

Have a blast playing Bingo from the safety and comfort of your own home!

Join virtually via Zoom.

### Friday, February 26th at 1:00 p.m.

After you register, check your email for Zoom meeting details.

Register by Feb. 23rd - Call 215.679.6550 or email center@theopenlink.org

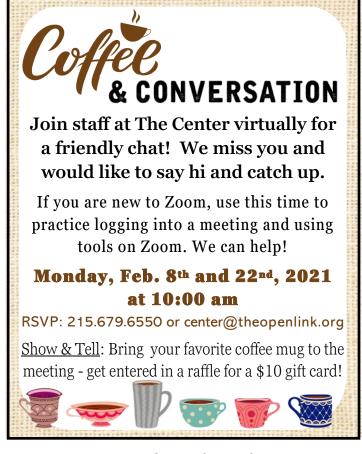
\$10 GIFT CARD PRIZES ~ 2 WAYS TO WIN

Coverall Winner & Each Participant is Entered into a Raffle

We'll provide 4 cards per player - pick up during any drive-thru lunch 12-12:30 p.m., or use your own. Zoom instructions and assistance also available.

Free Fun - "See" New and Old Friends - BYOS (Bring











### February 2021

# Connect With Us and With Each Other

By Wendy Smeltz, Center Manager Evet Hexamer, Asst. Center Manager

We were so happy to see some of you on our virtual Zoom meet-ups and Bingo in January. Practicing Zoom features, playing games, and of course chatting, was so much fun! Bingo will continue this month as well as a virtual Coffee and Conversation with Center Staff.

We would love to see you on these sessions! If you feel unsure about Zoom or would like assistance, we now offer help from expert volunteers. Sign up for a one-on-one phone call with a volunteer to answer your questions and walk you through it. After one participant, Janet, met with tech coach Justin, she said, "I had been avoiding tech stuff, but it was so easy. Zoom is better than email and phone."

Virtual sessions will not replace drive-thru activities – we'll keep planning both. In fact, when in-person activities return, all three types of programming will continue. It's important to stay connected and these various types of activities allow us to do that in different ways.

At drive-thru activities we get to see you face-to-face, even if it is a brief interaction. But we realize that while we are checking in with some of you and getting updates on your lives, you don't get to see each other! Virtual sessions

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Here's an image from one of our virtual meet-ups held in January, where we practiced using Zoom and played games. It was great to chat and laugh with our attendees! This month offers virtual Coffee & Conversation, which will allow us to enjoy each other's company while we get acquainted with Zoom. Please join us!

# In recognition of President's Day on Monday, February 15th The Center will be CLOSED.

There will be no drive-thru lunch. We will see you Wednesday!



Wednesday, February 17th is Random Acts of Kindness Day

At drive-thru lunch, share a story with us about an act of kindness you recently experienced!

The Center and your neighbors in the Upper Perk community want to spread love and show our appreciation to our seniors.



Friday,

February 12th, 2021

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Drive-thru

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From The Center Valentine Dessert & Craft Kit
From Your Neighbors Valentine Cards & Goodies
& More Surprises!

Register by: Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 215.679.6550 | center@theopenlink.org



517 Jefferson Street
East Greenville, PA 18041



This is a drive-thru event. Enter from Jefferson Street. Stay in your car and go through the driveway. Staff and volunteers will be outside to greet you and always follow safety and hygiene procedures. Masks are required.



When you call, please let us know if you will be picking up lunch that day.

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allow you to do that. During Zoom sessions we share stories and get to know each other, without masks. As one participant, Louise said, "It feels good to actually see people and have a conversation. We laughed more at the meeting than we have in a long time. Time flies by."

Look for more upcoming virtual programming, which includes Salad in a Jar with Teri Wassel from Montgomery County Health Department and Walk with Ease from the Office of Senior Services. And come out to see us at Community Lunch or a special event like Phillies Opening Day Celebration in March.

Whether you're a regular participant or if you've never attended The Center before, you're all invited to virtual and drive-thru programming. We are here to help you connect with us and with each other!

## Monday Community Meal Feb. 1st - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Drive-Thru Meal at Pennsburg U.C.C., 775 Main St., Pennsburg.

Menu: Shepherd's Pie, mixed veggies, roll and pound cake.

Hosted by Pennsburg U.C.C.

There is no charge for the meal.



#### Bagged nutritious lunch

includes frozen meal to heat at home, side items, bread and milk

No cost for individuals age 60 or over, or a regular Center participant

#### Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00 - 12:30 PM Pick-Up

Call by 11:00 AM that day to order! 215.679.6550

Masks Required • Donations Welcome

ALL drivers please enter from Jefferson Street through the driveway and STAY in your car.
Staff will bring out meals to you.

#### Drive-thru Pick-up



## Need help with your computer or tablet? Want to join Zoom but don't know how?

### Make an appointment today! Call 215.679.6550 or email center@theopenlink.org

Get one-on-one basic tech help over the phone with one of our qualified (and patient) volunteer Tech Coaches. If you need help with your computer or tablet, or are interested in using Zoom, they can help!

"I got a new laptop, but I don't know how to use it!"



"How do I set up an email account?"