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- Ask your employer or fellow employees to sponsor a one-hour block of time with you.
- Stop by the Sayre Theatre during the event to make a donation.
- Or, mail your tax-deductible donation to:

**The Bridge  
Box 202  
Sayre, PA 18840**

For more information, contact Kim at 607-565-4795 or dpaulfamily@gmail.com.

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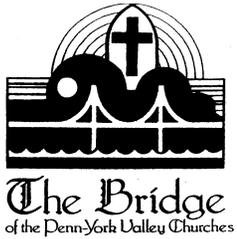
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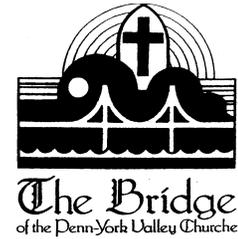
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- Assist 146 households with furniture and household items free of charge through our *Helping Hands* ministry.



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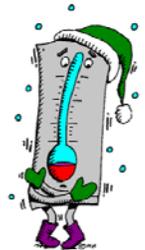
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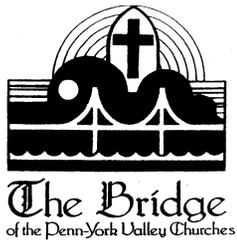
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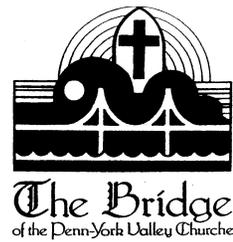
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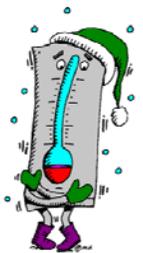
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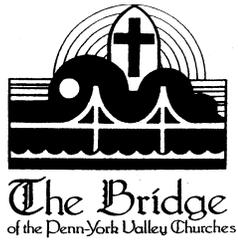
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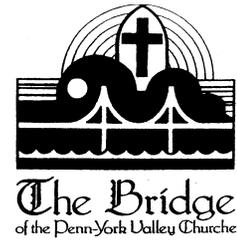
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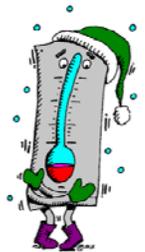


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