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and A Happy New Year!

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DECEMBER NATIONAL DAYS

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

BHS Band Winter Concert

Bangor Area High School bands winter concert will be held on **Thursday December 21, 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 and share in the holiday joy! For more information visit: bahsbands.weebly.com

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.



Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Christmas Eve Church Services

ACKERMANVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Traditional Service will be held at 10:00am. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 7:00pm. 1410 Ackermanville Rd, Bangor, PA 18013.

ARNDT'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:00am Regular Service, 5:30pm, Candelight and Communion, 7:30pm Candelight and Choir, 9:30pm Candelight and Special Music. 1851 Arndt Rd, Easton, PA 18040 BANGOR CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm. 150 Bunny Trail Rd, Bangor, PA 18013 CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STONE CHURCH

Sunday morning, 10:00am Celebrate the 4th Sunday in Advent, Sunday evening, 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. No service on Monday, Christmas Day 703 S. Delaware Drive (RT 611), Mt. Bethel (Village of Stone Church), PA 18343 www.celcpa.org

COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 23 & 24 multiple services times. This Christmas you are invited to start a new family tradition at Community Church! Get ready for the Christmas experience of a lifetime. We're bringing Rockefeller to the Poconos! Begin with a spectacular, indoor creative performance, including some of your favorite Christmas songs and an awe-inspiring candlelight experience. Then travel outside into our Winter Wonderland, where you will encounter the authentic sights, sounds and and scents of Christmas. Take a few laps around the FREE ice-skating rink, and snap a great picture with Santa at our massive Christmas tree. Don't forget to hop on a Sleigh Ride and visit the Petting Zoo, as you enjoy hot cocoa and toasted s'mores from one of the many glowing fire pits. If you've been looking for a new way to make Christmas special this year, please join Community Church for Winter Wonderland! Tickets to Winter Wonderland are required for everyone and totally FREE! Register online at http://www.mycommunity.church Childcare is available during the indoor portion of the experience. Community Church 1050 Memorial Boulevard, Tobyhanna, PA 18466.

EAST BANGOR UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christmas Cantata, "Let There Be Christmas" (by Joseph Martin) at the 9:15am worship service on Sunday, December 24th. 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service of Carols and Candlelighting. Please join us for this Christmas Eve day of songs of praise. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit ebumc.org. 136 W. Central Ave. (RT 512), East Bangor. PA. 18013

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve: Services: 7 pm and 11 pm. Both will have Communion and be candlelit. 55 North 3rd St., Bangor.

FLICKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service with Candles, Carols and Communion 7:00pm,

1337 Lower S. Main St., Bangor GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:00am Morning Worship Service, 4:00pm Candlelight Contemporary Family Service 7:00pm Candlelight Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols.

404 E Mountain Ave, Pen Argyl, PA 18072 HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Christmas Eve Service 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 701 Cherry St. Wind Gap, PA 18091.

HOPESPRINGS COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Christmas Eve Worship 5:30pm. 301 Market Street, Bangor. MT. BETHEL CHURCH

Mt. Bethel Church, 1270 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt Bethel, PA. Morning Worship 10:00am, Family-friendly Candelighting Service 5:00pm, Traditional Candlelight Service 10:00pm. www.mtbethelchurch.org

MOUNT EATON CHURCH

Morning Worship 10:00am, Family-friendly Candelighting Service 5:00pm, Traditional Candlelight Service 10:00pm.

1270 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt Bethel, PA 18343. http://www.mountbethelchurch.org

PENTECOSTAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH THE TRUTH

Christmas Eve Sunday Service will start at 10:00am, New Year's Eve service is at 9:00pm 4 Jory Avenue Pen- Argyl PA.

PRINCE OF PEACE Worshin & Holy Communion 9:45

Worship & Holy Communion 9:45am, Christmas Eve - 6:00pm & 9:00pm. 2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor. REFINERS FIRE MINISTRY

Christmas Eve Morning Service 10:00am, Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 6:30pm, 100 Division Street, Portland, PA.

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Christmas Eve Services Continued

RICHMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve Worship 10:00am. and 7:00pm. 8538 Delaware Drive (Route 611), Bangor, PA. 18013 www.richmondumc.com

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Salem UCC located in Bath (Community Drive) will hold a family Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7:00pm and Candlelight service at 11:00pm. Rev. John Dech will be leading the service.

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MOORESTOWN

will hold a family Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7:00pm and Candlelight service at 11:00pm. Rev. John Dech will be leading the service. 2218 Community Drive, Bath, PA. 18014 salemuccbathpa.org

ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service December 24th 11:00 am. There will be no Christmas Day service. The Rev. Canon Joel Atkinson, Priest in Charge. 1440 Verona Dr., West Bangor, PA. 18013

ST LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BELFAST

Christmas Eve 10:30 a.m. regular service, Christmas Eve 7:00-8:00 p.m. Candlelight service 8:00-9:15 p.m. Quiet Communion. 471 Belfast Rd. Nazareth. PA.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dec. 24th Carols, Lessons and Holy Eucharist service at 9 a.m. There will be no Christmas Day Service. The Rev. Joel Atkinson, Priest in Charge. 340 Lehigh Ave. Wind Gap, PA. 18091

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

No Morning Worship, Worship 1:30pm, Family Service 7:00pm, Candlelight Service 10:15pm. 1422 Church Rd., Pen Argyl, PA.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bangor December 24th - 4th Sunday in Advent 9:00am Sunday School, 10:15am Worship with Holy Communion, 7:00pm Family Candlelight Service of Holy Communion, 11:00pm Festival Candlelight Service of Holy Communion. 404 Broadway, Bangor PA. 18013 tlcbangor.com

New to the Neighborhood

The Slate Belt Chamber held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday, December 18th for Forza Sports Retail Store, located at 4 North Robinson Avenue Pen Argyl, PA.





L-R Stephen Reider, Director Slate Belt Rising, Alisha Turull, Executive Asst. Forza Sports, Senator Mario Scavello, Jason Glime, owner Forza Sports; Abby Perich, Warehouse Manager Forza Sports; and Karen Klinger, Operations Manager Forza Sports, State Representative Marcia Hahn, and Laura McClain Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce.

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Horn's Outdoor, Inc.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Horn's Outdoor, Inc.!



May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with warmth, peace and love. Merry Christmas from the staff of The Belt and Beyond.

Christmas and The Power of Love By Kathleen McFall

Christmas celebrates our remarkable gift from God. He wants us to receive the blessings He has for us because He loves us with an everlasting and unfailing love. When Christ was born, so was our hope. Christmas is the story of the power of God's love.

At Christmas we are reminded, that the same God who created Heaven and earth loved us enough to set aside all that power and come into the world as a vulnerable infant child. Our Creator became one of us. There is no greater love than this.

As Christian author and preacher Max Lucado noted: "God became one of us so we could become one with Him."

John 3:16, one of the most beloved verses in the Bible, states: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jesus understood and experienced first hand that life can bring heartache. Today we read blaring headlines about devastation, violence, and predators in the workplace. How does the Lord help us through such times?

He gives us the strength and encouragement to cope with life's challenges. Christ heals the brokenhearted and accepts our weaknesses. He lifts us through faith.

Philosopher Clarence Smithison said that "Faith is the ability to see the invisible, believe in the incredible, and receive...the impossible."

How awesome it is to be a part of the compassion and love of Christmas.

Worship is more than something we attend, more than songs, more than a message. It is an encounter with a mighty God who fills us with His presence. Worship is not only inspiring. It is life changing.

God did not choose one race, one country or one language. He chose us all, and the message of love is meant to bless our lives with joy and hope.

Cherish every moment with loved ones and share all that God is doing in our lives. Presence, not presents, is sometimes the greatest way to love another - listening as we share our thoughts, concerns and our hopes. Our lives are fuller for God created us to love and be loved.

There's just something special about people paying attention, noticing, and caring. Let us be joyful for family and friends but always remember that Jesus truly is the One who makes our lives complete.

With God's love, we can endure pain, forgive freely, and help each other.

What is it about authentic love that touches our hearts? Why does the simple phrase "I love you" evoke such universal joy? We innately desire to connect. When we understand who God is and how He loves us, fear evaporates. Our joy is inextricably tied to our capacity to love.

Jesus Christ was filled with gentleness, kindness, mercy and unfathomable compassionate love. He basks in our triumphs and pulls us up from the depths of darkness.

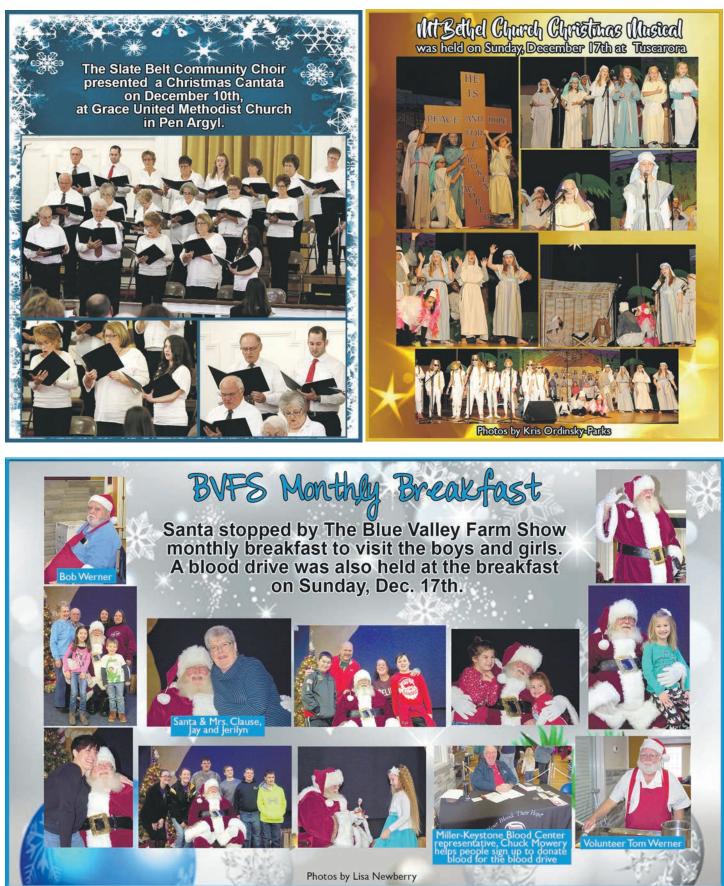
Christmas is a magical season dedicated to giving, not receiving; to caring, not critiquing. If only the Christmas miracle could be lived and experienced year round.

Our world can be hectic and stressful. Let's invite Jesus, the source of peace, to enter our world and find hope. There is no limit to his love.

The power of love expresses that we care. It gives meaning, direction and purpose to our lives. It meets our needs and desires. It makes our lives complete. Love is greater than any gift. 1 Corinthians 13:13 states: "Three things will last forever: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

As we approach this New Year, may God's light shine upon us with the warmth of His love and fill us with peace. May we reflect joyfully on all the people who have touched our lives with love, kindness and grace.

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Merry Christmas

Blue Valley Farm Show

Sponsored By Bangor Exchange Club 707 American Bangor Rd. Bangor, PA 610-588-2818 Fairchild's Concrete 1920 S. Delaware Dr. Mt Bethel, PA 570-897-0116

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NEW YEAR EVENTS

PEEPSFEST®

Annual two-day New Year's Eve festival celebrating the fun and excitement of the PEEPS® Brand at the iconic SteelStacks in Bethlehem, PA. Family friendly activities, PEEPS® Chick Drop -a 4-feet, 9-inches tall, 200-pound lit PEEPS® Chick that descends at 5:15 p.m. on Dec. 31 to commemorate the beginning of an exciting new year at SteelStacks in Bethlehem.

Hours: Dec. 30: 10am-4pm and Dec. 31: 10am-5:30pm http://www.steelstacks.org/festivals/peepsfest/ Location: ArtsQuest Center at Steel Stacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA. 18015

NEW YEAR HIKES AT JACOBSBURG PARK

First Day Hikes-Monday, January 1st, 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/. .

NEW YEAR'S DAY BINGO

Portland Hook and Ladder Co. #1 will hold its traditional New Year's Day Bingo Monday January 1st.. Doors open at 10:00am and bingo starts at 2:00pm. Kitchen will be open. For more information contact 570-656-2129

Blue Vally Farm Show All-YOU-CAN-EAT

Pork and Saverkraut Dinner

Monday, January 1st, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road (Route 512 between Bangor and Pen Argyl) For more information call 610-588-2689.

THE NEW YEAR'S DAY TRADITION OF PORK AND SAUERKRAUT

This tradition of eating pork and sauerkraut on New Year's day is both German and Pennsylvania Dutch. The story goes like this: A Pennsylvania Dutch tradition says that it's good luck to eat pork for the new year because pigs forage forward for their food & don't look back.





New Year's Traditions

There are many New Year's traditions we observe to ring in the new year. Many of these traditions in various cultures involve food. One common food eaten is black eyed peas. Some say they resemble coins and are thought to bring good luck to those who eat them. Pork is another food that is said to bring good luck. Pigs move forward while rooting for food. In many cultures it is custom to eat pork on New Year's and believed your life will move forward if you eat pork.

One Russian New Year's tradition is to write a wish for the upcoming year on a piece of paper, then burn the paper and place the ashes in a glass of champagne, which needs to be consumed before the New Year for the wish to come true.

In Spain eating 12 grapes as the clock strikes midnight is said to bring good fortune for all 12 months of the upcoming year. According to tradition, whoever eats 12 grapes as the clock chimes (one for each of the twelve chimes) will have good luck and a prosperous year.

In Peru one of the most interesting New Year's traditions is the custom of telling the next year's fortunes with the use of potatoes. Three potatoes are placed under a chair or sofa, one peeled, one half peeled and one unpeeled. At exactly midnight, one potato is chosen at random, and is said to predict the incoming year's finances. The peeled potato signifies no money, the half-peeled potato a regular year and the unpeeled potato a great financial bounty in the year ahead.

In Ireland New Year's Day, known as the "Day of the Buttered Bread" in Gaelic, is traditionally marked by banging loaves of bread on doors and walls to chase the bad luck out of a house and to invite good spirits in.

In Chile putting money in the bottom of your shoe is said to bring prosperity for the new year. In Greece, the custom of eating Vasilópita, a cake that contains a coin or other small object. It is said that whoever gets the slice of cake with the coin or object will have good luck in the new year.

Whatever festive traditions you observe to ring in the new year may it be a happy one filled with family, friends, and food.

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Slate Belt Ymca To Add Gymnasium, Swimming Pool

December 19, 2017– After many years of discussion, the Slate Belt YMCA in Pen Argyl is proud to announce the latest steps in its expansion plans with the receipt of funding for construction of a natatorium and gymnasium at its 315 Pennsylvania Ave. facility.



"This is an exciting moment for our community," said Greater Valley YMCA President/CEO David Fagerstrom. "We're looking forward to the fitness opportunities this will provide for our members, as well as the relationships we look to build with the Bangor and Pen Argyl Area school districts, whose swim teams may train and compete in the pool."

The funding, which amounts to \$250,000 annually for 20 years, became available through passage by the state Legislature of House Bill 271, which expands gambling in Pennsylvania. The legislation, also known as Act 42 of 2017, supports fee payments casinos make to local communities through the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act's Local Share Account.

"The funding is generated solely by the Mount Airy Casino in Mount Pocono, so no taxpayer dollars are directly used in supporting these grants," said state Rep. Marcia Hahn (R-Bushkill Township), in whose district the YMCA sits. "I sat in on discussions about the swimming pool and gymnasium 15 years ago as a member of then-state Rep. Craig Dally's staff. I also remember him telling me how his father John Dally talked about this plan in the late 1970s when he was mayor of Pen Argyl.

"It took a while and a great deal of persistence, but I'm glad to see this project come to fruition as the premier community resource in the entire Slate Belt."

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.

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!

New Year, New Opportunity

The arrival of the New Year is often accompanied by New resolve, New direction, New plans and sometimes a New lease on life. A Clean Slate, the Slate Belt's Addiction Recovery Center, looks to the New Year as a time to offer New Opportunity! Two programs will begin in January that interface the arts with life skills, introspection and personal development. **Beginning January 10th**, A Clean Slate will once again partner with Bloom Creative Studios to offer a six week Life Coaching and Art Journaling series. The series has been extremely well received and spaces will fill up. The sessions are designed to help individuals move beyond the challenges that keep them stuck, and chart a course toward reaching their dreams. Classes will be held from 10:00am–12:30pm and from 6:00pm–8:30pm

Additionally, on **January 18th**, A Clean Slate will launch a brand new Creative Drama Workshop series offering participants to creatively approach the New Year with an opportunity for reflection, exploration and gratitude. The series will run 4 weeks and will begin on Thursday, **01/18/2018 from 7:00pm. – 9:00pm**. The workshops will explore the themes, motifs and symbols of the play "A Wrinkle In Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. No acting experience necessary, just a willingness to jump in and have fun. **Sign-ups will be taken up until January 8th**. All of these classes are free, open to the public (16 years or older). For more information or to reserve your space in either of these offerings, contact info@acleanslatebangor.org or call (610)452-9348

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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 or everett.shaver@yahoo.com. Visit www.ampost927.org and Join us on Facebook

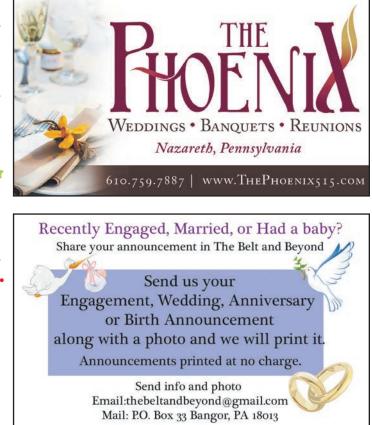
"BLESS THE BLUE" Program

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.





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 administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"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.

(b) DINING



—— FURRY FRIENDS 🚸 ¹⁵

Photos with Santa at Leck Veterinary Hospital

Santa stopped by Leck Veterinary Hospital on Sunday Dec. 9th for Boomer's Angels Animal Rescue & Care pet photos with Santa event. Proceeds from the event will benefit BAARC



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.



We Wish You and Your Furry Friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





Leck Veterinary 610-863-3111

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BONNIE and LUCY are partners in action. Or maybe it's partners in napping. These gorgeous sisters just love to chill. They came to the shelter when their beloved person was

unable to care for them any longer. But no worries, these sweet gals are just happy to be together. The girls play a bit shy at first, but once they get to know you they settle right in for a cuddle and a scratch. We would love to see them adopted together, if all possible. Together they promise to give you a life

time of love, hugs and purrs. Bonnie and Lucy are both 3.5 years old, spayed, fully vaccinated, litter trained and ready to spend the holidays curled up in front of your fireplace. Come meet the girls 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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Pests Might be Hiding on Your Christmas Tree

(Family Features) There could be more than just presents hiding beneath your Christmas tree this year. After all, "'tis the season for wintertime pest infestations." This holiday season, be on the lookout for aphids, which are ant-sized insects that

This holiday season, be on the lookout for aphids, which are ant-sized insects that can spread more than 150 different plant viruses. Although harmless to humans, these pests can be formidable foes to many types of vegetation, including tomatoes, cucumbers and rose bushes.

While aphids are often associated with outdoor gardens, during the winter months they can make a home inside by hitching a ride aboard foliage, shrubbery and, most commonly, Christmas trees. Once inside the warmer air of your home, these pests believe it's spring and begin rapidly reproducing.

Knowing how to identify and prevent aphids with these tips from Orkin Entomologist Glen Ramsey can help you protect your home, and Christmas tree, this holiday season.

Identify the Pest - Although aphids are small, they are usually visible to the naked eye. When looking for aphids, look for soft-bodied insects with long legs and antennae. These insects vary in color, ranging from green to red or black, but all share a distinctive, pear-like shape and tend to hang out in dense groups alongside Christmas tree trunks or plant stems.

Look for Evidence - Aphids feed on plant juices, attacking leaves, flowers, stems and roots. When aphids feed, they secrete a thick, sugary liquid called honeydew. Oftentimes, honeydew results in a fungal growth known as sooty mold. This mold can give branches and leaves a speckled, black appearance.

Prevent the Problem - While looking for Christmas trees, ask the retailer if the firs have been previously inspected for aphids. Before loading the tree into your vehicle, inspect the branches and shake the tree vigorously to ensure no aphids are present. The tree may lose a few needles, but this could prevent an infestation. In addition, releasing lady bugs or lacewings, which are natural predators, in your garden may help reduce aphid populations.

Treat Any Issues - Although aphids won't cause harm to your family, they can certainly be a bit of a pain. If you spot a few aphids, simply spray them off with water or vacuum them up. However, if you notice a full-fledged infestation, you may need to cut off the infested branches or remove the tree from your home entirely.

To keep pests out of your home this holiday season, work with a pest management provider to create a prevention and treatment plan unique to your household. For more pest prevention tips or to schedule a pest inspection, visit Orkin.com.

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New Releases in The Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Tell Tale by Jeffrey Archer; Parting Shot by Linwood Barclay; Enchantress of Numbers by Jennifer Chiaverini; Miracle Road by Emily March; The House of Unexpected Sisters by Alexander McCall Smith; The Body in the Casket by Katherine Hall Page; Count to Ten by James Patterson; The Demon Crown by James Rollins; A Conjuring of Light; A Darker Shade of Magic by Victoria Schwab; Thomas Kinkades Cape



Light Christmas Blessings by Katherine Spencer; Dead of Winter by Wendy Corsi Staub.

Adult Non Fiction - Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans by Brian Kilmeade; Petersons Master the GED 2018; Grain Mains by Bruce Weinstein.

Large Print Fiction - End Game by David Baldacci; The Midnight Line by Lee Child; Two Kinds of Truth by Michael Connelly; The People vs. Alex Cross by James Patterson.

Young Adult Fiction - The Silver Mask by Holly Black; Loved by P.C. Cast; Graduation Day; Independent Study; The Testing by Joelle Charbonneau; Warcross by Marie Lu; Frogkisser; Have Sword, Will Travel by Garth Nix; Tales from a Not-So-Secret Crush Catastrophe by Renee Russell. Junior Fiction - Princess in Black and the Perfect Princess Party by Shannon Hale; Predator vs. Prey by Lisa McMann; Silent Days, Silent Dreams by Allen Say.

Junior Non Fiction - Blast Lab by Richard Hammond.

Easy Fiction - How to Find an Elephant by Kate Banks; Merry Christmas from The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle; Santa Rex by Molly Schaar Idle; Mama Lion Wins the Race by Jon Muth; Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, The Very First Chicken by Douglas Rees; The 12 Sleighs of Christmas by Sherri Duskey Rinker; Singing in the Rain by Arthur Freed; Where, Oh Where, is Baby Bear by Ashley Wolff.

DVDs - The Circle; The Dark Tower; Descendants 2; Despicable Me 3; Hillsong Let Hope Rise; King Arthur: Legend of the Sword; Leap; Logan Lucky; National Lampoons Christmas Vacation; Priceless; Trolls Holiday.

In The Manger by Robert L. Martin

In the manger, oh little child Of wisdom as father's be so mild The gift of peace comes from high So little baby don't you cry

Thy name, sweet Jesus, Will last forever In hearts and Rugged journeys endeavor Thy travels through mountains And stony paths Will tame villages and Stormy aftermaths

Little baby of sweet innocence How the spirit will move you hence Into the hearts of tyrants and kings And all else that comes forth it brings

> Christmas will be named In your special honor Your name shall be written Upon parchment and banner But for now Sleep little baby Sleep in heavenly peace

A Miracle of Contradictions

by Jill E. Silvius Wintry night descends like a heavy black curtain gently draping each unforgiving sable fold across the waiting horizon by five each night, covering us in its rich ebony cold.

But in December, heaven's stars glow much brighter. Rows of droplets of sparkling light merrily drip from evergreen soldiers guarding each glowing house, shining forth out of winter blackness' tight grip.

Thin layers of winter lace adorn each frozen branch. Ivory snow bursts wrap the world in solid cold. We enrobe ourselves in armor of woolen mail to shield our fragile skins from temperatures untold.

But in December, heaters blast delight and cheer, humming private melodies. Each fireplace glows with rippling, fiery banners of crimson and gold, while inner warmth and joy, each human smile shows.

Barren gas tanks, siphoned of liquid energy after long treks to old friends, stand idle in yards. Leather wallets lay abandoned, devoid of cash. Empty pens sleep after writing holiday cards.

But in December, the generous are bursting. Each sacrifice obliterates feelings of lack. Joy sent by mail or in person, fills us, while kids await the wonders of Santa's – well, our – toy sack.

Most wondrous of all, a little baby was born millennia ago. Tucked in a trough of feed, sleeping, wailing, helpless, thousands of miles from here. The Christ child – the epitome of human need.

But that tiny boy is the promised Messiah, the victorious Ruler of all. Remember: His presence in our hearts and in our broken world is here, so close, at this moment – this December.

TThe dark, the cold, the emptiness, and the distance of each Christmastime are incomplete depictions. The wonder and joy of Christmas is simply this: it's God's perfect miracle of contradictions.

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.

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Emrick to Continue Veterans Outreach Program in 2018 Legislator to also open new Slate Belt office in the New Year

Veterans who have specific, individual guestions will again have an opportunity to have them answered in 2018 through the office of state Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Nazareth).

"We enjoy providing this service to the men and women who serve and have served our country," Emrick said. "This is also a great chance for them to obtain information on programs they may not be aware of that are available to them."

Lt. Col. Retired Dominick Nati, an Army Air Corp pilot who has flown missions out of Fort Indiantown Gap, will be visiting Emrick's Nazareth district office the first Monday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to meet one-on-one with veterans. The office is located in the Nazareth 1/11 - 10:00 Council Meeting borough office building at 134 S. Main St.

"Because my office will be closed the first Monday in January, which 1/15 - MARTIN LUTHER KING - CLOSED is New Year's Day, Nati will also hold appointments on Friday, Jan. 5, during that same timeframe," added Emrick. "Anyone wishing to meet with him that day should call (570) 897-0401 or (610) 746-5090 to get on the schedule."

Emrick also offered a reminder about his new Slate Belt district office.

"My staff and I are looking forward to ringing in 2018 by opening a new Slate Belt district office at 447 Blue Valley Drive, Bangor, next to the Capitol Plaza," he said. "The first day of business in the new location will be Tuesday, Jan. 2, starting at 9 a.m.

The last day of business in the Mt. Bethel Highway office will be Friday, Dec. 29.

Easton Area Lifestyle Campus

3201 Sullivan Trail. Easton. 610-829-3201. Director - Debbie Mertz Hours 8:00-4:00 Monday thru Friday. For meal reservation please call by 10:00am, 1 day prior before the meal. Mondays: Fit w/Darla 10:00am Ceramics 12:00 noon Bingo 12:30pm Tuesdays: Games 10:00am Billiards 12:30pm Shuffleboard Crazy Bingo 12:30pm Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00am Mexican Train /LCR 10:00am "All Hands on Deck" 12:30pm Thursday: Wii Bowling Scrapbooking Art /Pam Friday: League Shuffleboard 10:00am Bingo 12:30pm **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:** 1/15 MLK Jr Center Closed 12/21 Christmas Sing-a-Long 1/16 Concentration **12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS Birthday Bingo CENTER CLOSED 12/26.27.28.29** 1/23 Movie Day 1/1 HAPPY NEW YEAR - CLOSED "Alone In the Wilderness" 1/2 Linda's Snowball Game Debbie's Bingo Alphabet Bingo 1/25 Art w/Pam 1/9 Snowman Race 1/30 Winter Blues Party & Games Halfway Bingo Warning: Playing Bingo may make you Ugly!

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 AEA Exercise - Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00am Bonus Bingo - Tuesdays, and Fridays, 10:00am Penny Bingo - Wednesday, 10:00am **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:** 1/1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR - CLOSED 1/3 - 12:00 Blood Pressure Screening 1/4 - 10:00 Duck Races 1/8 - 10:00 UHC Bingo w/Evette 1/16 - 10:00 Birthday Bingo

- 1/11 12:00 Arts & Crafts
- 1/18 10:00 Pokeno
- - 1/25 10:00 Duck Races 1/25 - 12:00 Arts & Crafts

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. **Prav 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**

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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, one day prior, Cancellations as soon as possible, Lunch is served at 11:30am. Porker, Mon-Friday, 9:30-11:00 AM Zumba Gold, Tuesdavs, 10:00 AM Arthritis Class, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 23,30 and Thursday, Jan. 11, 18, , 12:15 PM. Brush Away with Senior Artists, Wednesdays, 9:00-11:00 AM Exercise, Wednesdays 10:00 AM Afternoon with the Arts, Thursdays, 12:15 PM Win Bowling League, Thursdays, 9:30 AM 2 Massage, Thursdays, Jan 4, 18, 12:15 PM Pool Tables available every morning and Tuesdays. Thursdays and Friday afternoons Library, Computers, TV, Puzzles & Cards daily **DECEMBER EVENTS:** 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)

Cert 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 **JANUARY EVENTS**

CLOSED MONDAY JANUARY 1-HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hot Chocolate in the morning, Tuesday, January 2 Bean Bags and Quoits, Friday, January 5, 10:00 AM AARP Meeting, Monday, January 8, 1:30 PM Sundae's on Friday, Friday, January 12, 12:15 PM CLOSED, MONDAY, JANUARY 15, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Baseball and Popcorn Day, Friday, January 19, 10:00 AM Council Meeting, Thursday, January 25, 9:00 AM Winter Blues Bingo, Friday, January, 26, 9:30 AM ENTERTAINER, DEBI WAHI, Friday, January 26, 12:15 PM.

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.

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.



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BINGO

December 21, 28 & January 4 Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company Main Fire House Hall, 115 Interchange Rd, Kresgeville Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts at 6:45 PM December 22, 29 & January 5 Wind Gap Fire Company Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts 6:45 PM December 23. 30 & January 6 **Bangor VFW** Doors open at 3:30 PM • Bingo starts at 6:00 PM December 24, 31 & January 7 Immaculate Conception Doors open at 11:00 AM • Bingo starts at 1:00 PM December 26, January 2 & 9 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 27, January 3 & 10 **Bushkill Vol Fire Company** Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts at 7:00 PM

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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! jimmineousmc@rcn.com www.norcomcl.org Facebook: Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will hold its meeting **Thursday**, January 4, 7:30pm in the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem. Program: "Why the Climate Debate?" – Jim Siverly / KC3JHV. Hams and others interested are always welcome. Directions: http://goo.gl/maps/qKUJC. FMI: www.dlarc.org. 610.432.8286.

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

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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 ÁM 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 (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 Sunday morning, 10 AM Celebrate the 4th Sunday in Advent Sunday evening, 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service No service on Monday, Christmas Day

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 Puebkill Contor Pood Wind Co

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 Next Free Community Dinner, January 7, 4 - 5:30 PM 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 Richmond 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

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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.

AA Meetings - Sundays at 7:00 PM; Mon. & Iues 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

Arsha Vidya Pitham (Institute for Study of Vedanta, Yoga and Meditation)

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 Dale Sattizahn, (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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