

State Senators Announce Inaugural Safe2Say Something Week in Pa.

By Gary Miller

HARRISBURG – September 23, 2019 – The Pennsylvania State Senate unanimously supported a resolution from state Senators Pat Browne (R-Lehigh), Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia/Montgomery) and Scott Martin (R-Lancaster) designating September 23-29 as “Safe2Say Something Week” in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The resolution is to recognize the Safe2Say Something (S2SS) program and the impact it is having in its early stages to help improve safety in Pennsylvania’s schools. The S2SS program was established by Act 44 of 2018 as a resource for anonymous threat reporting for unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities in schools or to individuals.

“Recognizing that students, parents and teachers are often the first to notice when something is not right or to hear about a potential threat, the Safe2Say Something program was developed to provide those individuals with an anonymous, safe and secure way to report potential threats, erratic behavior, bullying or a number of other safety concerns,” Senator Browne said. “There is no question that this program is contributing to a safer school environment. The success of Safe2Say lies in a caller’s trust that they will remain anonymous and that their tip will be taken seriously and acted upon swiftly.

“I am pleased to have worked with Senator’s Hughes and Martin as well as Attorney General Shapiro to develop this essential program and to celebrate the inaugural Safe2Say Something week in Pennsylvania.”

More than 23,000 reports were made between January 14, 2019 and June 30, 2019, many of which regarded bullying, self-harm suicide ideation and mental health issues, according to the Safe2Say Something inaugural report. Approximately 864,333 Pennsylvania students have been trained on the threat-reporting program, which is administered by the Office of the Attorney General, since it went live earlier this year.

“The Safe2Say Something Program is saving lives and we are proud to have this important resource in Pennsylvania,” Sen. Hughes said. “We have seen a tremendous impact in the early stages of the program, which shows students and school communities have embraced taking an active role in the safety process. I am thankful for the bipartisan support of this important safety mechanism and look forward to working with my colleagues in the legislature to enact more policy initiatives that improve safety in our schools and communities.”

The Safe2Say Something program is modeled after Colorado’s Safe2Tell Program, created in 1999 following the Columbine tragedy. Pennsylvania is now considered a national model with this anonymous tip-line and it has demonstrated in a short time that it serves a vital need in our schools.

“It is extremely encouraging that Safe2Say Something is working exactly as intended, creating an extra layer of protection for students and school personnel,” Senator Martin said. “Keeping our schools safe requires every member of the community to remain vigilant of potential threats to the wellbeing of students, and I am thankful that so many people are using this program to communicate those concerns to the proper authorities.”

The legislature passed a \$1 million funding increase to the S2SS operating budget as a part of the 2019-20 budget. The funding helps ensure S2SS has all the necessary resources to help protect our schools and communities across the commonwealth.

You can view the full report release by the Attorney General on August 1, 2019 at <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>.

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advantage over those banks. Without citing any specific credit union, he did specify that the largest in the region rejected applications from people of color 3 to 4 times more than rejecting white applications. “That’s a problem and we plan on helping them understand that in the year ahead,” he said.

The theme of the program was “Together.” Acknowledging that current conventional wisdom is that our nation is too divided, CACLV Board President Wayne Barz said, “People who benefit from division, will foment that division. I believe CACLV foments togetherness.”

CACLV operates a wide range of programs designed to improve the quality of life for low-income people in the region. Those programs include the Second Harvest Food Bank, the Sixth Street Shelter, housing initiatives like homeownership counseling and foreclosure mitigation, rehab and new construction. The agency operates entrepreneurial programs that make loans and offer small business training. It also does extensive neighborhood revitalization work in downtown Allentown, south Bethlehem and the Slate Belt, ranging from façade improvements and creating pocket parks to planting trees and streetscaping. Only 32% of its budget comes from government funding, a proportion without equal among more than 1,000 Community Action Agencies in the nation.

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 Pastor Michael Yaworski.

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Community Baptist
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Community Presbyterian
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 www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org,
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 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS,
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 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

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 tory R.C. Church, Tannersville** will hold
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The East Bangor United Methodist
Community Church
 Thurs., Oct. 3
 -1:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop
 -6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Sat., Oct. 5 -8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting
 Sun., Oct. 6 -8:30 a.m. Choir Rehears-
 al -9:15 a.m. Worship Service
 w/Childen's Church -10:30 a.m. Adult
 Forum -4:00-5:30 p.m. FREE Dinner
 Tues., Oct. 8 -7:00 p.m. Bible Study
 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 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

Faith United Presbyterian
Penna & Heller Aves., Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 9am Choir, 10am Worship/
 Communion/Food Bank/Church School.
 (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
 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
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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
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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. Nursery care avail-
 able at all services. Rev. J. Timothy
 Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipat-
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 Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-
 4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith
301 Market Street, Bangor
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 zar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE.
 www.hopespringscommunity.org.

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 1st Sunday of the month). All are wel-
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 (See Church Website)
 Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM
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 tember-May)
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Presbyterian Parish of
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332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor
 Sun.- Worship 10:30am. Rev. Albert
 Martin. (610) 588-4864, email presbyteri-
 anbr@frontiernet.net.
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Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor
 Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fel-
 lowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candle-
 light Services 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed
 Van Arsdale. (610) 588-7317

The Roseto Independent
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210 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto
 Sunday Worship Services 9:15am
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 599-9949, www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org.

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &
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 Delete Sunday school
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St. Joseph's Episcopal
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 Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve
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St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast
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 SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Frank
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 www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal
340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap
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 service. Rev. Joel Atkinson.
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 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
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 7pm; Jan 19- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult
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 570-223-7062.

Trinity United Church of Christ
632 S. Delaware Dr. Mt. Bethel
 Sunday Worship 9:30 am -- No SS --
 Rev. Rodney W. Wells (610-588-1989)

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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
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