

Kern Sworn in, Sarnoski Named Director as Freeholder Board Reorganizes



New Warren County Freeholder James R. Kern, III is sworn in by State Sen. Michael Doherty at the Warren County Courthouse during the freeholder board's annual reorganization meeting.

BELVIDERE – Freeholder James R. Kern, III, of Po-hatcong, surrounded by family members and standing in front of a crowd of well-wishers in the Warren County Courthouse, took the oath of office for a three-year term on the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders during the annual Reorganization Meeting.

Once officially seated, he and Freeholder Richard D. Gardner moved to name Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski as the board's director for 2019. A freeholder since 2011 who is now in the third year of his third term, Sarnoski is taking up the director's gavel for the third time.

Kern was sworn in by State Sen. Michael Doherty, a former Warren County freeholder, as he family stood with him: parents Joan and James R. Kern, Jr., brother John Kern, sister Elizabeth McGuinness, and his girlfriend, Carina Sitkus.

In his first remarks as a freeholder, Kern thanked his family and friends, and highlighted some of the areas where he hopes to steer county government. He said the county should continue to forge a strong relationship with Warren County Community College, noting, "This institution is a tremendous asset and continues to be an example of what happens when proper funds are allocated. As a graduate of Warren County Community College, I can personally attest to the great work that these educators do each day, and I look forward to working with them closely in the upcoming year."

Kern also said he wants the county to increase its efforts to inform residents about what county government does, and the services it offers. Explaining that government at all levels must adapt to the changing technology around us, Kern said, "With new media tools at our disposal, agencies can communicate and share information quicker than ever. This is about improving communication with our

residents and providing a high level of transparent government. Once we are successful, people will be able to see our government in action, and learn of the many great services Warren County already provides."

Sarnoski began his remarks by praising newly retired freeholder Edward J. Smith, who the board surprised with a plaque commemorating his service. "He will be sorely missed by this board and all that worked with him," Sarnoski said of Smith.

Sarnoski said his focus for the coming year will be to assure that Warren County continues to have the low debt, low taxes and stable government that was been brought about by the hard work of the freeholder board and county staff.

He also said the county workforce is aging and seeing many retirements, and county government's practices need modernization. Sarnoski is working on an organizational plan to meet the needs of the future

and hire the best talent, all while keeping the taxpayer in mind.

With Smith's departure, the board switched up liaison responsibilities for its three members. The full list of which departments, boards and commissions each freeholder will be responsible for, and the municipalities to which each will be the liaison, is published on the Warren County official website at <http://www.co.warren.nj.us/freeholders.html>.



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1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor
 Jan 20- 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang (610) 588-7818, www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Bangor Church of the Nazarene
150 Bunny Trail, Bangor
 Jan 20- 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm Powerhouse Praise Practice, 6pm Teen Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth L. Bean, Pastor (610) 588-6929

Belfast Bible
483 Belfast Rd., Belfast
 Jan 20- Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist
607 School St., Belfast
 Jan 20- Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Worship 10am, coffee fellowship following worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610) 746-3652.

Benders Mennonite Church
975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl
 Worship service every Sunday at 10:10am; Food Bank 3rd Saturday of the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion
7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611), Martins Creek
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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
703 S. Delaward Dr. (Rt 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church)
 Every Sunday- 9am Worship, Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sundays. 610-588-7056, www.celcpa.org

Clearfield Bible Holiness Church
1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap
 Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am & 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick. (812) 653-3975.

Community Baptist
Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl
 Jan 15- Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

Community Presbyterian
1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel
 Jan 20- SS 9:15am, Worship service 10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of every month following service. www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org, (570) 897-6766.

Cross Road Baptist Church
201 Second St., Bangor
 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor (610) 588-3966, www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

East Bangor United Methodist
136 W. Central Ave., E Bangor
 Jan 17- 6:30pm Choir, 1pm Bazaar Workshop; Jan 19- 8pm AA Meeting; Jan 20- 8:30am Choir, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Adult Forum. Pastor David Goss (610) 588-4453. Dial-A-Message, (610) 588-3896. www.ebumc.org

Faith Alive Community Church
10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap
 Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer, 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am Family Fellowship, 9:30am Intercessory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am Children's Church, Communion at 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew Whistler. (610) 863-6911, www.faccpa.org

Faith United Presbyterian
Penna & Heller Aves., Pen Argyl
 Jan 20- 9am Choir, 10am Worship/Communion/Food Bank/Church School. (610) 836-4447

Family Life Community Church
1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor
 Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr. 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service. Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736, www.flccbBangor.com.

First United Evangelical
25 S 2nd St., Bangor
 Jan 17- 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting, 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at (610) 588-3226

First United Methodist Church
55 N. Third St., Bangor
 Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am, Communion first Sunday of month, Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist
19 West & Water St., Wind Gap
 Jan 20- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Communion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month. Pastor John Vidal (570) 426-0645

Flicksville UCC
1337 Lower S. Main St., Bangor
 Jan 20- 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship with local music talent every Sunday. Pastor Ken Hess (610) 588-4648

God's Missionary Church of Northampton
4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329), Northampton, PA
 Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm, Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister. (610) 262-4412. http://GMC-N.com

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church,
2904 Church Rd, Martins Creek PA
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor Louise Williams. www.goodshepherdmc.com

Grace Lutheran Church
5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth
 Jan 15- 6:30pm Choir; Jan 20- 9am Service/Communion, 10:15am SS, 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum. (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist
404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl
 Jan 20- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am Blended, 10am SS. Nursery care available at all services. Rev. J. Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipatgrace.org

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg
 Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM; Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith
301 Market Street, Bangor
 Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Almazar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE. www.hopespringscommunity.org.

Hope UCC
2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap
 Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion 1st Sunday of the month). All are welcome! SS every other Friday. Pastor Darlene K. Blocker. (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church
396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna
 Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters 570-350-4710

Mt. Bethel Church
A Church of the Lutheran Brethren
1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd, Mt. Bethel
 Jan 20- 8:30am Traditional Service including "Kids Korner" Children's Sermon, 9:50am Confirmation & SS, 11am Contemporary Service including Mt. Bethel Praise Team & "Children's Church" during the sermon. Chris Priestaf, Senior Pastor. Dan Christenson, Assoc. Pastor. Andrew Little, Youth Director. Little Friends Preschool (570) 897-7797. Visit our website www.mountbethelchurch.org or call (570) 897-7142 for information or directions.

Our Lady of Good Counsel
436 South 2nd Street, Bangor
 Jan 15- Mass 4pm; Jan 20- Mass 8:30am. Pastor Stephen L. Maco, (610) 588-5445, www.goodcounselrcchurch.org

Portland Baptist Church
601 Delaware Ave., Portland
 Sun- Sunday School 9am, Service 10:30am; Wed- Bible Study 10:30 with Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and ramps We are handicap accessible with automatic doors, elevator and restroom. (570) 897-6866 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto
332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor
 Jan 20- Worship 10:30am. Rev. Albert Martin. (610) 588-4864, email presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net. www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor
 Jan 15- Happy Quilters 9am; Jan 20- 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship/Communion. (610) 588-2355, website www.popbangor.org

Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor
 Jan 20- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed Van Arsdale. (610) 588-7317

The Roseto Independent Presbyterian Church
210 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto
 Sunday Worship Services 9:15am Greeting/Welcoming, 9:30am Service. All Welcome. Rev. Barry Eng. (610) 599-9949, www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org.

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Jan 20- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided), 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J. Davis. (610) 863-9274.

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church
310 Madison Ave, Nazareth
 Sun- 9:45am SS, 10:45am Holy Eucharist. Rev. William Martin, 610-746-3910, www.stbrigidspa.org.

St. Elizabeth's Parish
300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl
 Jan 20- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl
 Jan 20- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal
1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor
 Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve Service 4pm. Rev. Joel Atkinson. Coffee hour after service.

St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast
471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)
 SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Frank Gassler. 610-759-0244. www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal
340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap
 Jan 20- service 9am. Coffee hour follows service. Rev. Joel Atkinson.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran
1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Jan 18- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band 7pm; Jan 19- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- Services 8am and 10:15am, 9am SS. (610) 863-6859

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic
Delaware Ave., Portland
 Jan 19- Mass 6pm; Jan 20- Mass 10:30am. Rev. Stephen L. Maco www.goodcounselrcchurch.org (610) 588-5445.

The Pentecostal Christian Church the Truth
(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)
4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl
 Jan 20- Prayer 14- Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise & Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

Mission of Love Food Bank
555 North Main St., Bangor
 Every Tuesday- Food Bank Program 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
404 Broadway, Bangor
 Jan 17- Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

Trinity United Church of Christ
632 S. Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel
 Jan 20- Adult SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Rodney W. Wells. (610) 588-1989.

Zion Presbyterian Church
Water St., Wind Gap
 Jan 20- Rev. Albert Martin will be speaking at the 9:30am service. Children SS during the service. Visitors welcome. (610) 863-8896.

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