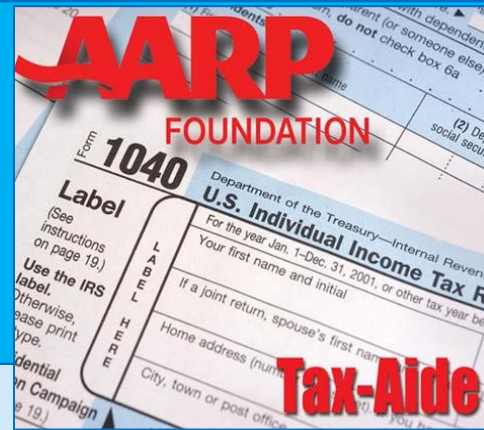


## Need Help With Your Taxes ?

*The Open Link and AARP Can Help!*

### FREE Tax Preparation Assistance Program



The Open Link is partnering with the **AARP Program** to provide *free* tax preparation assistance to moderate and low-income taxpayers age 60 and over.

Appointments will  
be scheduled  
starting on Jan. 16

At The Center at The Open Link

517 Jefferson Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

Fridays ***beginning*** February 9, 2017.

Available Appointment Times: 9am, 10am, 11am

Friday appointments available ***until*** April 13, 2018.

**\*\*By Appointment Only\*\***

Please call The Center at 215.679.6550



We are reading "In a Dark, Dark Wood" by Ruth Ware

Please join us Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. for discussion.

## Diner's Club



Trappe Tavern  
416 W. Main St  
Trappe, PA  
610.489.8686

Please RSVP to The Center, 215-679-6550.

### Thursday, December 14

We have 12:30 reservations at the restaurant.

## Red Hat Society



**Saturday, Dec. 2**

Leave The Center at 12:45 p.m. for trip to Allen Organ in Macungie. Program and then dinner to follow. Tickets must be pre-purchased and sales are closed.

For more info call 215.679.6550.

## Bowlers Needed!

Substitutes needed for Fridays, 1-3:30 p.m., September-April at East Greenville Fire Company.



For more info, please call Carl Needs, 215.679.0418



## December 2017

## Giving Tuesday Campaign Brings in Equipment, Funding

It was Christmas in November!

As a part of The Open Link's Giving Tuesday campaign on Nov. 27, the organization asked supporters to donate items for The Center's kitchen and to help furnish the newly finished lower level.

Giving Tuesday follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday and urges people to do or give something meaningful in their communities.

Nutrition Services Coordinator Brooke Harvey starred in a funny video clip highlighting some of the equipment shortages at the facility.

And boy did people respond!

On Nov. 29, packages began to arrive at The Center. Staff said opening the boxes was like having an early Christmas!

A skillet, stock and sauté pans, beverage dispensers, large mixing bowls, knife sets and silicone oven mitts have all been added to The Center's shelves. Other new items are arriving daily.

In addition, more than \$220 was donated, which will be used to purchase chairs and tables for the lower level, along with silverware for community lunch and the First Monday Meal programs.

We can't say thank you enough!

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**Yummy!** — Teri Wassel, of the Montgomery County Health Department (front), held a nutrition program Nov. 30 at The Center on healthy holiday desserts. The group of seniors who attended made dark chocolate chip cookie mixes in mason jars. Enjoy!



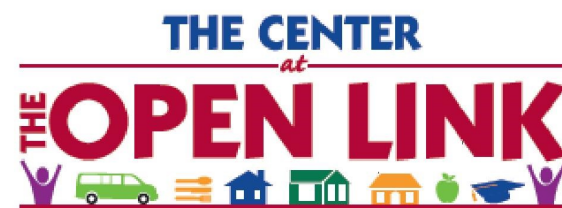
## What's Cooking at The Center?

Come join us for community lunch! Our tasty lunch lineup can be found in our monthly newsletter and online at [www.theopenlink.org](http://www.theopenlink.org).

Call 215.679.6550 or email [nutrition@theopenlink.org](mailto:nutrition@theopenlink.org) for more info.



**You're Invited for  
complimentary  
Light Refreshments  
& Fellowship**



517 Jefferson Street  
East Greenville, PA

*Entertainment by the  
Upper Perkiomen  
High School Choir*



**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY  
PARTY**

**1:00  
pm**

**Friday,  
Dec. 8  
2017**

**RSVP to Evet  
by Wed., Dec. 1  
215.679.6550 or email  
volunteers@theopenlink.org**

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"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our supporters," said Kelly Chandler, communications manager. "It really is overwhelming to see all these boxes coming in."

"These items will help us feed people and equip us to better serve the Upper Perkiomen Valley," said Stu Bush, executive director.

So if you come into The Center and see one of our new beverage dispensers filled with water and fresh fruit, or have a nice, new upholstered chair to sit in, thank those who helped out through Giving Tuesday!

Interested in seeing Brooke's acting debut? Visit [www.theopenlink.org](http://www.theopenlink.org) and click on the Giving Tuesday tab on the top of the homepage. Want to get in on making The Center's wishes come true? Visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and click on "Account and Lists", then "Find a List or Registry" to locate The Open Link's Giving Tuesday 2017 Wish List.

Thank you!



## Are You Game?

*Mahjong (American version) - every Tuesday, 1 p.m.*

*Canasta — Every Thursday, 1 p.m.*

*Pinochle— Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.*

*Perkiomen Valley Women's Club cards (open to public) Bridge — 1st Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. Country Cards — 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.*

*Country Cards — Last Monday monthly, 1 p.m.*

*Mexican Train Dominoes—Every Friday at 1 p.m.*

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Monday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m. — First Monday Dinner at The Center at The Open Link and Pennsburg UCC.** Come out for free dinner and fellowship with your neighbors around the table! Center menu: meatloaf, green beans, potatoes and dessert. Call 215.679.6550 for info.

**Friday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. — The Center Holiday Party at The Center.** Complimentary. Come join us for refreshments and enjoy the sounds of the season performed by the Upper Perkiomen High School Chorus. RSVP to The Center, 215.679.6550, by Dec. 6.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 from 1-3 p.m. — Coloring with a Purpose with Julie Longacre.** In the last class of Julie's fall/winter session, learn more from an expert on this relaxing way to express your creativity. \$5 per class. RSVP to 215.679.6550 or email Evet at [programmanager@theopenlink.org](mailto:programmanager@theopenlink.org).

**Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. — Elvis Jailhouse Rock at the Mount Airy Casino in the Poconos.** Join The Center for our first bus trip in many years! Perkiomen Tours will be taking us to see an Elvis impersonator show. Cost is \$67 per person and includes \$15 slot play, lunch and the show. Meet at The Center at 10:15 a.m. Space is limited. RSVP to The Center, 215.679.6550, by April 10.

## Women on Weights (WOW) and Tai Chi

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. WOW meets to help women increase their strength and battle fatigue, weight gain and even depression. Get stronger with us!

Tai Chi follows at 11 a.m. and is described as "meditation in motion." No matter what your abilities, come move with us.

### Gentle Hatha and Beginner Yoga

Gentle Hatha Yoga meets Mondays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. A mind, body and soul experience. Beginner Yoga meets Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Come improve your flexibility and balance and reduce your blood pressure!

### Walkercise

Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Come stretch those morning muscles!