



Teen Shepherds lead the way

When it comes to generosity, the people of the Shenango Valley “give until they can’t give anymore.”

A few months ago, the Teen Shepherds group of the Church of the Good Shepherd, West Middlesex, led a parish-wide effort to collect puzzles, books, slippers and a variety of other items for the neighboring elderly residents of St. John XXIII Home in Hermitage.

Teen Shepherd members Tyler, Delaney, Vincent Vianna, Hannah and Angela, pictured here, put an overflow of donations into bins. Then Lauren DeFelice, director of religious education, delivered her SUV packed full of items to St. John XXIII.

“We are blown away by the kindness, generosity and love from the folks at Good Shepherd,” said Kirk Hawthorne, administrator at St. John XXIII

According to DeFelice, Teen Shepherds is a service group made up of junior and senior high students. Under adult supervision, they provide occasional assistance for parish programs, service projects to the elderly and needy, and are available for other activities.

For the St. John XXIII collection, the students wrote letters, created signs to hang around the parish complex, and collected items from parishioners.

“Parishioners here give until they can’t give anymore. Good Shepherd is always 100 percent behind any good cause,” DeFelice said.