

# DHS Grant for Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services

By Colleen Eagen Gerrity

**TOBYHANNA, PA** – Today, U.S. Representative Matt Cartwright announced the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services Inc. with an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The funds will be distributed via the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services Inc. received a \$205,233 Operations and Safety grant. The funds will allow the association to purchase battery-powered ambulance automated Power Lift Cots and Lift Systems. This type of equipment is necessary to protect the backs of first responders as they lift and transport patients safely into ambulances. Back injuries are a common cause for workplace injuries in the United States and are a particular problem in EMS. This purchase will better protect Pocono Mountain Regional EMS workers.

“Our brave first responders make sacrifices every day to keep us safe,” said Rep. Cartwright, a member of the Appropriations Committee. “The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is a critical resource to the communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I will continue to support funding that ensures the safety of our men and women who put themselves in harm’s way and the residents they serve.”

The purpose of the AFG is to award competitive grants directly to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel. Since 2001, the AFG program has provided approximately \$7.1 billion in grants to first-responder organizations to obtain much-needed emergency response equipment, personal protective equipment, fire-fighting and emergency vehicles, and training.

# Pocono State Craft Festival 2018

By Sue Randall

**STROUDSBURG** – The 32nd annual Pocono State Craft Festival will be held August 25-26, 2018 at the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, 347 Quiet Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA. The event, co-sponsored by the Pocono Arts Council and the Pocono Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, celebrates the heritage, beauty and quality of Pennsylvania Crafts.

Since the first festival in 1986, the Pocono State Craft Festival has attracted the finest artists and craftspeople from across the United States and features traditional and contemporary handmade items. A destination for the discerning collector of quality art and fine crafts, patrons will find beautiful handcrafted items in pottery, jewelry, metal, stained glass, wood, baskets, leather, folk art, fine art, photography, soap, gourmet foods, and art-to-wear. All craftsmen will be available to discuss their individual work and provide patrons with an opportunity to purchase unique, high quality crafts worthy of the most ardent admirer.

Festivalgoers will also enjoy the beautiful surroundings and history of the Quiet Valley Living

Historical Farm. The farm buildings, animals and beautiful gardens will be open to give visitors a taste of a 19th century Pennsylvania German farm. There will be live music from the Lost Ramblers on Saturday and a musical performance by the Music Theater Organization of East Stroudsburg University on Sunday, plus a variety of festival foods and baked goods from Quiet Valley. The entire family will enjoy a day in the country, strolling through the colorful tents and grounds at the farm.

The Pocono State Craft Festival at the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm is located just outside Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, less than two hours from the New York City Metropolitan area, less than an hour from the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre region and within a half an hour of the Lehigh Valley. Festival hours are 10am-5pm on both Saturday and Sunday, rain or shine.

Quiet Valley is a working farm and there is absolutely no pets and no smoking permitted on the property. Since the festival is located on a historical working farm with grass and gravel driveways, it is not fully ADA compliant, however, many folks using wheel chairs and walkers enjoy the festival.

For directions and a \$1 off coupon, visit [www.pocnocrafts.com](http://www.pocnocrafts.com) or call 570-476-4460.

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**1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor**  
 July 22- 10am Worship. Rev Alice Ann Bonham (610) 588-7818, www.ackermanvilleumc.org

**Bangor Church of the Nazarene**  
**150 Bunny Trail, Bangor**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 22- Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

**Belfast Wesley United Methodist**  
**607 School St., Belfast**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 17- Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

**Community Presbyterian**  
**1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 21- 8pm AA Meeting; July 22- 9:15am Worship w/ Children's Church, 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**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 19- 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; July 22- 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**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 22-10am 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**  
 July 17- 6:30pm Choir; July 22- 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**  
 July 22- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am Blended, 10am SS. 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 Almanzar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE. www.hopespringscommunity.org.

**Hope UCC**  
**2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap**  
 Sun- 9:30am Worship (Communion 1st Sunday of the month). All are welcome! 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**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 17- Mass 4pm; July 22- 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**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 17- Happy Quilters 9am; July 22- 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship/Communion. (610) 588-2355, website www.popbangor.org

**Richmond United Methodist Church**  
**8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 22- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran**  
**12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl**  
 July 22- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

**St. Joseph's Episcopal**  
**1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 22- Eucharist 9am. Coffee hour follows service. Rev. Joel Atkinson in charge.

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran**  
**1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**  
 July 19- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band 7pm; July 21- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult Choir 7:30pm; July 22- Services 8am and 10:15am, 9am SS. (610) 863-6859

**St. Vincent DePaul Catholic**  
**Delaware Ave., Portland**  
 July 21- Mass 6pm; July 22- 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**  
 July 22- 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**  
 July 18- Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; July 22- SS 9am, Worship/Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

**Trinity United Church of Christ**  
**632 S. Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel**  
 July 22- Worship 9:30am. Rev. Rodney W. Wells. (610) 588-1989.

**Zion Presbyterian Church**  
**Water St., Wind Gap**  
 July 22- 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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