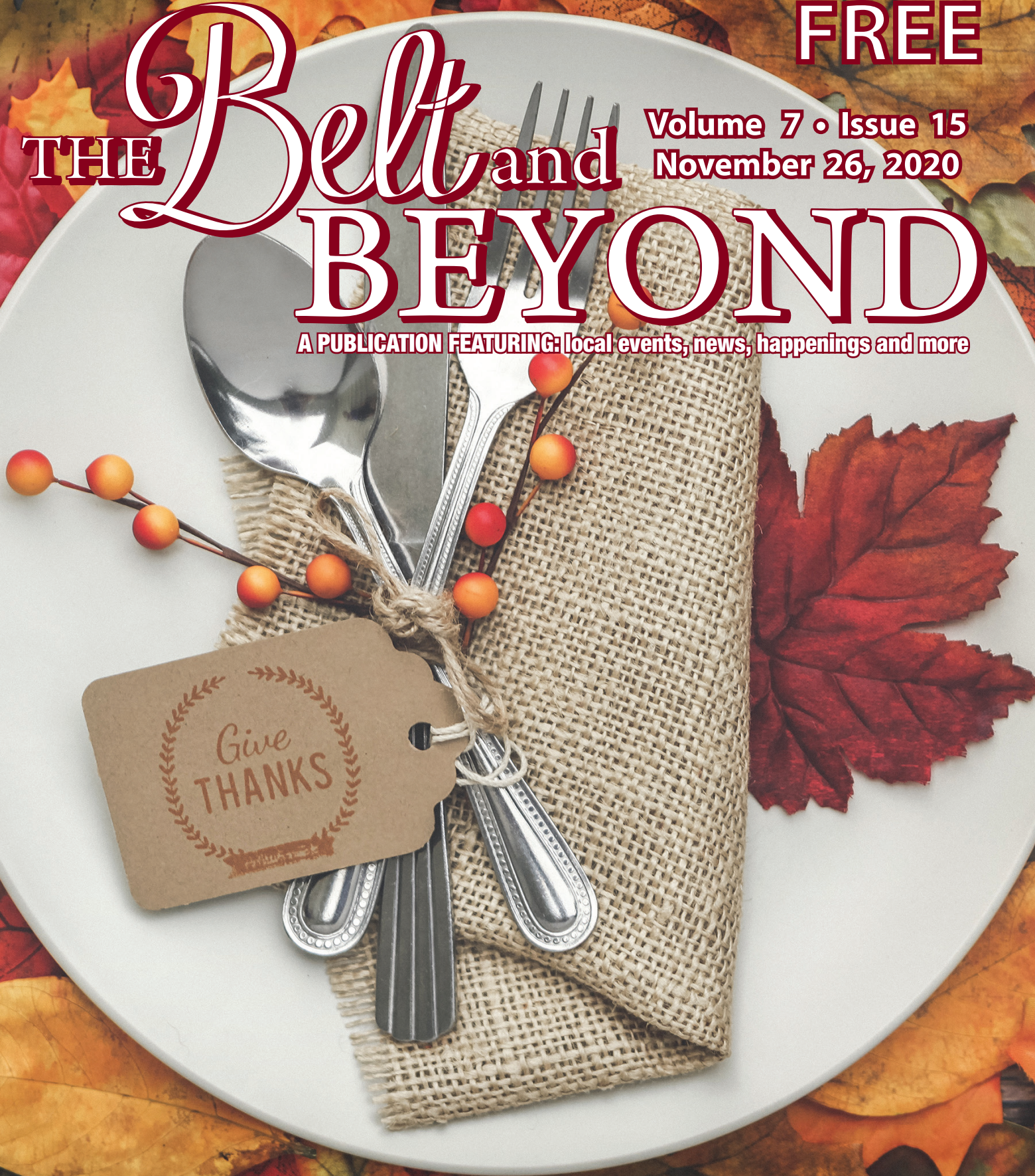


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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Roseto Helping Hands Christmas Festival

The Roseto Helping Hands Invites you to join them on **Sunday, November 29th, 3:00pm-7:00pm** at Roseto Borough Hall, 164 Garibaldi Ave. Roseto. Craft vendors and refreshments will be available followed by Santa's arrival and the tree lighting. Masks required. All CDC guidelines will be followed.

Roseto Borough Christmas Tree Lighting

Roseto Borough will host their annual Christmas tree lighting on **November 29th** at the borough hall, 164 Garibaldi Ave., Roseto. Santa Claus will arrive at **5:45pm**. He will be social distancing and will have a small gift for each child. The Roseto Helping Hands will provide hot chocolate, coffee and individually packaged treats. Mayor Joseph Angelini, will lead the tree lighting ceremony

Bangor Women's Club GFWC Elegant Holiday Wreath Sale Benefits Bangor Public Library

Fresh evergreen wreaths festively decorated by members of the Bangor Women's Club GFWC will be sold on **Friday, November 27th** and **Saturday November 28th from 10:00am to 3:00pm**, in the parking lot of the Bangor Public Library. These elegant holiday wreaths will be sold with proceeds going to the Bangor Public Library. Wreaths can be pre-ordered by calling Club President, Heidi Bates at 610-599-8815.

Small Business Saturday is Nov. 28th

See pages 5, 10 & 11 for
Small Business Saturday Specials

NATIONAL DAYS

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Pen Argyl Borough Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting

On **Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00pm** the Pen Argyl Borough will be streaming live the Christmas tree lighting on their Facebook page. Residents are welcome to attend, but must wear a mask and follow all CDC guidelines. Tree lighting only. Due to Covid restrictions this year there will be no visit from Santa Claus and no holiday treats afterward in the social hall.

A Mt Bethel Christmas Tree Lighting

A Mt Bethel Christmas will be held on **Sunday, December, 6th 6:00-7:00pm**. Mt Bethel Vol Fire Co. 2341 N Delaware Dr, Mt Bethel, PA. Please wear face masks and observe social distancing.

EBUMC Free Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a FREE "Mac 'n Cheese with Ham" on **Sunday, December 6th from 4:00pm to 4:30pm**. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions? call 610-588-4453 or visit <http://ebumc.org/>.

McMichaels UMC Roast Beef Dinner

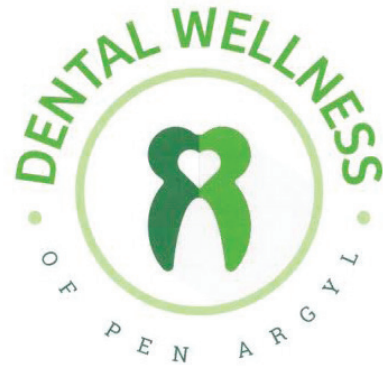
McMichaels UMC will host a Donation Only Roast Beef Dinner on **Saturday, December 12th, 2:00pm-5:00pm**. Drive-through - pick-up only. All are welcome! McMichaels UMC is located at 104 White Church Road Rt. 715 & White Church Road Saylorsburg, PA. For more info visit the church website www.mcmichaelsumc.org

Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center Christmas Marketplace

Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center will host their second annual Christmas Marketplace on **Saturday, December 12th, 10:00am-4:00pm**. Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center is located at 3300 River Rd, Mount Bethel, PA. For more info visit their website <https://www.tuscarora.org/.../10/15/christmas-marketplace>

American Legion Riders Post 927 Meeting

The American Legion Riders will hold their monthly meeting on **Sunday, December 13 at 10:30am** at the American Legion Post 927, Route 209 and Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert. The American Legion Riders contribute to Veterans, the Community, and enjoy riding. FMI contact President Everett "Skippy" Shaver, 570-977-8208 or everett.shaver@yahoo.com.



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Slate Belt Heritage Center Pearl Harbor Program

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be posting a new program on their Facebook page on **Thursday, December 3rd 7:00pm**. The program, given by James Paynter, will look at the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Mr. Paynter, a graduate of Bangor High School, served in the United States Navy from 1967 – 1969, and has spent many years studying the events on "the day that will live in infamy".

Mr. Paynter will be sharing stories from people who were there the day of the attack, showing pictures of the ships that were at Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack, as well as presenting other artifacts and displays. It promises to be an interesting and informative talk about the day that led the United States to enter World War II. The Slate Belt Heritage Center is a 501(c)3 organization that preserves and teaches about the culture and artifacts of the different groups that settled in the Slate Belt. Their Facebook

Bangor Borough Walk Works Program

Did you know that there are three walking trails through Bangor? Now that the weather is cooling off, it's the perfect time to get out and enjoy a fun, free outdoor activity. Trail Guides are also available at the Bangor Borough office, located at 197 Pennsylvania Ave., Bangor, PA. <http://bangorborough.org/walkworks-program/>

Salvation Army Seeks Christmas Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army of the Slate Belt is currently seeking individuals willing to stand kettles this Christmas season.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Captain Barbara Cure at 610-863-6677.

Donna's Salon and Advanced Reiki Healing Community Food Drive

Donna's Salon and Advanced Reiki Healing will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to local food pantries in our community. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected many families in our area. Donations of canned goods, cereals, rice, pasta, and other non perishable food items can be dropped off at Donna's Salon from **now through November 29th**, at 201 W. Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA. 18072, 484-809-3727. Hours are: Monday-Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Saturday by appt.

EBUMC Reverse Advent Calendar

A Reverse Advent Calendar will be observed at the East Bangor United Methodist Community Church. Advent is just around the corner and this year we'd like to suggest you consider a reverse advent calendar project. Instead of a typical advent calendar that you would open up and get something from, we're inviting you to consider putting an item in a bag for each day of Advent to go to the Portland-Upper Mt Bethel Food Pantry and local shelters. Consider the following: Canned goods, boxed macaroni and cheese, other non-perishable food items, toiletries, socks, etc. Dates of the project are **December 1st – 24th**. Donations can then be brought to the church and placed by the kitchen door for distribution. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt.191), East Bangor. Any questions, call 610-588-4453.--

BMCL News

BMCL Virtual Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Honor or memorialize a family member or pet by purchasing an ornament for our virtual Christmas tree. Your virtual ornament will be posted on our facebook page.

Ornaments are \$5.00 each. There is no limit to the number of ornaments you request. Cash and checks will be accepted.

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Avenue in Pen Argyl, PA. 610-863-3029. www.bmcl.org

BMCL Friday Hours

The Blue Mountain Community Library will be open on Fridays beginning in December. Craft packets for our Story Time are available. The Library will be closed **Dec. 24th, 25th and 26th all shifts and pm shift on Dec. 31st**. We will be closed on **Jan.1st** and will open **Saturday, Jan 2nd am shift** for Book Nook Sale only. Call 610-863-3029 for information or to make an appointment to use the library.

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There Is Still Reason to Hope

By Kathleen McFall

Thanksgiving has traditionally represented a season of celebration and reflection. Is it still possible to feel thankful for 2020 when millions of lives have been changed forever?

This has been a devastating year. We struggle with what is possibly the worst recession since World War II. There have been extended periods of social unrest. Wildfires and hurricanes have ravaged the country, and this year there is a global pandemic. A year ago, the term COVID-19 did not even exist. Today, everyone knows about the coronavirus.

We are a nation and a world in crisis, and difficult decisions beyond our control have upended our lives. We have faced drastic changes to our daily routine and way of life.

We wear face masks, gloves or other protective coverings. We use hand sanitizers and disinfectant sprays. We are screened to make sure we are healthy and haven't been in contact with anyone traveling long distances.

We have experienced quarantines, business shutdowns, working remotely and social distancing.

We are coping with grief due to job loss, inability to connect in-person with friends, family or religious organizations.

We've missed special events and milestones - such as graduations, weddings, and vacations.

Some people have lost friends and loved ones to COVID-19. We have an uncertainty about the future - an anxiety and concern about our health and our loved ones' health and well being.

It can be especially traumatic if someone you love has died during the pandemic. Often it is sudden, and family members are unable to be by their side because of restrictions designed to stop the spread of infection.

Grief can be all-consuming. It is different for everyone, yet universal. For so many families, this heightened sense of loss is overwhelming and moving on from the pandemic may seem an insurmountable obstacle as they struggle with how to put life's pieces back together.

Finding the personal resilience to navigate the "new normal" in a post-coronavirus world and choosing hope may, in some ways, be harder, but it can be done. Long term recovery and renewal are possible.

We need to make sure something good comes out of all of this. We need to give thanks and focus on life's little moments that bring us all joy. We need to choose hope.

American poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou stated: "We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated."

These are trying and difficult times. This pandemic offers a rare opportunity for each of us to be there for each other. Maybe this could be a year we finally come together instead of pushing each other further apart. On so many levels we have written off 2020, but is it possible to change the ending, and, instead, make it one of the most important years of all?

We saw people put their community before themselves. In these dark days of 2020, we've seen how people have

lifted each other up. We are grateful for all the hard work and dedication of our essential workers who are helping our communities make the best of this crisis.

Through this ordeal we saw strength and optimism which has been so inspiring. Americans have rallied together to support our health care workers and first responders with hot meals and enthusiastic applause.

People have donated food to others in their community who are struggling to put a meal on the table during these difficult times.

Two-thirds of Americans believe that the lockdown has made them better people. We've gained new friendships, become closer to family, appreciate nature and the changing seasons.

Eating healthy food, exercising and becoming more at peace with time alone are also important. Watching a favorite movie, finding joy in writing, or reading books that we might never have touched before can bring us comfort.

There is a difference between happiness and joy. Happiness is caused by things that happen to us and situations can damage our happiness. Joy, however, flows through trouble and suffering. Maya Angelou said: "When you wish someone joy, you wish them peace, love, prosperity, happiness...all the good things."

I hope the simple reminders of life's abundant blessings will fill you with joy today and always. Be mindful of the gifts that surround you and that they will inspire you to share your gratitude and joy with others.

It is that very togetherness that will help us weather this global threat. We must help each other in whatever way we can to ensure that we all emerge standing strong when the virus is controlled.

It is important to keep hope alive in our lives, for hope renews us. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said, "Change your thoughts and you change your world."

We all feel vulnerable and it is easy to give into despair. By making a choice to hope, we put ourselves in control of how we react to our circumstances and how we will handle what comes next.

It's not easy. These are sad and scary times and it can be hard to maintain a hopeful disposition.

It can be difficult to pull ourselves out of despair, disappointment and anger. However, hope is a choice that can make all the difference and help us to embrace our future.

Rabbi Morris Adler, who was a nationally known Jewish leader and one of the most revered rabbis in southeast Michigan, stated: "Our prayers are answered not when we are given what we ask for, but when we are challenged to be what we can be."

Perhaps more than any other period in our lifetime, our country really needs the spirit of Thanksgiving and the holiday season.

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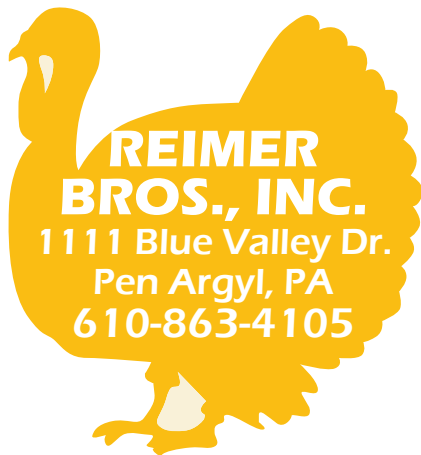
Thanksgiving

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Photos with Santa by Todd LaBar Photography will be available for purchase Affordable photo packages also available

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Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce & Senator Mario Scavello Present Awards to The SBCC Business Person and Volunteer of the Year

On Monday, November 23rd, The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Faith Sarisky at the Bangor Elks where the flag mural is painted. Kim Green, owner of Little Creek Bar-B-Cue Co. was awarded the Business Person of the Year. Pictured Senator Mario Scavello with SBCC board members and award recipients. Photos by Candy Martin



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Stuff the Bus Event Gets Boost from Community Partners

The 4th annual Stuff the Bus event kicked off with tremendous support from students, community members and businesses. This year's event was special, as new donors joined to provide meals to families in need. Donations from Nestle Waters, International Polymers Corporation, The Slate Pub, Waste Management, Woodstone Country Club, Pen Argyl Area School District students and families, Pen Argyl Area School faculty and other individuals added to the existing success of this annual event, filling boxes with food as we enter the holidays.

Pen Argyl High School's Character Education Program made contact with Feed the Children in Bethlehem and they donated 12 pallets of items that were included in the Thanksgiving food boxes.

Pen Argyl Area High School students unpacked the "stuffed" bus on Friday, November 20th in the parking lot of GCSL in Pen Argyl to prepare boxes of meals that will provide families with multiple meals over the Thanksgiving holiday.

The event is organized by Families First of Pen Argyl and provides nearly 100 families with meals, especially this year, as the impact of this pandemic is an added stress to our families in need within the Pen Argyl School District.

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Medicare Open Enrollment Runs Now Through December 7

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to review and change coverage to meet their individual health care needs. The open enrollment period is open now through December 7.

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Storytime at BMCL

Storytime is back at the Blue Mountain Community Library! The BMCL will offer a Preschool Storytime and Craft activity on FACEBOOK every Thursday. Stories will have seasonal themes and crafts. We will provide the supplies, which can be picked up at the Library at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl. All children are welcome to participate; no membership is necessary.

Call 610-863-3029 for your craft packet. For more information, visit us at www.bmcl.org.

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Scouting for Food Saturday



Scout Troop 41 collected many bags and boxes of donated food from the community on Saturday, November 14. All food was donated to the Portland Food Pantry for the local community.

Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 Donates Food to Mission of Love

Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 in conjunction with the Elks National Foundation has recently donated over \$2000 worth of food to the Mission of Love Ministries Food Bank. On Saturday November 21, local Elks members took to their vehicles, ordered, picked up, and delivered the pallets of food to Pastor Frank Pons at the Mission of Love Ministries Food Bank located on Main Street in Bangor. The Mission of Love Food Bank Ministry is a non-profit organization that seeks to fight hunger by providing food and clothing to local families in need.

The Lodge, which assists with community events such as the Halloween Parade, Christmas for the less than fortunate, a summer lunch program for children, and operating the train at the Borough Park, has been somewhat idle this year with the pandemic. Under the leadership of Exalted Ruler Mike Jankowski, the Lodge wanted to assist the community in other areas.



Past Exalted Rulers Todd McClain and Phillip Lipyanic deliver Food items to the Mission of Love Ministries.

GCSL Hosts Families First Stuff the Bus Event

On Friday, November 20th, GCSL hosted Families First and PAHS students for the annual Stuff the Bus Food Distribution event. See more photos on our Facebook page.

Photos by Lisa Newberry



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