

ESSA Bank & Trust Adds to Management, Lending, and Retail Teams

By Jim Gillen

STROUDSBURG- ESSA Bank & Trust announced today the recent addition of new executives within its Consumer Lending and Retail Branch Administration teams.

William L. Vitalos, Senior Vice President, Director of Consumer Lending. Bill joins ESSA with over 30 years of managerial and consumer lending experience. He will oversee the consumer and residential mortgage lending operations at ESSA, along with product development, pricing, and vendor management. Bill has held leadership positions with BB&T and predecessor banks in consumer lending, branch administration, and documentation areas. Bill will be located in the bank's corporate headquarters in Stroudsburg and report to Chuck Hangen, Chief Operating Officer.

Bill resides in Salisbury Township with his wife and two children. He is a past board member and past President of the Allentown YMCA, and with the Diocesan Investment Trust of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.

James P. Ferry, Vice President, Retail Sales Manager. Jim will oversee retail branch sales and service throughout ESSA's entire branch network. His 20+ years of management in retail banking will have an immediate impact at ESSA and help the bank improve branch performance and customer service levels. Most recently



Jim was a Retail and Small Business Sales and Service Leader at BB&T where he was responsible for a 22 branch network in Lehigh and Berks Counties. Jim will be located in the bank's new business center in the Tower Six building in Allentown and report to Pete Gray, Chief Banking Officer.

Jim is a current member and past president of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce and sits on the boards of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Allentown Symphony Association. Jim and his wife Debbie reside in Trexlertown.

"We're very pleased to bring these talented and seasoned executives into our Consumer Lending and Retail Administration teams," said ESSA's Chief Banking Officer Peter Gray. "Bill and Jim both bring significant experience and deep industry knowledge that will allow them to have an immediate impact here at ESSA."

ESSA Bancorp, Inc. is the holding company for its wholly owned subsidiary, ESSA Bank & Trust, which was formed in 1916. Headquartered in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, the company has total assets of \$1.8 billion and has 22 community offices throughout the Greater Pocono, Lehigh Valley, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, and suburban Philadelphia areas. ESSA offers a full range of commercial and retail financial services as well as insurance, investment, and trust solutions. ESSA Bancorp Inc. stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market (SM) under the symbol "ESSA."



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Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

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Blue Valley Times Football Contest

ONE OVERALL WINNER!! We will keep a running total of every week and the winner at the end of the regular season will win \$100 in gift certificates from the Blue Valley Times Advertisers! We will have ONE tie breaker to come on the last week.

Instructions: Circle the winner. EVEN number is home team. Games listed at the bottom.

1 vs 2

3 vs 4

5 vs 6

7 vs 8

9 vs 10

11 vs 12

13 vs 14

15 vs 16

17 vs 18

19 vs 20

21 vs 22

23 vs 24

25 vs 26

27 vs 28

29 vs 30

Email or mail entry form to
900 North Main Street, Bangor,
PA 18013 or bvtimes@rcn.com.

**Entry deadline is Friday
by 12noon.**

1. Bangor 2. Pen Argyl
3. Bethlehem Catholic 4. Allentown Central Catholic
5. Northwestern Lehigh 6. Catasauqua
7. East Stbg North 8. East Stbg South
9. Nazareth 10. Easton
11. Parkland 12. Emmaus
13. Dieruff 14. William Allen
15. Whitehall 16. Northampton

17. Palmerton 18. Northern Lehigh
19. Palisades 20. Saucon Valley
21. Pleasant Valley 22. Stroudsburg
23. Southern Lehigh 24. Salisbury
25. Pocono Mt East 26. Pocono Mt West
27. Liberty 28. Freedom
29. Notre Dame GP 30. Wilson

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

TIE BREAKER: Bangor _____ vs Pen Argyl _____

Ackermanville United Methodist
1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor
 Oct 28- 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang (610) 588-7818, www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Bangor Church of the Nazarene
150 Bunny Trail, Bangor
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 28- Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist
607 School St., Belfast
 Oct 28- 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
 Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-250-9890. Learn about us online www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.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

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
 Oct 23- Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

Community Presbyterian
1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 25- 6:30pm Bazaar Workshop, 6:30pm Choir; Oct 27- 8pm AA Meeting; Oct 28- 8:30am Choir, 9:15am Worship w/ Childrens Church, 10:30am Luncheon. 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
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 25- 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; Oct 28- 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, Communion first Sunday of month, Children's message and SS during worship. Pastor Chris Hardy (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist
19 West & Water St., Wind Gap
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 23- 6:30pm Choir; Oct 28- 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
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 23- Mass 4pm; Oct 28- Mass 8:30am. Pastor Stephen L. Maco, (610) 588-5445, www.goodcounselrcchurch.org

Portland Baptist Church
601 Delaware Ave., Portland
 Sundays- Fellowship 10-10:30am, Worship 10:30am, SS 9am, AWANA Youth Group/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6-7:30pm. 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
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 23- Happy Quilters 9am; Oct 28- 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship/Communion. (610) 588-2355, website www.popbangor.org

Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor
 Oct 28- Service 9am; 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour. 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
 Oct 28- 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
 Oct 28- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl
 Oct 28- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal
1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor
 Oct 28- Eucharist 11am. 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
 Oct 28- Eucharist 9am. Coffee hour follows service. Rev. Joel Atkinson in charge.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran
1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Oct 26- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band 7pm; Oct 27- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult Choir 7:30pm; Oct 28- Services 8am and 10:15am, 9am SS. (610) 863-6859

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic
Delaware Ave., Portland
 Oct 27- Mass 6pm; Oct 28- 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
 Oct 28- 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

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. Services conducted in both Hebrew & English in a warm, welcoming, Jewish environment. Hebrew School, High Holiday Services, Passover Seder, Purim Party, Family Chanukah Menorah Lighting, Adult Educational Programs, Social Gatherings. Contact: Dr. Sandra Alfonsi 570-223-7062.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
404 Broadway, Bangor
 Oct 25- Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; Oct 28- SS 9am, Worship/Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

Trinity United Church of Christ
632 S. Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel
 Oct 28- Adult SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Rodney W. Wells. (610) 588-1989.

Zion Presbyterian Church
Water St., Wind Gap
 Oct 28- 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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