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DECEMBER NATIONAL DAYS **DECEMBER 15-NATIONAL UGLY CHRISTMAS** SWEATER DAY DECEMBER 16-NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS **AMERICA DAY DECEMBER 20-NATIONAL SANGRIA DAY** DECEMBER 21 WINTER SOLSTICE DECEMBER 24-NATIONAL EGG NOG DAY DECEMBER 26-NATIONAL CANDY CANE DAY **DECEMBER 30-BACON DAY** DECEMBER 31-NATIONAL CHAMPAGNE DAY HOLIDAYS **DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE** DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS **DECEMBER 26TH KWANZAA BEGINS DECEMBER 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE**

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Bangor Area High School Bands Winter Concert

Will be held on **Friday, December 15th, at 7:30pm** in the M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater at Bangor Area High School. The Concert and Symphonic Bands will each present their own portion of the concert. At the conclusion of the program, both groups will unite on stage for a grand finale complete with a Christmas Carol sing-along and our annual performance of Sleigh Ride conducted by a jolly special guest. Please join us on December 15 to share in the holiday joy! For more information visit: bahsbands.weebly.com

Jacobsburg Environmental Center Family Night: Track Workshop

Friday, December 15th, 6:30pm-8:00pm. With winter approaching, now is a good time to observe animals and study their tracks. Learn how animals walk and how to identify them based on their foot shape. We'll spend the evening inside getting messy by making plaster casts. Registration is required. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov

Elks National Free Throw Contest

Bangor Lodge #1106 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is pleased to announce the Elks National Hoop Shoot to be held beginning at **1:00 PM on Saturday December 16, 2017** at the Washington Elementary School, 381 Washington Blvd, Bangor, PA. This Free Throw Contest is open to boys and girls ages 8 through 13 and is free to all contestants. **Registration will be open beginning at noon on December 16, 2017** at the school gymnasium. Beginning at the local level, winning contestants will advance through District, State, Regional, and National competitions. The Elks helps sponsor contestants and their families at every level of competition. One boy and one girl from each division will win a national title at the National Finals and have their names inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Two National Champions will receive the Getty Powell Award for most baskets made during the National Finals.

The Elks National Hoop Shoot Program, sponsored by the Elks National Foundation, provides a character-building, competitive experience for all contestants. Contestants learn about the importance of respect and good sportsmanship. The Bangor Lodge is a proud sponsor of this annual local event. Winners of this local event will represent our Lodge at the District Free throw competition, also being held at Washington Elementary on February 3, 2018.

Columbia Fire Co. No.1 Breakfast with Santa

Columbia Fire Co. No. 1 in Roseto will be sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 16th from 9:00am-11:00am** at the Roseto Municipal Building. The event is open to all children from Roseto borough as well as children and grandchildren of current Fire Co. members. Cost is FREE for those under 10. Please call 610-588-059 or email kidsparty@columbiafireco.org for reservations.



BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW All You Can Eat Breakfast



Christmas Cookie Walk at Ackermanville UMC

Saturday, December 16th, 9:00am-11:30am. Large assortment of homemade cookies available for purchase. Ackermanville United Methodist Church Ackermanville Road, Bangor, PA. www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Furry Paws with Santa Claus

The Slate Belt Animal Advocacy Group is hosting Dog Photos with Santa on **Saturday, December 16th from 11:00am-2:00pm** at Baby Harry's Coffee Co., 34 Broadway in Bangor. Photos are by appointment and will be taken in the back room of Baby Harry's. You will receive and 8X10 photo with copyright release. Appointments are made in 10 minute intervals so please be on time. This is for dogs only and they must be on a leash. The dog's owner will be responsible for keeping the animal under control at all times. If you have more than one dog, they can be in the same picture or you can reserve multiple time slots. Make your reservation by Paypal to BangorPADogPark@gmail.com. Once your payment is made, please send them a message to reserve your time slot. Questions please email BangorPADogPark@gmail.com. 4 UPCOMING EVENTS



Free Community Dinner at Zion United Lutheran Church Join us on Monday, December 25th, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm for a warm

homemade meal, games, music and pictures with Santa. RSVP is appreciated but not necessary. All are welcome! Zion United Lutheran Church, 1919 Route 209, Brodheadsville, 570-992-6988, zionulc@ptd.net.

NASME Model Train Show

The model train show presented by Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers will be held on the following dates: December 27th, 28th, 29th: 1:00pm-5:00pm; December 29th 7:00pm-9:00pm; January 6th-7th 1:00pm-5:00pm. The Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers is located at 212 Main Street. Stockertown, PA. Parking is available behindthe Stockertown Municipal Building. Donations welcome. For more information, visit: http://nasme.tripod.com.

Slate Belt Animal Advocacy Group Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Slate Belt Animal Advocacy Group will be held on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 from 7:00pm-8:00pm, at the Second Ward Fire Company, 517 S. Northampton St., Bangor.

Marine Corps League Northampton County Meeting

Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298 Meeting 3 Jan/1900. 1621 Lehigh St./Easton. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines welcome! iimmineousmc@rcn.com www.norcomcl.org Facebook: Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298

Slate Belt Heritage Center Calendar of Events for 2018

Sunday, January 14th, 2:00pm - "History of Cigar Manufacturing" - Patti Dewitsky will present state and local history of cigar manufacturing. Sunday, February 11th, 2:00pm - "The History of Scouting"- Perry Morris will celebrate the founding of Boys Scouts and memories of "Camp Wygat". **Sunday, March 11th, 2:00pm** - "The Life of Blaine Reimel" – James Paynter relates the life of the Slate Belt's first fatality in World War II.

Thursday, April 12th, 7:00pm - TBA Thursday, May 10th, 7:00pm - "Memories of the Slate Belt" presented by former Bangor resident and graduate of the class of 1964. David Blau. Thursday, June 21st, 7:00pm - "Annual Preservation Awards".

Thursday, July 12th, 7:00pm - "Restoration of the Slate Hoists" – Mike Piersa will conduct an outdoor presentation of the manufacturing and operation of the restored Flory slate hoists which now reside in Bethel Park.

Thursday, August, 9th, 7:00pm - "One Room Schoolhouses" - Walter Emery will be showing pictures of all the area old school houses.

Thursday, September 13th, 7:00pm - TBA

Thursday, October 11, 7:00pm - "Haunted Heritage Program". Thursday, November 8, 7:00pm - "World War I Veterans"- presented by William Casamassima.

Sunday, December 9, 2:00pm - "The Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest" - MC Marc Blau hosts the trivia game for teams of four. Make your own team or just show up and join in the fun. Prizes for the winners.

Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 N. 1st Street, Bangor, PA.

PennState Extension Master Watershed Steward Program Lehigh & Northampton Counties 2018 Classes now forming!

Master Watershed Stewards volunteer in the community to improve the health of our streams, rivers and other natural resources. To become a Certified Master Watershed Steward you will receive 40 hours of training from a wide range of professionals and educators.

Information Sessions - 6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 Lehigh County Agricultural Center 4181 Dorney Park Rd., Allentown, PA 18104 Thursday, January 18, 2018 Northampton Extension Office

14 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064 Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Illick's Mill

100 Illick's Mill Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017 Contact: Erin Frederick, elf145@psu.edu, 610-391-9840



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6:00-8:30 PM	6:00-8:30 PM	6:00-8:30 PM			
DeFranco Elementary School Library	Pen Argyl Sr. High School Library	Nazareth Sr. High School Library			
Rt. 512 & 5 Points Richmond Road	, 501 W. Laurel Avenue	501 E. Center Street			
he first week of class is orientation - students must attend both					

DAYS. If a student cannot attend both days in January, they must wait until the next class session to begin in February or March. Adults who attend class, complete requirements and pass the GED will receive an equivalency High School Diploma.

COMPUTER TRAINING IS INCLUDED IN ALL CLASSES.



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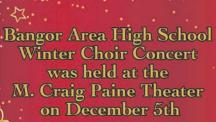


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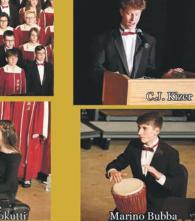
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The Rotary Club of the Slate Belt held their sixth annual breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2nd at the Scorecard Sports Bar and Grill. Proceeds benefit the Slate Belt Rotary Club's "Operation Warm" project.



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The Pen Argyl Salvation Army- Pathway of Hope Initiative Announces 2018 Speakers Association

This year The Salvation Army launched a new initiative known as the Pathway of Hope, designed to help empower families that are committed to improving their lives to break the cycle of multi-generational poverty and or crisis for good. Through intensive case management, these families are provided the support and guidance needed to take that first step to gaining greater control and manageability in their lives. If you or someone you know can visualize making this positive change in their life, and have a child residing in the home under the age of eighteen, please contact Krista Nagy, Pathway of Hope Case Manager serving Pen Argyl and the Slate Belt at 610-863-9003 to discuss the possibilities.

For the year 2018, the Slate Belt Salvation Army, through the Pathway of Hope initiative have developed a knowledgeable and experienced group of public speakers willing to share their talents and skills for the benefit of the community. These individuals are dedicated to increasing the awareness of various local businesses as well as elaborate on how their business benefits the individuals in our community. Leaders from various organizations such as The Slate Belt Rising, Kessler Realty, Recovery Revolution, WIC, The Penn State Extension, The Slate Belt YMCA and the Washington Township Police Department are among the presentation line-up for the New Year. These presentations are complimentary and are open to the public. We are proud to announce that the first presentation of 2018 will be given by Northampton Community College on the topic of "College Within Reach; Stepping Stones to Your Future." This program will be held on January 22, 2018 at 6pm and will educate on how to earn a GED, as well as how an individual can further themselves through affordable degree programs offered at Northampton Community College.

Space is limited; reserve your seating today, by contacting Krista at 610-863-9003 and provide the names and phone number of those interested in attending. The Pen Argyl Salvation Army is located at 301 West Main Street, Pen Argyl PA 18072. Please continue to watch for the up and coming presentation announcements and dates!

Slate Belt Heritage Center

The Slate Belt Heritage Center is seeking any individuals who would like to share, in the form of a presentation, any pertinent historical information about the Slate Belt. This could be in the form of a power point or just a discussion. Please call Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661 if you are interested.



Emrick to Open New Slate Belt District Office

State Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Nazareth) and his staff will ring in 2018 by opening a new Slate Belt district office at 447 Blue Valley Drive, Bangor, next to the Capitol Plaza. The first day of business in the new location will be **Tuesday**, **Jan. 2, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

"Our first and foremost goal is to serve residents of the 137th Legislative District in the most efficient and effective manner possible," Emrick said. "This new Slate Belt office location is being opened with you, the constituent, in mind.

According to Emrick, there are a number of reasons for relocating from the current location in the Mt. Bethel Plaza.

"Protecting constituents' privacy has long been a serious concern at our current location," he said. "That will not be the case at the Blue Valley Drive office.

"The new office is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and offers plenty of parking, as well as a conference room that can accommodate both large and small group meetings."

Also making the new location more attractive is a higher volume of traffic on this portion of Route 512, making it more accessible to a greater number of people.

"While we are changing office locations, there will be NO change in the level of quality and personal service we deliver to the taxpayers for whom we work," he added. "We look forward to continuing to serve residents of the Slate Belt."

The last day at the Mt. Bethel Highway location will be Friday, Dec. 29. Questions about this or any legislative issue should be directed to Emrick's district office at (610) 746-5090 or (570) 897-0401.

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Thank You

The Friends of the Bangor Public Library would like to express their sincere thanks to the following who made donations for the Annual Breakfast with Santa Event. Without their assistance this event would not be possible: **Heard's Meat Market, Dick Smith, Mario Lucrezi, Main Street Market, Giant Markets, Weis Markets, Karasek Law Firm, J.C. Bloom, Little Corner Cafe, and Nate Dyssard.**

M & M Vineyards Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

A Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting was held on Saturday, November 18th at M & M Vineyards located at 18 Shepherds Hill Drive, Bangor, PA.



Pictured State Senator Mario Scavello with Mohinder Sidhu, and his wife, Mini.



Sen. Mario Scavello, Mohinder and Mini Sidhu with daughters, and State Rep. Joe Emrick.

"BLESS THE BLUE" Program

Humble Hearts for Hope a local non profit 501C3 since 2011 in Plainfield Twp. has implemented a NEW program "BLESS THE BLUE". They are accepting monetary donations and Wegman's gift cards at this time. Monetary donations will be used to help injured police officers with unforeseen medical expenses and hardships. Donations can be mailed or dropped off to HHFH, 929 Browntown Road, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Donations are tax-deductible, based on your tax situation speak to your tax consultant for more details. They do provide donation receipts upon request.

My Brother's Keepers

The organization know as My Brother's Keepers who make Sleeping Bags for the Homeless are now accepting blankets, sheets, drapes, pillowcases, towels and they always need men's neck ties and yarn. Please drop off at: Hope UCC, 701 Cherry

St., Wind Gap, Pa. on Wednesdays 9:00am-3:00pm







Janet Futchko, owner of Janet's Jems Thrift Shoppe recently celebrated her second anniversary.

Janet's Jems is located at 511 Delaware Avenue, Portland, PA. The phone number is 570-656-9601. Congratulations Janet!

Emrick Announces Grants for 137th District Municipalities

MOUNT BETHEL - Three municipalities in the 137th Legislative District are recipients of Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants, according to state Rep. Joe Emrick

(R-Nazareth). Funded with federal and state money, these grants are "Residents of these three municipalities stand to gain great

recreational opportunities as the result of these grants," Emrick said. "I applaud the leaders of these local governments for looking to improve the quality of life for their citizens."

Here are the three grant recipients and the amount of the grants received:

Lower Mt. Bethel Township - \$450,000 for acquisition of more than 173 acres of land along the Delaware River for open space protection and passive recreation.

Tatamy Borough - \$40,000 for improvements to Creekside Park that include landscaping, construction of pavilion and pedestrian walkways and creation of ADA accessibility.

Washington Township - \$150,000 for further development of Washington Township Recreation Complex. These improvements include construction of basketball and pickleball courts; a nature play area; pump park: gaga ball pit: observation deck: dog park: disc golf course: parking area; pedestrian walkways and stormwater management measures; installation of nature play equipment and fitness equipment; ADA accessibility and landscaping.

Questions about this or any legislative issue should be directed to Emrick's district office at (610) 746-5090 or (570) 897-0401.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center **Community Programs, December 2017**

Snowshoes & Hiking Poles Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am-2:30pm Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, usually at least five inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth.

First Day Hikes - Monday, January 1, 10:00 AM or 1:00 PM Get out and get hiking at Jacobsburg on the first day of 2018! Join center educator Lauren Forster for a 2 mile, 2 hour interpretive hike on moderate terrain. We will explore the old growth forest of Henrys Woods and wildlife along the Homestead Trail. The hikes start at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM from the flag pole in front of the visitor center at 400 Belfast Road. Bring comfortable hiking shoes, a water bottle, and wear layers. Registration is required.

You can also view and register for community programs online at http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

American Legion Riders Post 927 Meeting

The American Legion Riders have their monthly meeting on Sunday, January 14 at 10:30am at the American Legion Post 927, Route 209 and Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert,

The American Legion Riders are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships, and enjoy riding.

For more information, contact President Everett Shaver, 570-977-8208 administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. or everett.shaver@vahoo.com. Visit www.ampost927.org and Join us on Facebook

Bangor Borough Vacancies

Bangor Borough is currently seeking borough residents to fill the following vacancies on various Boards and Commissions:

Zoning Hearing Board (3 Seats) Vacancy Board Chairman Planning Commission Park Board (3 Seats) **Borough Authority Board Disruptive Conduct Board - Owner Disruptive Conduct Board - Renter**

Disruptive Conduct Board - Community Member

If you are interested in serving the community, please send a letter of interest by December 29th to the Borough Manager at 197 Pennsylvania Ave., Bangor, PA 18013.

Slate Belt Photography Club

Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Broadway, Bangor, Pa. For more info contact: Ricky Mensch @ Sbpc216@gmail.com

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Tips to Prepare Your Car for Winter



(Family Features) Harsh winter weather can be tough on vehicles, and the last thing any driver needs is to break down. Ensuring your vehicle is winter-ready now is a sensible approach to avoid the inconvenience of being stranded out in the cold.

"An investment of an hour or two to have your vehicle checked is all it takes to have peace of mind and help avoid the cost and hassle of car trouble during severe weather," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council.

The experts at the Car Care Council recommend the following steps to winterize your vehicle:

* For good visibility, make sure that exterior and interior lights work and headlights are properly aimed. Also check to see that heaters, defrosters, lights and wipers work properly. Consider winter wiper blades and use cold weather washer fluid.

* Very cold temperatures reduce a vehicle's battery power so it's important to keep the connections clean, tight and corrosion-free. Batteries don't always give warning signs before they fail completely, so if your vehicle's battery is more than three years old, it's wise to replace it.

* Have the brakes inspected and check the tire tread depth and tire pressure. If snow and ice are a problem in your area, consider special tires designed to grip slick roads. During winter, tire pressure should be checked weekly.

* Winter magnifies existing problems such as pings, hard starts, sluggish performance or rough idling, so have the problems fixed before the temperatures drop.

* Clean, flush and put new antifreeze in the cooling system as needed and have the exhaust system checked for carbon monoxide leaks, which can be especially dangerous during cold weather driving when windows are closed.

* Be diligent about changing the oil and filter at recommended intervals. Consider changing to "winter weight" oil if you live in a cold climate. Check the fuel, air and transmission filters at the same time.

* Keep the gas tank at least half full at all times to decrease the chances of moisture forming in the gas lines and possibly freezing.

* Check the tire pressure of the spare in the trunk and stock an emergency kit with an ice scraper and snowbrush, jumper cables, flashlight, blanket, extra clothes, bottled water, dry food snacks and medication.

* Store important telephone numbers in your cell phone or glove box in case of a breakdown or travel emergency. Also keep a car care resource, such as the Car Care Council's 80-page Car Care Guide, in the glove box as a handy reference tool.

To order a copy of the Car Care Guide or for more information on regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair, visit carcare.org.



16 🚸 FURRY FRIENDS

Dog Photos with Santa Hosted by Slate Belt Animal Advocacy Group

Have your dog(s) photo taken with Santa!

Photos will be taken by appointment in the back room of

Baby Harry's Coffee Co., 34 Broadway, Bangor on **Saturday, Dec. 16th, from 11:00am-2:00pm,** during Christmas on Broadway.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT: First Paypal your payment to BangorPADogPark@gmail.com. Once sent, please message us to choose

your time slot. Receive an 8x10 digital image with copyright release.

** Dogs only, no cats. Reindeer antler headbands and/or scarf will be provided if you would like to use for your picture! (No fleas please!) All dogs must be on leash and owners are responsible for keeping their pet under control at all times. Appointments are in ten minute intervals, please arrive on time.

Questions please email BangorPADogPark@gmail.com.

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BOOTS One minute Boots was curled up in his cozy home. Next minute he found himself abandoned at the shelter after 10 years of love and dedication. What's a distinguished gentleman to do? Our boy just picked himself up, dusted his boots off and found a job to pass the time—he is the self-appointed greeter in our free roaming cat room. What a sweet and sociable guy! Boots is more than ready to move on to the next chapter of his life and we are here to make sure he finds the perfect new home as quickly as possible. Boots is 10 years young,

neutered, declawed, up to date on vaccinations and ready to bring his positive, indomitable spirit into your home to stay. Are you meant to be a part of Boot's bright future? Come

to the shelter and find out, today!

PEANUT Meet our super stud Peanut! Don't let his name fool you—Peanut is part Maine Coon and has the size to prove it. Sweet boy is new to the free roaming cat room at A.W.S.O.M. and he's enjoying every minute of it! During the day, you can find him lounging in a cat tree, greeting visitors, or just chilling in



the window. Rumor has it, Peanut is the party animal of the room. But what happens in the free roaming cat room, stays in the free roaming cat room! Peanut would thrive in a home with other cats or as your one and only. Either way you can expect some lovin' coming your way. Peanut is about 2 years old, neutered, litter trained, up to date on vaccines and ready to come home with you. Won't you come meet Peanut, today?

The AWSOM Animal Shelter is located at 3129 Godfrey Ridge Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Adoptions hours are 11AM to 4PM, 7 days a week. Volunteer opportunities are always available. Stop in or call 570-421-DOGS for more information.

The AWSOM Animal Wellness Center is open Monday thru Friday for all your basic veterinary needs. Check out our low-cost veterinary services, including spay and neutering, vaccinations, dental care and more. Call 570-424-1060 for more information or to make an appointment.

Visit our website at AwsomAnimals.org Facebook: A.W.S.O.M.

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Nazareth Senior Center

15 South Wood Street, Nazareth, PA, 18064. Director: Stacy Walsh Call 610-759-8255 by **11 am day prior for meal reservations**. *We are looking for volunteers to help plan/set up for parties & special events*. Card Games - Everyday 8:30am Morning Stretch - Mondays, 10:00am Bonus Bingo - Tuesdays, and Fridays, 10:00am Penny Bingo - Wednesday, 10:00am

Salvation Army Pen Argyl - Community Lunch Program

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00pm-1:00pm Community Lunch Program, Thursdays after lunch senior program. Food pantry first 4 Tuesdays of the month from 10am-12pm.

Keep These Friends in YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Pray for PA. State Police Cpl. Seth Kelly, Baby Evelyn Hope, Chip Turtzo, Meghan Vasko, Charles Vasko, Andy Svrcek, Martha Fonte, Lucas Fox and Tina Due. Pray For Our Nation.

If you would like to add a name of a loved one, friend or neighbor to the prayer list please send their name to: The Belt and Beyond P. O. Box 33 Bangor PA. 18013 Attn: Prayer list or email us at thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com Subject: Prayer List

Pen Argyl Area High School Senior Day

The Pen Argyl Area High School Senior Day hosted by the officers of the Class of 2020 at Pen Argyl High School will be held on **Friday**, **December 22nd, 8:30am-12:30pm. Doors will open at 8:15 am** Enjoy listening to the sounds of the chorus and jazz band. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for all attendees. Other activities include quoits, tours of the building, technology lessons, and Bingo! This event is open to all senior citizens of the Pen Argyl Area School District. Please RSVP as soon as possible, as space is limited! RSVP by **December 15th.** 610-863-1293 Ext. 1. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Slate Belt Senior Center

Blue Valley Farm Show Complex, 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor Ph 610-588-1224. Hours: 8:00am-3:30pm. Meal Reservations please call by **10:00am, 1 day prior before the meal. Cancellations must be done as soon as possible. Lunch is served at 11:30am. Zumba Gold**, Tuesdays, 10:00 AM **Morning with the arts:** painting, painting clay, coloring and chatting Wednesdays, 8:00-11: AM **Exercise,** Wednesdays 10:00 AM **Pool Tables** available every morning and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons **DECEMBER EVENTS: Christmas Carols, Hot Chocolate and Ugly Sweater contest,** Thursday, December 14th 12:15 PM **Baseball,** Friday, December 15th, 10:00 AM, Christmas Bingo **Deja the Therapy Dog,** Tuesday, December 19th, 10:00 AM

Christmas Games, Build a snowman, Thursday, December 21, 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS PARTY(Pre-registration required) MUSIC WITH BILL REESE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

Left over Cookie and Fruitcake Day (bring all you want to get rid of) Officers Council Meeting, Thursday, December 28, 9:00 AM Events Meeting, Thursday, December 28th, 1:00 PM NEW YEAR'S MEAL, Friday, December 29

Senior Center Listings

Slate Belt Senior Center

707 American Bangor Road, Bangor, PA (Blue Valley Farm Show Building) 610-588-1224 • Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Easton Area Lifestyle Campus 3201 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 610-829-3201 • Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Nazareth: The Border House 15 South Wood Street, Nazareth, PA. 610-759-8255 • Hours: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Monroe County Senior Center LODER SENIOR CENTER, 62 Analomink St. in East Stroudsburg • Phone 570-420-3745

Hours 8 am – 1:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Easton Area Lifestyle Campus eeping you in you 3201 Sullivan Trail, Easton, 610-829-3201, Director - Debbie Mertz **KIND-HEARTED** With I ndependence & Hours 8:00-4:00 Monday thru Friday. For meal reservation please call by HANDS 591 N. Nottle Ave. Pen Argyl. PA 10:00am, 1 day prior before the meal. **Phone:** 610-863-5432 Mondays: Fit w/Darla 10:00am **Call:** 610-390-9875 Ceramics 12:00 noon www.kindheartedhands.com Bingo 12:30pm **SERVICES OFFERED** Tuesdays: Games 10:00am Companionship • Respite Care • Meal Preparation Billiards 12:30pm Cleaning • Grocery Shopping and more Crazy Bingo 12:30pm Providing Non-Hedical Care for Seniors, Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00am Mexican Train /LCR 10:00am New Hother's and those with Special Needs All Hands on Deck 12:30pm We offer a few hours a day or 24/7 days a week if needed Thursday: Wii Bowling Zingers & Ringers Art /Pam Friday: League Shuffleboard 10:00am TRADITIONAL, *Continuing the* MEMORIAL, Bingo 12:30pm Tradition of CREMATION AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Excellence FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES PRENEED SERVICES 12/19 Now U Have It, Now U Don't Birthday Bingo **Gaffney Parsons** 12/21 Christmas Sing-a-Long James B. Gaffney James B. Gaffney Funeral Home & 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS Funeral Home Funeral Home Cremation Services, Inc. **CENTER CLOSED 12/26,27,28,29** Donna L. Gaffney, Curtis L. Parsons, Kelly Gaffney Parsons. Warning: Playing Bingo may make you Ugly! Supervisor Supervisor Supervisor 610-588-4522 610-863-6152 610-588-2128 Slate Belt Senior Center "Deck The Halls" 314 South First Street, 200 South Robinson Avenue, 4 Lillian Lane (Village of Johnsonville), Bangor, PA 18013 Pen Argyl, PA 18072 Bangor, PA 18013 BINGO **December 14 & 21** Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company Main Fire House Hall, 115 Interchange Rd, Kresgeville **December 15 & 22** Wind Gap Fire Company

Submitted by Marcia Schiavone Seniors from the Slate Belt Senior Center get ready to "Deck The Halls" with their handcrafted Christmas ornaments. L-R Shirley Englert, Loni Haring, Dorothy Gruppo, Mary Jane Messinger, and Marian Dennis.

> "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream..." - C. S. Lewis

Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts at 6:45 PM Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts 6:45 PM **December 16 & 23 Bangor VFW** Doors open at 3:30 PM • Bingo starts at 6:00 PM **December 17 & 24 Immaculate Conception** Doors open at 11:00 AM • Bingo starts at 1:00 PM **December 19 & 26** Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 State Street. Portland 7:00 PM Klecknersville Rangers Vol. Fire Co. 2718 Mountain View Drive, Moore Township Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts at 7:00 PM **December 20 & 27 Bushkill Vol Fire Company** Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts at 7:00 PM

20 🛷 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

New Releases in The Bangor Public Library

Adult Non Fiction - West of Eden by Jean Stein. Adult Fiction - Sun Kissed by Catherine Anderson; Long, Tall Christmas by Janet Dailey; Always Red; Chasing Red by Isabelle Ronin.



Junior Fiction - Attack of the Legion of Doom by Jim Krieg; Cosmic Clash; Justice League vs. Bizarro League by J.E. Bright; Middle School: Get Me out of Here by James Patterson.

Easy Reader Fiction - Flat Stanley and the Lost Treasure; Flat Stanley and the Missing Pumpkins by Lori Haskins Houran; Jasper and Joop; Ollies Easter Eggs by Oliver Dunrea; Duck, Duck Dinosaur by K. George; Something More by Eric Geron; Pua and Heihei by Mary Tillworth; Best Reading Buddies by Jane O'Connor; Pete the Cats Train Trip by James Dean; Mouse Loves Snow by Lauren Thompson.

Easy Fiction - Dinosaurs; The Right Track by Apple Jordan; Monsters.

New Editions at the Blue Mt Community Library

New Adult Fiction: Origin, Dan Brown; Miss Burma, Charmaine Craig; The Saturday Evening Girl's Club, Jane Healey; The Surrogate, Louise Jensen; The Sixes, Kate White; Magnolia Nights, Ashley Farley; The Midnight Line, Lee Child; Redeployment, Phil Klay. **New Large Print:** Lilac Lane, Sherryl Woods; Dead



of Winter, Wendy Corsi Staub; The Rooster Bar, John Grisham; Winter Solstice, Elin Hilderbrand; Two Kinds of Truth, Michael Connelly **New Non-fiction:** A Target on my Back, Erleigh Wiley; Lucky 666, Bob Drury; Sisters First, Jenna Hager

New Young Adult: If There's No Tomorrow, Jennifer Armentrout; Turtles All The Way Down, John Green; Crenshaw, Katherine Applegate **New Juvenile:** Maverick and Me, Katherine Schwarzenegger; La La La, Kate DiCamillo; Invisible Emmie, Terri Libenson; Rain Forest Relay; The Wish Tree, Kyo Maclear; Thank You, Mr. Panda, Steve Antony

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are Mon.-Sat., 10 am-Noon, and Mon.-Thurs., 6-8 pm. Call 610-863-3029 for information or visit www.bmcl.org. Find us on Facebook at www. facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

Arctic Uprisings By Robert L. Martin

The days and nights in their endless calm, Nestled into Mother Nature's palm, Are sound asleep in the immobile air, A listless hovering without a care.

Peace is too quiet and beauty too soft, With no stirring or commotion aloft, December's air is in its abnormal state, A respite before the oncoming quake.



Arctic uprisings with their vigilant eyes, Sitting at home in the deep northern skies, Drifting southward with ice in their veins, Add winter's spice to the post autumn rains. Lo and behold, a new sighting from the storm, A blanket of snow one early December morn'.

The Toughest Christmas Job by Jill E. Silvius

My tree's decorated, and the calendar's thin. It's time for awarding "Employee of the Year." Who are the hardworking ones most likely to win? <u>Here are th</u>e contenders, so get ready to cheer!

First hero: Santa Claus, of tales and songs galore. Who else would toil far up north for most of the year? (As I write, it's warm – only minus forty-four! He's guzzling hot cocoa with his elves and reindeer).

They're his only company. They don't get out much. His public claims he wasn't always jolly Claus; he's tall and dignified, according to the Dutch, and patron saint of thieves. They don't get much applause.

Deliver billions without bursting into flame? He'd have to travel at almost the speed of light. Through teensy chimneys, he has to squeeze his wide frame. What pressure! A year's work comes down to just one night!

There are other contenders for tough Christmas job. The reindeer are second. They have to pull Santa's sleigh. Reindeer games are still exclusive and make Rudolph sob. And that overflowing sleigh – how much must that weigh?!

Should the prize go to one of Santa's many elves? Santa's helpers deal with an endless "to do" list, making dolls and trucks, even toys like themselves! They design and build. If they mess up, they're dismissed.

Next: the man trying to please his love for Christmas. "Something unusual and rare," she said she wanted. But partridges? Pear trees? Not chocolates and a kiss? Five golden rings! Yet the poor man seemed undaunted.

He found not one gift, but three hundred sixty-four! What's that cost? Twenty-four thousand bucks is the sum. He'll need two jobs: for next year, his true love wants more. Platinum rings, a pear forest, cows, pipe, and drum.

Joseph didn't have it easy. Picture neighbors' sneers at Mary's bump. Imagine their cruel voices. Imagine his frustration, his concern, and tears as he helped Mary. Did he question his choices?

Mary had a tough job. She was so young. That donkey didn't exist. Mary walked eighty miles to Bethlehem. She gave birth in the scent of dung, bearing pains but greeting her newborn son with smiles.

Of all tough jobs, Jesus deserves the loudest Christmas praise. His nursery smelled. He had no blanket of fleece. No royal subjects greeted him on the first of his days. He gave his throne for the cross, and, someday, for peace.

His job was toughest. Jesus Christ was born to die, marked as the perfect gift when he was heaven-sent. While we can laugh at a Christmas employee prize,

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22 🕈 RELIGIOUS SERVICES -

Ackermanville United Methodist

1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor, PA., (just off Rt. 191in Ackermanville), 9 AM Sunday School, 10 AM Worship Rev Alice Ann Bonham, (610) 588-7818 www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Arndt's Lutheran Church

1851 Arndt Road, Easton, PA 18040, 610-253-3732 Worship: Sat. 6:00 PM, Sun. at 8:15 AM Communion; 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School; 9:30 AM. Confirmation; 10:30 AM Worship. Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

Tue. - 10:00 AM Open Arms; 7:00 PM Boy Scouts & Bible Study. Thur. - 10:00 AM Open Arms

Summer Worship Hours - One service at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings. The Saturday communion service 6:00 PM Email: arndts.lutheranchurch@rcn. Website: www.arndtslutheran.org

Bangor Church of the Nazarene

150 Bunny Trail, Bangor 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:40 AM Worship Powerhouse Praise Practice 5 PM Teen Straight Talk & Small Groups 6 PM Kenneth L. Bean, Pastor, (610) 588-6929

Belfast Bible

483 Belfast Road, Belfast 9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages) 10:45 AM Worship, Evening Service 7 PM Pastor Michael Yaworski

Belfast Wesley United Methodist

607 School Street, Belfast 9:00 AM Children & Adult Sunday School, 10 AM Worship, followed by coffee fellowship. Pastor Paul Milligan, (610) 746-3652

Benders Mennonite Church

975 Benders Church Road, Pen Argyl 10:10 AM Worship, Food Bank 3rd Saturday of the month 9 AM - 11 AM Church Play: A Night with the Angels, Friday, December 8th 6:30pm. Free Admission – Snow Date Sunday, December 10th (610) 863-9114

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion

7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt 611) Martins Creek 9 AM Sunday School, 10 AM Worship Pastor Rick Tunis, (610) 250- 9809 www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church

419 Bossardsville Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 570-992-4085, www.christhamilton.org, email: chulc@ptd.net Worship Services @ 8:15am & 11:00 am Sunday school for 3 year olds thru adults @ 9:30am

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

703 S. Delaware Dr (Rt 611) Stone Church/Mt. Bethel 610-588-7056 e: celcpaorg@yahoo.com Sunday School 9am (Sept-May) Worship 10am;communion 1st & 3rd Sunday www.celcpa.org

Community Baptist

Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl 7 PM Bible Study, Separate class for age 10 & under

Clearfield Bible Holiness Church

1502 Bushkill Center Road, Wind Gap 10:30 AM Sunday School, 11:15 AM & 2 PM Worship 7 PM Thursday Prayer Meeting

Pastor Mike Beck, (570) 369-6563 Community Church

Mount Pocono Location -1050 Memorial Blvd., Tobyhanna, PA 18466 - SUNDAYS 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm The Burgs Location - 2000 Milford Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18301 SUNDAYS 11:00 am

Community Presbyterian

1755 S. Delaware Drive, Mount Bethel 9:15 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Coffee hour on last Sunday of every month following service cpcmbp@peoplepc.com 2nd Wednesday - Community Eucharistic worship service beginning on Feb. 8th at 2:00PM (570) 897-6766, www.yourcpchurch.com

Cross Road Baptist Church

201 S Second Street, Bangor 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:45 AM Worship Wednesday 7 pm Prayer/Bible Study 2nd Sunday of Month Free Meal 4-5:30 pm Breaking Bread Soup Kitchen Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor, 610-588-3966 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.com

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church 10 AM Worship/Communion

136 West Central Avenue, East Bangor, PA Sundays - 8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 AM Worship Service w/Kids Church, 10:30 AM Adult Forum, After-Church Fellowship (Last Sunday), 4:00-5:30 PM Free Dinner (1st Sunday) 2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM U.M.W. "Esther Circle Thursdays - 6:30 PM Bazaar Workshop; 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Saturdays - 8:00 PM AA Meeting Pastor David Goss (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message (610) 588-3896 www.ebumc.org

Faith Alive Community Church

10 Mechanic Street, Wind Gap 10 AM Worship, 10:45 AM Children's Church and Next Level (Grades 7-12) Pastor Matthew Whistler, (610) 863-6911 www.faccpa.org

Faith United Presbyterian

218 W. Penna. Avenue, Pen Argyl Tues: Faith Quilters-1PM Wed: Adult Bible Study-10AM Sun: Choir 9AM, Worship/Church School 10 AM Rev. Ruth Ann Christopher (610) 863-4447

Family Life Community Church

1115 Řichmond Road, Bangor Wednesday: Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8:30 PM (Kids ages 6 thru 6th grade), Thursday: Teen Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8:30 PM (Grades 7th thru 9th) 10 AM Worship Service Pastor Mike Poppa, (610) 588-3736,

www.flccbangor.com

Faith Lutheran Church, LCMS

2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton (Forks Township) Phone, 610-253-1625 email: faithlcms@outlook.com Sunday Worship 8am and 10:30am. Sunday School for all, 9:15am. Holy Communion celebrated, each service Rev. Christopher Crume Christian Preschool (ages 2 1/2 to 4)

First United Evangelical

25 South 2nd Street, Bangor Sun.: Morning Worship at 10:00 AM Wed. Eve.: Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7 PM Pastor Ronald Shipman, (610)-588-3226

First United Methodist Church

55 N. 3rd St., Bangor Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am. Communion served the first Sunday of every month. Children's message and Sunday school during worship. Christmas Eve services will be held at our normal Sunday worship time at 11:00 am, and then have two evening services at 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm.

Pastor Chris Hardy 610-588-4673 www.FirstUMCBangor.com www.facebook.com/rstUnitedMethodistChurchBangor Come as you are. All are welcome!

Faith Family Fellowship

1002 Bushkill Center Road, Nazareth Sundays: 10 AM Worship Service with fellowship time to follow

Pastor Robert Hampton, 484-408-9624

Flicksville United Church of Christ

1337 Lower South Main Street, Bangor, PA 18013 610-588-4648 www.flicksvilleucc.org Sunday School 9:30a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45a.m. Service will include local musical talent

First United Methodist

19 West & Water Street, Wind Gap 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Worship/Communion 11 AM Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month Pastor John Vidal (570) 426-0645

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church

2904 Church Road, Martins Creek 9 AM Worship, Adult Bible, Study following worship Pastor Louise Williams

Grace Lutheran Church

5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth 9 AM Service, 10:15 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Adult Forum (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist Church

404 Mountain Avenue, Pen Argyl 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 10 AM Blended Service, Sunday School Rev. J. Timothy Fisher (610) 863-4811

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Sundays 6:30 PM Vespers Saturday

(570) 421-4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org

Hopesprings Community of Faith

301 Market Street, Bangor Meeting time 10:00 AM

855-info-hope., www.hopespringscommunity.org

Hope Lutheran Church

240 S. 8th Street, Tatamy, PA

Pastor Herbert Dolich 9:00am Sunday School classes and Bible Study (Sept.-May)

10:30am Worship services(Sept.-June)

Hope UCC

701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap Worship will begin at 10:30 and Sunday School will begin at 9:15 am. Communion is the first of the month.

AA Meetings - Sundays at 7:00 PM; Mon. & Tues. Mornings at 10:00 AM; Wed. at 7:00 PM (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church

396 Sterling Road Unit D, Tobyhanna Thursday: 6-7 PM Christian Education, Sunday: 9:15 AM Christian Education, 10:30 AM Worship

Rev. Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters

(570) 350-4710 or (570) 629-5581 livingwaterscc@aol.com

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651, Route 115, Saylorsburg www.arshavidya.org

Mount Bethel Church

1270 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt. Bethel Pastor Chris Priestaf, (570) 897-7142 Little Friends Preschool (570) 897-7797 email office@mountbethelchurch.org www.mountbethelchurch.org Sunday Service Schedule 8:30 & 11am Worship Services

9:45 Confirmation and Sunday School

Mount Eaton Church

7277 Mt. Eaton Road, Saylorsburg Services: 6:30 PM Saturday, 8 AM Sunday Traditional, 10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary, 6 PM Sunday Youth Group, Wednesdays: 7 PM Family Night, 8:30 PM Young Adults' Group Pastor Doug Hayes, (570) 992-7050 mounteatonchurch.org

Nazareth Moravian Church

4 South Main Street, Nazareth, (610) 759-3163, nazarethmoravian.org

Sundays - 9:30am Worship;Fall Hours begin on September 10th - 8:15 Worship; 9:30 Sunday School; 10:45 Worship Installation of Board Members. Bible Presentation 5:30pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Girl Scouts 9/10, 9/24 Wednesdays-6:00pm Weight Watchers: 7:00pm Bible Study Thursdays-6:30pm Bell Choir: 7:15pm Senior Choir

Sept. 10th- 10:45 Worship Installation of Board Members, Bible Presentation Sept. 17th - Fellowship-After Worship

Sept. 24th - Moravian Music Sunday

Northampton God\'s Missionary Church

4965 Nor Bath Blvd, Northampton, PA Sundays: 10:00 AM, and 7:00 PM Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. (call for location) Rev. Rodney Keister, (610) 262-4412 www.gmc-n.com

Our Lady of Good Counsel

436 South 2nd Street, Bangor 4 PM Saturday, 8:30 AM Sunday Pastor Stephen L. Maco, (610) 588-5445

Portland Baptist Church

601 Delaware Avenue, Portland 9 AM Sunday School, 10 AM Fellowship, 10:20 AM Worship, 6-7:30 PM AWANA Youth Group/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Handicap accessible

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor Every 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at 5:30 PM Worship & Holy Communion Sundays: 9:45 AM Worship & Communion Rev. Michael J. Scholtes, (610) 588-2355 www.popbangor.org

Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto

Sunday 10:45 AM Worship Service Rev. Albert Martin, (610) 588-4864 www.presbyparishbangorroseto.webs.com

Presbyterian Church of the Mountain

Church Lane, Delaware Water Gap (570) 476-0345 Sunday Worship Service: 10 AM in the Sanctuary Holy Communion: 1st Sunday of each month Praise Team: 2nd Sunday of each month Sunday School: during worship in the Fellowship House for ages 0-12 (childcare and class) Choir Rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship House

Choir Room, Deacons Meeting: Last Sunday of each month at 11 AM, Session: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM, Bible Study: each Monday at 7 PM

Richmond United Methodist Church

8538 Delaware Drive (Route 611), Bangor One Sunday Service at 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School at 10:00 AM Christmas Eve Worship 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (610) 588-7317 www.richmondumc.com

Refiner's Fire Ministry

100 Division Street, Portland Sundays: Prayer 9:15 am Worship 10:00 am Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm Friday Night Redemption (Christ-centered, 12 step meeting) 8:00pm Pastors Phil and Jessica Karasiewicz

570-583-3101

refinersfireministry2006@gmail.com

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist Church

1620 Church Road, Pen Argyl Every Tuesday: Mixed Martial Arts/Self Defense 7-8:15 PM, Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided) Adult Bible study is at 5:30, AWANA is at 5:30 Pastor Dustin Ulrich, (610) 863-9274

The Roseto Independent Presbyterian Church

210 Garibaldi Avenue, Roseto 9:15 AM Greeting, 9:30 AM Service Rev. Barry Eng, (610) 599-9949 www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org

Salem UCC

2218 Community Drive Bath PA 18014 Worship 8:00 AM; Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Junior Choir 9:00 AM; Worship 10:15 AM Sundays Cub Pack 50 1:00 PM First & Third Mon. of the month Pinochle Club 11 AM-2:30 PM Third Monday of the month Consistory Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesdays Boy Scout Troop 50 6:30-8:00 PM & Senior Choir 7:00 PM Wednesdays Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Pastor Donald Brown, (610) 759-1652

www.salemuccbathpa.org

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church

301 Madison Avenue, Nazareth 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rev. William Martin, (610) 746-3910, www.stbrigidspa.org

St. Elizabeth's Parish

300 West Babbitt, Pen Argyl Masses: 5 PM Saturday, 8 AM, 9:30 AM & 11 AM Sunday (570) 897-6866, www.portlandbaptistchurch.com Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. (610) 863-4777

St. Luke's UCC

471 Belfast Road Belfast (Nazareth), PA Worship 9:30 am - 1st Sunday of month Holy Communion Pastor Frank Gassler, (610) 759-0244 www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal

340 Lehigh Street, Wind Gap 9 AM Eucharist, Coffee hour follows service. Carols, Lessons and Holy Eucharist service at 9 a.m. on December 24th. There will be no Christmas Day service The Rev.Canon Joel Atkinson, priest in charge. (610) 863-8007 saintmarvwindgap.webs.com

St. Matthew's UCC

102 Church Rd., Kunkletown, PA 18058 610-381-2442 www.stmattsucckunkletown.com Traditional worship is 9 AM weekly, w/Communion on the 1st Sun, of the month. Country Gospel worship 12 PM 2nd Sun. of each month Sunday School meets 10:30-11:30 AM weekly. The Nursery, for infants and children up to age 5, is available during 9 AM worship during the Family Table service Oct. 28: Trunk-or-Treat from 2:30 to 4 PM

Oct. 29: The annual Halloween 10:30-11:30 AM

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran

12 North Westbrook, Pen Argyl 8:45 AM Sunday School, 10 AM Worship (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal

1440 Verona Drive, Pen Argyl 11 AM Eucharist, Coffee hour after service Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 11 a.m. There will be no Christmas Day service.

The Rev. Canon Joel Atkinson, priest in charge.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

1422 Church Road, Pen Argyl 8 AM & 10:15 AM Services, 9 AM Sunday School, 7 PM Praise Band (610) 863-6859 www.stpetersplainfield.com

St. Peter's UCC

401 Broad Street, Tatamy 10:00 AM worship all year; 10:00 AM Sunday school Sept.-May. Interim Pastor, Darlene Blocker, (610) 252-6515

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic

Delaware Avenue, Portland 6 PM Saturday, 10:30 AM Sunday Rev. Stephen L. Maco, (610) 588-5445

The Salvation Army

301 W. Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072 610-863-6677

Sundays: 10 AM Sunday School, Sunday services every Sunday from 11:00am-12:00pm.

Tuesdays: Food Bank 10 AM-12 PM Wednesdays: Knitting & Crocheting 10 AM-12 PM

Thurs: 10:30-11:30 AM Home League Women's group. Free Lunch for Seniors: Tues.-Thurs. 12 PM

The Pentecostal Christian Church

the Truth (Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)

4 Jory Avenue, Pen Argyl 12 PM Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 1 PM Praise & Worship (Cuho Evanglistico) All invited to Bilingual Services

Rev. Frank Pons, (570) 807-7794

Temple Israel of the Poconos

Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue 711 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg Sabbath Services: Friday 8 PM followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat Saturday 9:30 AM followed by a traditional Kiddush. Services conducted in both Hebrew & English in a warm, welcoming, Jewish environment. Hebrew School for ages 4-13 Dr. Sandra Alfonsi, 570-223-7062

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran

404 Broadway, Bangor Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am Pastor Laine, 610-588-2023 www.tlcbangor.com

Trinity United Church of Christ

632 South Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel Sunday School 9:15 am & Worship 10:30 am. Rev. Rodnev W. Wells. (610) 588-1989

Zion Presbyterian Church

Water Street, Wind Gap 9:30 AM Service, Children's Sunday School during service. Visitors are welcomed!

Rev. Sam Huffard

Zion United Lutheran Church

1919 Route 209 in Brodheadsville. Worship: Saturdays 5:00 PM informal spoken service, Sundays 8:00 AM with recorded music and 10:30 AM with choir. Sunday School for all ages @ 9:15 AM. Christmas Eve Worship: Candlelight services with Holy Communion at 3:30, 7:30 and 10:00 PM. The Rev. E. Ann Melot~ ELCA 570-992-6988 www.zionulc.com

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