

annual report

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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 an all-volunteer, non-profit organization of churches in the Penn-York Valley that serves the 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 help when and where other assistance is lacking.

Specifically, the ministries of *The Bridge* in 2022 included offering **voucher assistance** for emergency needs, especially housing related needs; **catastrophic assistance**; **interim assistance**; free furniture and household goods through **Helping Hands**; free clothing, household goods, toys and books through the **Clothes Closet**; clothing, hygiene items, school supplies and other assistance through **Kids at Risk**; food assistance through the **Mobile Food Pantry** and the **Valley Food Pantry**; financial coaching through **Faith & Finances**; hygiene items, clothing, and other desired items for seniors through **Eldercare**; and referrals to our and 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* holds two major fundraising events each year: the **Sleepout** in November and the **Chicken Barbeque and Vintage Sale** held in the fall. Both were held in 2022 and both were very successful. The Board of Directors of *The Bridge* generally meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of July and August.

We are so very thankful for all those who participate in the ministry—donors and volunteers alike! Can't have one without the other. We continue to seek God's direction as we serve in the ministry.

Our Member Churches and Partners in 2022

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 Redeemer
Crossroads Family Ministries
Epiphany Parish
Encounter Church
Federated Church, East Smithfield
First Baptist Church, Sayre
First Baptist Church, Waverly
First Church of God, Sayre
Greater Valley Assembly of God

Litchfield United Methodist Church
North Waverly Chapel
St. John Lutheran Church
Sayre Christian Church
Seventh Day Adventist Church
The Salvation Army
Trinity Episcopal Church
Valley United Presbyterian Church
Waverly United Methodist Church

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

Serving those in need since 1987



President's Letter

Greetings! It doesn't seem possible that another year has passed us by, but that is the case. It is always a good idea to stop, at least once a year, to see all the ways God has answered prayer and all that he has accomplished through the ministry and the people of The Bridge.

As I reflect over the past year, there are many areas where I can see God's handiwork in both big and small ways. Some of these, especially the larger ones can be seen by reading over the highlights for the year and the ministry reports on the pages following—things like the implementation of the Eldercare ministry and Apricot, an increase in the amount of voucher assistance, a first time Thanksgiving turkey giveaway, and storage improvements in our overflow spaces at Christian Life Church facilitating ministry (new freezers, new shelves, donated file cabinets, and storage cabinets for Eldercare). Many of the smaller ways He has worked may not show up specifically in the reports, but collectively, they are huge. So many times, we see donations that come right at the time they are needed and the right person being there just at the right time and so many others too numerous to mention. We are so blessed and am so thankful we continue to strive to be a blessing to others.

As we look to the future, we have set goals for 2023 and for the next five years. I continue to be hopeful that we will move forward as God directs and in His timing. Some areas we hope to focus on in 2023 and beyond include recruiting volunteers for various open positions according to God's gifting and leading; considering restructuring options for the ministry; implementing a matching savings program; and pursuing our dream of locating a building to house all (or most) of our ministries under one roof.

I am amazed and so very thankful for the talented and dedicated volunteers who give so willingly all through the year. Their dedication and contribution of countless hours demonstrates their love for God, people, and the ministries of *The Bridge*. It also allows us to continue as an all-volunteer organization.

A special thank you to our member churches, individuals, businesses, and organizations in our community (and outside as well!) for their support of *The Bridge* through generous contributions, prayer and support of our fundraisers. We look forward to seeing how God will use *The Bridge* in the coming year. Please continue to keep *The Bridge* in prayer. We no doubt will have some challenges ahead, but I am confident that if we trust in God, He will direct our paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

It is my hope that you will take a few moments to read our Annual Report and see what God has accomplished through the ministry in 2022!

Serving Him with you,

Kim Paul,
President

2022 Highlights



Apricot, our new database software, went live January 1, 2022 for vouchers as well as deposits and church/volunteer management.

Eldercare ministry was approved in April with four Bridge volunteers acting as liaisons to five long-term care facilities in the Valley. The ministry launched in one facility in August and by the end of the year was fully established in four. Seventy-seven seniors were served with over 145 items.

Voucher Amount increased to maximum of \$400 (\$550 with exception) in May.

Vouchers were given to 159 households for over \$55,000 to assist with security deposit (25), fuel oil/natural gas (43), rent (44), electric (36), water/sewer (9), and other emergency needs (2) thereby helping 236 adults and 151 children.

COVID-19 Additional Assistance continued in 2022 though has slowed considerably since initiated in October 2020. A total of three vouchers were issued in 2022 totalling \$885.09.

Interim Assistance Program completed its second full year as a permanent part of the ministry. One case was completed in 2022.

Valley Food Pantry served 650 households representing 1,261 adults and 499 children for a total of 1,760 people served. Hours continue to be limited to two hours on weekdays. The partnership with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier has continued to be a blessing in 2022 providing free and reduced cost food. Four new cooling units were added this year to the overflow space at Christian Life Church, two funded by a grant from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and two from a donation. Four shelving units were also added.

Turkey Giveaway provided 32 families with a turkey and all the fixings for the first time.

Mobile Food Pantry provided food to 2,525 households through the Waverly Mobile Food Pantry. The distribution continues as a "Drop and Go" where the food is delivered and the truck leaves while our volunteers handle the distribution of the food. In October, the monthly number served was raised from 200 to 225.

Clothes Closet served 576 households providing 13,298 free items of clothing, small housewares, books, and toys. The Clothes Closet resumed normal operation in 2022 being open twice a week for two hours.

Helping Hands assisted 84 households with furniture and appliances made possible by 378 donations.

Kids at Risk anonymously served a total of 1,215 students. The Socks in a Box School District Challenge, part of the Sleepout, collected 4,598 pairs of socks for students.

20th Annual Sleepout raised \$13,881; the school district challenge, Socks in a Box, collected 4,598; and the **Chicken BBQ & Vintage Sale** cleared \$5,623.12.

Clearinghouse



The Clearinghouse serves as an access point by responding to inquiries regarding *The Bridge* and its services. If applicable, individuals seeking financial assistance or furniture are directed to a member church voucher writer to complete an application and receive a *Bridge* voucher if they are eligible. Household income, number of people in the household, frequency of requests, and residence (Sayre, Athens or Waverly school district) determine eligibility. Referral is made to other organizations when *The Bridge* is not able to help and when additional help is needed.



Gail Williams is our Clearinghouse Coordinator. In



addition to handling numerous general phone calls, in 2022, a total of 159 regular vouchers were issued for over \$55,000 helping 236 adults and 151 children. They were for rent (44), fuel oil/natural gas (43), electric (36) security deposits (25), water/sewer (9), miscellaneous (2), and COVID-19 Additional Assistance (3).

At the onset of 2022, Apricot, our new database software to log calls and track assistance, was implemented. There was quite a learning curve for use, but it is our hope that it will help us to provide assistance more equitably and accurately. No more Excel spreadsheet with thousands of rows

and potential for major data integrity issues! Many thanks to **Doug Paul** for using his database expertise to help design the software and to migrate our data which was a huge undertaking to do accurately.

Two new voucher writers were trained in 2022: **Pastor Christopher Weems**, Athens United Methodist Church and **Pastor Scott Harvey**, St. John Lutheran and Church of the Redeemer. Voucher writers remain at the heart of our cash assistance program. We are so thankful for each and every one.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Paul

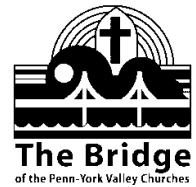
Clearinghouse Hours

Monday 9 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday 1 pm – 3 pm
Wednesday 9 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday 9 am – 11:30 am

570-888-8826

clearinghouse@thevalleybridge.org

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.



In 2022, the Clothes Closet has 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. A total of 576 households were served with 13,298 items distributed. Our numbers have been increasing, but are still not back to pre-COVID levels. Generous donations continue to pour in more so than normal possibly due to the Salvation Army Store closure.

We are so thankful for the generosity of the **North Waverly Chapel** allowing the use of the space for the Clothes Closet without charge and for those who so generously donate items, and our dedicated volunteers. We have teams who work when we are open to the public and teams who work when we are not to restock and sort. Countless hours are spent going through volumes of donations. We are so very thankful for all God is doing in and through the ministry of the Clothes Closet.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Paul, Clothes Closet Coordinator

Helping Hands



The Helping Hands Ministry continued to be located at 515 Chemung Street, Waverly, New York during 2022.

In 2022, 84 vouchers were fulfilled and 378 donations were received for a total of 462 calls.



Our overflow storage space at **Christian Life Church** continues to be a blessing to manage additional items donated and allows keeping much needed specialty items that couldn't be kept previously because of space constraints.

On Saturday, October 1, we held our annual Chicken Barbeque and Vintage Sale. It was very profitable, clearing \$5,623.12. As a result of the successful sales of vintage goods over the years, we started selling housewares and some furniture and appliances during our regular operating hours starting December 1. This included items which were overabundant

or things not generally needed by our clients. **Marion Dabroski** has generously offered to take on the responsibility of submitting the quarterly sales tax information and the volunteers at Helping Hands are documenting sales.

In November, we supported the Sleepout as we have since the event started, setting up and taking down the makeshift house for the event.

Many thanks go to all the volunteers for their dedicated service throughout the year. Also, a huge thank you to our Valley for all the donations given during the year without which we would not be able to operate.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Ward, Helping Hands Coordinator



Kids at Risk



Kids at Risk is now in our 29th year of ministry within The Bridge. When Kids at Risk was begun in 1994, the mission was to help children, grades K-12 through the schools in the Athens, Sayre and Waverly School Districts, attempting to meet needs which could not be met in any other way and making every effort to preserve the self-esteem of the child and family as we reach out in the name of Jesus Christ. This mission continues as we provide needed items to students who may be in uncomfortable or unhealthy situations, in an attempt to help them be more successful in school and hopefully later in life.

Kids at Risk is able to carry out this ministry through the great compassion and thoughtful donations of our community. Examples of generous giving include donations from churches, businesses, organizations and individuals. The Lioness Club continued their yearly collection of much needed clothing; a Boy Scout chose part of his Eagle Scout project to provide hygiene kits for school students; and a family opted to donate a nice supply of "like new" clothes (many still with tags) rather than benefitting from a yard sale; and the Spaulding Memorial Library and patrons donated books at Christmas. The School District Sleepout Challenge came back after a two-year break with 4,598 pairs of socks being donated (with Athens Area earning the Sleep out Challenge Plaque with 2276 pairs.)



Wrapping books to be given to school children at Christmas.



Above: Delivering socks to H. A. Snyder secretaries Mrs. VanDyke and Mrs. Baggerly by KAR Coordinator Cindy Jones and assistant Linda Campbell (of course those were only a few pairs of the hundreds that were provided.)

Left: Sorting clothes to distribute to schools in August

The consideration for our area children comes not only from donations but also from the concerned, watchful eyes of school contact personnel who inform Kids at Risk of needs they see and hear about within their buildings. While we continue to provide clothing to stock clothes closets in the area schools for daily spills and accidents, needs also arise to assist with specific student needs such as house fires, and unexpected changes in living situations and family expenses. No child should go through their school day with shoes too tight, too big, or falling apart. Children should not have to wear the same outfit for many days in a row. Students should not be cold in school, at recess or traveling to and from school. Children should have the opportunity to have access to hygiene products and clean clothes to freshen up when that is not an option at home.

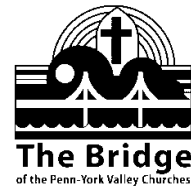
It is true that God is good, making it possible for Kids at Risk to provide this ministry to 1,215 students in 2022. The beginning balance in the checking and investment accounts for the year was \$10,075.76. The ending balance was \$17,347.83. We are very appreciative for your prayers, assistance and donations.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Jones, Kids at Risk Coordinator

	Beginning	Income	Expense	Transfer*	Ending
Checking	\$1,058.34	\$10,498.03	\$6,384.18	\$1,301.00	\$5,172.19
Savings	\$9,017.42	\$158.26	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$12,175.68
Total	\$10,075.76	\$10,656.29	\$6,384.18	\$4,301.00	\$17,347.87

Both transfers from main Bridge account for Sleepout proceeds of 2021

Eldercare



In April 2022, the newest ministry within The Bridge organization was formed with the aim of reaching out to help local senior citizens in need. The purpose of this ministry is to serve elders in our community by identifying and satisfying unmet needs, which cannot be attained through other established organizations or services, and to help bridge the gaps of life while sharing God's love.

Reflecting the successful model of the Kids at Risk program, Eldercare began with the goal to reach out anonymously to residents of assisted living and skilled nursing facilities in the local communities of Sayre, Athens, and Waverly. Site surveys were conducted at five interested facilities in order to assess the anticipated needs of their residents. Each facility was assigned a Bridge liaison: **Athens Health & Rehab – Gail Williams, Elderwood and Assisted Living at Elderwood – Stacie Robinson, Sayre Health Care Center – Belinda Klovekorn, and Sayre Personal Care Residence – Kim Paul.** Each liaison worked with personnel at the respective care center to determine a suitable location for a shelf, closet, or cupboard which could be accessed by their staff and supplied with desired inventory by *The Bridge*. The liaisons now work together with on-site contacts to provide hygiene supplies, clothing, physical therapy aids, and other personal items which may not otherwise be available due to lack of finances, family support, or access/transportation. The future goal is to extend the Eldercare ministry to seniors who are still living in their own homes.



Helping with the Golden Olympics Hosted at the Sayre Personal Care Residence for participants from 5 facilities

There is much to be thankful for! Our member churches and others in the community have responded with increased visits to our senior centers, prayers for the ministry, and an outpouring of donated care items to be shared. Financially, this ministry was blessed with start-up funding from the Board of Directors (\$2,500) and also a very generous grant (\$5,000), a **Parish Social Justice Grant**, from the Diocese of Scranton through **Epiphany Parish** facilitated by **Joan and John Schoonover**. Space was provided to store supplies at **Christian Life Church** facilitating a centralized space for each liaison. Similarly, we are thankful for being

able to collaborate with the Clothes Closet ministry and volunteers to provide some needed items and share valuable storage space specifically for Eldercare.

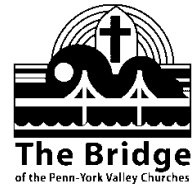
By the end of the year, Eldercare was fully established in four partner facilities (the 5th has not been able to identify a space to stock items as of yet, but will call with needs), and has helped to provide more than 145 items to approximately 77 seniors.



	Beginning	Income	Expense	Transfer	Ending
Eldercare Checking	\$0.00	5,004.38	\$1,663.12	\$2,500.00	\$5,841.26

Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Klovekorn, Eldercare Volunteer

Valley Food Pantry



The Valley Food Pantry, located at 418 Waverly St., (at the rear of the parking lot between Smith Bros. Insurance and Con Star Garage), provides a three-day supply of food once a month for families and individuals in need. Hours of operation in 2022 were Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 am - noon and Wednesday 2 pm - 4 pm.



We experienced some exciting changes in 2022. We are now offering pull-up diapers for adults and certain size diapers for children through the Diaper Bank Program offered by Food Bank of the Southern Tier, made possible because of our partnership with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier as a Partner Pantry. This partnership has also allowed us to increase the number of fresh vegetables, fruits and more foods in general for free or reduced cost. In addition, toiletries and personal care items are offered as available. Further, we are trying to emphasize more client choice in the selection of foods.

On Friday, November 18, we held a **Turkey Giveaway** at Christian Life Church in partnership with the Food Bank. We gave 32 turkeys along with all the fixings to families who have frequented our pantry in the past year. This was well received. We were told by one lady that if not for us, they would not have had a Thanksgiving meal.



This year we were able to improve the utilization of the overflow storage area we have at Christian Life Church. We received two grants through the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, one for a commercial freezer and one for a commercial refrigerator.

Also, an individual donated two freezer units that we have also placed there providing much needed additional cold storage. Further, we added four metal shelving units to allow additional storage in the room. This increased capacity has facilitated the additional food and services we have been able to provide this year.



We are very thankful for our faithful volunteers who donate time and energy and the many churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals who donate food and money to keep the ministry going.

We are also grateful to **Bill Soprano** who continues to provide the space for our primary operation free of charge and to **Christian Life Church** for additional storage space.

2022 Activity

2022	PA	NY	TOTAL
Households	357	293	650
Adults	737	524	1,261
Children	305	194	499
Total Helped	1,042	715	1,760

	Beginning	Income	Expense	Transfer*	Ending
Checking	\$23,078.51	\$19,508.45	\$9,215.70	(20,000.00)	\$13,371.26
Savings	\$62,938.42	\$5,619.94	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$88,558.36
Total	\$86,016.93	\$25,128.39	\$9,215.70	\$0.00	\$101,929.62

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Cocco
 Coordinator, Valley Food Pantry

Howard Brewster
 Assistant Coordinator, Valley Food Pantry.

Financial donations for the Valley Food Pantry can be sent to:

Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 27,
 Waverly, NY 14892.

Mobile Food Pantry



The Mobile Food Pantry continued through 2022 on the third Wednesday of each month from 10am-11am operating as a drive-thru "Drop and Go" serving 200 households each month until October when capacity was increased to 225 households. In total, 2,525 household were served in 2022. Clients register the day before the mobile either online or by calling 800-901-2180 or 211 if physically located in New York. Half are given one time to arrive and the other half another time to arrive about a half hour apart to help decrease wait times and congestion in the parking lot.



We require 25-30 volunteers for each distribution. There are a variety of jobs needed including people to take phone reservations the day before the event, directing traffic and parking, checking people in, setting up, preparing food to be loaded into vehicles, loading vehicles, and clean-up. We have very faithful volunteers who make it all possible! With the change to the Drop and Go, we are especially grateful for the additional help from the **Helping**

Hands ministry for recycling the cardboard for us and being willing to manage the pallets for us if needed.

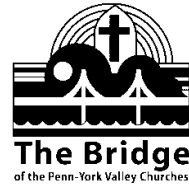
In addition, we are very thankful for the graciousness and hospitality of the **North Waverly Chapel** for allowing the distributions to take place on their property as well as allowing us to use space in their facility to store the equipment provided for the mobile. What a blessing!

It has been our privilege to serve God and the people in this community through the ministry of the Mobile Food Pantry in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Paul, MFP Site Coordinator

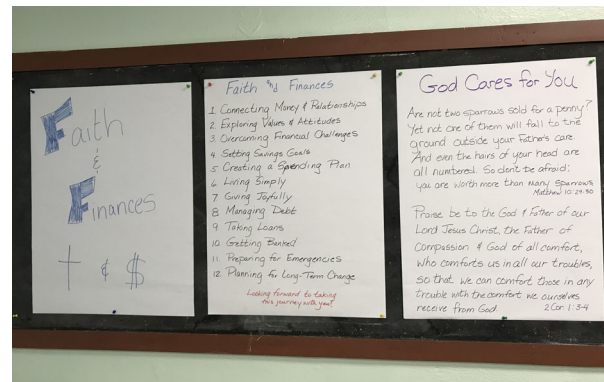
Faith & Finances



Faith and Finances is a program developed by the Chambers Center with a target audience of financially vulnerable adults with limited financial training and a high school education. The typical target participant has personal debt, no emergency fund, doesn't live within budget, has a net worth near or below zero, and range from non-believers to mature Christians.

There are 12 weekly sessions 90 minutes each with a meal preceding. The facilitated sessions encourage interaction and discussion and include the following topics:

1. Connecting Money & Relationships
2. Exploring Values & Attitudes
3. Overcoming Financial Challenges
4. Setting Savings Goals
5. Creating a Spending Plan
6. Living Simply
7. Giving Joyfully
8. Managing Debt
9. Taking Loans
10. Getting Banked
11. Preparing for Emergencies
12. Planning for Long-Term Change



Facilitators of the program are required to complete a training program. Currently we have three who have completed the training: **Jamie Levering, Marion Dabroski, and Kim Paul.**

Our third session was scheduled for the fall of 2022; however, despite significant effort to recruit participants, there was not enough interest to hold the class. We thank **Encounter Church** and **Stacie Robinson** for their sponsorship and willingness to host the fall Faith and Finances class and those who were willing to provide meals for the 12-week session. We still believe this is an important ministry and hope to have classes in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Dabroski

Jamie Levering

Faith and Finances Facilitators





Interim Assistance Program

This assistance is aimed at helping individuals or families who have experienced a significant event, causing a short-term need that requires more than our regular assistance provides, up to \$1,500 each. It is only permitted to be used once and given over a period of 3-6 months. Once approved for the program, an Interim Assistance Coordinator works with the individual(s) on mutually set goals along with a partnered member church. The goals are evaluated on a regular basis.

In 2022, the interim assistance case started in 2021 was completed using an additional \$431.13 in financial assistance. We are hopeful to have additional cases in the future and to recruit some additional volunteers and churches to come alongside in the process.

COVID-19 Additional Assistance

COVID-19 Additional Assistance was added to the help offered by *The Bridge* in October of 2020. It continued through 2022. This assistance provides up to an additional \$400 for those whose income is directly impacted by COVID-19 (such as a job loss or hours at a job being cut due to COVID-19) and as a result are having difficulty meeting basic needs such as those covered by our regular emergency assistance program (e.g., rent, utilities). Possible recipients must also meet the criteria for our regular vouchers (e.g., income guidelines, geographic location, shut-off notice, eviction notice). The 3-in-7 rule, which limits regular assistance to three times helped in 7 years, does not apply here.

Voucher writers meet with possible recipients and complete a regular Emergency Assistance Application as well as a COVID-19 Additional Assistance Application if deemed eligible. A total of \$25,000 was allotted for this assistance with additional funds being considered at a later time if necessary. In 2022, three vouchers were issued for a total of \$885.09. To date, \$6,793.50 has been used of the \$25,000 allotted for this assistance.



2022 Fundraisers: Chicken BBQ & Vintage Sale

The 2022 Chicken BBQ & Vintage Sale was held on Saturday, October 1 and cleared \$5,623.12. Again this year, most of the items were displayed inside which was made possible with the new overflow space at Christian Life Church. The Rolling Dead motorcycle group expertly managed the chicken part of the sale again this year. Many thanks to all those who participated in making the event a success!



The Bridge of
the Penn-York Valley Churches
hosts the annual

 **BBQ**

& Vintage Goods Sale



 Dinners \$11
Halves \$9

**Saturday
Oct 1st, 2022
11am - 3pm**

At the
Helping Hands Furniture Warehouse,
515 Chemung Street (17C), Waverly, NY

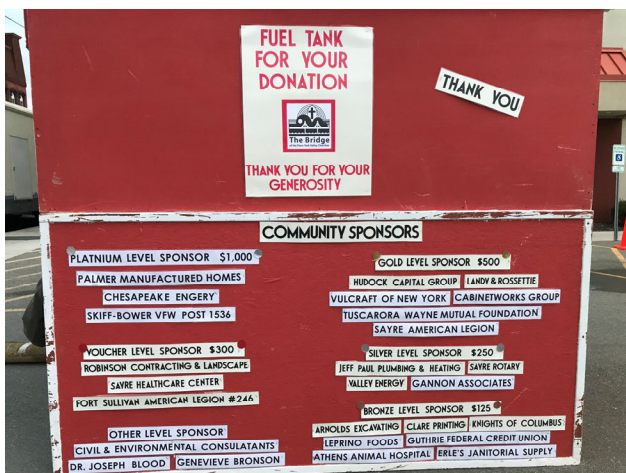


20th Annual Sleepout

The Bridge Annual Sleepout 24-hour Fundraiser

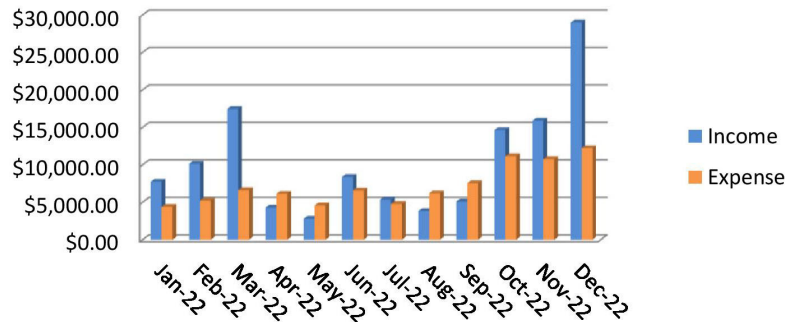
The Sleepout is *The Bridge's* main fundraiser. It aims to bring awareness to those in need, to explain how the Bridge meets those needs, and to raise funds for the ministry. The 20th Annual Sleepout was held on Friday, November 25 at 3pm through Saturday, November 26 at 3pm in the parking lot of the Sayre Guthrie Desmond Street Practice. The event raised \$13,881, which was short of the \$15,000 goal but still very successful.

The Sleepout Team in 2022 consisted of **Wendy McKeithan, Kim Paul, and Cindy Jones**. The **Helping Hands** crew managed the building and tearing down of the Sleepout "house."

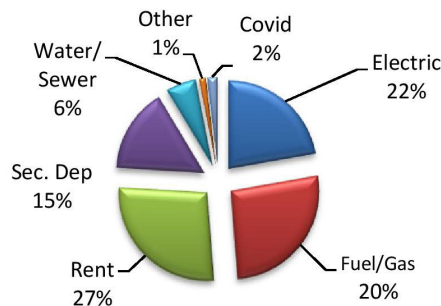


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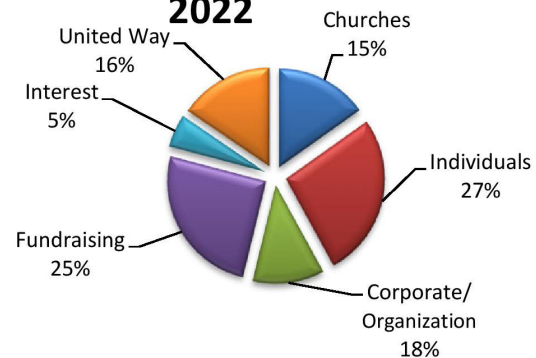
2022 Income and Expenses



Types of Vouchers Paid 2022



Funding Sources 2022



Account	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Transfers *	Balance
Bridge Account	\$ 102,908.17	\$ 124,628.33	\$ (86,163.12)	\$ (79,704.00)	\$ 61,669.38
Bridge Savings Account	\$ 352,961.79	\$ 6,884.52	\$ -	\$ 68,602.00	\$ 428,448.31
Total Bridge Funds	\$ 455,869.96	\$ 131,512.85	\$ (86,163.12)	\$ (11,102.00)	\$ 490,117.69

Designated Funds within Bridge Account

*Transfer includes \$4,301 to Valley Food Pantry and \$4,301 to Kids at Risk for the 2021 Sleepout and \$2,500 to Eldercare.

Operational Reserve Fund	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
Helping Hands Warehouse	\$ 800.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ (9,600.00)	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Weber Memorial	\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00
Ministry Improvements	\$ 486.04		\$ (22.82)	\$ -	\$ 463.22
Beulah Merrill Estate	\$ 122,531.31	\$ -	\$ (4,160.79)	\$ -	\$ 118,370.52
Total Designated Funds	\$ 224,077.35	\$ 9,600.00	\$ (13,783.61)	\$ -	\$ 219,893.74
Total Undesignated Funds	\$ 231,792.61	\$ 121,912.85	\$ (72,379.51)	\$ (11,102.00)	\$ 270,223.95

Income and Expense Comparison 2021-2022				
	2021	2022	Difference	
Income	\$ 133,505.24	\$ 131,512.85	\$ (1,992.39)	
Expense	\$ 64,613.27	\$ 86,163.12	\$ 21,549.85	
Difference	\$ 68,891.97	\$ 45,349.73	\$ (23,542.24)	

A total of 159 vouchers were paid in 2022 assisting 236 adults and 151 children. In addition, 3 COVID vouchers were issued.

2022 Bridge Budget Report

Category	1/1/2022 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2022 Difference
INCOME	131,512.85	112,999.98	18,512.87
Churches	19,577.00	16,000.00	3,577.00
Blessed Trinity Parish (St. James)	1,661.00	0.00	1,661.00
Chemung Christian Fellowship	2,450.00	0.00	2,450.00
Christian Life	450.00	0.00	450.00
Church of God	400.00	0.00	400.00
Crossroads Family Ministries (Keyst...	1,930.00	0.00	1,930.00
Encounter Free Methodist	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
First Baptist, Waverly	603.00	0.00	603.00
G.V. Assembly of God	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
North Waverly Chapel	900.00	0.00	900.00
Sayre Christian	300.00	0.00	300.00
St. John Lutheran	750.00	0.00	750.00
UMC, Athens	4,868.00	0.00	4,868.00
UMC, Litchfield	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
UMC, Waverly	65.00	0.00	65.00
Valley United Presbyterian	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Community Chest	2,500.00	3,500.00	-1,000.00
Corporate-Organizational Gifts	5,599.50	10,000.00	-4,400.50
Designated Income	9,600.00	12,599.98	-2,999.98
Helping Hands Rent	9,600.00	9,600.00	0.00
Ministry Improvements	0.00	2,999.98	-2,999.98
Fundraising Income	19,517.00	16,000.00	3,517.00
Chicken BBQ & Sale	6,436.00	6,000.00	436.00
BBQ Donations	200.00	0.00	200.00
BBQ Furniture Sale	4,217.00	0.00	4,217.00
Chicken Sales	2,019.00	0.00	2,019.00
SleepOut	13,081.00	10,000.00	3,081.00
Cash	561.00	0.00	561.00
Churches	480.00	0.00	480.00
Church Of God	150.00	0.00	150.00
Redeemer	300.00	0.00	300.00
Corporate-Organization	9,675.00	0.00	9,675.00
Individual	1,865.00	0.00	1,865.00
Paypal	500.00	0.00	500.00
Helping Hands Income	13,118.50	2,500.00	10,618.50
Delivery Fees	430.00	0.00	430.00
Furniture Sales	11,933.50	0.00	11,933.50
Scrap Metal	755.00	0.00	755.00
Individual Gifts	34,488.62	25,000.00	9,488.62
PayPal Deposit	4,975.00	0.00	4,975.00
Other Individual Gifts	29,513.62	0.00	29,513.62
Misc Income	7,112.23	7,400.00	-287.77
AmazonSmile	131.19	120.00	11.19
Checking Interest	96.52	250.00	-153.48
WIF Savings Interest	6,884.52	7,030.00	-145.48
United Way of Bradford County	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
EXPENSES	86,163.12	141,546.65	55,383.53
Designated Expense	13,783.61	16,671.37	2,887.76

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Category	1/1/2022 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2022 Difference
Beulah Merrill Estate	4,160.79	7,071.37	2,910.58
Database	4,098.13	4,003.63	-94.50
Education Program	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Faith & Finances	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Volunteer Appreciation	62.66	1,067.74	1,005.08
Clothes Closet	0.00	250.00	250.00
Dec Board Meeting	0.00	25.00	25.00
Helping Hands	0.00	196.37	196.37
Mobile Food Pantry	0.00	200.00	200.00
Valley Food Pantry	0.00	196.37	196.37
Voucher Writers	62.66	200.00	137.34
Helping Hands Rent	9,600.00	9,600.00	0.00
Ministry Improvements	22.82	0.00	-22.82
Indirect Exp	5,651.36	8,437.47	2,786.11
Bank Exp	17.50	50.00	32.50
Box.com	275.00	300.00	25.00
Dues	0.00	75.00	75.00
Equipment	831.44	550.00	-281.44
Fat Cow	703.41	0.00	-703.41
Fundraising Exp	1,096.87	1,100.00	3.13
BBQ & Sale	812.88	600.00	-212.88
Chicken	812.88	0.00	-812.88
Sleepout	283.99	500.00	216.01
Insurance	1,775.31	2,500.00	724.69
Misc	75.00	995.00	920.00
Other Misc	75.00	995.00	920.00
Office Supplies	357.50	402.64	45.14
Outreach Items	0.00	500.00	500.00
PayPal Fees	125.18	128.13	2.95
PO Box Fee	191.00	111.70	-79.30
Postage	203.15	300.00	96.85
Promotional Items	0.00	500.00	500.00
Software	0.00	700.00	700.00
Website	0.00	225.00	225.00
Ministries	66,704.14	116,437.81	49,733.67
Catastrophic Assistance	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Clearinghouse	704.01	770.00	65.99
Misc	0.00	50.00	50.00
Utilities-Phone	704.01	720.00	15.99
Clothes Closet	756.19	1,614.97	858.78
Maintenance	0.00	174.97	174.97
Misc	10.04	300.00	289.96
Utilities--Phone	135.73	240.00	104.27
Utilities-Electric	610.42	900.00	289.58
Covid Kits	30.55	0.00	-30.55
General Ministry	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Helping Hands	7,143.02	5,444.18	-1,698.84
Maintenance	58.99	145.00	86.01
Mileage Reimbursement	2,666.75	1,050.00	-1,616.75
Misc	17.97	200.00	182.03
Overflow Storage	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00

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Category	1/1/2022 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2022 Difference
Utilities	1,999.31	1,649.18	-350.13
Electric	905.21	549.96	-355.25
Phone	704.09	720.00	15.91
Propane	185.16	129.62	-55.54
Trash Disposal	204.85	150.00	-54.85
Water & Sewer	0.00	99.60	99.60
Interim Assistance Program	431.53	7,500.00	7,068.47
Other Interim Assistance Program	431.53	0.00	-431.53
Mobile Food Pantry	120.00	497.36	377.36
Misc	120.00	497.36	377.36
Vouchers	55,118.84	88,211.30	33,092.46
Covid	885.09	7,013.94	6,128.85
NY	485.09	4,000.00	3,514.91
PA	400.00	3,013.94	2,613.94
Electricity	12,248.91	20,000.00	7,751.09
NY	1,650.35	5,000.00	3,349.65
PA	10,598.56	15,000.00	4,401.44
Fuel Oil	10,458.78	14,000.00	3,541.22
NY	1,588.04	4,000.00	2,411.96
PA	8,870.74	10,000.00	1,129.26
Lodging	0.00	797.36	797.36
Misc	77.48	900.00	822.52
Prescr. & Medical	77.48	0.00	-77.48
Natural Gas	5,018.24	5,000.00	-18.24
NY	1,305.21	1,000.00	-305.21
PA	3,713.03	4,000.00	286.97
Other Heat	305.00	0.00	-305.00
PA	305.00	0.00	-305.00
Rent	15,067.00	20,000.00	4,933.00
NY	4,817.00	4,000.00	-817.00
PA	10,250.00	16,000.00	5,750.00
Security Deposit	8,023.00	16,000.00	7,977.00
NY	1,871.00	4,000.00	2,129.00
PA	6,152.00	12,000.00	5,848.00
Sewer	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
NY	0.00	300.00	300.00
PA	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Water	3,035.34	3,000.00	-35.34
NY	336.17	1,200.00	863.83
PA	2,699.17	1,800.00	-899.17
Pass Through Expense	24.01	0.00	-24.01
Valley Food Pantry	24.01	0.00	-24.01
Net Difference:	45,349.73	-28,546.67	73,896.40

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Russell, Treasurer

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

Proverbs 28:27



Financial Secretary

In 2022, a total of 59 year-end receipts were distributed to individuals, organizations and businesses for gifts of \$250 or more as well as 20 receipts sent to our member churches for any amount. Along with the receipts, an insert was included with highlights from the year. Apricot software was used to track donations and generate the year-end statements. Thank you to **Michelle Burger**, Corresponding Secretary, for sending acknowledgements through the year for donations of any amount from Tennessee!

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Paul, Financial Secretary

Audit Committee

The Financial Audit of *The Bridge* 2022

The Audit Committee completed a review of The Bridge's 2022 financial records, including the Main Bridge account, Kids at Risk, Valley Food Pantry and Eldercare accounts. We found the accounting records and financial reports to be accurate and proper procedures were followed in the recording-keeping process.

One item of note for the Bridge account – a check from May 2022 in the amount of \$800 was still outstanding at the end of the year. The committee recommends following up with the recipient and taking the necessary action to clear the aged outstanding check in early 2023.

The committee would like to thank those involved with maintaining the financial records throughout the year – Rich Russell, Main Bridge Treasurer; Cindy Jones, Kids at Risk; Marion Dabroski, Valley Food Pantry; Belinda Klovekorn, Eldercare; and Kim Paul, Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
2022 Audit Committee:
Rick Felt, Bob Crocker, and **Oliver McKeithan**

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

2022 Leadership



Officers:

President: **Kim Paul**

Treasurer: **Richard Russell**, Crossroads Family Ministries

Secretary: **Jamie Levering**, Crossroads Family Ministries

Other Leadership:

Pastoral Advisor: **Pastor Robert Nacci**, First Baptist Church, Sayre

Corresponding Secretary: **Michelle Burger**

Assistant Treasurer: **Marion Dabroski**, Twin Tiers Evangelical Free Presbyterian Church, TTEFPC

Financial Secretary: **Kim Paul**

Clearinghouse Coordinator: **Gail Williams**, Athens Wesleyan Church

Voucher Writer Trainer: **Kim Paul, Rich and Pam Russell**, Crossroads Family Ministries

Exceptions Team: **Cindy Jones**, Athens United Methodist Church **Oliver and Wendy McKeithan**, Sayre Christian Church **Kim Paul, Rich and Pam Russell**, Crossroads Family Ministries

Catastrophic and Interim Assistance Coordinators: **Oliver McKeithan**, Sayre Christian Church and **Kim Paul**

Clothes Closet Coordinator: **Kim Paul**

Faith and Finances Coordinators: **Marion Dabroski**, TTEFPC; **Jamie Levering**, Crossroads Family Ministries

Helping Hands Coordinator: **Bob Ward**, Crossroads Family Ministries

Kids at Risk Coordinator: **Cindy Jones**, Athens United Methodist Church

Mobile Food Pantry, Waverly, Site Coordinator: **Kim Paul**

Valley Food Pantry Coordinator, **Liz Coco**, Blessed Trinity at St. James; Assistant, **Howard Brewster**, Blessed Trinity at St. James; Financials, **Marion Dabroski**, TTEFPC

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