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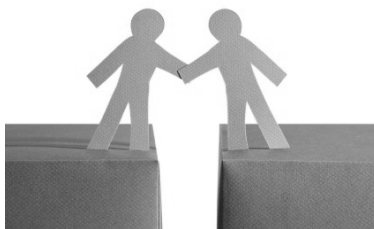


# The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches

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*Bridging the gaps of life in the name of Jesus Christ*

*Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,  
but he who is generous to the needy honors him.*

Proverbs 14:31

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## About Us

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

Specifically, the ministries of *The Bridge* in 2016 included offering voucher assistance for emergency needs especially housing related needs; catastrophic assistance; free furniture and household goods through *Helping Hands*; clothing, household goods, toys & books through the *Clothes Closet*; free clothing, hygiene items, school supplies & other assistance through *Kids at Risk*; food assistance through community meals and the *Mobile Food Pantry*; and referrals to other services through our *Clearinghouse*.

*The Bridge* is supported by its member churches, individuals, The United Way, Waverly Community Chest, businesses, and community organizations. *The Bridge* generally holds two major fundraising events each year. One is the Sleepout held the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. It is intended to bring awareness to those in need and to raise funds for the ministry. The other event is a Chicken Barbeque and Vintage Furniture Sale held in September. The Board of Directors of *The Bridge* meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month.

We are so very thankful for all those who participate in the ministry—donors and volunteers alike! We continue to seek God's direction as we serve in the ministry of *The Bridge*.

### Our Member Churches and Partners in 2016

Athens United Methodist Church  
Athens Wesleyan Church  
Bentley Creek Wesleyan Church  
Blessed Trinity at St. James  
Chemung Christian Fellowship  
Christian & Missionary Alliance, Waverly  
Christian Life Church  
Church of the Nazarene  
Church of the Redeemer  
Crossroads Family Ministries  
Epiphany Parish  
Federated Church, East Smithfield  
First Baptist Church, Sayre  
First Baptist Church, Waverly  
First Church of God, Sayre  
Grace Episcopal, Waverly  
Greater Valley Assembly of God  
Litchfield United Methodist Church

Lockwood United Methodist Church  
New Generation Church, Milan  
North Waverly Chapel  
Pilgrim Holiness  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Sayre Christian Church  
Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Sonrise Christian Life Church  
The Salvation Army  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
United Methodist Church, Waverly  
Valley United Presbyterian Church

#### Partners:

Catholic Charities, Tioga Outreach  
Robert Packer Hospital Chaplain  
Tioga Rural Ministries

*Serving those in need since 1987*



## President's Letter

After eight years of being the public face of *The Bridge*, many people in the community think of us AS *The Bridge*. We always attempt to correct that impression and explain that we actually do very little, that it's the volunteers at the Clothes Closet, Helping Hands, Kids at Risk, and the many people behind our Clearinghouse who are truly *The Bridge*. But it's been a real pleasure to be out in public and be recognized as *The Bridge*!

Occasionally, someone will mention to us that they have been thinking of volunteering. We are always able to reply without any hesitation, "You won't be sorry. It's a great organization—so well organized—so well run—doing such good work—and truly it is God's own ministry." There has never been a time when we regretted being associated with *The Bridge*, never a time when we regretted being co-presidents. The only regret is that we won't be any longer; but, there are other ways in which we will continue to be involved.

We feel really good about the new leadership. The Power Team of Marilyn Weber and Kim Paul are doing a great job. Marilyn has proven herself as a capable worker and leader ever since starting with us in the aftermath of the flood in 2011. As our Helping Hands director Charlie Hammond slowed down, Marilyn just naturally took up the slack, all the while showing God's love to Charlie and everyone else she came in contact with. Kim has been the backbone of *The Bridge* for many years and someone we always relied on to know exactly how something should be done. Whenever something needed to be done, and no one else stepped forward, Kim always said, "I'll do it." Audits... Financial Secretary... Nominations... Clothes Closet... Sleepout... Website... Policy updates... Pastors'/Voucher Writers' Luncheon... Catastrophic Assistance... Historian... Compiler of the Annual Report... Database project... and now Vice President. WOW. Thank you Kim!

One of the greatest privileges has been the people we've associated with. How else would we have gotten to know Charlie Hammond so well? That was worth any price. He is in a better place, but he is missed! We are glad we honored him with the brick in front of the Sayre Theater while he was still able to be there.

What else can we say but, Thank You to all the fine volunteers. Thank You to all the people who faithfully come to the board meetings. Thank You to the community for our support. And last but not least, Thank You God for showing how much You care for your people!



*Dick Friend*     *Bobette Friend*

**Dick & Bobette Friend**  
Co-Presidents

# 2016 Highlights



**Charlie Hammond** awarded a brick at Sayre Theatre on 4/16/2016 honoring his over 20 years of service with *The Bridge's* Helping Hands ministry.

**Marsha Zwierlein** also honored on 4/16/2016 with a brick for her over 25 years of service writing vouchers for *The Bridge* including writing the very first one!

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Sleepout** was held in front of the Sayre Theatre November 25 & 26 raising awareness and over \$9,000.

**Christmas Parade Float** was redesigned this year, the 18<sup>th</sup> year of participation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barbeque and Vintage Sale** was held on Saturday, September 24 and raised over \$4,500.



**Pastors'/Voucher Writers' Luncheon** was held at the North Waverly Chapel on March 8 to thank our pastors and voucher writers as well as to update them on the current ministry and to give them an opportunity to give feedback and interact.

**Interim Assistance Pilot Program** was developed and approved for communication to member churches in December to solicit necessary volunteers and for implementation in late spring 2017. This assistance is aimed at assisting individuals or families who have experienced a significant event causing a short-term need that requires more than the regular assistance provides. It will be provided only once and given over a 3-6 month period of time. The Pilot was approved for 5 cases with an initial limit of \$1,500 each. The program requires partnership with a member church, goal setting, and interaction over the time of assistance.

**Vouchers** - Paid 325 vouchers for over \$80,000 to assist with electric (113), security deposit (73), rent (62), fuel (45), water/sewer (27), and other emergency needs (5) thereby helping 557 adults and 302 children.

**Clothes Closet** - Served 1,634 households giving out 21,540 free items of clothing & apparel, small housewares, books & toys. A volunteer picnic was held 8/25.

**Helping Hands** - Assisted 146 households with furniture appliances made possible by 253 donations.

**Kids at Risk** - Served a total of 717 students in the school districts of Athens, Sayre, & Waverly with clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and other needs anonymously by partnering with school personnel who identified needs and distributed items.

**Community Dinners** - Sponsored 4 of the weekly community dinners offered in the community.

**Mobile Food Pantry** - Distributed a total of 92,468 lbs. of food assisting 4,212 people: 1,013 children, 2,490 adults, and 709 elderly with an average of 154 households served each month. The monthly distribution moved from the Valley United Presbyterian Church, Waverly site, to the North Waverly Chapel in September.



# Clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse is the access point for *The Bridge's* services. We respond to inquiries about *The Bridge* and its services as well as directing individuals seeking financial assistance or furniture to a local pastor or church to complete an application and receive a Bridge voucher if they are eligible. Family income, number of people in the household, household expenses, frequency of requests and residence (Sayre, Athens or Waverly school district) determine eligibility. Vouchers are used for rent/security deposit, utility shutoff, furniture and other emergency situations.

Voucher Type	Number
Electric	111
Security Deposit	81
Rent	61
Water	23
Natural Gas	18
Propane	13
Fuel Oil	12
Miscellaneous	7
Sewer	5
Lodging	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>

## 2016 Vouchers

Voucher Type	Number
Furniture	151
Catastrophic	0

## Clearinghouse Hours

Monday	9 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday	9 am – 12:30 pm
Wednesday	9 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday	9 am – 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

**Larry Day**, Clearinghouse Coordinator

# Voucher Writer Training

*The Bridge* is dependent on voucher writers in our member churches to interview people requesting assistance. Three hundred thirty-three people were interviewed for cash assistance vouchers and 151 for furniture vouchers in 2016. Without trained voucher writers we would not have been able to assist these individuals and families.

Voucher writing training was provided to 3 individuals in 2016. This was needed as we lost an individual who had served as a very active voucher writer. We are grateful for these new people and are thankful for the service of those who have and continue to serve the people of our community in this way.

We are always willing to train more pastors and others to write vouchers. Interested individuals should contact *The Bridge* Clearinghouse at (570) 888-8826.

Respectfully submitted,

**Larry Day**, Voucher Writer Trainer





# Clothes Closet



The Clothes Closet is a ministry of *The Bridge* located at the North Waverly Chapel which provides clothing and apparel, small household items, and toys to those in need without requiring a voucher and with no geographical restrictions. Individuals and families find out about the ministry through voucher writers, churches, friends, medical personnel, and the media. The ministry relies entirely upon donations from generous individuals and businesses in the community.



The addition of the donation chute last year to the Clothes Closet has continued to be a blessing as people can drop off donations in bags to us when it is convenient for them instead of being required to do it when we are open. The unintended effect has been that household and toy donations are down because they can't be put down the chute and they still need to come while we are open for those donations.

The Clothes Closet continued to operate twice a week, Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Wednesdays from 12 noon to 2 pm serving those in need. In 2016, we had an average of 136 household contacts and distributed 1,795 items each month of the year for a grand total of 1,634 household contacts and 21,540 items distributed.

We are very thankful for all those who so generously donated items and for the numerous volunteers who make this ministry possible. We have 10 teams of 2-3 people each who work once a month while we are open as well as a number of people willing to be substitutes. We also have two teams which consistently work usually on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to restock and sort donations as well as a few people who work extra times when needed. A special thank you to **Marilyn Weber** who faithfully handled the data entry of clients served and items distributed this year as well as overseeing our work teams and assisting in other areas when needed.

As a way of honouring volunteers for their dedicated service, we held a picnic in the pavilion of the North Waverly Chapel on August 25. It was an enjoyable time.

So very thankful for all God is doing in and through us at the Clothes Closet.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kim Paul**, Clothes Closet Coordinator

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,  
and he will repay him for his deed.  
Proverbs 19:17*



# Helping Hands



In 2016, the Helping Hands Ministry continued to occupy the old Quinlan's Park building. We have done a few upgrades. Charlie Hammond and crew replaced the lights with newer more efficient lighting. Jim Harbst repaired some plumbing issues. Signs were made by Charlie and we continued to organize our furniture and other areas.

The Rollin' Dead Motorcycle Club continued to be a vital part of our Ministry. They are a very dedicated group who continue to come on Saturdays when available. They are a blessing to us! We had such a great response to our Chicken BBQ and Vintage Sale in



2015 that we did it again on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Hannah's family and the Rollin' Dead Motorcycle Club did the cooking and serving. We

were unsure how we would do since the bridge on 17C was under construction and closed just before the BBQ. We did great. We raised over \$4,500, the weather was perfect, and the community came out to support us! We are so thankful to the volunteers who came out and worked for weeks preparing for this event!



We ended the year on a sad note. Charlie Hammond, our long-time leader, passed away. We will truly miss our friend, we see his handiwork all around the warehouse, and we will continue to care for this ministry he loved so much.

Our hours of operation are: Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00 am to 12 noon.

## 2016 Helping Hands Used Furniture Ministry Activity:

Vouchers for goods given out—**146**

Donations of goods received—**253**



Thanks to our great staff of volunteers: John Simonds, Charlie Brown, Howard Brewster, Jim Harbst, C.T. Weber, Craig Menning, Tim Shirley, Fred Elias, and the Rollin' Dead Motorcycle Club.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Marilyn Weber**, Helping Hands Coordinator

# A Tribute to Charlie Hammond

August 26, 1929 - November 25, 2016



Charlie Hammond began with *The Bridge of Penn-York Valley Churches* over 20 years ago. He had retired from being the manager of Newberry's and his friends Renee and Jack Langan said to Charlie, "Why don't you come to a Board meeting?" and the rest, shall we say, is history.

When Charlie became the head of the Helping Hands Ministry, the ministry was in a small garage in Milan. He had a few guys who, when called upon, would come and help him pick up and deliver furniture. He organized, painted and made the space look neat and tidy. He had a place for everything.

I started working with Charlie 5 years ago. I was in awe of the man who was 82 at the time. The flood had just happened and they were moving into the old Tioga Mills Warehouse. This building was as long as a football field. Charlie was there painting and sweeping getting it ready for all the furniture from the Valley Rally. His friends were there moving furniture and setting up shelving. Oh, the hours Charlie put in. He was dedicated to this ministry and to making sure that everything was set and ready to open to help all the families affected by the flood and those in need for other reasons.



Then we moved into the building where we are now—the old Quinlan's Park. It was in good shape when we moved in, but Charlie had us paint the floor. I remember him in his paint clothes trying to match colors, cans of paint all over. With Charlie everything had to be perfect. Lines were drawn on the floor by Charlie with a sharpie and a ruler, so that couches were all lined up just so. Shelving was put up and signs were made. How blessed we were to have Charlie make signs. They were perfection!! One of my husband's last memories of Charlie was toward the end, he couldn't lift much or move furniture so he was leaning on the bed of his truck, making signs for our Chicken BBQ. It was a beautiful scene—his white hair blowing in the wind and a big smile on his face. He was doing what he loved.

Charlie was a man of deep faith. On the front license plate of his Lincoln Town Car was PS 138. *I will praise you Lord with all my heart.* Charlie was thankful for all God provided for him and his family.

Charlie did what he loved—helping others, telling stories, and celebrating the lives of the people he loved. Our ministry is grieving now at the loss of this wonderful man. Everywhere we look, we see him. His Helping Hands Ministry will continue; however, it will be without its 2 most important hands. We will carry on without you my friend, it will be hard and we miss you every day. Rest in God's peace.

With Love,  
**Marilyn Weber**

# Kids at Risk



In 1994 the Kids at Risk ministry was started to meet the needs of children in the Sayre, Athens, and Waverly school districts. The main ministry focus is helping children in uncomfortable or unhealthy situations that risk failure in school and possibly later in life from the lack of hygiene supplies, inadequate clothing and or school supplies.

In 2016 Kids at Risk helped approximately 717 students. The counselors, school nurses, teachers and secretary's help make this program work. They take the time to evaluate a child's needs and then e-mail me with those needs. I check supplies on hand to see if I have those items, if not I purchase them.



Individuals, groups and churches in the community support Kids at Risk, and 100% of the donations go back into this ministry. I wish I could highlight every individual and group who has supported Kids at Risk throughout the year. I feel extremely grateful for each and every selfless donation. A few individuals that I would like to highlight for their work to keep Kids at Risk moving in the light of my sometimes difficult work schedule are Mary Rhodes, Cindy Jones, and Sally Harden. These three are always willing to run items to the schools for me, and I appreciate them all greatly!

The beginning balance in the checking and investment accounts in January 2016 was \$11,696.75. At the end of this year, the total that I have is \$10,516.67. Details below:

	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Ending</b>
Checking	\$1,890.54	\$1,824.29	\$3,163.42	\$700	\$1,251.41
Savings	\$9,806.21	\$159.05	0	(\$700)	\$9,265.26
Total	\$11,696.75	\$1,983.34	\$3,163.42	\$0	\$10,516.67

Spaulding Memorial Library sponsored the Angel Tree book program again this year. This program offers books to children at Christmas that may never receive a gift. We had a great turnout, and once again, over 200 students received books through the program.

Finally, the role of Kids at Risk Coordinator has been passed now to Cindy Jones. She has been a great asset to the program—first as a school contact at Snyder Elementary, and then with her assistance in getting things delivered. She will do great things with this program, and I'm happy to leave it in such capable hands!

Respectfully Submitted,

**Emily Cole**, Kids at Risk Coordinator

**Mission:** We will help children, grades K-12, through the schools in the Athens, Sayre and Waverly school districts, attempting to meet the need which cannot be met in any other way. We will make every effort to preserve the self-esteem of the child and family as we reach out in the name of Jesus Christ.

# Community Dinners



Remember the Story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37)? Jesus asked the question: "Now which of the three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" We know the answer—the one who showed mercy and helped. We are called to do this. One way is by feeding those who are hungry or are lonely and in need of fellowship. This is one of the purposes of our free dinners. The schedule is as follows:

February 25<sup>th</sup> - Church of the Redeemer  
April 7<sup>th</sup> - Waverly United Methodist Church  
July 14<sup>th</sup> - Athens United Methodist Church  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – St. James Catholic Church

We prepare and serve all meals except for the meal at The Church of the Redeemer (we provide desserts and servers). The cost of all meals is covered by donations. We have a wonderful group of faithful people who help with these meals.



## The schedule for the free dinners is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - Waverly United Methodist 4:30-6:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - Athens United Methodist 4:30-6:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – St. James Catholic 4:30-6:00 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday\* - Church of the Redeemer 4:00-6:00 PM

\*If a month has 5 Thursdays: The Church of the Redeemer will serve the 5<sup>th</sup> and the Valley United Presbyterian Church (Athens location) serves the 4<sup>th</sup> (4:30-6:00p).

Submitted by:

**Sandy Campbell**, Community Dinner Coordinator







# Mobile Food Pantry

*The Bridge* has continued to sponsor the Mobile Food Pantry each month on the third Wednesday of each month at 10a throughout 2016. Until September we were at the Waverly site of the Valley United Presbyterian Church where we have been for a number of years. Due to renovations being done at that location, the MFP moved back to the North Waverly Chapel where the distributions initially began back in 2008. The transition to the new location has been smooth. We provide an average of 25 volunteers for each distribution. Volunteers come from a variety of sources within *The Bridge* as well as a significant number of local homeschool families part of the Valley Area LEAH, a Christian homeschool group in the Valley.

There are a variety of jobs required including directing traffic/parking, signing in people, directing people, stocking the tables around the truck, bagging produce, handing out food, and helping people carry food to their vehicles. Many of the volunteers are "repeaters" meaning they



come every month which is a huge blessing and shows what a blessing it is for the volunteers as well. Like most of the ministries of *The Bridge*, it wouldn't be possible without dedicated volunteers!



We are especially grateful for the graciousness and hospitality of the Valley United Presbyterian Church and the North Waverly Chapel for allowing the distributions to take place on their property and for allowing us to use their indoor facilities. What a blessing!

In 2016, there were 12 distributions with an average of 154 households served with 7,705 lbs. food distributed each time. For the year, a total of 92,468 lbs. of food was distributed assisting 4,212 people: 1,013 children, 2,490 adults, and 709 elderly.

It has been a privilege to serve God and the people in this community through the ministry of the Mobile Food Pantry in 2016 along with co-coordinator Don Jayne and the many faithful volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kim Paul**

Mobile Food Pantry Co-Coordinator  
Waverly Site



# Valley Food Pantry

Director: Liz Coco

Assistant: Howard Brewster

## 2016 Activity Record

2016	PA	NY	TOTAL
Households	891	711	1,602
Adults	1,651	1,208	2,859
Children	662	613	1,275
<b>Total Helped</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>4,134</b>

## Valley Food Pantry Hours

Monday – Thursday      10:00 am – 12:00 noon  
   2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Friday                      10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Location: 418 Waverly Street, Waverly, NY

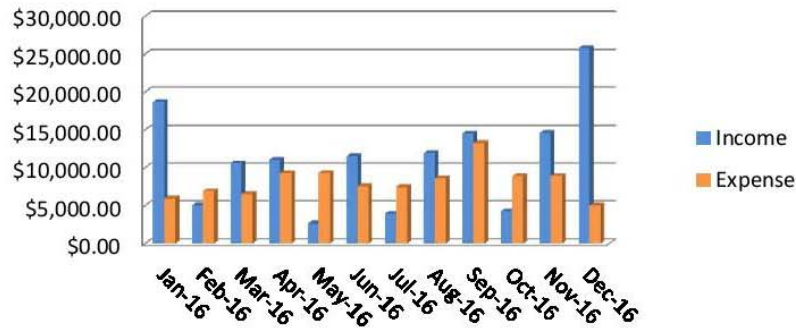
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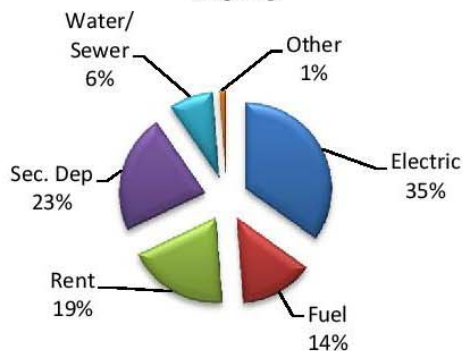
Respectfully Submitted by,  
**Marilyn Weber** for **Liz Coco**

## The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches 2016 Treasurer's Annual Report

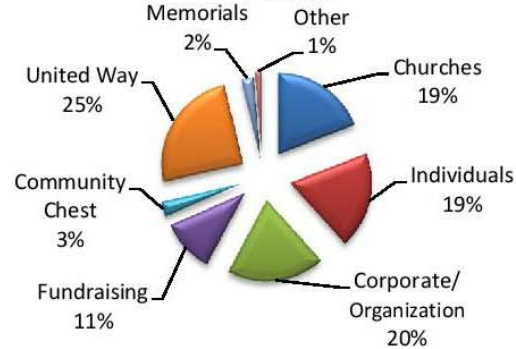
### 2016 Income and Expenses



### Types of Vouchers Paid 2016



### Funding Sources 2016



Account	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Transfers	Balance
Bridge Account	\$ 73,179.16	\$ 134,012.31	\$ (97,894.09)	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 59,297.38
Bridge Savings Account	\$ -	\$ 709.60	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,709.60
Total Bridge Funds	\$ 73,179.16	\$ 134,721.91	\$ (97,894.09)	\$ -	\$ 110,006.98

#### Designated Funds within Bridge Account

Guthrie Grant (Database)	\$ 885.93	\$ -	\$ (394.20)	\$ -	\$ 491.73
Helping Hands Warehouse	\$ 800.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ (9,600.00)	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Clothes Closet	\$ -	\$ 224.63	\$ (55.00)	\$ -	\$ 169.63
Total Undesignated Funds	\$ 71,493.23	\$ 124,897.28	\$ (87,844.89)	\$ -	\$ 108,545.62

Income and Expense Comparison 2015-2016				
	1/1/2015-12/31/2015	1/1/2016-12/31/2016	Difference	
Income	\$ 118,708.75	\$ 134,721.91	\$ 16,013.16	
Expense	\$ 108,183.90	\$ 97,894.09	\$ (10,289.81)	
Difference	\$ 10,524.85	\$ 36,827.82	\$ 26,302.97	

Historical look at voucher levels: Previously-\$100; May 2009-\$150; May 2010-\$200; May 2011-\$300



## 2016 Annual Treasurer's Report Income/Expense Comparison 2015-2016



INCOME	2015	2016	Difference
<b>Churches</b>			
Athens Wesleyan	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Bentley Creek Wesleyan Church	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Blessed Trinity Parish (St. James)	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 1,691.00	\$ (1,329.00)
Chemung Christian Fellowship	\$ 2,662.26	\$ 3,108.36	\$ 446.10
Christian Life	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 450.00	\$ (650.00)
Church of God	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Crossroads Family Ministries (Keystone)	\$ 574.00	\$ 562.00	\$ (12.00)
E Smithfield Federated	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ (150.00)
Encounter Free Methodist	\$ -	\$ 1,159.22	\$ 1,159.22
Epiphany	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
First Baptist, Waverly	\$ 45.22	\$ -	\$ (45.22)
G.V. Assembly of God	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 1,226.00	\$ (1,624.00)
Nazarene, Waverly	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
North Waverly Chapel	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Pilgrim Holiness	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Redeemer	\$ 135.00	\$ 132.00	\$ (3.00)
Sayre Christian	\$ 450.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (250.00)
St. John Lutheran	\$ 1,072.50	\$ 863.75	\$ (208.75)
UMC, Athens	\$ 755.50	\$ 1,852.00	\$ 1,096.50
UMC, Litchfield	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
UMC, Waverly	\$ -	\$ 724.00	\$ 724.00
Valley United Presbyterian	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL Churches</b>	\$ 21,964.48	\$ 25,618.33	\$ 3,653.85
<b>Community Chest</b>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
<b>Corporate-Organizational Gifts</b>	\$ 8,669.60	\$ 16,268.33	\$ 7,598.73
<b>Designated Income</b>			
Clothes Closet	\$ 50.00	\$ 224.63	\$ 174.63
Helping Hands	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL Designated Income</b>	\$ 9,650.00	\$ 9,824.63	\$ 174.63
<b>FEMA</b>	\$ 2,054.20	\$ -	\$ (2,054.20)
<b>Fundraising</b>			
<b>Chicken BBQ &amp; Sale</b>			
BBQ Bake Sale	\$ 425.20	\$ -	\$ (425.20)
BBQ Donations	\$ 238.50	\$ -	\$ (238.50)
BBQ Furniture Sale	\$ 3,858.00	\$ -	\$ (3,858.00)
Chicken	\$ 1,573.00	\$ -	\$ (1,573.00)
Chicken BBQ & Sale	\$ -	\$ 5,170.90	\$ 5,170.90
<b>TOTAL Chicken BBQ &amp; Sale</b>	\$ 6,094.70	\$ 5,170.90	\$ (923.80)
<b>SleepOut</b>			
Cash	\$ -	\$ 626.11	\$ 626.11
Churches	\$ -	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,160.00
Corporate-Organization	\$ -	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,750.00

## 2016 Annual Treasurer's Report Income/Expense Comparison 2015-2016



INCOME	2015	2016	Difference
Individual	\$ -	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 2,590.00
2015 Fundraising: SleepOut	\$ 18,787.08	\$ -	\$ (18,787.08)
TOTAL SleepOut	\$ 18,787.08	\$ 9,126.11	\$ (9,660.97)
<b>TOTAL Fundraising</b>	\$ 24,881.78	\$ 14,297.01	\$ (10,584.77)
<b>Helping Hands Warehouse</b>			
Delivery Fees	\$ 795.00	\$ 480.00	\$ (315.00)
Donations	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00
Furniture Sales	\$ 420.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL Helping Hands Warehouse</b>	\$ 1,255.00	\$ 1,010.00	\$ (245.00)
<b>Individual Gifts</b>			
PayPal Deposit	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 255.00
Individual Gifts	\$ 18,514.72	\$ 24,511.94	\$ 5,997.22
<b>TOTAL Individual Gifts</b>	\$ 21,564.72	\$ 27,816.94	\$ 6,252.22
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$ 2,937.12	\$ 1,333.29	\$ (1,603.83)
<b>Pass Through Income</b>			
Kids at Risk	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
Valley Food Pantry	\$ 145.42	\$ 50.00	\$ (95.42)
<b>TOTAL Pass Through Income</b>	\$ 145.42	\$ 425.00	\$ 279.58
Refund	\$ -	\$ 140.50	\$ 140.50
<b>United Way of Bradford County</b>	\$ 20,948.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 12,052.00
<b>United Way of the Southern Tier</b>	\$ 638.43	\$ 278.28	\$ (360.15)
<b>WIF Savings Interest</b>	\$ -	\$ 709.60	\$ 709.60
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 118,708.75	\$ 134,721.91	\$ 16,013.16

### EXPENSES

#### Designated Expense

Designated Expense Clothes Closet	\$ 167.25	\$ 55.00	\$ 112.25
Designated Expense: Helping Hands Furniture	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -
Website	\$ 159.32	\$ 394.20	\$ (234.88)
<b>TOTAL Designated Expense</b>	\$ 9,926.57	\$ 10,049.20	\$ (122.63)

#### Fundraising Expense

Chicken BBQ & Sale	\$ 477.21	\$ 495.30	\$ (18.09)
SleepOut	\$ 219.29	\$ 216.65	\$ 2.64
<b>TOTAL Fundraising Expense</b>	\$ 696.50	\$ 711.95	\$ (15.45)

#### Office-Administrative

Administrative Clearinghouse	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Bank Fees	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ -
Box.net fee	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)

#### Clothes Closet

Clothes Closet Chute & Renovations	\$ 2,670.16	\$ -	\$ 2,670.16
Electricity for Clothes Closet	\$ 993.43	\$ 808.35	\$ 185.08
<b>TOTAL Clothes Closet</b>	\$ 3,663.59	\$ 808.35	\$ 2,855.24

#### Helping Hands Furniture

Electricity for Warehouse	\$ 765.32	\$ 856.73	\$ (91.41)
Liability Insurance	\$ 920.31	\$ 920.31	\$ -

## 2016 Annual Treasurer's Report Income/Expense Comparison 2015-2016



INCOME	2015	2016	Difference
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,595.25	\$ 999.00	\$ 596.25
Miscellaneous	\$ 134.50	\$ 246.11	\$ (111.61)
Water & Sewer	\$ 190.05	\$ 153.53	\$ 36.52
Other Office-Administrative:Helping Hand	\$ 25.00	\$ 69.75	\$ (44.75)
<b>TOTAL Helping Hands</b>	<b>\$ 3,630.43</b>	<b>\$ 3,245.43</b>	<b>\$ 385.00</b>
Miscellaneous	\$ 117.98	\$ 352.12	\$ (234.14)
PayPal Fees	\$ 70.40	\$ 75.71	\$ (5.31)
Postage	\$ 310.36	\$ 305.71	\$ 4.65
Supplies	\$ 492.30	\$ 104.17	\$ 388.13
Telephone, Clearinghouse	\$ 1,116.30	\$ 840.38	\$ 275.92
Website Charges Mthly & Annual	\$ 300.00	\$ 123.97	\$ 176.03
<b>TOTAL Office-Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 10,963.36</b>	<b>\$ 6,167.84</b>	<b>\$ 4,795.52</b>
<b>Pass Through Expense</b>			
Kids at Risk	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ (375.00)
Valley Food Pantry	\$ 145.42	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.42
<b>TOTAL Pass Through Expense</b>	<b>\$ 145.42</b>	<b>\$ 425.00</b>	<b>\$ (279.58)</b>
<b>Voucher Expenses</b>			
Electricity	\$ 23,497.31	\$ 28,488.09	\$ (4,990.78)
Fuel	\$ 18,012.72	\$ 8,408.16	\$ 9,604.56
Gasoline, Diesel	\$ -	\$ 22.90	\$ (22.90)
Lodging	\$ 450.00	\$ 65.40	\$ 384.60
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 96.00
Prescription & Medical	\$ 209.17	\$ 159.99	\$ 49.18
Rent	\$ 16,230.65	\$ 17,816.00	\$ (1,585.35)
Security Deposit	\$ 23,135.00	\$ 20,023.00	\$ 3,112.00
Sewer	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (600.00)
Transportation	\$ 179.50	\$ 69.00	\$ 110.50
Water	\$ 3,837.70	\$ 4,083.56	\$ (245.86)
<b>TOTAL Voucher Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 86,452.05</b>	<b>\$ 80,540.10</b>	<b>\$ 5,911.95</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 108,183.90</b>	<b>\$ 97,894.09</b>	<b>\$ 10,289.81</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,524.85</b>	<b>\$ 36,827.82</b>	<b>\$ 26,302.97</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Waneta Warner**, Treasurer



# Financial Secretary

In 2016, there were a total of 195 donors with 18 new individual donors and 9 new business donors. A total of 59 year-end receipts were distributed to individuals, organizations, businesses, & churches for gifts of \$250 or more. Along with the receipts, the insert below was included with highlights from the year. Donarius software was used to track donations through the year and generate the year-end statements.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kim Paul**, Financial Secretary



*Thank you* for your contribution(s) in 2016 which enabled us to help those in need in our community!

Specifically, with your help we:

- Provided over \$80,000 in 324 vouchers for basic needs of rent (62), security deposit (73), fuel (45), electric (113), water/sewer (27), and other emergency needs (5) thereby helping 557 adults & 302 children.
- Served 1,634 households in our **Clothes Closet** ministry giving out 21,540 free items of clothing & apparel, small housewares, books & toys.
- Assisted 146 households through our **Helping Hands** ministry with furniture and appliances made possible by 253 donations (often multiple items given each time a household was helped).
- Served a total of 717 students through our **Kids at Risk** program in the school districts of Athens, Sayre, & Waverly with clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and other needs anonymously by partnering with school personnel who identified needs and distributed items.
- Served the community through our **Clearinghouse** as a referral service for clients to obtain our services and services offered by others in the community.

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*The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor,  
the wicked does not understand such concern.*

Proverbs 29:7





## Corresponding Secretary

*The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches continues to exist and function providing a needed helping hand to Valley families in desperate circumstances because of the kind and generous hearts of member churches, community individuals, generous businesses and benevolent organizations. The Lord himself has prompted many to be this blessing. Their gestures reflect this scripture text from Psalm 22:23a, 24 which states: "Praise the Lord, all you who fear him! Honor him! For he has not ignored the suffering of the needy. He has not turned and walked away. He has listened to their cries for help."*



So many have stepped forward in love for their neighbors and love for God. Well done Valley friends of *The Bridge*! What follows reflects their efforts.

Churches:	80
Individuals & Organizations:	252
Responses to bereaved family or others honoring individuals:	22

It should be noted that some donors requested, "No thank you necessary." Also, in addition to acknowledging donations as listed above, various cards of appreciation were also sent.

Special thanks to my husband, Nelson Kopatz, for his computer assistance with printing of the letters and envelopes and to Sherry Pinkard and Waneta Warner for keeping the stats of donations and passing them on to us so we can properly thank friends for their gifts of help.

Thank you,

**Sue Kopatz**, Corresponding Secretary

*Whoever gives to the poor will not want,  
but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.*

Proverbs 28:27

# Audit Committee



Using the checklist previously developed as a guide, a review of the 2016 financial records of The Bridge was completed. The main Bridge checking and investment accounts and the Kids at Risk checking and investment accounts, records, and reports were reviewed. It was found both accounts are balanced.

Recommendations were given to the coordinator of the Kids at Risk program in order to improve their financial process.

Thank you to those who are involved with maintaining the financial records of *The Bridge*, Waneta Warner, Treasurer; Sherry Pinkard, Assistant Treasurer; Emily Cole, Kids at Risk Coordinator; and Kim Paul, Financial Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

**2016 Audit Committee:** David Cross, Wendy McKeithan, Don Jayne

## 2016 Leadership

### Officers:

Co-Presidents: **Dick & Bobette Friend**, Litchfield United Methodist Church

Vice President: **Joshua Householder**, Athens Wesleyan Church

Secretary: **Michelle Souva**, St. John Lutheran Church/**Shelly Meldrum**, Waverly Baptist Church

Treasurer: **Waneta Warner**, Bentley Creek Wesleyan Church

### Other Leadership:

Pastoral Advisor: **Andrew Weidner**, Athens United Methodist Church/**Joshua Householder**, Athens Wesleyan Church

Corresponding Secretary: **Sue Kopatz**, Valley United Presbyterian Church

Assistant Treasurer: **Sherry Pinkard**, Valley United Presbyterian Church

Financial Secretary: **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel

Clearinghouse Coordinator: **Larry Day**, North Waverly Chapel

Voucher Writer Trainer: **Larry Day**, North Waverly Chapel

Catastrophic Coordinators: **Don Jayne**, Valley United Presbyterian Church & **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel

Clothes Closet Coordinator: **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel

Helping Hands Coordinator: **Charlie Hammond**, Church of the Epiphany/**Marilyn Weber**, North Waverly Chapel

Kids at Risk Coordinator: **Emily Cole**, Church of the Redeemer

Community Dinners Coordinators: **Sue Kopatz & Sandy Campbell**, Valley United Presbyterian

Mobile Food Pantry, Waverly, Site Coordinator: **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel &

**Don Jayne**, Valley United Presbyterian Church

Facebook: **Marilyn Weber**, North Waverly Chapel

Webmaster: **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel

Historian: **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel

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