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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Bangor Women's Club Wreath Sale

The Bangor Women's Club will hold a wreath sale on **Friday, November 27th and Saturday November 28th,10:00AM -3:00PM** at the Bangor Public Library, 39 S. Main Street Bangor, Pa. Proceeds benefit the. library.

MBVFCO Ladies Aux. Fall Craft Show

The Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their fall craft show on **Saturday, November 28th, 9:00AM-3:00PM,** at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Hall, 2341 N Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, Pa. 18343.

Richmond United Methodist Church North Pole Express

Join Richmond United Methodist Church for an adventure on the North Pole Express on **Sunday November 29th, 4:00PM -6:00PM.** Richmond U M Church, 8538 Delaware Drive Bangor, PA.

Roseto Christmas Village

Come kickoff the holiday season at the Roseto Christmas Village on evening **Sunday, November 29th 6:00 PM** at the Roseto Ball Park, Vendors, food and fun! Santa will be stopping by!



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Keystone Rod & Gun Club HolidayCraft Fair

The Keystone Rod & Gun Club will hold a Holiday Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 5th, 10:00AM-3:00PM.** 243 Mulberry Street, Bath, Pa

Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Christmas Cookie Sale

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory is holding their 6th annual Christmas Cookie Sale. Order deadline **Sunday, December 6**. Call Terry at 610-258-5050.

See ad on page 6 for details

Bangor Band Bingo

The Bangor Slater Band will host a Bingo on **Sunday, December 6th. Doors Open 11:00AM, Bingo starts 1:00PM.** Mt Bethel Township Fire Hall.

See ad at right for details

EBUMCC Free Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church Free Dinner welcomes you to a FREE Dinner on **Sunday, December 6th, from 4:00PM-4:30PM.** This is TAKE-OUT only at the church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA (www.ebumc.org)

Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. Monthly Soup Sale

The Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly soup sale on **Thursday, December 10th 4:00PM-7:00PM.** The sale is held the 2nd Thursday of the month through March. Two varieties of homemade soups will be available by the quart Take-Out only. To pre-order call Sherry 908-672-9961. All proceeds benefit the Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co., 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA.

POP's Treasures Monthly Boutique Sale

POP's Treasures will hold their monthly Boutique sale on **Friday, December 11th, 10:00AM -2:00PM & Saturday December 12th, 9:00AM -12:00PM.** This will be the last sale of the year. Located at Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, Pa.

First UEC Free Christmas Luncheon

The First UEC, 25 South Second Street, Bangor, Pa. will host a free Christmas luncheon (Sandwiches/Cookies) **on Sunday, December 13th at 12:00PM.**

Monroe County Special Olympics Jingle Ball Bingo

Monroe County Special Olympics will hold a Jingle Ball Bingo on **Saturday, December 19th, Doors open at 5:00PM, BINGO starts 7:00PM** American Legion Post 346, 126 E 5th St.,East Stroudsburg, PA. See ad on page 8 for details

Blue Valley Farm Show Breakfast

The next Blue Valley Farm Show monthly breakfast will be held on **Sunday, December 20th, 7:30AM-12:30PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Rd., Bangor, Pa.

See ad on page 4 for details

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, December 20th, at 3:00PM.** The church hosts a free monthly community Drive-thru meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

Upcoming Events continued on page 4

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20 BINGO GAMES | TRICKY TRAY & RAFFLES
BAKE SALE AND CONCESSIONS
Doors Open 11:00am
Bingo Starts 1:00pm
December 6th, 2026
Mt Bethel Township Fire Hall
$25 in Advance includes Admission plus
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Must be 16 or older to Attend and Play
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NO BINGO WEDNESDAY 11/25
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
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BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW
All You Can Eat Breakfast
Sunday, December 20, 2026
7:30am-12:30pm
CREAM CHIPPED BEEF $14 Quart
SANTA WILL BE HERE 9:30-11:30AM
Adults $15 Children 6-12 $7 UNDER 6 FREE
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707 AMERICAN BANGOR ROAD (RT 512)(BETWEEN BANGOR & PEN ARGYL)
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 610-417-0959

Slate Belt Chamber Toy Drive

The Slate Belt Chamber is accepting donations of new unwrapped toys to help local families this holiday season. Donations will be accepted now through **December 1st.** Donation location Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce office,187 Blue Valley Drive, Bangor, Pa. 18013. Schedule a drop off by calling 610-599-1000 or email info@slatebelt.org

Donations will be given to Slater Family Network and Families First.

Weona Park Pool Pals December Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held on **Monday, December 7th, at 7:00PM** at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI or to offer help with fundraising please call 610-863-6472. Donors can make checks payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic and ParkAssociation and mail to: Weona ParkPool Pals,P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Bangor Free Luncheon

The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Bangor will offer a Free sit down luncheon on **Sunday, December 27th, at 12:30PM** (held every 4th Sunday of the month) in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter at the alley entrance off of North 3rd Street, Bangor, PA.

PTA District 10 Fur Auction

The PTA District 10 Fur Auction will be held on **Saturday, January 16th, 2027. Doors open at 8:00AM, sale starts at 9:00AM.** For more information call Bob 610-759-9203.

Unstuff The Bus

Submitted by Madison Dietz

On Friday November 20th students from the Pen Argyl High School went to the YMCA to sort, count, package, and hand out all the food that was collected from the huge Stuff the Bus event. Pen Argyl Area High School collected food for Stuff the Bus, from Tuesday November 3rd through Friday November 20th. Stuff the Bus was a district wide event in which students and teachers donated non perishable items for people in need during the Thanksgiving season. The Knights' Order worked with Families First, meaning all the food that was collected was given to families in Pen Argyl and our community that needed a little extra help to get through the holiday. The Plainfield Elementary School, Wind Gap Middle School, and the District Office all joined the high school in collecting donations! Not only did the members of Pen Argyl School District donate to this cause, but local businesses and community members also donated items.

We want to give a special thanks to Krise Transportation for the use of their bus and the YMCA for the use of their gym for sorting and distributing food. We also want to give a special thank you to Kitchen Magic for donating $500 worth of turkeys. Cub Scout Pack 34 donated over 800 pounds of food thanks to their "Scouting for Food" drive. Thanks to the help from the community, we collected 8,538 items and were able to feed around 75 families. The Knights' Order, the Character Education program at the Pen Argyl High School that organized the event, is responsible for service projects throughout the school and community. The Knights' Order wanted to give back to the community that has been so supportive of their other initiatives.

The Character Education students put in hours of their time to get this event ready for the whole district to participate in. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event, without your help this would not have been possible! Happy Thanksgiving!



Photo credit: Talia Curtolo and Tierney Schreck



Annual Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest

The Annual "Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest" will take place on **Sunday, December 13th, at 2:00PM** at the Slate Belt Heritage Center, located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. Attendees can come as a team of four or individually to be placed on a team. Bring your knowledge of Slate Belt history and be prepared to laugh while learning tidbits you may or may not know about the Slate Belt. Marc (Ken Jennings) Blau will return as the emcee for an afternoon of local history and entertainment. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. For additional information, please contact Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

Thanksgiving: What Really Matters Most

By Kathleen McFall

Thanksgiving is a cherished American tradition reaching back centuries. Over generations, Thanksgiving has become a time for families and friends to gather and reflect on the blessings in their lives.

We continue that Thanksgiving tradition as we pause to think about the ways we have been blessed and truly feel thankful for all that we have been given.

There is a warmth to Thanksgiving that is difficult to describe. Maybe it is the familiar traditions as we look forward to gathering with family and friends.

Yet, sometimes the most meaningful moments of Thanksgiving are the ones we don't plan. Nothing particularly extraordinary is happening, and yet, if we stop for a moment and look around, we realize how extraordinary life really is.

We can enjoy the beauty of a sunrise, the brilliance of the autumn leaves, or a heavy snowfall as it descends from the sky creating a pure white blanket covering the ground. It can be the peaceful feeling of watching the sun set at the end of a day.

How often do we hurry past these moments without really appreciating them? They are so much a part of our everyday lives that we sometimes forget how precious they are.

Thanksgiving is also a time for reflection, taking the time to really look at our lives. Not necessarily at our accomplishments that we have worked so hard to achieve, but at the simple gifts that are there every day.

For many of us, Thanksgiving will be a happy occasion. Sadly, however, Thanksgiving doesn't look the same for everyone. There may be worries about money, health, family, or a future that feels uncertain.

Some may be facing disappointments they never expected, or looking at their lives and wondering why things didn't turn out the way they had hoped.

There are people who will smile and join in the celebration while quietly carrying sadness that few others can see. Life can be difficult in ways that others may never fully understand.

Yet, there is still room for Thanksgiving, even in a life that is touched by sorrow. It doesn't mean forgetting what we have lost or giving up on the things we still hope for. It simply means that sadness does not have to take away every good thing that remains.

Even if we are worried about tomorrow, we can still find comfort in the people who are with us. We can wish that certain things in our lives were different yet still appreciate the goodness that has found its way into them.

Sometimes gratitude comes easily, and sometimes we have to look a little harder to find it - a small moment of peace, a kind word, or the knowledge that someone cares can mean so much.

Happiness and joy are not quite the same. Happiness may come from the wonderful things that happen in our lives - the celebrations, the good news, the dreams that come true.

Joy can be something quieter and deeper. It may be the feeling we find when we recognize that, despite life's imperfections, there is still beauty and goodness around us.

It is possible to have a heavy heart and still experience a moment of joy. It is possible to face difficult circumstances and still be grateful for something, even if that something seems very small.

For people who believe in God, faith has always been an important part of that understanding. It is a belief that God is present in our lives, not only in the happy and wonderful moments, but also in the times when we need strength - when we are worried or are frightened.

Our God is gracious and compassionate. He shows us kindness and caring. His compassion enables us to experience His consistent providential care.

While we don't know what tomorrow will bring, there is comfort in knowing that we can turn to Him. We may not always understand why certain things happen, and faith does not promise that life will be free of hardship, but there is great reassurance in believing that God knows our hearts, hears our prayers, watches over us, and gives us strength when we feel we have very little left to give.

Sometimes that strength comes in ways we don't expect. It may come through a person who reaches out at just the right time or a kindness we weren't expecting.

God often works through the love and goodness we share with one another, offering encouragement and reminding us that we do not have to face everything alone..

When we feel that life has not turned out as we expected, it is important to recognize that our story is not over. We all have moments we wish we could change, opportunities we wish we had taken, and dreams that may not have unfolded as we imagined.

However, our worth is not measured by our successes or the path we thought our lives would follow. There is still room for new experiences and for moments that bring unexpected happiness. We never really know what tomorrow may bring.

The more we allow ourselves to experience life, the more we can appreciate the things that once may have seemed ordinary. Life is not perfect, and often presents challenges, but there is so much to appreciate when we take the time to see it.

This Thanksgiving may we enjoy it for all that it is meant to be. May our homes be filled with laughter, good food, and an appreciation for the people who make our lives richer.

"May we never lose sight of the love and kindness that make this life so very precious."

May we remember the blessings we sometimes overlook and take a moment to be thankful for them. And if our hearts are a little heavy this year, may we find comfort in the faith that helps carry us through difficult days.

Most of all, may we remember that Thanksgiving is for all of us - for the person whose life is filled with happiness and for the person who is quietly struggling. It has room for laughter and tears, for cherished memories and new beginnings, for gratitude for what we have and hope for what is still to come.

That is the beauty of Thanksgiving. We don't have to have the same lives, the same blessings, or even the same reasons for being thankful. We can each find something that touches our hearts and reminds us that life, with all its ups and downs, is still a precious gift.

And perhaps, when the day is over and the dishes are put away, we will remember the feeling that, in spite of everything life may bring, there is still so much for which to be thankful.

May God bless those who are celebrating with grateful hearts, and those who need a little extra strength, comfort, and hope this Thanksgiving. May we never lose sight of the love and kindness that make this life so very precious.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving with grateful hearts, may God bless our loved ones. May He bring comfort to those who are grieving, strength to those who are struggling, and hope to those who are uncertain about what tomorrow may bring.

In Philippians 4:6-7, the Bible says: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

May we recognize the many blessings and joy in our own lives. In whatever circumstances we find ourselves, let us remember that we are never beyond God's love or the hope for better days.

Happy Thanksgiving

Christmas Tree Lightings

STROUDSBURG
Friday, November 27, 5:30PM-7:30PM
Courthouse Square, Stroudsburg PA

BANGOR BOROUGH
Saturday, November 28, 5:00PM-7:00PM
45 Broadway, (Quarry Bites & Brews lot) Bangor, PA

EASTON PEACE CANDLE LIGHTING
Saturday, November 28, lighting of candle at 6:30PM
Center Square, Easton, PA

WIND GAP BOROUGH
Saturday, November 28, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Wind Gap Borough Park, 138 E.3rd Street, Wind Gap, PA

ROSETO CHRISTMAS VILLAGE
Sunday, November 29, 6:00PM - 8:00PM, Santa arrives 7:30PM
Roseto Ball Park, 440 Denisco Street, Roseto, PA

UPPER MT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
A Mt Bethel Christmas
Wednesday, December 2, 5:00PM
Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Hall, 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA

JIM THORPE
Friday, December 4, 5:30PM, Santa lights the tree at 6:00PM
Josiah White Park Rt 209 & Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA

LOWER MT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
Saturday, December 5, 6:00PM
LMBT Municiple Building 2004 Hutchison Ave, Martins Creek, PA 18063

LEHIGHTON
Sunday, December 6, 5:30PM-6:00PM
Lehighton Park, 131-135 South St., Lehighton, PA

TATAMY BOROUGH
Sunday, December 6, 6:30PM
Tatamy Municipal Building 423 Broad Street, Tatamy, PA,
Hosted by the Tatamy Historical Society



Pen Argyl Boro Cookies, Carols & Claus
Join Pen Argyl Borough for a festive night of fun. **Saturday, December 5th, 6:30PM -8:30PM** at Lookout Fire Co., 122 S. Main Street, Pen Argyl. Pa.

BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW YOUTH ADVISORY
6th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale
$20 per pound
Orders due by December 6
Pick up will be at the Blue Valley Farm Show
Thursday, December 17 6:00-8:00PM
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Breakfast with Santa



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8am - 11am

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Enjoy a delicious breakfast, take a picture with Santa and let the kids do some fun activities!

This year we will also have a **Toy Tricky Tray** for the kids.

TRICKY TRAY

All kids will receive one sheets of tricky tray tickets with entry!

Santa Claus will be visiting until 11am.



All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet

will be scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, toast, juice and coffee.

Free for children 0-4yrs
$6 for children 5-12yrs
$12 for adults/ children 13yrs and up

6480 SULLIVAN TRAIL, WIND GAP, PA 18091

Cookies & Carols

Saturday, December 12

Sing carols from 2-3 pm and enjoy
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No ticket needed
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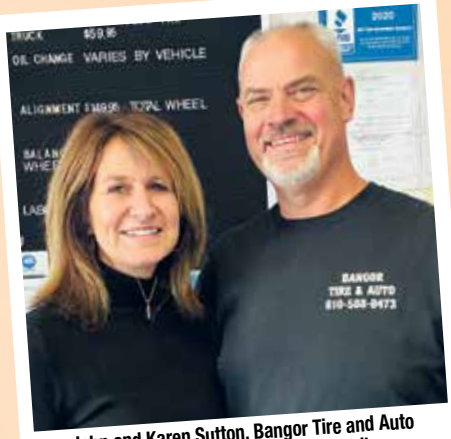


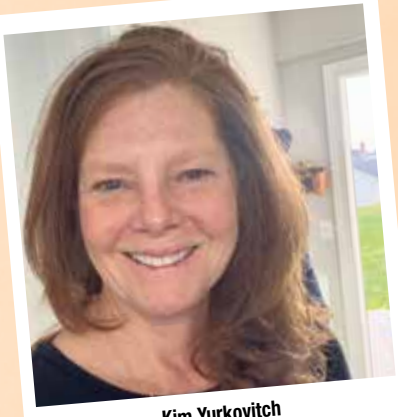
John and Karen Sutton, Bangor Tire and Auto
We are thankful for our faith, family, and community. We will always cherish all the love and support we received for our grandson,Jackson.



Katie Sawyer, Rise and Thrive Fitness
I'm thankful to wake up each day surrounded by wonderful family and friends who love and support me. I'm grateful for my health, my fitness family, and the incredible opportunities life brings. I feel especially blessed to do what I love, encourage others, and be part of a community that inspires me every day. Life is a gift, and I'm thankful for all the people who make it so special!



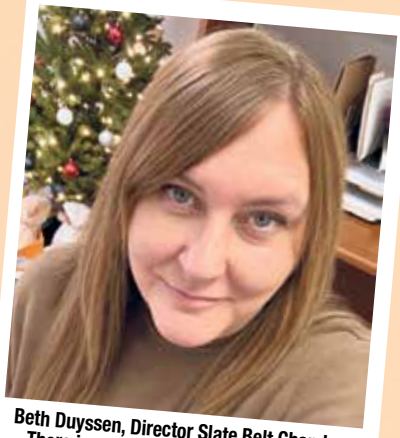
Marlin Hawk, Manager Slate Belt Diner & David Antonio, Cook
We're truly thankful for the hardworking, dedicated employees at Slate Belt Diner. We're especially grateful for our wonderful customers who brighten our days with their smiles and kindness. Many of you have become more like family, and we are so thankful for each of you!



Kim Yurkovitch
I am thankful for my children and my grandchildren. I am thankful for my friends, my health, and my home.
I am grateful for my career in women's health that I am able to make a difference in someone's life.
I am grateful that God has always been in my life even during the times that I could not see that. I am grateful for God bringing Mike into my life and for the complete healing he has received.



Sherry Haycock, Miller's Paint & Wallpaper
I'm thankful for family, good friends, good health.



Beth Duyssen, Director Slate Belt Chamber
There is much to be thankful for this year, but at the top of my list is family serving in the military, the excitement of soon welcoming our first grandbaby, and a job that allows me to be involved in and help promote this wonderful area we call home!






Happy
Thanksgiving
Day
Wishing you a season of blessings.


May your reasons to be grateful be bountiful this Thanksgiving.
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Happy Thanksgiving
May your Thanksgiving be filled with
love, laughter, and cherished
moments with family.
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We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and
another year full of things to be thankful for.
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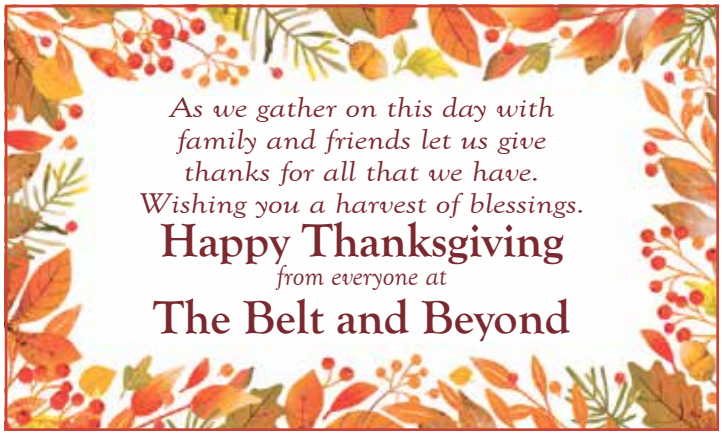
As we gather on this day with
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thanks for all that we have.
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Gifts must be returned to PVEN by **December 4th**. Call 570-992-3136 for more information.

Angels and Dragonflies

Angels and Dragonflies Open House schedule **Wednesday, December 2 9:30AM to 12:00PM** Christmas Clear Out event all must go! **Wednesday, December 16th, 9:30AM to 12:00PM, Wednesday, December 30th, 9:30AM - 12:00PM**

Diaper Only Day must have your punch card or apply on site for a punch card. 146 Courtland Street, E. Stroudsburg, Pa. FMI text 267-579-3109

Donation $1 - Toys, books, games, baby and infant items, toiletries, diapers, wipes and birthday bags. Bring your tote bags!



Area Food Pantries

Bethel Bible Church Food Pantry

Every Saturday 9:30AM - 11:00AM. 7742 N. Delaware Drive, (Rt 611), Martins Creek PA. FMI call (908) 483-8231.

Free Meal Cross Roads Baptist Church

Crossroads Baptist Church offers a free meal the **second Sunday of every month 3:00PM -?** 201 S. Second Street, Bangor, Pa.

Helping Hands Food Pantry at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Drive Thru Pick Up parking lot opens at 4:30 PM. 915 North 5th Street , Stroudsburg, PA. For more information contact the church 570-421-0750

Benders Menonite Church Food Pantry & Blessing Shop

The Benders Menonite Church Food Pantry & Blessing Shop **Saturday, December 19th, 9:00AM -11:00AM (held every 3rd Saturday of the month).** All are welcome, PA ID card required. 975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl, Pa.

John Wesley Covenant Church

19 West Street in Wind Gap. The church offers free meals to the community **every third Thursday of the month.**

Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Bank P.U.M.P.

The Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Pantry P.U.M.P. is open **Mondays 8:30AM to 11:30AM**. P.U.M.P. is located at 111 State Street in Portland. The phone number is 570-897-5847.

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Every Tuesday 8:00AM to 11:00AM, 555 North Main. Street, Bangor, PA. Questions contact Pastor Frank Pons (570) 807-7794. Check Facebook for distribution day and weather related changes.

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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, December 2026

Lehigh Gap Story Virtual Reality Experience - Thursday, December 3, 2026 6pm to 6:30pm, 6:30pm to 7pm, or 7pm to 7:30pm. Take a virtual hike with avatar bird Brownie to learn about the environmental changes that occurred in the Lehigh River Watershed in Pennsylvania during the past two centuries as a result of the zinc smelting plant operation at the Lehigh Gap. Explore a series of 360° photospheres that contain interactive features to learn how a green mountainous ridge was transformed into a barren "moonscape" and how the area has been revitalized today. This program is free and for ages 10 and up. Registration for a 30 minute time slot is required.

Project FeederWatch Kick-off Trainings - Saturday, December 5, 2026 9am to 11am or 1pm to 3pm. Love birds and want to contribute to science? Project FeederWatch turns your love of birds into scientific discoveries! We'll start with a presentation on Project FeederWatch and spend some time learning how to identify common birds. Attending this program is required if you plan to participate in Project FeederWatch Monitoring on **Thursdays and/or Fridays for the 2026/27** season.

Winter Plant Walk and Seed Collection for Adults - Wednesday, December 9, 2026 10am to 12pm. Join volunteer Doug B. to collect seeds from a variety of native flowers and grasses found in the park! Learn about plants to attract pollinators, host plants, and optimal conditions to help your plant flourish! Please bring scissors or clippers and containers/baggies for the seeds you collect. This event is for adults only. Registration is required.

Family Science Night - Project FeederWatch Monitor Training - Friday, December 18, 2026 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Love birds and want to contribute to science? Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries! Families will learn how to identify birds, play bird identification games, and practice contributing to Project FeederWatch. Registration is required.

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:15AM-3:30PM. 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, at least six 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 emailjacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth: https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx

You can view and register for community programs online at https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.

Pennsylvania Youth Deer Season

During Pennsylvania Youth Deer season 15 year old Jake Tocket and his sister, Malyssa age 16, both shot Doe during the youth rifle doe week. It's a week during archery that they can use their rifles to shoot doe only. Malyssa got a six point buck with her bow.



Jake Tocket with his Doe



Malyssa Tocket with her Doe



Pictured: Malyssa Tocket with her 6 point Buck, and proud Dad, Todd Tocket.

It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack."

~Germany Kent

New in the Bangor Public Library



Adult Fiction - Snowed In by Navessa Allen; Alma Vampires by Elena Armas; All the Little Secrets by May Cobb; The Monster Hunter's Librarian by Lauren Connolly; Beneath a Midnight Moon by Catherine Cowles; Back Where We Started by Becca Freeman; The Taken Ones by Judith A. Jance; Queen of Lombard Street: A Novel by Lisa Kleypas; For Whom the Belle Tolls by Jaysea Lynn; Conspiracy Theory: A Thriller by Phillip Margolin; The Wrath Gods Reap by Abigail Owen; Reap & Sow by Charlotte B Plumb; Christmas Staycation by Meghan Quinn; Birth of the Witch by Nora Roberts; The Heist Before Christmas by Lucy Score; Peculiar Stars: A Novel By Rebecca Yarros.

Adult Non Fiction - American Pope: Leo XIV's Road from the South Side of Chicago to Vatican City by Daniel Burke; Is it Too Late to Make a Run For It? By Judi Dench; Do What You're Gonna Do: The Definitive Oral History of Breaking Bad by Dean Norris; The Man Who Mastered Gravity: A Twisted Tale of Space, Time and The Mysteries In Between by Paul Schatzkin; William Howard Taft: A Great American Life by Walter Stahr; Forgiving What You Can't Forget: Discover How to Move On, Make Peace with Painful Memories, and Create a Life That's Beautiful Again by Lysa Terkeurst; Needle Felting Through the Seasons: 12 Beginner Projects for the Home by Elizabeth Whitton.

Easy Fiction - Bluey: Baby Race; My Mum is the Best; Bluey: Grannies and Other Stories; Bluey: A Jigsaw Puzzle Book by Penguin Young Readers Group; Owl by Myself by Pete Oswald; Roar! By Make Believe Ideas; Count and Slide Dinosaurs by Elena Rodgers; Dr. Seuss's Jolly Things.

Junior Fiction - Front Desk: The Graphic Novel by Kelly Yang.

Junior Non Fiction - The Big, Fun Kids Cookbook; Home Sweet Home: What Makes a House a Home? By Moira Butterfield Ancient Greece by Ian Fitzgerald

Young Adult Fiction - The Ruling Class by Jennifer Lynn Barnes; Lessons in Power by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.

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Blue Mountain Community Library News

A big thank you to the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center for gently rescuing tiny black-and-white furry friend Libby (yup, a baby skunk!) who got trapped under the grate near our basement door!

For a $5 donation, honor or memorialize a loved one or pet and hang an ornament on our Christmas tree.

Help the library get everything on its Christmas list by taking a tag off of our mini tree and bringing the item listed on the tag back to the library! Items include Scotch tape refills, toilet paper, paper towels, brown construction paper, white construction paper, large Tootsie Pops, self-seal business envelopes, hand soap, and postage stamps.

The library's special collection of Christmas books is now available for checkout.

Fall Preschool Storytime will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month: **Dec. 2 and 16 at 10:30am.** Participants are required to register for each storytime they plan to attend; send child's name, birthdate, parent/guardian's name, and phone number to info@bmcl.org, or provide this info at the library or via 610-863-3029. Deadline is Monday two days prior to each storytime. Spots are limited.

The adult book discussion group will not meet in December. Upcoming meetings: **Jan. 12 at 6:30pm** - "book tasting" (come and share a book recommendation or two!) and Feb. 9 at 6:30pm - The Sideways Life of Denny Voss by Holly Kennedy.

New to the circulating collection:

Adult fiction: Flesh (David Szalay); Hollywood, Ending (John Green); Strange Pictures (Uketsu); Whale Harbor (Mary Beth Keane); The Gift (Freida McFadden); Mr. Dickens and His Carol (Samantha Silva); Odessa (Gabrielle Sher); Range (Dorthe Nors); The Violin Maker's Secret (Evie Woods); Mercy's Child (Richard Paul Evans); Falling Like Leaves (Misty Wilson); All In (David Baldacci); Stations (Louise Kennedy); Samantha: The Next Chapter (Fiona Davis); The Rail Splitter (John Cribb); Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books (Kirsten Miller); The Hollow (Michael Connelly).

Large print: Christmas at Saltwater Cove (Amelia Addler); Christmas at the Restaurant (Pamela Kelley); Christmas at the Shelter Inn (RaeAnne Thayne); Christmas in Painted Pony Creek (Linda Lael Miller); Remain (Nicholas Sparks and M. Night Shyamalan); The Book Club on Waverly Lane (Rachel Hanna); The Manhattan Girls (Gill Paul)

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