



## PA Health Insurance Exchange Bill Signed into Law

By Christine Zubeck

Harrisburg – Legislation creating an authority to operate a state-based health insurance exchange for Affordable Care Act individual market plans has been signed into law, according to Senator Mario Scavello (R-40).

The new law will also permit the Commonwealth to apply for a waiver to create a reinsurance program to drive down premium increases in the individual market. The federal government has provided greater flexibility and opportunities for states through such waivers.

The bill was approved June 24 by the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, chaired by Scavello.

“I believe this will result in better insurance premiums for Pennsylvanians,” Scavello said. “The Commonwealth is taking the lead on this vital issue rather than depend on the federal government.”

## Clothing Drive students and families of the Pen Argyl Area School Dist.

By Frank Jones

PEN ARGYL - Families First in collaboration with the Pen Argyl Area High School Athletic Department, Pen Argyl Salvation Army, and Grace United Methodist Church, will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit all students and families of the Pen Argyl Area School District.

Clothing will be collected from July 30th to August 6, 2019 only accepting gently used school appropriate clothing sizes from Children’s 5T to Men and Women’s Clothing X-Large.

Clothing can be drop off locations are: Pen Argyl High School Cafeteria; Families First at Wind Gap Middle School and Plainfield Elementary School.

Volunteers are needed to help with the sorting and organizing of the donated clothing on August 7, 2019 at the Pen Argyl Area High School beginning at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are also needed to do shift work during the distribution of clothing on the following dates: Thursday, August 8th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday, August 9th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturday, August 10th from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm.

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**Bangor Church of the Nazarene**  
**150 Bunny Trail, Bangor**  
 Sun 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**  
 Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

**Belfast Wesley United Methodist**  
**607 School St., Belfast**  
 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**  
 Sun 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**  
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 Free Bread Every Saturday, 3eryone welcome, questions 908-483-8231; Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-250-9890. Learn about us online [www.bethelbiblechurchofntzion.org](http://www.bethelbiblechurchofntzion.org).

**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](http://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**  
 Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

**Community Presbyterian**  
**1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service 10:30am. Coffee hour on last sunday of every month following service. [www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org](http://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](http://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., July 11  
 -1:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop Sat., July 13  
 -8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting Sun., July 14  
 -9:15 a.m. Worship Service  
 Special Music: Laura Goss & Lisa Schwartz  
 -10:30 a.m. Adult Forum Mon.-Fri., July 15-19  
 -6:00 - 8:00 p.m. VBS

**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 Intercsory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am Children's Church, Communion at 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew Whistler. (610) 863-6911, [www.faccpa.org](http://www.faccpa.org)

**Faith United Presbyterian**  
**Penna & Heller Aves., Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- 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.flccbangor.com](http://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](http://www.flicksvilleucc.com)  
 Summer Worship at 10 a.m. 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](http://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](http://www.gracebelfast.org)

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

**Hopesprings Community of Faith**  
**301 Market Street, Bangor**  
 Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Almanzar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE. [www.hopespringscommunity.org](http://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**  
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**1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service , 11am Contemporary Service Visit our website [www.mountbethelchurch.org](http://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](http://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 ramps We are handicap accessible with automatic doors, elevator and restroom. (570) 897-6866  
[www.portlandbaptistchurch.com](http://www.portlandbaptistchurch.com)

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

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor**  
 Spring rummage, and bake sale May 3 Friday 9-5 may 4 9-12 sat 610-588-2355 Thurs., April 18  
 1:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop  
 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday service w/communion Sat., April 20  
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting  
 Sun., April 21 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Easter Service w/Children's Church

**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

**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](http://www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org).

**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. Frank Gassler. 610-759-0244. [www.stlukesuccbelfast.com](http://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**  
 Sun.- 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**  
 720 Delaware Avenue  
 Portland, PA 18351  
 Rectory (610) 588-5445  
 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLCG)  
 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 & Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

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 Every Tuesday- Food Bank Program 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

**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**  
 Sunday Worship 9:30 am -- No SS -- Rev. Rodney W. Wells (610-588-1989 )

**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](http://www.tlcbangor.com).