

# Nor-Bath Trail Bike Ride from Wayne Grube Park

By Jim Wilson

**NORTHAMPTON-** Join Wildlands Conservancy naturalists at Pavilion 3 at Wayne Grube Park for this easy peddle along the Nor-Bath Trail. This pretty rail-trail features views of fields and farmland, babbling brooks and wildlife. Wildlands Conservancy will provide a big smoothie from OMG Smoothies after the bike ride!

The Nor-Bath Trail connects the boroughs of Bath and Northampton across northwestern Northampton County. For 77 years, the tiny Northampton & Bath Railroad traveled the seven miles between the two towns that gave the line its name. Then, like its larger cousins, the Northampton & Bath Railroad fell victim to the changing face of transportation and the rise of the trucking industry. After it fell into disuse in 1979, the corridor was purchase by Northampton County, thus allowing the "little train that could" to continue to serve its namesake towns by connecting their parks, schools and historic centers.

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## Blue Mt. Community Library Thank You

By Valerie Viglione

**PEN ARGYL-** The Blue Mt. Community Library would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to everyone who participated in and supported our many fundraisers so far this year. We had a very busy spring and summer. On May 2nd we hosted an Author Luncheon with local author Kate Moretti, June 5th we had a fundraiser at Detzi's Tavern, June 16th we held a Wine Tasting at Blue Ridge Winery, July 13-15 was our semi-annual Book Nook Sale, and we held fundraisers at Wendy's on August 2nd, Emmy Lou's Café on August 15th, and Café on Broadway on September 14th. We also provided Food and Desserts at all 5 Summer Sounds Concerts at Weona Park. We especially want to thank all the businesses who helped us to raise money for the library. Please consider attending our future fundraisers to support the Blue Mt. Community Library. The library is free for all residents who live in the Pen Argyl Area School District. Non-residents may become a member for a small annual fee. The Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Hours are M-Sa, 10 am-Noon and M-Th, 6-8 pm. Call 610-863-3029 for information or visit [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl](http://www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl).

This program is free of charge; however, registration is required. To register, visit [www.wildlandspa.org](http://www.wildlandspa.org) or call 610/965-4397. This program is underwritten by Northampton County Parks & Recreation.

Date, time and location: September 24; 10:00am; Pavilion 3, Wayne Grube Park, 302 East Bullshead Road, Northampton, PA 18067.

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## Growing up in the Butchershop

### The Atheist and the Bear Story

Ciao Amici, When certain people go out of their way to hurt me or be unsupportive of my business what so ever, Mom would say, "Non lasciate che questi vergognosi persone preoccuparsi di ciò che di essi compiono in ci la vita, è mostrare rispetto per la nonna e nonno. Il Signore e la fortuna di destino si prenderà cura di loro. Quando vi giorno è fatto E il azienda hanno tramandata ["Do not let those disgraceful people bother you. What did they accomplish in their life, you still continue to show respect for your Grandmother and Grandfather and the business they handed down to you. The lord and the fortune of destiny will take care of them when their day is done.] This Fable teaches lessons of loyalty, conviction, payback and rewards. A committed atheist [that's someone who steadfastly does not believe in a god of any sort] was on a trekking holiday when he became lost in some dense woods. A large angry bear, with ten starving cubs back home and claws like kitchen knives, suddenly emerged from the undergrowth. The atheist screamed in terror, turned and ran. The bear was quicker however, and after a long and desperate chase eventually cornered the atheist in a gully. The exhausted atheist sank to his knees, shaking. The bear, seeing that its prey was trapped, moved slowly towards the petrified man, drooling. The bear was drooling too. The atheist lifted his head, with tears in his eyes, and uttered the words he thought he would never say in all his life: "God help me..." With these simple three words, a blinding flash of lightning lit up the sky. There was a deafening crash of thunder. The clouds parted. A brilliant light shone down. The forest fell silent. The bear froze still, in a trance. The atheist stood gaping, transfixed. A voice came loud from above louder than twenty AC/DC concerts all happening at the same time. We can safely assume this voice to have been the voice of a god of some sort. "You atheists make me seriously mad," boomed the god, "You deny me all your life. You tell others to deny me too. You put your faith in all that bloody Darwinian airy-fairy scientific nonsense, and then what a surprise - you get lost because you can't read your stupid map, and now you're about to get eaten by an angry bear and then all of a sudden you're on your knees sniveling and begging for my help? You must be joking..." The atheist looked down, realizing that he was not arguing from a position of strength. "Okay, I take your point," said the atheist, thinking on his feet, while he still had them, "I can see it's a bit late for me to convert, but what about the bear? Maybe you could convert the bear instead?" "Hmmm...interesting idea..." said the god, thinking hard...Okay. It shall be done." At which the brilliant light dimmed and vanished; the clouds closed; and the noises of the forest resumed. The bear awoke and shook its head, a completely different expression on its face. Calm and at peace, the bear closed its eyes, bowed its head, and said, "Bless us Oh Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen." THE END  
Grazie, Joe

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**1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor**  
 Sept 24- 10am Worship. Rev Alice Ann Bonham (610) 588-7818, www.ackermanvilleumc.org

**Bangor Church of the Nazarene**  
**150 Bunny Trail, Bangor**  
 Sept 24- 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**  
 Sept 24- Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

**Belfast Wesley United Methodist**  
**607 School St., Belfast**  
 Sept 24- 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.bethelbiblechurchofmontzion.org.

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**703 S. Delaware 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**  
 Sept 19- Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

**Community Presbyterian**  
**1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sept 24- 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 VanHom, Pastor (610) 588-3966, www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

**East Bangor United Methodist**  
**136 W. Central Ave., E Bangor**  
 Sept 21- 6:30pm Bazaar Workshop, 7pm Choir; Sept 23- 8:00pm AA Meeting; Sept 24- 8:30am Choir, 9:15am Worship w/Kid's Chuch, 10:30am Fellowship. 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**  
 Sept 24- 9am Choir, 10am Worship/Communion/Food Bank/Church School. Rev. Ruth Ann Christopher. (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**  
 Sept 20- 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; Sept 24- 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**  
 Sept 24- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Communion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month. Pastor Bruny Martinez (717) 940-3090

**Flicksville UCC**  
**1337 Lower S. Main St., Bangor**  
 Sept 24- 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship. Pastor Ken Hess (610) 588-4648, www.flicksvilleucc.org

**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**  
 Sept 19- 6:30pm Choir; Sept 24- 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**  
 Sept 24- 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- 9:15am SS, 10:30am Worship (Communion 1st Sunday of the month). All are welcome! Pastor Rev. Dean D. Frey. (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**  
 Sept 24- 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**  
 Sept 19- Mass 4pm; Sept 24- 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**  
 Sept 24- Worship 10:45am. Rev. Albert Martin. (610) 588-4864, email presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net. www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor**  
 Sept 19- Happy Quilters 9am; Sept 24- 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship/Communion. (610) 588-2355, website www.popbangor.org

**Richmond United Methodist Church**  
**8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor**  
 Sept 24- Worship/SS 10am; 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**  
 Sept 24- 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**  
 Sept 24- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran**  
**12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl**  
 Sept 24- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

**St. Joseph's Episcopal**  
**1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor**  
 Sept 24- 11 am Eucharist and Sunday School, Rev Joel Atkinson. Coffee hour after service.

**St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast**  
**471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)**  
 SS 9am, Worship 10:30am - 1st Sunday of month Holy Communion. Rev. Frank Gassler. 610-759-0244. www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

**St. Mary's Episcopal**  
**340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap**  
 Sept 24- 9am Eucharist and Sunday School, Rev. Joel Atkinson. Coffee hour follows service.

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran**  
**1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**  
 Sept 19- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band 7pm; Sept 22- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult Choir 7:30pm; Sept 24- Services 8am and 10:15am, 9am SS. (610) 863-6859

**St. Vincent DePaul Catholic**  
**Delaware Ave., Portland**  
 Sept 23- Mass 6pm; Sept 24- 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**  
 Sept 24- Prayer 14- Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise & Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm. Every Tuesday- Food Bank Program (**555 North Main St., Bangor**), 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

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**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran**  
**404 Broadway, Bangor**  
 Sept 21- Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; Sept 24- SS 9am, Worship/Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

**Trinity United Church of Christ**  
**632 S. Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sept 24- SS 9:45am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Rodney W. Wells. (610) 588-1989.

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