

# Warren County Law Enforcement Pledges Respect and Trust with the Public

By Art Charlton / Director Warren County Public Information Department

BELVIDERE – Representatives of Warren County's local and county law enforcement agencies gathered on the Courthouse steps today to decry the murder of George Floyd while in police custody, and to pledge a relationship of trust and respect with the public they serve.

"What we saw in Minnesota is unacceptable and it's the responsibility of those in office and positions of authority to ensure justice for the murder of George Floyd," said Warren County Freeholder James R. Kern III.

"Now is about acknowledgement of what happened. We then must listen and most importantly, act. We cannot change as a society unless we change ourselves," said Kern, who organized the gathering and introduced the speakers.

Flanked by 15 uniformed chiefs and officers representing nearly every local department, plus county agencies, the speakers expressed confidence that Warren County law enforcement officers would not act in the way the officers in Minneapolis did, and supported

the right to peacefully protest the injustice that has transfixed the nation.

"The relationship between police and the community they serve is one of the most important our country has. This relationship is built on trust, mutual respect and accountability," said Pohatcong Township Police Chief Scott D. Robb, who as president of the Warren County Police Chiefs Association spoke on behalf of his fellow officers in local law enforcement.

"In the case of Mr. Floyd, certain police failed to uphold their end," Robb continued. "While this particular incident happened in Minneapolis, the entire country has felt the pain. Communities are left feeling betrayed by the professionals they look to protect them. Police departments throughout the country are tasked with rebuilding the trust within their communities."

Robb added, "Today, we stand on the front steps of this court house to let you know, citizens of Warren County, that we stand with you. We are more than a uniform, we are part of your community. We do have work to do. We are committed to take every measure to conduct continual and extensive training to avoid similar situations from occurring in the towns that we serve."

Warren County Sheriff James McDonald, Sr. noted that he was been in law enforcement for 35 years and never encountered any fellow officers who would have done what the officers in Minnesota did. "I understand the anger of Mr. Floyd's death and support everyone's constitutional right to peaceful protest," the sheriff said. "We will respect and protect you while you exercise this right," he said, but noted he had no tolerance "for the violence that has gripped our country for the past week. There is an obvious distinction between a protest and a riot."

McDonald added, "To those who protest peacefully, we stand with you. To those who seek justice, we stand with you. To project your rights, we'll stand in front of you. The police are not your enemy. We are asked not to judge all of you by the actions of a few. We ask the same from you."

"I also want to say I am proud of our police in Warren County. Our officers live in our community and care about all who live here. We cannot allow the horrific events in Minnesota to divide our community," Kern noted.

"The murder of George Floyd warrants protest. While not the case for the whole country, the protest and demonstrations that have happened around our county have been peaceful. I thank all those participating for that peace," Kern said, adding, "This is a somber time, but I am optimistic that our country will come out of this even stronger."

Warren County Prosecutor James Pfeiffer stressed that racism has no place in law enforcement, and while he is confident this is not an issue in Warren County, "We have to recognized it exists in our society. And it's absolutely wrong to its core."

Pfeiffer noted that we are all humans beings and "The color of our skin doesn't matter... we are all the same."

Participating representatives from local departments in addition to Robb included Chief James Macaulay, Hackettstown; Chief Rich Hummer, Greenwich; Chief Michael Reilly, Mansfield; Chief Tom Cicerelle, Washington Township; Chief Jason Garcia, Lopatcong; Chief Scott Johnson, Blairstown; Chief Matt Scott, Belvidere; Chief Rob Stettner, Phillipsburg; and Lt. Christopher Prell, Independence.



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 e mail - presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net  
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**703 South Delaware Drive**  
 Mt Bethel, PA 18343  
 610-588-7056  
 The Rev. Larry Laine  
 Worship at 9 AM  
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**1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap**  
 Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am &  
 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick.  
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## Community Baptist

**Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl**  
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## Community Presbyterian

**1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service  
 10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of  
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 www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org,  
 (570) 897-6766.

## Cross Road Baptist Church

**201 Second St., Bangor**  
 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS,  
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 (610) 588-3966,  
 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

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 CONTACT eastbangorumc@gmail.com  
 Pastor Dave Goss  
 (610-588-4453) Dial-A-Message  
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**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),**  
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 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-  
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 Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

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**396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna**  
 Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am  
 Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev.  
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## Mt. Bethel Church

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 Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service ,

11am Contemporary Service Visit our  
 website www.mountbethelchurch.org or  
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## Our Lady of Good Counsel

436 South 2nd Street  
 Bangor, PA 18013  
 Rectory (610) 588-5445  
 Parish Website: www.ourladystvincen-  
 t.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

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 munity Dinner on Sunday, July 21st  
 from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreci-  
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 Sunday Service- 9:45am  
 Holy Communion is served weekly.  
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## Richmond United Methodist Church

**8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor**  
 Palm Sunday, worship at 10:00 am.  
 Maundy Thursday, Soup at 6:00 pm  
 and Worship at 7:00 pm. Good Friday  
 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for Personal  
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 Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am  
 (followed by breakfast) Easter Tradi-  
 tional Worship 10:00 am Rev. Ed Van  
 Arsdale 610-588-7317

## Slate Belt Church

**1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**  
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 www.slatebeltchurch.com  
 Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &  
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 610-863-9274

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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**  
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 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)  
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## 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 speak-  
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 during the service. Visitors welcome.  
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