

Ben Franklin Technology Partners Invest In Local Manufacturers

By Arron Dobinion

NORTH EAST PA. - The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BFTP/NEP) announces that it has made emergency investments in 17 regional manufacturers totaling \$404,370 to help these companies accelerate the recovery from the economic crisis caused by COVID-19. The funds were provided through a \$1 million disbursement from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) that was matched by BFTP/NEP.

BFTP/NEP developed a Return to Health funding program including various types of company investments. Rebuilding Northeastern PA Manufacturers Investments will allow BFTP/NEP's recent established manufacturer clients with 250 or fewer employees to develop and implement plans for recovery.

BFTP/NEP also invested \$1,435,500 in 18 promising early-stage firms in this round with support from DCED. Ben Franklin's total Return to Health investments in the northeastern Pennsylvania economy is \$1,840,470, invested in 35 companies.

Many of these manufacturing firms were partway through the development of innovative production and process enhancements, and failing to complete them would hinder their recovery and growth. These clients will facilitate job retention and creation.

BFTP/NEP announces the following Rebuilding Northeastern PA Manufacturers Investments, which are provided to manufacturers as matching funding. The 17 companies receiving investments will engage a range of consultants to help them quickly, safely, and efficiently return to work and plan for growth.

BRD Noise and Vibration Control, Inc., <https://hushcore.net/>, Wind Gap, Northampton County
Ben Franklin investment: \$25,000

Assess tools and methods to allow for a more touch-free workplace now and in the future by implementing 3D scanning and modeling technology to provide a more accurate product. BRD Noise and Vibration Control specializes in HVAC acoustic design and manufacturing to help architects, MEP and acoustical consultants, and design/build contractors in the specification of cost-effective approaches to keep mechanical equipment quiet. The firm also troubleshoots and implements remediation treatments for sound problems in existing construction.

Effort Foundry, Inc., www.effortfoundry.com, Bath, Northampton County
Ben Franklin Investment: \$25,000

Implement product and process improvements to improve the company's competitiveness during the economic downturn caused by COVID-19. Effort Foundry supplies high-integrity steel castings for the pump, valve, power generation, and military industries.

Nazareth Pallet Co., Inc. <https://nazpallet.com/>, Northampton, Northampton County
Ben Franklin investment: \$25,000

Improve production processes to reduce costs while continuing to be compliant with COVID-19 restrictions. Nazareth Pallet customizes, recycles, and rebuilds wooden pallets.

Tower Products, <https://www.towerproducts.com>, Easton, Northampton County
Ben Franklin investment: \$25,000

Perform a workflow and process review to streamline operations while remaining COVID-19 compliant, and implement a customer relationship management module as the next phase in the company's Enterprise Resource Planning implementation. Tower Products manufactures environmentally sensitive offset and flexographic pressroom chemistry products.

Vastex International, Inc., www.vastex.com, Bethlehem, Northampton County
Ben Franklin investment: \$16,720

Retain legal assistance as part of adjusting to the company's new operating environment as a result of COVID-19. Vastex International manufactures screen printing machinery, primarily for the apparel industry.

2020 Kutztown Folk Festival Goes Virtual

By Kutztown Folk Festival Board

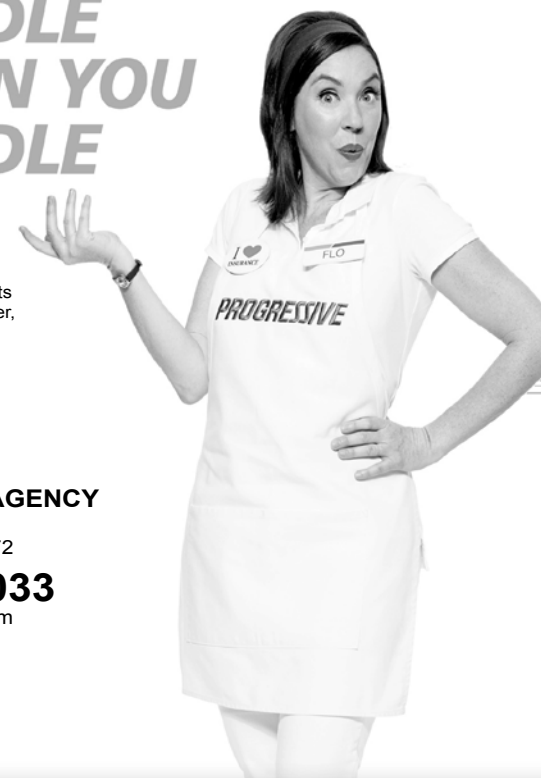
KUTZTOWN - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person events at the 2020 Kutztown Folk Festival have been cancelled. The Festival will host online events and activities through July 6th including its nationally recognized Quilt Auction.

<https://www.kutztownfestival.com/press-room/articles/2020-kutztown-folk-festival-goes-online>



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to commercial sources.**

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Ackermanville United Methodist
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.bethelbiblechurchofmontzion.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
www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

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.

**EAST BANGOR UNITED METHODIST
 COMMUNITY CHURCH**
**136 W. Central Ave.
 East Bangor, PA 18013**
 Sun., June 28
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (On-
 line) FOR MORE INFO., CONTACT
eastbangorumc@gmail.com. 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](http://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](http://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-
 ate your assistance in advertising this
 dinner without cost to the Church.

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
 rampsWe are handicap accessible with
 automatic doors, elevator and restroom.
 (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
 (September-May)
 Sunday Service- 9:45am
 Holy Communion is served weekly.
 All are welcome!

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
 Meditation, Devotion and Prayer
 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
 (Across from the Wind Gap Middle School)
www.slatebeltchurch.com
 Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &
 Children's Church (nursery provided)
 5:30pm Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids
 Program Pastor Steve Rebert
 610-863-9274

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
Church the Truth
(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)
4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl
 Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School
 (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise &
 Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

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. Dr. Sandra Alfonsi
 570-223-7062.

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-
 ing at the 9:30am service. Children SS
 during the service. Visitors welcome.
 (610) 863-8896.