

# Scavello Discusses His Property Tax Elimination Bill

**By Senator Mario Scavello**

**PEN ARGYL**- I recently appeared on the PCN Call-In Program with Senator Lisa Boscola to discuss school property tax elimination and my proposal to eliminate residential school property taxes through the state's existing homestead exclusion program.

Senate Bill 1137 is the implementing legislation from the ballot referendum passed in November, where voters across the state supported a constitutional amendment to expand the exclusion program.

My proposed legislation provides elimination of school property taxes on all owner-occupied homes by shifting the tax burden from homes to an increase in the state personal income tax (PIT), referred to as the "Education Tax." The legislation would increase the personal income tax rate 1.98 percent to 5.05 percent.

I am continuing the fight for school property tax elimination. Any tax that would take a person's home after working their entire life

to pay for it is wrong and immoral.

For more information on SB 1137, or for assistance on any state related issue, please visit senatorscavello.com.

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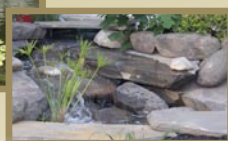
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 May 20- 10am Worship. Rev Alice Ann Bonham (610) 588-7818, www.ackermanvilleumc.org

**Bangor Church of the Nazarene**  
**150 Bunny Trail, Bangor**  
 May 20- 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**  
 May 20- Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

**Belfast Wesley United Methodist**  
**607 School St., Belfast**  
 May 20- 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)**  
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**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**  
 May 15- Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

**Community Presbyterian**  
**1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel**  
 May 20- 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**  
 May 16- 7pm Bible Study; May 17- 7pm Choir; May 19- 8pm AA Meeting; May 20- 8:30am Choir, 9:15am Worship. 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**  
 May 20- 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.flccbangor.com.

**First United Evangelical**  
**25 S 2nd St., Bangor**  
 May 17- 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; May 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, 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**  
 May 20- 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**  
 May 20- 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship. 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**  
 May 15- 6:30pm Choir; May 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**  
 May 20- 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 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**  
 May 20- 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**  
 May 15- Mass 4pm; May 20- 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**  
 May 20- 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**  
 May 15- Happy Quilters 9am; May 20- 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship/Communion. (610) 588-2355, website www.popbangor.org

**Richmond United Methodist Church**  
**8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor**  
 May 20- 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**  
 May 20- 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**  
 May 20- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran**  
**12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl**  
 May 20- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

**St. Joseph's Episcopal**  
**1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor**  
 May 20- 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**  
 May 20- Eucharist 9am. Coffee hour follows service. Rev. Joel Atkinson in charge.

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran**  
**1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**  
 May 17- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band 7pm; May 18- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult Choir 7:30pm; May 20- Services 8am and 10:15am, 9am SS. (610) 863-6859

**St. Vincent DePaul Catholic**  
**Delaware Ave., Portland**  
 May 19- Mass 6pm; May 20- 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**  
 May 20- Prayer 14- Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise & Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

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**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran**  
**404 Broadway, Bangor**  
 May 17- Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; May 20- SS 9am, Worship/Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

**Trinity United Church of Christ**  
**632 S. Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel**  
 May 20- SS 9:45am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Rodney W. Wells. (610) 588-1989.

**Zion Presbyterian Church**  
**Water St., Wind Gap**  
 May 20- 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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