

# Recollections

## Weekly Calendar

**AA:**

Fridays, 8:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**NA:**

Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**NAR-ANON Family Group:**

Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**SAA for Men:**

Sundays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**DailyBread Meal for Community:**

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Adult Clothing Giveaway:**

First Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Third Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Food Pantry: Columbia County**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 9 a.m. to Noon

**Fresh Express: Every Thursday**

11 a. m. to 4 p.m.

**AGAPE Daily Hours:**

Mon., Tues., Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**OFFICES CLOSED:**

(Col. Co. Food Bank open 9a.m. to Noon)

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day

**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, May 25th**

AGAPE Yard Sale, Rohrbach's Farm Market

**Saturday, June 8th**

Cancer Compassion Meal,

First English Baptist Church

**Saturday, August 24th**

10th Annual Palooza,

Bloomsburg Town Park

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## "A DECADE OF VOLUNTEERISM AND GOD'S PROVISION"

**AGAPE** is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of service to those in need in Columbia/Montour Counties. We have grown fast and vast in these ten years. We have also learned a great deal, including the need to plan. Therefore, during the next ten years (God willing) we will be focusing on efficiency and effectiveness. One of the major programs we will be focusing on is Volunteerism. AGAPE could not survive without its wonderful volunteers. Last year volunteers gave **34,393 hours** or about **\$300,000.00** in minimum hourly pay wages had we been required to pay for these services. Volunteers are essential as AGAPE could never have afforded to pay those wages.

As we focus on a more effective and efficient use of our volunteer force, we have developed Volunteer Fields to form volunteer teams. We believe this will improve our volunteer service and ensure every volunteer has a specific job, a specific time and a specific day that is convenient for them. We hope no volunteer will ever have to feel like they are on their own. Volunteers are an unquantifiable asset.

All the fields of outreach are listed under the Volunteer Opportunities section of this newsletter. Each event will have a team of volunteers to focus on just one event throughout the year.

This quarter we will be highlighting the **AGAPE Outreach Events** Teams.

### Month

January  
February  
March  
April  
May/June  
August  
October  
November  
December

### AGAPE Outreach Event

Chili Cook Off  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
Diamond Donor Reception  
Renaissance Jamboree  
Yard Sale/Auction  
Palooza  
Berwick Riverfest  
AGAPE Gala  
Advent Worship Service

We are excited to get started. If you are interested in joining a team, please email us at [volunteer@agape-pa.org](mailto:volunteer@agape-pa.org). You can also find a volunteer application on our website at [www.agape-pa.org](http://www.agape-pa.org) or on our AGAPE Facebook, twitter or Instagram.



### ***Brandon Weaver—2019 Volunteer of the Year***

Brandon is all smiles as he receives the Volunteer of the Year Award at our annual Volunteer Banquet in February.

Brothers and Sisters,

Another newsletter, the second this year. Where does time go? If your life is like the one we are living at AGAPE, it is fast and furious. We cannot believe we are in our 10<sup>th</sup> year serving as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in Columbia/Montour Counties and beyond. What a roller coaster we have been on since 2009. God has blessed us each and every day with His Good News!

There are blessings such as generous donations, grants, volunteer service, respectful and thankful clients, and great relationships with local churches, businesses, corporations, other non-profit agencies and governmental services. Individuals are a significant source of support for financial assistance and in-kind donations. All this helps clients who could not otherwise have their basic life essential needs met.

Within this newsletter you will read about the recent grants we have received and the reorganization we are about to undergo, particularly the formation of volunteer teams. We hope you might be interested in checking out the details about one of these teams.

Drop in and see us. If you have not been here to visit or if it has been a long time since you have been to the AGAPE Center, please come see us. More space has been created over the last ten years and more programs have expanded our staff. Our staff loves to tell about what they do. We can almost promise you an adventure.

Blessings,

Eileen

*"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"*

## THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANTS

### **BERWICK HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOUNDATION: \$20,000.00**

This grant will substantially supplement AGAPE's Life Challenges programs for the benefit of the residents of twenty-three boroughs and townships in Columbia and Luzerne Counties that were served by the Berwick Hospital prior to its sale in 1999. Life-s Challenges assists low income clients who have been responsible with their expenses, but who due to circumstances beyond their control, need financial assistance to help them with monthly bills or unexpected needs which they are unable to meet.

### **BERWICK HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOUNDATION: \$10,000.00**

This grant will help provide food backpacks for low income kids in Benton, Central Columbia and Columbia/Montour Vo-Tech Schools; Berwick Head Start; and the kids from Briar Creek who attend the Small Beginnings Prime Time Program.

### **GEISINGER HEALTH PLAN \$50,000.00**

For the third year, Geisinger Health System has donated money to help AGAPE assist those in need of shelter, food and transportation. The first year AGAPE received \$10,000.00, the second year \$30,000.00 was received, and this year AGAPE has received \$50,000.00. We are overwhelmed with this generosity, particularly since each contribution was unsolicited.



March 14 & 15, 2018

Over \$18,000.00 Thanks to the generous donors, AGAPE received over \$18,000.00 through the Raise the Region Campaign.

## AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES GRANT - \$2,500.00

Upon the recommendation of a local farmer, David Artman, AGAPE was chosen to be the recipient of a \$2,500.00 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer Corporation. We appreciate Mr. Artman's recommendation for this award. We know the kids will be excited when they find food in their backpacks that they may not have seen before. **Feeding kids is AGAPE's DailyBread Team's most satisfying project.**



Pictured front row, left to right, Eileen Chapman, David Artman, Laurie Swank, back Fresh Express Packing Crew.



Attendees pictured at the 2018 Diamond Donor Reception left to right: Rohrbach's Farm Market (Tim Bosworth), Living Word Baptist Church (Pastor Raymond Purdy), Grace Mowery, First Columbia Bank & Trust (Jeff Whitenight) and LCBC (Ben Titman). Other recipients include: Berwick Area United Way, Berwick Health & Wellness Foundation, Evansville UMC, First Community Foundation Partnership, First Keystone Community Bank, Geisinger, Kirk's Auction, Magee Foundation, PPL, Sheetz-Bloomsburg, Steve Shannon, Stillwater Christian Church, United Way of Columbia/Montour Counties, Fran & Harry Fenwick, Deb and Bob Franssen, Randy Mausteller, Renee and Burt Wandell, and Eileen Chapman.

## YARD SALE TO BENEFIT AGAPE

Rohrbach's Farm Market

Saturday, May 25th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Rohrbach's will be hosting a Super Big Yard Sale for AGAPE! All proceeds from the yard sale will go directly to AGAPE. Kids face painting (\$) too, with partial proceeds to AGAPE. Want to donate items?

Collection dates and sites:

**Rohrbach's Farm Market:**

Thurs., May 23rd, 4p.m. - 6p.m. ONLY

**AGAPE Center:**

Thurs., May 23rd, 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. ONLY

and Fri., May 24th, 9a.m. - Noon ONLY.

All items must be clean, not broken and dropped off during these hours only. If you are donating furniture, it must be taken to AGAPE and will be redistributed to a family in need. We reserve the right to refuse any donation.

## CANCER COMPASSION MEAL

(Sponsored by the Ministry of Hope and Healing) FOR CANCER FIGHTERS AND SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, June 8, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

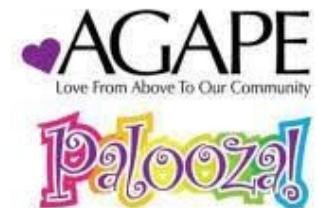
First English Baptist Church

700 Millville Road, Bloomsburg

For reservations call

Sherrie@570-387-5290 or

Text@570-951-1044



## SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PALOOZA

BLOOMSBURG TOWN PARK

11 A.M. TO 7 P.M. WATCH FOR

DETAILS IN OUR AUGUST

NEWSLETTER



Love From Above To Our Community

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## Feeding The Thousands

January – March 2019

Appleman Financial  
Benton Foundry  
Dent Plumbing & Heating  
Gordner-Coombs Insurance, Inc.  
Hamilton Dental Care  
Harrel Automatic Sprinkler Co.  
Marr Development, Inc.  
Twin Bridges Storage  
(1,985 meals served)

## Wednesday Night Family Meals

Help us provide a restaurant style environment for our clients by providing a meal once a year. It can be made ahead and dropped off, or you may stay and help with the serving. Our goal is to provide a restaurant environment twice each month on Wednesday evenings.

If your church or a group of your friends or fellow employees would like to help with this, please contact AGAPE at 570-317-2210 or at [agapeoutreach@agape-pa.org](mailto:agapeoutreach@agape-pa.org)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### PR & Marketing Team:

- Developing & Updating Brochures
- Communicating with local media
- Advertising
- Newsletter

### Fundraising Committee:

- Raise the Region
- Pin Ups
- AGAPE Wear
- Yard Sale/Auction

### Joseph's Storehouse Team:

- Delivery Truck/Van Drivers
- Packing Teams
- Pick Up/Delivery Helpers (lifting a must)
- Storehouse Helpers
- Inventory Counters

## GOING GREEN

AGAPE is going green. Help us by sending your email address to AGAPE at [news@agape-pa.org](mailto:news@agape-pa.org)