

## PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**New Bethlehem, November 26, 2008.** Redbank Renaissance will hold its Second Annual Christmas Home Tour from 1 – 5 PM and an Arts and Crafts Show with more than 20 artists and craftspersons from 9 AM – 2 PM on Saturday, December 6th, 2008, in New Bethlehem. Tours include several large area homes and churches decorated for Christmas, with interesting art work, unique features and stained glass. New to this year's tour is a professionally decorated home which features marvelous wood and glass chandeliers. Rare French beaded glass flowers, trees and decorations will be available for sale there. The largest home on the tour was built by the Andrews family who owned and operated a lumber yard in New Bethlehem. This grand home features marvelous wood and other unique features. Another home was built in 1897 for The Vindicator newspaper, and has been completely remodeled. The 3rd floor remains reminiscent of the 1900's. One of the homes where refreshments will be available features a large eclectic art collection.

A tour brochure will describe and highlight the history of each of the 6 sites on the tour. Self-directed tours will start at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church at the corners of Wood (Rte. 66) and Penn Streets where there is plenty of parking. Most homes and the churches are within walking distance, but those taking the tour will need to provide their own transportation to a beautiful home in Putneyville. A map, directions, tour brochure and entry pass will be provided at the Presbyterian Church. The tour at the Methodist Church will be open from 11 to 2 PM while lunch is served there, but all other sites will be open from 1 to 5 PM. Admission to the homes is by entry pass only starting at 1 PM. Tickets are only \$10 and are available until Dec. 5th at the Clarion Free Library, the Law Office of Scott C. Allen at 323 Main Street in Brookville and in New Bethlehem at Creekside Floral, the First United National Bank, Northwest Savings Bank and S&T Bank. Remaining tickets will be available at the Arts and Crafts Show.

The Arts & Crafts Show will be held from 9 AM to 2 PM at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, 403 Penn St., which is handicapped accessible, and at the First United Methodist Church at 234 Penn St. at the corner of Lafayette Street. During the show, breakfast items including delicious cinnamon and peanut butter rolls will be available for sale, while they last, at the Presbyterian Church, starting at 9 AM, and a hearty lunch of soup, sandwich, beverage and dessert will be served at the Methodist Church for \$5 between 11 and 2 PM. Food proceeds will benefit the churches.

People will be able to shop at the 2 locations for unique Christmas gifts and decorations, including quality wood crafts and beautiful scenic chests, wall hangings, paintings, shadow boxes, Primitive art, vintage notions, Watkin's Home and Personal Care Products, stained glass and kaleidoscopes, handmade jewelry, fabric handbags, totes and quilted items, jeweled scarf tubes and scarves, and other items that are hard to find. Some wooden chests and wall hangings will feature recognizable local scenes. At the Presbyterian Church, there will be a Chinese auction and 50/50 raffle with the drawings at the conclusion of the show. Winners need not be present to win. For more information, call 814-275-1718 or visit [www.redbankren.org](http://www.redbankren.org). Tour and Show proceeds will benefit Redbank Renaissance's revitalization efforts in the Redbank Valley.

The Redbank Valley Chamber's Christmas parade starts at 1 PM on Broad St. followed by Snack with Santa at the Firehall, so there's plenty for all to do and see on December 6<sup>th</sup> in New Bethlehem. All 3 events should provide a fun day, decorating ideas and unique shopping opportunities.