Cresco Station Museum

Memorial Day-Columbus Day Sun. 1-4

Wed. & Sat. July & Aug.

After Columbus Day call 595-7282 for
hours

Pocono Mountain Rotary Club

Meetings: every Wednesday
6:15 at The Fork

American Legion

Evan-Blitz Post 922

1st Wed. each month

595-2030

American Legion Aux.

2nd Wed. each month

595-2030

Harvesters

Meetings: 1st Tuesday at noon

Ambulance Building

Apr.-Dec.

Municipal Offices

Barrett Township Supervisors

Meetings: Every Tues. 9:30AM and 2nd

Wed. 7:30PM at

Municipal Building 595-2602

Paradise Township Supervisors

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tues. 6:30 PM

At Municipal Building 595-9880

Churches

Canadensis Moravian

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM

1st Sat. June-Sept. Craft Sale

Canadensis United Methodist

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM

Friends Quaker Meetings

Memorial Day-Columbus Day at

Buck Hill's Kerby Library

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Keokee Chapel

In Paradise

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM

Mountainhome United Methodist Church

Sunday School: 10:15

Worship: 9:00 AM

Cross-Road Café for Grade 7-12

Fri. 7:00 PM-10:00 PM

Vesper 4th Sun. 7 PM

Paradise Valley Baptist Church

Sunday School: 10:00 AM

Sunday Service: 11:00AM, 6:30PM

Bible Study: Thurs. 7:00 PM

Pocono Bible Church

In Mountainhome

Sunday School: 10:00 AM

Worship: 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

St. Bernadette's Catholic

In Canadensis

Services: 9:00/11:00 AM Sunday