



A Message from the Secretary Cindy Dunn

By DCNR
 HARRISBURG - What better way to mark the start of a new decade of a promising future than to reflect upon our past year? And what an incredibly productive one it was!

Again, 2019 will go down as a most memorable year for this department, one marked by continued commitment of its people to preserve and protect, while they embrace new programs designed to enhance and safeguard the natural world around us.

Beginning my sixth year as secretary, I constantly am reminded of the wealth of stunning state parks, forests, mountains, rivers, and trails with which we are blessed. Together, they form what I often describe as our "common wealth" -- our constitutional right to have and enjoy these spectacular assets. And, our duty to protect them.

That's why last year executive team members and I racked up an awful lot of miles, spreading the word on Governor Wolf's Restore Pennsylvania infrastructure investment plan; a proposed river trail in Allegheny County; an acquired Delaware State Forest tract in Pike County; a revamped Chapman State Park dam way up in the northwest; a Delaware Canal Towpath tunnel far down in the southeast.

These destinations, and many more, demonstrated the need for dedicated funding, so desperately needed if we are to protect them.

To better shield what we have, we at DCNR also must always prepare, and this department continues to move ahead most notably on three initiatives that have the new decade squarely in focus:

Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps Highlights: Entering its fifth year in 2020 under leadership of Manager Michael D. Piaskowski, the program mobilized 246 members to complete conservation, health and safety, and visitor-readiness projects at more than 95 parks, forests and communities. Last year, corps members invested over 100,000 hours of service while learning about natural resources and gaining valuable on the job training. Hailed by private and public sectors alike, this initiative putting young people to work in our state parks and forest is getting bigger and better as it enters its fourth year!

Climate Change: Heavy rainfall, flooding, damage to state park and state forest infrastructure -- all accompanying a continued warming of our climate. DCNR continues efforts to address these and other impacts of climate change. A new position, Director of Applied Climate Science, was added to DCNR's executive staff to direct implementation of the department's climate change adaptation and mitigation plan and integrate the latest scientific findings into state park and forest operations. Director Greg Czarnecki now oversees development of climate change staff training and works with stakeholders and partner organizations to ensure DCNR remains at the forefront of helping to address the challenges of climate change.

Sustainability in Parks and Forests: Dovetailing with above efforts, DCNR is reducing its energy consumption through reliance on solar units to power buildings and certain systems, such as sewage treatment, at state park and state forest buildings. Guaranteed Energy Saving Act (GESA), in partnership with Energy Systems Group (ESG), helped kick off a large energy savings project covering 48 State Parks and 12 state forest districts, which will result in reducing our energy consumption by over 30 percent! Also, by already completing 16 total solar installations which resulted in clean solar energy production equal to the amount of electricity used in 420 homes, and introducing 16 electric vehicle charging stations at state parks and forests.

During 2019, there were many other accomplishments -- too varied to prioritize -- but grouped together, they are the reasons I am so proud of DCNR's service to the commonwealth and all that we have been able to accomplish during the past year.

Some highlights:

Our Bureau of State Parks published its preliminary report on results of its "Penn's Parks for All -- Planning for the State Parks of Tomorrow," an intensive, statewide effort to seek public input to help guide its national award-winning state park system into the future. We know more than 14,000 people took the survey either online or in the parks between fall and spring 2018. Last year, each state park hosted public meetings to seek feedback on the survey's suggestions and recommendations. Final recommendations will be issued late this year.

Our Bureau of Forestry successfully completed its second prestigious dual certification audit, attaining continued third-party certification of sustainable forest management under both the Forest Stewardship Council and Sustainable Forestry Initiative standards.



<p>January 20 Portland Fire Co Starts 7pm</p> <p>January 21 Bushkill Twp Fire Co Doors 5pm Starts 7pm</p> <p>January 17 Wind Gap Fire Co Doors 5pm; Starts 6:45pm</p>	<p>January 18 Immaculate Conception Doors 11am; Starts 1pm</p> <p>January 19 St. Elizabeth Church Starts 1pm</p> <p>January 16 Kunkletown Fire Co Progressive Jackpot - 7pm</p>
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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 Praise 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, Wor-
 ship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm.
 Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist
607 School St., Belfast

Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Wor-
 ship 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

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 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 Presbyterian Church
of the Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor
 Sun.-Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev Albert Martin
 (610)588-4864
 e mail - presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net
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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,
 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/
 Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor
 (610) 588-3966,
 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Vic-
tory 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

Wed., Jan. 15 -7:00 p.m. UMW Thurs.,
 Jan. 16 -6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Sat., Jan. 18 -8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 Sun., Jan. 19 -8:30 a.m. Choir
 Rehearsal -9:15 a.m. Worship Service
 w/Children's Church
 Tue., Jan. 21 -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 Interces-
 sory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am
 Children's Church, Communion at
 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew
 Whistler. (610) 863-6911,
 www.faccpa.org

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 Wor-
 ship. 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/Commu-
 nion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of
 each month. Pastor John Vidal
 (570) 426-0645

Flicksville United Church of Christ

1337 Lower South Main Street
 Bangor, PA 18013
 Pastor Ken Hess
 610-588-4648
 www.flicksvilleucc.com
 Sunday School at 9:30 AM
 Worship at 10:45 AM
 All are welcome!

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 Alman-
 zar, 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 wel-
 come! 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
 Rectory (610) 588-5445
 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

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church,
 Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Com-
 munity Dinner on Sunday, July 21st
 from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreci-
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Portland Baptist Church
601 Delaware Ave., Portland

Sun- Sunday School 9am, Service
 10:30am; Wed- Bible Study 10:30 with
 Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and
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 (570) 897-6866
 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor

Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm.
 Sunday School starts at 8:30am (Sep-
 tember-May)
 Sunday Service- 9:45am
 Holy Communion is served weekly. All
 are welcome!

Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor

Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fellowship
 Hour; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed Van Arsdale.
 (610) 588-7317

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl

Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &
 Children's Church (nursery provided),
 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J. Davis.
 (570) 664-4603.

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church, Nazareth.

Delete Sunday school
 Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.
 St. Brigid's Episcopal Church
 310 Madison Avenue
 Nazareth, PA 18064
 Phone: 610-746-3910
 Fax: 610-746-4515

St. Elizabeth's Parish

300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl

Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev.
 Msgr. Vincent P. York.
 610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran

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 Ser-
 vice 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

(610) 863-6859
 Sunday Worship/Communion
 8am and 10:15am;
 9am SS
 www.stpetersplainfield.com

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
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4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl

Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School
 (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise &
 Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

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660 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.
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 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 speak-
 ing at the 9:30am service. Children SS
 during the service. Visitors welcome.
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