

Protect Your Personal, Financial Data

By Rep. Joe Emrick

NAZARETH - In recognition of National Tax Security Awareness Week, the state Department of Revenue outlined several tips to help protect yourself from identity thieves:

- Shop at websites where the web address begins "https" – the "s" is for secure communications.
- Don't shop on unsecured public Wi-Fi in malls or hotels, where thieves can tap in.
- Secure your home Wi-Fi with a password.
- Use security software for computers and mobile phones; keep it updated.
- Protect your personal information; don't hand it out to just anyone.
- Use strong and unique passwords for your accounts.
- Use two-factor authentication whenever possible.
- Back up your files on computers and mobile phones.

You should also be on the lookout for "phishing" scams in your email. Identity thieves sometimes pose as companies or government agencies you know, such as the IRS or state Department of Revenue. Other phishing emails may tell an urgent story to trick you into opening a link or attachment that ultimately adds a virus or spyware onto your computer.

Finally, the IRS or Department of Revenue will never call to demand a tax payment on a gift card.

If you are a victim of identity theft or discover a fraudulent Pennsylvania personal income tax return was filed using your identity, please contact the Department of Revenue's Fraud Detection and Analysis Unit at 717-772-9297 or RA-RVPITFRAUD@pa.gov.

For more info go here <http://links.pahousenews.com/q/0hOaapg1DmwkQ1MARmJnfhF3g9FmNuZ3ubllKccicvcJphqELw2DVWwLJGBnw>.



<p>December 16 Portland Fire Co Starts 7pm</p> <p>December 17 Bushkill Twp Fire Co Doors 5pm Starts 7pm</p> <p>December 13 Wind Gap Fire Co Doors 5pm; Starts 6:45pm</p>	<p>December 14 Immaculate Conception Doors 11am; Starts 1pm</p> <p>December 15 St. Elizabeth Church Starts 1pm</p> <p>December 12 Kunkletown Fire Co Progressive Jackpot - 7pm</p>
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Flicksville United Church of Christ
1337 Lower South Main Street
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Pastor Ken Hess
610-588-4648
www.flicksvilleucc.com
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
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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

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
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.

Temple Israel of the Poconos Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue
6610 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.

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., Dec. 12 -6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at., Dec. 14 -8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Sun., Dec. 15 -8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal -9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/Children's Church -10:30 a.m. Adult Forum -4:00-6:00 p.m. "One Starry Night" (a visit to Biblical Bethlehem) Tues., Dec. 17 -7:00 p.m. Bible Study
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

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.

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

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

Bangor Church of the Nazarene
150 Bunny Trail, Bangor
Sun 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm Powerhouse Praice 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
7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611), Martins Creek
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.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org.

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church
703 South Delaware Drive
Mt Bethel, PA 18343
610-588-7056
The Rev. Larry Laine
Worship at 9 AM
Sunday School 10 AM

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,
(570) 897-6766.

Cross Road Baptist Church
201 Second St., Bangor
Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS,