



**Breezewood Trucker/Traveler Ministry
Newsletter Winter 2025-26
Grace and Peace**

Silent Auction/Banquet

The Trucker/Traveler Silent Auction and Banquet was held Saturday, September 27 at the Everett Church of the Brethren with many supporters in attendance. A delicious meal was served, and Chaplain Maxwell shared some human-interest stories that he encountered in this Ministry. Prior to the banquet the silent auction was open to all in attendance. Donations from community businesses and individuals were auctioned off to support the Ministry. We are so grateful for all those who donate to this ministry to keep Christ's presence alive and viable in this area!

Photos From the auction



Gift Certificates Generously Donated from area businesses



Christmas themed items



Everett Church of the Brethren Multi-purpose room



Multiple tables arrayed with Sale items

Many Supporters Enjoy Banquet Meal and Fellowship



Everett Church of the Brethren Social Hall

Thanksgiving Hospitality Table



Snake Spring Church of the Brethren host Thanksgiving Hospitality Table

The most recent hospitality table was hosted by the Snake Spring church with wonderful youth/young adult participation: Caleb, Addie, Lydia, Kyle, Alex, Lauren and Katie as well as congregational involvement: Pastor David, Alison, Terri, Dean & Michelle, Susan, Barry & Peg, Bev, Shirley, Lisa, Wes & Amy. A fabulous day of pure mission, sharing Christ's love at the crossroads!

New Online Tools for Ministry

We are so grateful for all the community, individual and business support! We are excited to share that the Ministry has a new web site! Go to: www.breezewoodtruckertraveler.org

and check out an improved means to share ministry news and events! Click the various tabs and explore to see how your partnership is working to make Christ's presence more accessible in the area.

Making Pumpkin Rolls

On Thursday, November 13th Ministry volunteers along with Tech Center culinary students made 154 pumpkin rolls as a fund raiser for the Trucker-Traveler Ministry. The volunteers worked through the day and completed the assembly process in record time!

We are grateful for all who purchased these rolls to support this Ministry and for all the wonderful volunteers that baked, mixed filling, filled and wrapped them.



Dixie Paruch preparing pans for baking the pumpkin rolls



David Wright and student from Tech Center prepare pumpkin batter for baking in ovens



Culinary students and friends working in the kitchen



Culinary student and Linda Snow working in the kitchen



Opening cans of pumpkin and preparations for baking



Pam Wilt and Peggy Loudenslager at mixing station for the filling



Bedford County Technical Center Advisor Adam Whisel on administrative call



Kathy Plesnik at the second mixing station for filling



Paul Shotts, Bruce Maxwell, Tom Swindell and Vera Wilt:
The cream cheese filling spread on the cooled pumpkin roll
and then rolling it together



John Geyer tearing paper for wrapping the rolls



Bev Swindell and Jen Smith wrap finished pumpkin rolls



Finished rolls are stored until pick up or delivery



Ministry Committee and volunteers break for lunch



Culinary students and Adam Whisel with Chaplain Maxwell

Looking Ahead

The annual pie and sandwich sale will soon be upon us. The date for delivery will be Wednesday, March 25, 2026. A future mailing will have all the details for ordering and pick up!

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Breezewood Trucker/Traveler Ministry is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 2026 at 11a.m. at the Everett Assembly of God Church. During the meeting there will be election/re-election of Committee members and reports of the on-going work of this Ministry.

Chaplain Maxwell will share ministry updates and activities of the preceding year. Financial reports, evaluation reports, and hospitality table opportunities will also be given. A noon time meal will follow for all who attend the meeting. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend!

Prayers for Safe Travels

The community of Breezewood welcomes thousands of travelers each day populating a multitude of crossing roads: interstate, state, and county byways. Our community is fortunate to have a cadre of first responders who respond to the unfortunate. Accidents, injuries, and death can and do happen. These past few months we have seen vehicle accidents involving speeding cars, trucks, motorcycles, and pedestrians. Life flight has been needed.



Breezewood Fire Company and Life Flight Responding

One tragic incident we call attention to happened on November 2nd around noon

near Sideling Hill park on State Game lands when Brian McGee of Allentown, age 37 was found by a local hunter with mortal injuries. He died two days later at Conemaugh Trauma Center in Johnstown. The cause of his injuries is an active investigation: any person with information should call DCNR(Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources) at 717-494-3148, ext #2. Mr. McGee was a familiar sight to many walking the roadways of Bedford, Everett, and Breezewood since arriving in our area in early July 2025.

Our thoughts and prayers go with Mr. McGee's family, as well as others who lost loved ones in vehicle accidents on the roadways of our region.

Plaza Bible Studies

Weekly Bible study & fellowship continues each Wednesday morning on the second floor of the Gateway Plaza! God's Word is a Light unto our path!



Mike Gibson, Connie & Greg Dick, Dawn Boles after study

Lincoln Highway History!



The Old Traveler's Rest Between Breezewood and Everett
(art work by John B. Koontz, Jr)

Route 30 in Central Pennsylvania is considered part of the Lincoln Highway which connects San Francisco to New York. Known as the Raystown Path, it has a trading history with Delaware and Shawnee Tribes and was later improved as the Forbes Road by General Forbes in 1758. Parts of early Pennsylvania were very difficult to traverse; modern means of transportation are a blessing with businesses such as The Traveler's Rest catering to the traveling public for decades, before it was closed. In recent years it has been repurposed as a ministry: Renewing Hope Ministries!

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