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December 4
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November 28**

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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Bangor Women's Club Wreath Sale

The Bangor Women's Club will be selling beautiful, decorated wreaths on **Friday, November 28 and Saturday, November 29, 10:00AM - 3:00PM**, at the Bangor Public Library, 39 S. Main Street, Bangor, Pa.

Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. Fall Craft Show

The 36th Annual Mt Bethel Ladies Auxiliary Fall Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, November 29, 9:00AM-3:00PM**, at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA.

SOS Pet Rescue 3rd Annual Holly Jolly Jubilee

SOS Pet Rescue 3rd Annual Holly Jolly Jubilee will be held on **Sunday, November 30, 11:00AM-4:00PM**, event location Allegheny Creek Brewing Company, 690 Allegheny Road, Mt Bethel, PA.

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinners

American Legion Post 927

November 27, 12:00PM - 3:00PM
646 Fairgrounds Rd, Gilbert, PA.
425-345-4955

Northbound Recovery & Stroudsburg First Presbyterian Church

November 27, 12:00PM - 4:00PM
575 Main St, Stroudsburg, PA
570-800-2466

Community Christmas Tree Lightings

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**Small Business
Saturday
November 29**

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Keystone Rod and Gun Club Holiday Craft Fair

The Keystone Rod and Gun Club will host a Holiday Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 6, 10:00AM -3:00PM**, 243 Mulberry Street, Bath, Pa. [See ad on page 11 for details](#)

Bangor Slater Band Bingo & Tricky Tray

The Bangor Slater Band Bingo and Tricky Tray will be held on **Sunday, December 7, doors open at 11:00 AM Bingo starts at 1:00PM**, at the William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland, Pa. [See ad at right for details](#)

Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Christmas Cookie Sale

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Committee is holding their annual Christmas Cookie Sale. **Order deadline December 7**. Call Terry at 610-258-5050. [See ad on page 12 for details](#)

EBUMCC One Starry Night

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church invites everyone to visit The Little Town of Bethlehem. Ready to take your family back in time? Come to "ONE STARRY NIGHT" and experience Christmas like never before! You'll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You'll go through the city gate, register for the census, visit the inn, see the stable, and more. It's a living nativity experience for all ages. **Saturday, December 13, 3:00PM-5:00PM & Sunday, December 14, 3:00PM-5:00PM** at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA (www.ebumc.org) [See ad on page 11 for details](#)

Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co. Breakfast with Santa Claus

The Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co. will host their annual Breakfast with Santa Claus on **Saturday, December 20, 8:00AM - 11:00AM** at Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap. [See ad on page 12 for details](#)

Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, December 21, 7:00AM-12:30PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Bangor. [See ad on page 10 for details](#)

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community December Programs

Winter Plant Walk - Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Join volunteer Doug B. on a walk through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of winter plants that provide food for birds and other animals. Learn how to identify plants in winter and enjoy the winter landscape. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Registration is required.

Birds and Bagels - Citizen Science and Monitor Training - **Saturday, December 6, 2025 8:30am to 10:30am.** Love birds and want to contribute to science? Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries. We'll have a special presentation from volunteer Dan Z. on how to identify common feeder birds. Participants will learn how to contribute to Project FeederWatch and be presented with the opportunity to become FeederWatch monitors at Jacobsburg or in their own homes! Bagels, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa will be provided. Attending this program is required if you plan to participate in Project FeederWatch Monitoring on **Thursdays and/or Fridays: Dec 18-19, Jan 1-2, 15-16, 29-30, Feb 12-13, 26-27, Mar 12-13, & 26-27.** Registration is required.



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Boy Scouts "Scouting for Food"

Recently Cub Scout Pack 34 (Pen Argyl) collected food during the annual Scouting for Food event. The pack collected a whopping 1,881 pounds of food (2123 items), which was donated this morning to Stuff the Bus and stays local for families in need in the Slate Belt.



Unstuff The Bus

Submitted by Madison.Deitz

On Friday November 21st 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 Monday November 3rd through Friday November 21st. 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, all the food 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 wanted 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. Cub Scout Pack 34 donated over 1900 pounds of food thanks to their "Scouting for Food" drive. Thanks to the help from the community, we collected 13,819 items and were able to feed over 70 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!



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CLOSED on December 23 and December 30 for the holiday. Re-open on January 1st for our Annual New Years Day Bingo.

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The Heart of Thanksgiving

By Kathleen McFall

Thanksgiving, one of the most cherished American traditions, is a time we gather, reflect and share a meal with those we love.

However, beyond the turkey and the trimmings lies a deeper purpose: to recognize the power of gratitude, a time to pause and give thanks.

Thanksgiving reminds us that the true heart of the holiday is not found in the busyness of the season, but in the appreciation we carry with us.

In a world that moves too quickly, true thankfulness opens our eyes to our blessings. Gratitude reminds us that even in difficult seasons, we are never without something to be thankful for.

We are all familiar with the story of the First Thanksgiving, which was born out of challenge and faith.

The pilgrims who gathered to give thanks had faced deep hardship, hunger, loss, fear and an uncertain future.

Yet, they bowed their heads and worshiped and thanked God for His mercy and His provision.

They chose to lift their hearts to God in humble gratitude for His protection. They gave thanks for their survival, for new friends, and for hope.

Their spirit still speaks to us today. Their example reminds us that gratitude does not depend on perfect circumstances. It flows from a heart that trusts the giver more than the gift.

Thanksgiving is a gentle invitation to gather and to take stock of all that fills our lives with meaning. It offers a chance to reflect.

It sets the tone and encourages us to carry a spirit of thankfulness as we anticipate the traditions, connections, and celebrations that define the season.

Often we think of Thanksgiving as the quiet opening chapter of our holiday season. It invites us to pause before the festive rush begins.

Thanksgiving reminds us that before the season bursts into colorful lights, holiday decorations, music and celebrations, it is important to be thankful.

Each holiday we experience throughout the year has its own history, its own rituals. Yet they are all linked by the gratitude reflected at Thanksgiving - a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and notice the simple beauty of being with the people we love.

As we step from Thanksgiving into the festive weeks to come, we do so with a deeper understanding of joy rooted in thankfulness, inspired by togetherness, and ready for the season's unfolding promises.

Thanksgiving teaches us to embrace the season not just with excitement, not just with lists and plans, but with appreciation.

When gratitude leads the way, everything that follows shines a little brighter. We look forward to the gatherings that fill our calendars, the small rituals that shape our homes, and the moments of joy that seem to multiply as the holidays grow closer.

Whether we're hanging a wreath, planning a meal, or simply watching the first snowfall, it is important that the spirit of Thanksgiving continues to echo quietly.

Our joy fuller when it begins with thankfulness, when we appreciate the people and moments that fill our lives.

Gratitude does not come from having everything we want, but comes from recognizing the gifts we already have. Gratitude

should not end with Thanksgiving Day, but remind us, even in difficult times, we have much to be thankful for.

Gratitude shifts our gaze from what is missing to what is present, from what has been lost to what still remains.

When we practice thankfulness, we see more clearly that joy doesn't come from grand achievements, but from everyday blessings that fill our lives with meaning.

Let's remember that gratitude is more than a feeling. It's a way of seeing the beauty around us. We find that life offers endless reasons to give thanks.

Thanksgiving reminds us that joy is found in noticing life's simple gifts - family, friends, the wonder and beauty of nature right before our eyes, and the freedom to worship and live in peace.

Gratitude can lift our hearts above worry and bring us peace.

This Thanksgiving, may we take time to look closely at the countless ordinary blessings that sustain our days.

Let's be thankful for a chance to begin again, to learn, to give and to grow. For gratitude transforms the familiar into the extraordinary. It turns a simple meal into a celebration, a moment into a memory, and an ordinary day into a gift.

In that awareness, we discover that Thanksgiving is not just a holiday. It's a way of seeing, a way of living.

When we choose thankfulness, we find contentment. When we live with grateful hearts, we discover a way of life that brings kindness, forgiveness, and love.

Thanksgiving is an invitation to pause and remember that every good gift comes from God.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever."

We need to recognize His constant presence even in hardship. In our busy world, it's easy to take blessings for granted, to see what's missing instead of what's given.

True Thanksgiving begins when we pause and give thanks for the blessings in our lives and even the lessons learned through trials we face.

We have the hope of God's promises yet to come. Scripture tells us to give thanks in all circumstances. When we thank God, we acknowledge His presence in every season, in the joys and challenges that shape our faith.

This Thanksgiving, let's take time during our celebration to thank God. And remember that He is faithful and continues to bless us.

We can experience gratitude for the beauty around us - to pause from our busy routines and look closely at the life that surrounds us.

It is a season that reminds us to breathe deeply, to notice the world in all its color and rhythm, and to give thanks not only for what we have, but for the wonder of simply being alive.

Gratitude begins in small amounts. It does not begin in abundance, but in awareness. To be thankful is to recognize that life itself is a gift.

Thanksgiving, the season of reflection, is not just a holiday, it's a way of living, reminding us that joy is found in noticing life's simple gifts.

May we live each day as if it were Thanksgiving, filled with gratitude and awareness of others.

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above worry and bring us
peace.***

What are you Thankful for?



Becky Higgins, owner, All Aspects at the Barn, "This year brought life-changing challenges after my bone cancer diagnosis. I am profoundly aware of how much I have to be grateful for. I'm thankful for my incredible husband, my family and friends, our All Aspects at the Barn team and our supportive community, who chose to shop locally while I recovered. I'm grateful to be back at work, for my strength and recovery, and deeply blessed for my surgeon who achieved clear margins. Blessed to have a strong circle around me as I continue this fight."



Rafael Antunes, Empires Coffee, "I'm thankful for friends and family. I appreciate everybody in my community because if it wasn't for the community, we wouldn't have anything."



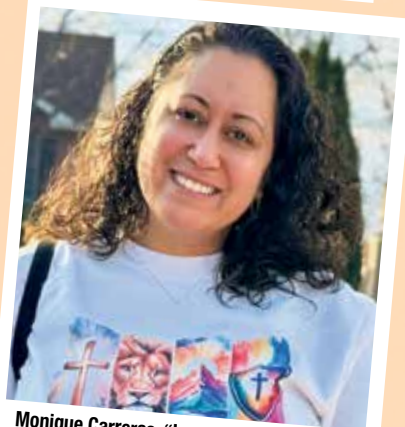
Kathleen Lynch, Director Bangor Public Library. "I'm thankful for the lovely community we serve along with our friends of the library and our board members"



Pastor Mike Poppa, "I'm thankful for Jesus, my family, my church and all the people I have pastored and have talked to about Jesus."



Debbie Szarzynski, I'm thankful for God's many blessings, especially my family.



Monique Carreras, "I am thankful for my friends and family. Thank you Lord for the opportunity to help others daily."



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November 30th 12:00pm-5:00pm
Holiday Pop Up Event
Wind Creek Outlets, Wind Creek Casino
77 Wind Creek Blvd, Bethlehem, PA

December 6, 10:00am-3:00pm
Schnecksville Fire Co Sip & Shop
Schnecksville Fire Hall 4550 Old Packhouse Road,
Schnecksville, PA, PA, United States

December 7, 12:00pm-5:00pm
Holiday Pop Up Event
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Christmas Tree Lightings

DOWNTOWN STROUDSBURG

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28,
5:30PM-7:30PM**

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BANGOR BOROUGH

**Saturday, November 29,
5:00PM-7:00PM**

Tree lighting to be held
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EASTON PEACE CANDLE LIGHTING

**Saturday, November 29,
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PORTLAND BOROUGH

**Sunday, November 30,
6:30PM**

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**Sunday, November 30,
6:00PM-8:00PM**

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FORKS TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY FESTIVALP

**Friday, December 5,
5:30PM-8:00PM, Tree
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**Friday, December 5,
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LOWER MT BETHEL TOWNSHIP

**Saturday, December 6,
6:00PM**

LMBT Munciple Building
2004 Hutchison Ave,
Martins Creek, PA 18063

WIND GAP BOROUGH

**Saturday, December 6,
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM rain
date December 7**

Wind Gap Borough Park,
W. 3rd Street, Wind Gap, PA

TATAMY BOROUGH

**Sunday, December 7,
6:30PM**

at the Tatamy Municipal
Building, 423 Broad Street,

NAZARETH

**Friday, December 12,
7:00PM-8:15PM**

in the circle
Nazareth, Pa. 18064

UPPER MT BETHEL TOWNSHIP

**A Mt Bethel Christmas
Wednesday, December 3,
5:00PM**

Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Hall,
2341 N. Delaware Drive,
Mt Bethel, PA.



EBUMCC Advent Bible Study

The East Bangor UMC church is offering a 3-week Advent Bible Study. It is based on Rachel Billups' book entitled "An Unlikely Advent", exploring the themes of Advent through the lives of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the Shepherds. The book is not required to participate, but is available through Amazon. The sessions will be held at **10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 3, 10, and 17.** A zoom option will be available for those unable to attend in person. FMI, please contact Dave Goss at 570-556-9482.

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Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Saturday, December 13, 9-11 am

\$12 per person; Kids 5-12 \$6; Under 5 free

Enjoy breakfast & take pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Goodie bag for each child.

Get tickets at the craft fair, or call 610-837-7644 or email krgclub243@gmail.com. Deadline 12/7. Free Child's ID Event.

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Sunday, Dec. 14th, 3-5 p.m.

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Photos with the Grinch!

Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13, & 20

11:00 AM -2:00PM

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Sat. 9:00AM-4:00PM, Sun. 9:00AM-3:00PM

*Lower Mount Bethel
Township
Annual Christmas
Tree Lighting*



The Lower Mount Bethel Township Rec
Board invites you to enjoy festive
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December 6th

6:00 pm

*2004 Hutchinson Avenue
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Breakfast with Santa Claus**Saturday, December 20 8:00AM - 11:00AM**

Join us for a morning of fun with Santa Claus! Enjoy a delicious breakfast, take a picture with Santa and let the kids do some fun activities! Santa Claus will be visiting until 11:00am.

Breakfast includes: Scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, toast, juice and coffee.

**Price: \$6 for children 5-12yrs
\$12 for adults/children 13yrs and up
Children 0-4 years Free**

Annual Santa Claus Toy Run same day (Plainfield Township residents only) **starting at 12:00pm!** If you are interested in having Santa Claus stop by your home to visit your child, please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it and a \$10.00 donation (per house) to the firehouse any Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm or call the firehouse at 610-863-7383 to setup a drop off. All gifts must be dropped off prior to **December 19th**. Santa Toy Run form will be posted in the discussions tab.

**BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW YOUTH ADVISORY****4th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale****\$20 per pound****Orders due by December 7**

**Pick up will be at the Blue Valley Farm Show
Tuesday, December 16 6:00-8:00PM
and Sunday, December 21 7:30 AM - 12:30PM**

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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.

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.

Mission of Love Food Bank

Every Tuesday 7:30AM to 11:00AM, 555 North Main Street, Bangor, PA. Questions contact Pastor Frank Pons (570) 807-7794.

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

St. Elizabeth/St. Joseph Food Ministry

Corner of Genoga St. and Rte. 512, Wind Gap. The **second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9:00AM-10:00AM**. Contact Katherine Kerler for more information: 610-863-7542.

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Adult Non Fiction - Unfettered by John Fetterman.

Easy Fiction - Bluey's Night Before Christmas by Lauren Holowaty; 12 Days of Princess by Holly Rice.

Junior Fiction - Dog Man: Big Jim Believes by Dav Pilkey; Wings of Fire: The Graphic Novel: Legends Darkstalker by Tui Sutherland.

Young Adult Fiction - The House Saphir by Mariss Meyer; Sakura, Saku: Vol. 9 by Io Sakisaka; Star Wars: Path of the Lightsaber: Vol. 1 Kenny Ruiz.

The Bangor Public Library is located at 39 S. Main Street, Bangor, PA. The phone number is 610-588 4136. **Hours: Mon., 1-8pm; Tues., 10am-8pm; Wed., 1-8pm; Thurs., 10am-8pm; Fri., 1-5pm; Sat., 10am-4pm; Sun. Closed.**



Blue Mountain Community Library News

The Blue Mountain Community Library is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tree Fundraiser this year. Anyone wishing to honor or memorialize a loved one or a pet may purchase an ornament to hang on our Christmas Tree for \$5.00 each. The Fundraiser **began November 1st and will continue through December 31, 2025.** Please consider helping the library by purchasing an ornament to decorate the Christmas Tree.

Visit our Book Nook to purchase books for the reader on your holiday list. Items include fiction and non-fiction books for adults, young adults and juvenile readers, as well as large print materials and puzzles.

The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are 10-12, Monday through Saturday mornings and 6-8, Monday and Thursday evenings. All information is available on our Facebook page and website @www.bmcl.org.



Slate Belt Heritage Center Annual Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest

How well do you know Slate Belt History? Test your knowledge at the Slate Belt Heritage Center's

Annual Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest on **Sunday, December 14, 2:00PM.** Bring a team of four (4) or just yourself and we will place you on a team. Host Marc (Ken Jennings) Blau will be the emcee and he assures everyone of many laughs and a good time while learning tidbits about the Slate Belt that you may or may not know. A sure fun time for everyone and plenty of laughs. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. The Heritage Center and Museum is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

Free Community Meals

EBUMCC Free Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a Free Chicken Pot Pie Casserole Dinner on **Sunday, December 7, 4:00PM-4:30PM** TAKE-OUT only at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. www.ebumc.org

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

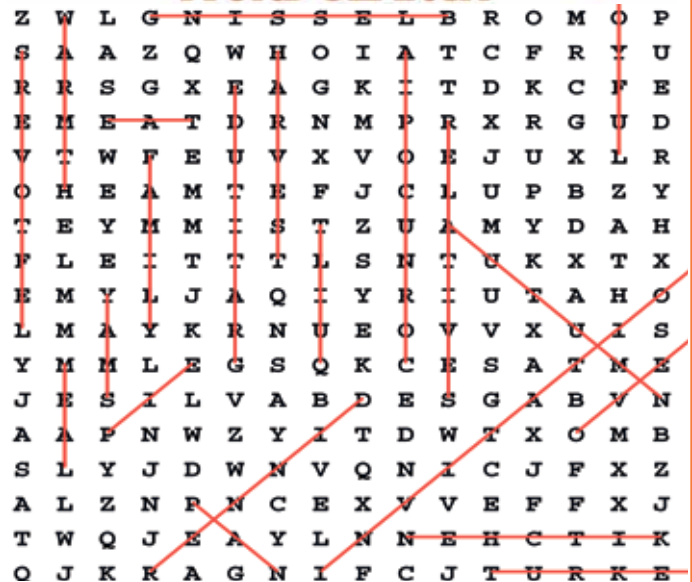
Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, December 21, at 3:00PM.** The church hosts a free monthly community Drive-thru meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

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 28, 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.



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