

Other Services

Referral Services

These organizations can put you in touch with other agencies that help with specific needs.

PA Guideline 1-800-332-6718
NY First Call for Help..... 1-888-266-5252

Welfare Offices

For those who qualify, these organizations provide a variety of supports.

PA—Bradford County Assistance Office (BCAO)
Towanda 1-800-542-3938 or 570-265-9186
NY/Owego/Tioga County Dept of Social Services
.....1-607-687-8300 or 1-877-882-8113

Heating Assistance

These federally funded programs help eligible low income persons with gas, oil, and electric costs.

PA: LIHEAP, Towanda B CAO..... 1-800-542-3938
NY: HEAP, Owego Tioga Opportunities ...1-607-687-4222

Food Assistance

Mobile Food Pantry 607-565-4795
Monthly, 3rd Wed., 1-2:30 pm, Waverly Presbyterian
Valley Food Pantry 607-565-8718
Monday-Thursday 10-Noon, 2-4:00; Friday 10-Noon
Catholic Charities Food Pantry..... 607-414-1023
Tuesday-Friday, 9-3:00 (closed 12-1)
WIC (Women, Infants, Children) 570-888-5058, ext. 221
The Salvation Army Food Pantry 570-888-2153
Tuesday-Friday 9-Noon, afternoons by appointment
Helping Hands Food Pantry 570-596-2648
First Thursday of the month, 10-Noon, Bentley Creek
Wesleyan, Ridgebury Township

Free Fellowship Meals every Thursday evening

1st Thursday, Waverly Methodist..... 4:30-6:00
2nd Thursday, Athens Methodist 4:30-6:30
3rd Thursday, Blessed Trinity, St. James 4:30-6:30
Last Thursday, Sayre Church of the Redeemer
..... 4:00-6:30

If there are **5 Thursdays** in the month, the 4th Thursday is at the Waverly Presbyterian..... 4:00-6:00

Also, 1st & 3rd Monday, Salvation Army..... 4:00-6:00
January—October

The Churches of The Bridge

Athens United Methodist 570-888-2241
Athens Wesleyan..... 570-888-6734
Bentley Creek Wesleyan Church 570-596-2115
Blessed Trinity at St. James 607-565-2014
Catholic Charities, Tioga Outreach 607-414-1023
Chemung Christian Fellowship..... 607-877-4033
Christian & Missionary Alliance 607-565-2492
Christian Life Church 607-565-9777
Church of the Nazarene 607-565-2286
Church of the Redeemer 570-888-2270
Crossroads Family Ministries 570-888-2347
Epiphany Parish 570-888-9641
Federated Church, East Smithfield 570-596-3605
First Baptist, Sayre 570-888-2237
First Baptist, Waverly..... 607-565-9593
First Church of God, Sayre..... 570-888-9671
Grace Episcopal, Waverly 607-565-2608
Greater Valley Assembly of God 570-888-3202
Litchfield United Methodist 570-888-8837
New Generation Church, Milan 570-888-1967
North Waverly Chapel 607-565-9342
Pilgrim Holiness..... 570-888-2417
Robert Packer Hospital Chaplain 570-882-4309
St. John Lutheran 570-888-2412
The Salvation Army 570-888-2153
Sayre Christian 570-888-2683
Seventh Day Adventist 570-888-1448
Tioga County Rural Ministry 607-687-3021
Trinity Episcopal 570-888-5715
Ulster Presbyterian 570-358-3422
United Methodist of Waverly 607-565-8650
Valley United Presbyterian 570-888-2269

The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches

PO Box 202
Sayre, PA 18840
www.thevalleybridge.org



Bridging the gaps of life
in the name of Jesus Christ

The Bridge is a non-profit organization of churches in the Penn-York Valley that serves residents in the Waverly, Sayre, and Athens school districts. The aim of **The Bridge** is to bridge the gaps of life in the name of Jesus Christ, and to provide help when and where other agencies are not available.

The Bridge is comprised of lay and clergy representing Protestant, Roman Catholic, and independent churches having mainline and evangelical persuasions.

The Board of Directors meets monthly and consists of one clergy and two lay people from each member church. Other non-voting members, designated by the churches, may also participate in the activities of **The Bridge**.

The purpose of **The Bridge** is to minister to those in our community in need of assistance regardless of background, race, color, or persuasion. Our intent is not to duplicate assistance provided by other agencies but to provide financial and spiritual support in times of crisis and emergency.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28



The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches

Services of The Bridge...

Clients are encouraged to call the Clearinghouse at 570-888-8826 Monday through Wednesday between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm, Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 am. The client will receive direction about how to receive assistance.

Assistance provided by **The Bridge** is determined by a screening process which includes geographic residence, emergency need, and household income eligibility:

Vouchers

- **Shelter** for people with eviction notice, needing a security deposit or emergency overnight shelter.
- **Utilities** for those who have a gas, electric or water shut-off notice.
- **Food** for transients needing a meal after Food Bank hours.
- **Transportation** for those stranded and unable to get transportation out of the community
- **Emergency Situations**—other monetary crises may be considered once the proper eligibility has been established.

There is a limit up to \$300 every six months or 100 gallons of fuel oil every 12 months with a maximum assistance of three times in seven years. Each case is decided on an individual basis.

Catastrophic Assistance

In catastrophic situations, such as a natural disaster, house fire, chemical emergency, or abusive situation resulting in having to leave a residence without belongs, additional help may be available.



The **Clothes Closet of The Bridge** is located at the North Waverly Chapel, 40 State Route 34, Waverly, NY, in a free standing building behind the church. Clothing small household items, books, and toys are available without a voucher and free of charge. Donations of good, clean clothes and small household items including children's books and toys are appreciated. Call 607-565-4795 for more information or for an emergency need. The Clothes Closet is open weekly on:

- Tuesdays, 6:30—8:30 pm
- Wednesdays, Noon—2:00 pm.



Kids at Risk

The **Kids at Risk** ministry operates anonymously through the Valley school district teachers, nurses, social workers, and instructional support teams who identify needs for clothing, school supplies, and/or services. Contact for assistance is made to the **Kids at Risk** coordinator. In addition, hygiene kits have been provided to each school to be given to those with needs.



Helping Hands is a ministry of **The Bridge** that provides furniture for those with a voucher. Donations of good, used furniture are needed. Call 570-886-1057 for more information.

Support of The Bridge...

Over thirty churches, many individuals, The United Way, The Community Chest as well as various corporations and community organizations are supporters of The Bridge.

The ministry of **The Bridge** is growing and gave approximately \$100,000 in grants in 2013 which does not include the thousands of dollars worth of furniture, clothing, and other items that were also distributed.

Donations to **The Bridge** ministry are appreciated and are tax deductible. Please send cash donations to:

The Bridge

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Helping those in need in the communities of Athens, Sayre, and Waverly since 1987.