



Kalahari Resorts Expansion Grand Opening

By Mario Scavello

POCONO MOUNTAIN - Congratulations to Kalahari Resorts on the grand opening of its expanded convention center! I was happy to attend the celebration, where General Manager Daryl Morris was presented with a certificate of recognition. The cost of the expansion was \$35 million and the resort can now offer 205,000 square feet of convention space, featuring 25 rooms and 3 ballrooms. The resort is already seeing reservations for these spaces. It is wonderful to see Kalahari continue to invest in our region!

8th Annual Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge

By Hailey Fuzak

Norristown, PA – February 13, 2020 –The eighth annual Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge benefitting Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Scott Park, located at Larry Holmes Drive & 3rd Street in Easton, PA. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with a 12:00 p.m. “splash” time. The Plunge will welcome special guests, CAT Country’s Sam and Hanna.

The Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge invites participants of all ages (under 18 requires parent or guardian signature) to take a dip in the “chilly” waters in the Delaware River and freeze for a reason. Participants can take the plunge on their own with a minimum fundraising goal or join a group of friends and form a Plunge Team. Proceeds from the Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge benefit the thousands of athletes served by Special Olympics Pennsylvania, so the coldest moment of a plunger’s life will support the biggest moment in the lives of SOPA athletes.

All participants are asked to raise \$50 in pledge support. With this minimum goal met, participants are then eligible to receive an official 2020 long sleeved Polar Plunge t-shirt. As pledges increase, plungers become eligible to earn additional prizes as incentives for their fundraising efforts. Additionally, since jumping into a freezing river is not for everyone, participants can choose to register for the event as a “Too Chicken to Plunge” participant. This option allows “chickens” the opportunity to still support a worthy cause while remaining on dry land.

Spectators can attend the Plunge free of charge and will have the opportunity to enjoy activities in the morning while waiting for friends and family to take a dip in the Delaware River. Activities and entertainment will include games, music from a local DJ, and a costume contest. Wawa will be on site handing out coffee, hot chocolate and lots of yummy Wawa snacks. More than 600 costumed clad, energized plungers are anticipated to be “freezin’ for a reason” on February 22nd.

Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge event sponsors include the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics PA, Aerotek, GEICO, Harmelin Media, New Pace Productions, Energy Transfer, The Wawa Foundation, Grand Eastonian Hotel & Suites, 69 News, Cat Country 96 FM, DJ Joe Franzo and the City of Easton.

Every minute our plungers spend in the cold will warm the hearts of thousands of SOPA athletes, so we ask that individuals sign up and join the ones who are “freezin’ for a reason.” To register online or, for more information, visit www.PlungePA.org.



B I N G O

<p>February 23 Portland Fire Co Starts 7pm</p> <p>February 24 Bushkill Twp Fire Co Doors 5pm Starts 7pm</p> <p>February 21 Wind Gap Fire Co Doors 5pm; Starts 6:45pm</p>	<p>February 23 Immaculate Conception Doors 11am; Starts 1pm</p> <p>February 20 Kunkletown Fire Co Progressive Jackpot - 7pm</p>
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**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

The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville will hold a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April 28th. We would appreciate your help in advertising this year's event without cost to the church.

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church

Thurs., Feb. 20 -6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sat., Feb. 22 -8:00 p.m. AA Meeting Sun., Feb. 23 -8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal -9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/Children's Church -10:30 a.m. After-Church Fellowship Pastor Dave 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

**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.flccbangor.com.

**First United Evangelical
25 S 2nd St., Bangor**

Sun. - 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**
Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Communion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month. Pastor John Vidal (570) 426-0645

Flicksville United Church of Christ
1337 Lower South Main Street

Bangor, PA 18013
Pastor Ken Hess
610-588-4648
www.flicksvilleucc.com
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Worship at 10:45 AM
All are welcome!

**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
Tue. - 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**

Sun.- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am Blended, 10am SS. Rev. J. Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipat-grace.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 Almanzar, 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 9:30 Sunday Morning. Pastor Emily B. Hall. (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**
Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service , 11am Contemporary Service Visit our website www.mountbethelchurch.org or call (570) 897-7142 for info.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

436 South 2nd Street
Bangor, PA 18013
Rectory (610) 588-5445
Parish Website: www.ourladystvincent.com
Mass Schedule

Weekdays 8AM excluding Thursdays (See Church Website)
Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM
Holy Days (See Church Website)
Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Community Dinner on Sunday, July 21st from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreciate your assistance in advertising this dinner without cost to the Church.

**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 rampsWe are handicap accessible with automatic doors, elevator and restroom. (570) 897-6866
www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor**

Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm. Sunday School starts at 8:30am (September-May)
Sunday Service- 9:45am
Holy Communion is served weekly. All are welcome!

**Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor**

Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed Van Arsdale. (610) 588-7317

**Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**

Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided), 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J. Davis. (570) 664-4603.

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church, Nazareth.

Delete Sunday school
Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.
St. Brigid's Episcopal Church
310 Madison Avenue
Nazareth, PA 18064
Phone: 610-746-3910
Fax: 610-746-4515

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

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl**
Sun.- 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. Cecelia Baxter and Rev. Jameson Baxter. 610-759-0244.
www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

**St. Mary's Episcopal
340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap**
Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows

service. Rev. Joel Atkinson.
Maundy Thursday Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 9:00 a.m.

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran
1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**

(610) 863-6859
Sunday Worship/Communion
8am and 10:15am;
9am SS
www.stpetersplainfield.com

St. Vincent dePaul

720 Delaware Avenue
Portland, PA 18351
Rectory (610) 588-5445
Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLG)
Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM
Holy Days (See Church Website)
Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

**The Pentecostal Christian
Church the Truth
(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)
4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl**

Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise & Worship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

**Temple Israel of the Poconos
Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue
660 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg**

Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7pm followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat. Saturday morning 9:30am followed by a traditional Kiddush. Dr. Sandra Alfonsi. 570-223-7062.

Trinity United Church of Christ

632 S Delaware Dr.
Mt Bethel Pa 18343
Sunday Worship 10:30 am SS and Confirmation 9:00 am Rev. Rodney Wells pastor

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
404 Broadway, Bangor**

Thur - Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/ Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

**Zion Presbyterian Church
Water St., Wind Gap**

Sun.- 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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