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FORKS Area Art Society Holiday Show

The FORKS Area Art Society will hold a holiday show on **Saturday, November 23, 10:00AM-3:00PM**, to be held at the Atrium, Park Plaza 1800 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040. FMI email: info@forksart.org See ad on page 4 for detail

Grace United Methodist Church Craft and Vendor Show

Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E Mountain Avenue, Pen Argyl will be hosting a craft and vendor show on **Saturday, November 23 9:00am to 3:00pm**. FMI call Patti 484-695-5754 or church. 610-863-4811.

Miller House Craft Show

The Miller House Annual Craft Show will be held **Friday, November 22 - Sunday, November 24 & Friday, November 29 - Sunday, December 1**. 100 Erdman Avenue, (above Miller's Paint Store) Bangor, PA See ad on page 9 for detail

EBUMCC Advent Bible Study

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will offer a 4-week Advent Bible Study focusing on the profound exchange of gifts between God and humanity. This study will be on **Mondays, November 25 to December 16 at 10:30AM and 7:00PM**. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. FMI 610-588-4453 or www.ebumc.org.

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Look for our next issue on
Thursday, December 5
Deadline for all ad copy and news
Friday, November 29

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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

35 DAYS



7th Annual Snowmen of Stroudsburg

The 7th Annual Snowmen of Stroudsburg enjoy the 60 plus snowmen in downtown Stroudsburg **November 29, 2024 - February 21, 2025**. FMI visit www.gocollaborativestbg.com/snowmenofstroudsburg/

Bangor Women's Club Wreath Sale

The Bangor Women's Club will be selling decorated wreaths for the holidays at the Bangor Public Library, 39 S. Main Street, Bangor, PA. on **Friday, Nov. 29 & Saturday, Nov. 30, 10:00AM-3:00PM**

Mt. Bethel Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary 35th Fall Craft Show

The Mt. Bethel Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will host their 35th Annual Fall Craft Show on **Saturday, November 30, 9:00AM to 3:00PM**. Over 100 vendors! Kitchen will be open. 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mount Bethel PA 18343. *See ad on page 5 for details*

Tricky Tray & Bingo To Benefit Donna Gallagher

November 30, Doors open 4:30PM, Bingo Starts 6:00PM. Bangor Elks Lodge, 120 Broadway, Bangor, PA *See ad on page 13 for detail*

SOS Pet Rescue Holly Jolly Jubilee

SOS Pet Rescue Holly Jolly Jubilee will be held on **December 1, 11:00AM - 4:00PM** at Allegheny Creek, 690 Allegheny Road, Mt Bethel, PA. 18343. *See ad on page 5 for details*

EBUMCC Free Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a FREE "Pasta w/Meat Sauce" Dinner on **Sunday, December 1, from 4:00PM to 4:30PM**. This is TAKE-OUT ONLY. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions, call 610-588-4453 or visit ebumc.org

Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society, INC Gun Show

Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society, INC Gun Show will be held on **Saturday, December 7, 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Sunday, December 7, 9:00AM to 2:00PM**. Agri-Plex Hall, Allentown Fairgrounds, 17th & Chew Streets, Allentown, PA. *See ad on page 5 for detail*

Bangor 150 Committee Bus Trip to New York City

The Bangor 150 Anniversary Committee is hosting a day trip to New York City on **Sunday, December 8th, 2024**. This day-long bus trip will take you right into the heart of NYC, where you'll have the entire day to explore the city on your own along with optional add on tickets to see the Christmas Spectacular starring the Radio City Rockettes. Pick up at Bangor Park 8:00AM, depart NYC at 7:00PM. All proceeds benefit the Bangor 150th Anniversary Celebration. For tickets go to <https://bangorborough.org> ticket purchase info listed under Borough Announcements.

Hub Community Center Grand Reopening Open House

The Hub Community Center will be hosting an open house on **Sunday, December 8th from 2:00PM to 5:00PM** including refreshments, games, prizes and Christmas presents for kids. 14 Broadway, Bangor, PA. familylifehub.com

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Local Youth Completes Eagle Scout Project

Vinny Vega, of East Bangor, a 15 year old 10th grade cyber student at Commonwealth Charter Academy, and member of Troop 41 of Johnsonville recently completed his Eagle Scout Project. Vinny's Eagle Scout Project is a "Little Free Food Pantry." The pantry is self sustaining and operates from donations of non-perishable goods from the community.

Pastor John Vidal from the John Wesley Covenant Church in Wind Gap announced the official opening. Vinny has been a volunteer helping in serving free community meals with the John Wesley Covenant Church for over 3 years and chose the church as the recipient for his Eagle Scout Project. His project also included a picnic area, new flower beds, and the free food pantry. He spent his summer break designing and building 100 birdhouses to sell to family, friends and local community members to raise funds for his project. Vinny is proud to see that the pantry has already been very active with donations coming in to help those in need of food assistance in our community. He is hopeful to complete his Eagle Scout rank before the end of the year and is optimistic that the pantry will serve the community for many years to come.



Pictured: Pastor John Vidal and Vinny Vega at the Little Free Food Pantry at the church.

The John Wesley Covenant Church is located at 19 West Street in Wind Gap. The church offers free meals to the community every third Thursday of the month.

Thomas Greenhouse Celebrates Grand Re-Opening

Photos by Candy Martin

Thomas Greenhouse celebrated their Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The Slate Belt Chamber Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony the day of the event. Thomas Greenhouse is a 4th generation, family owned and operated business for over 100 years. Kyle and his wife, Lisa Thomas, are 4th generation owners of the family business. Kyle's Great grandparents Edwin and Mary Nicholas, started the business in the early 1900's. The family business continued with Kyle's grandmother and husband Eva and Bernard Thomas, who owned the business for 40 years, Kyle's parents Gary and Doris Thomas took over the business in 1961 and ran the business until 2006. Kyle and Lisa took over ownership at that time. Since July, Kyle and Lisa have worked tirelessly, doing the majority of the work themselves with help from family and friends to make the new building a reality. The new showroom offers an array of holiday and home decor, house plants, succulents, and more. During the holiday season you will find Lisa and Kyle and family working from dawn to dusk making beautiful handmade wreaths, grave blankets, boxes, and fresh centerpieces. Custom orders are welcome. Customers are encouraged to call early to ensure availability. Holiday wreath and centerpiece making workshops are also offered. You can check workshop date/time on their Facebook page or call the greenhouse. Kyle and Lisa look forward to seeing you and hope you make this family tradition a part of your family's holidays.

Thomas Greenhouse is conveniently located at 1586 Mt Bethel Highway, (Rt 512) in Mt Bethel, PA. Phone number is 484-661-6553. They are open 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. until December 23rd **ADV.**



Pictured L-R Beth Duyssen SBCC Director, Lisa Spagnola, Lisa and Kyle Thomas, owners and son Dylan.

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35th Annual Fall Craft Show

Mt. Bethel Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary
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THANKSGIVING: A CELEBRATION OF FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

By Kathleen McFall

Some of the best times in life are spent around the dinner table. That is especially true of Thanksgiving.

We delight in the warmth and love of family and friends gathered around the table to share a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

We spend a great deal of time preparing for the holiday. Turkeys are in the oven, pumpkins are made into pies, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, cranberry sauce and casseroles are all waiting to be served.

We reflect on this past year. We thank God for our blessings and rely on Him for our strength when we feel worn out, tired or empty.

At Thanksgiving, we set aside a time to pause and reflect on the essence of gratitude which is a central part of Christian faith in God and His love and mercy.

Being grateful requires Faith, trusting God. Gratitude is seeing God's hand in our lives, including our challenges and struggles.

Struggle can come in many different forms. So many things fill up our lives, making it hard to keep up with daily responsibilities. The cost of necessities keeps going up, and it can be harder to make ends meet.

Life can seem chaotic and out of control. It is easy to feel disheartened. However, each challenge faced, as well as each joy shared are all part of the portrait that God is creating in our lives.

Being grateful requires trusting God and hoping for our future, even when it isn't immediately visible. Gratitude is seeing God's hand in our lives, including our challenges and struggles. Through Jesus, we can experience an unexplainable peace and joy.

But, what is joy? Joy is a choice. It is an attitude that stems from our confidence in God's presence and strength and refusing to let negative thoughts and feelings dictate our mood and control our lives.

We often find joy in life's biggest moments - weddings, births, graduations, celebrations of all kinds. We can also find joy in the simple aspects of daily life.

Joy can be found in a sunrise or a sunset. It can be found in watching tree branches swaying in the wind, listening to birds singing, children running around and laughing. God's beauty and wonder is seen throughout His creation.

Joy is in familiar faces that we look forward to seeing and in the sweet surprises that come from trying something new and different.

Joy is also the comfort we find in spiritual insight. We are under God's protection and provision. Joy is a way to feel the peace and the power of the love of God in our hearts.

God's love can calm even the most chaotic situations. The love of faith, family and friends can change us.

Victor Hugo, in his novel, "Les Misérables", said: "To love one another is to see the face of God". He believed that by showing love and compassion to others, we are reflecting the divine nature of God.

God loves us. He knows the challenges and the

uncertainties we face every day. There will inevitably be times of security and times of doubt.

Our dreams don't always work out the way we planned. Change and disappointment can affect the way we view our lives.

Yet, change is a part of life. Rather than live anxiously or in fear, we need to align ourselves with God, who offers us a promise of hope and courage.

When we focus on what to be thankful for, we develop an attitude of gratitude for what God has done in our lives.

No one can escape grief or affliction, and nothing can replace what has been lost, but we can, however, experience God's mercy and love and find contentment.

In the Bible, Philippians 4:12, Apostle Paul wrote about contentment saying, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation".

Paul's contentment was based on his relationship with Christ. He reminds us that contentment is not found in external circumstances, but through faith and trust in God.

Paul's contentment was not complacency, but rather a deliberate decision to find peace and satisfaction regardless of our situation.

No matter how lonely we feel, we are not alone. We can be encouraged during difficult times and have hope. God can heal our hearts.

If we have faith we can align ourselves with life, looking forward to new experiences with readiness and enthusiasm.

We bless the past and the people we were, but we can welcome the future and the people we will become.

The true legacy we leave behind isn't measured by material wealth, but by the impact we've made on the lives of others and the love we shared.

Jesus' public ministry lasted only three years, but His legacy - teaching, healing, comforting, guiding, and loving lives on today, 2,000 years later.

We need to reflect on where we place our value and cherish what truly matters - relationships, kindness and the pursuit of a life well-lived. Within us lies a strength derived from hope and faith in the Lord.

In the Bible, Isaiah 55:12 states: "You will go out, enjoy, and be led forth in peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

What a wonderful message of hope and joy so powerful that nature itself is celebrating God's presence and protection.

May our hearts be filled with the unseen blessings God has woven into our lives. Let this Thanksgiving be a gentle reminder to share our gratitude and joy with others as we pause and reflect on the gifts of faith, hope and love.

We can trust God to help us pursue the life He intended for us.

Have a blessed and beautiful Thanksgiving.

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IS TO SEE THE FACE OF
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Free Community Thanksgiving Meals
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575 Main Street Stroudsburg, PA. 18360
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Bangor Slater Band Bingo & Tricky Tray

The Bangor Slater Band will hold a Bingo & Tricky Tray hosted by the Portland Fire Co. on **Sunday, December 8, Doors open at 11:00Am Bingo starts at 1:00PM** at The William Pensyl Social Hall 111 State St., Portland, PA 18351. Order online <https://form.jotform.com/242755013945155> Questions? Cash/Check Payment? Call or Text Missy 484-866-6830 or Nicole 570-350-1809. **See ad page 5 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, so bring the whole family! "One Starry Night" takes place on **Saturday, December 14, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 15, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA (610-588-4453; www.ebumc.org **See add on page 9 for details**

Santa Express at Bangor Memorial Park

Join the Rescue Fire Co. at Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhardt Blvd. Bangor, PA. for the Santa Express on **Saturday, December 14, 5:00-8:00PM (rain date December 15).** FMI email: davemccloughan@gmail.com
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Breakfast with Santa Claus
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 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 21st**. Santa Toy Run form will be posted in the discussions tab.

One Starry Night
 A Savior is Born
 Journey back in time for an unforgettable Christmas Nativity experience!
Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3-5pm
Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2-4 p.m.
 East Bangor United Methodist Community Church
 136 W. Central Ave, East Bangor, PA 18013

Bangor Area High School Music Events Schedule 2024

The Bangor Area High School Music Department will hold the following concerts at the Performing Arts Theatre, located at 187 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA.

- November 25 Chorus Disney Night 7:00PM**
- December 10 Chorus Winter Concert 7:30 PM**
- December 12 Band Winter Concert 7:30 PM**

LOWER MT BETHEL TOWNSHIP

**Annual
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Hosted by The Recreation Board and
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Saturday, December 7, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for pictures with Santa, children's activities and crafts, food, cookies, and the Fidelity Bank Hot Cocoa Truck!

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BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW YOUTH ADVISORY
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Tree lighting to be held at
5:00PM on Broadway in
historic downtown Bangor.

**EASTON PEACE
CANDLE LIGHTING**
Saturday, November 30,
Center Square, Easton.

**EAST BANGOR
BOROUGH**
Saturday, December 7,
6:30 PM
Blaine Reimel
Memorial Park
Park Road,
East Bangor,
PA. 18013

FORKS TOWNSHIP
Friday, December 6,
5:30PM-8:00PM
Forks Township Community
Park, 500 Zucksville Road.

**LOWER MT BETHEL
TOWNSHIP**
Saturday, December 7,
6:00PM-7:30 PM
LMBT Munciple Building
2004 Hutchison Ave,
Martins Creek, PA 18063

NAZARETH
Friday, December 13,
7:00 PM
in the circle,
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**PEN ARGYL
BOROUGH**
Friday, December 6,
6:00PM -8:00PM
Weona Park,
(North side - Arch Street
entrance)
201 S. Main Street,
Pen Argyl, PA.

**PORTLAND
BOROUGH**
Sunday, December 1,
6:30PM-8:00PM
Portland Railroad Depot,
Delaware Ave.,
Portland PA.

**ROSETO BOROUGH
TREE LIGHTING**
Sunday, December 1st,
beginning at 5:30PM,
event 5:30PM-8:30PM
Borough Hall,
164 Garibaldi Ave.,
Roseto, PA.

STROUDSBURG
Friday, November 29,
5:00 PM to 7:30 PM tree
lighting 5:30PM
Downtown Stroudsburg,
Courthouse Square

TATAMY BOROUGH
Sunday, December 1,
6:30PM
Tatamy Municipal Building,
423 Broad Street,
Tatamy, PA

**UPPER MT BETHEL
TOWNSHIP**
**A Mt Bethel Christmas
Wednesday, December 4,
5:00PM-6:00PM**
Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Hall,
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Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner

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The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Dinner to honor the 2024 Business Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and this year the Best of the Slate Belt Awards. The dinner was held at Allegheny Creek Brewing on November 6. Congratulations to all of the 2024 award recipients! Businessperson of the Year -Erik Borgh, owner of Capitol ACE Hardware and Volunteer of the Year - Terri Eagle. Best of the Slate Belt Awards Franklin Hill Vineyard, Category: Best Vineyard/Winery, Hillside Smokehouse, Category: Best Deli/Caterer Johnsonville Farm & Garden, Category: Best Specialty Shoppe Richmond Farm & Brewery, Category: Best Brewery/Pub The Local Scoop, Category: Best Ice Cream Place.

The beautiful slate awards were made locally at Capozzolo Brothers Slate Company in Bangor.



Businessperson of the Year-Erik Borgh, owner of Capitol ACE Hardware. Award presented by SBCC Board Vice President, Debbie Pettinari.



Volunteer of the Year-Terri Eagle. Award presented by SBCC Vice President, Debbie Pettinari



The Local Scoop-Best Ice Cream Place -Awarded to owners Chris & Megan Louszko and family presented by SBCC Board Member Zach Miller.



Hillside Smokehouse-Best Deli/Caterer. Accepting award Bob & Linda Ackerman. Presented by SBCC Board Member Zach Miller.



Franklin Hill Vineyard- Best Vineyard/Winery. Accepting award is Bonnie Pysher. Presented by SBCC Board Member Zach Miller.



Johnsonville Farm & Garden- Best Specialty Shoppe. Accepting award is owner, Aline Haddad. Presented by SBCC Board Member Zach Miller.



Richmond Farm & Brewery- Best Brewery/Pub. Accepting award are owners Eric & Milissa Smith. Presented by SBCC Board Member Zach Miller.

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Area Food Banks & Food Pantries

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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 9:00AM to 12:00PM, 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

John Wesley Covenant Church

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

Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Community Service Center

The PVEN Community Service Center, located at 2334 Route 209, Sciota, PA 18354 (just outside Brodheadsville and diagonally across the street from The Flag Store) is home to their Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Diaper Pantry, and Menstrual Hygiene Pantry. These year-round programs provide free groceries, clothing, social service referrals, and other necessary items to residents of Chestnuthill, Eldred, Hamilton, Jackson, Ross and Polk townships in Monroe County, PA. **All services are by appointment only.**

All recipients must complete registration as a new client at the PVEN office to be eligible for services. Please call (570) 992 3136 for more information on registration hours and required documentation. Once registered, clients can schedule appointments to visit the Food Pantry once each month and the Clothing Closet once every 3 months.

More information can be obtained by calling the PVEN office at (570) 992 3136, or by visiting www.pven.net

UMBT Collecting Turkeys and Food for Thanksgiving

Upper Mount Bethel Township is currently collecting turkeys and other non-perishable food items for those in need this Thanksgiving holiday. If you are able to donate, please drop off at the Upper Mount Bethel Township Building located at 387 Ye Olde Highway, Mount Bethel, PA 18343.

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Slate Belt Heritage Center Christmas Open House

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will hold a Christmas Open House on **Saturday December 7, from 1:00PM-5:00PM**. This will be in conjunction with the Borough of Bangor's Holiday Artisan Market and Tree Lighting. On exhibit will be the mechanical Santa's Workshop that used to be on display at the Merchants Bank in downtown Bangor. There will also be mechanical hand made carnival rides and old toys. A special storytime will be conducted and the children can make a craft to take home. Refreshments will be served.

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