



March 2013

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (childcare provided)

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

January 2013

Budgeted*	\$29,717.00
Income*	\$28,546.00
Expenses*	\$35,847.00

*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

Save the Date: 40 Days in the Word Kick-Off Breakfast



Who: Every Bethesda family member who loves the Bible...kids, too!

What: A delicious breakfast!

Where: Common Ground

When: Sunday, April 7, between 9:00 – 10:30 am (instead of Sunday School)

Be on the look-out for more details about the Kick-Off Breakfast! You won't want to miss it!



Easter Services & Events at Bethesda

Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday & Egg Hunt

Thursday March 28th - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at 7 pm

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday Service at 7 pm

Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday Services at 8 and 10:30 am

The annual **Easter egg hunt** will take place on Palm Sunday March 24th immediately following the 11:30 worship service up at the **Social Hall**.

All children up through age 11 are invited to take part in this event! If you care to make a donation of eggs please have them at the church prior to the 11:30 service. Feel free to invite a friend.



We hope to see you there!

**LOVE THE WORD.
LEARN THE WORD.
LIVE THE WORD.**

Beginning after Easter, our Bethesda family will once again embark on a 40 Days journey! These 40 Days will take us into the Bible, the living Word of God. We will learn more about the Bible, how to read it for meaningful dialogue with God, and how to apply it to our lives. The goal of **40 Days in the Word** is to create in each of us the passion and skills necessary to have a devotional or quiet time. As Pastor Rick Warren, creator of **40 Days in the Word**, notes, "No other habit can do more to transform your life and make you more like Jesus than to study and act upon God's Word."

Start thinking about how you will get involved in **40 Days in the Word**? Check out these opportunities...

- ◆ Join in a day of prayer and fasting on Wednesday, March 6. Pick up a prayer card from the Welcome Counter beginning February 24. The card will direct you to what to pray for concerning **40 Days in the Word**. Then, break your fast at What's For Dinner Wednesday, March 6, at 5:30 pm.
- ◆ As we learned last spring during 40 Days of Community, we are better together. Like that campaign, 40 Days in the Word offers an opportunity for you to join a small group of other believers to study and discuss God's Word together. Each group will meet once a week for 6 weeks. The meetings will last 1.5 hours and run from the week of April 14 through the week of May 19. Each meeting will include a video, discussion, and prayer. Check-out the welcome counter or the church website, bethesdaec.org, for small group meeting dates and times and to sign-up beginning March 10.
- ◆ Everyone is encouraged to invest in a **40 Days in the Word** Workbook. Small group members will use this to follow along during the weekly meetings and to journal the daily devotions. Small group members can purchase workbooks through their group host. Even if you are not part of a small group, the workbook is a valuable resource that will teach you how to read the Bible and have a daily devotional time. The workbook costs \$10 and will be available March 24 at the Welcome Counter.
- ◆ Visit www.40daysintheword.com to register for free daily video or audio devotionals. This is a tremendous supplement to the workbook or as a stand-alone learning tool.
- ◆ Come hear Pastor Jeff or Pastor Mark give all seven weekly **40 Days in the Word** messages during our regular worship time together, April 7 – May 19.



**BYM Meets on
Sunday's at 6 pm**
Jr. High in the Youth Room
Sr. High in the Library

Wednesday night winter bible study will continue through March 20th from 6:30-8:00 pm. We are currently studying *When God's People Pray* by Jim Cymbala. This is a DVD driven study where you will discover the keys to powerful prayer. No homework and no need to sign-up! Feel free to jump in anytime!

Retreat Follow-up Reunion - Wed, March 6th 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. You are invited to join together to view the 40 minute session entitled, "Natural Rewards of Seeking God" from Anita's DVD after which women will have opportunity to share their experiences in the 21 Day Challenge .

2013 Spring Fellowship – Plans are in the works for this special event to be held at the church the weekend of April 27 and 28 featuring Lisa Lakatos, missionary to Mexico. Details forthcoming!

Wednesday night winter bible study will continue through March 20th from 6:30-8 pm. We are currently studying *Winning at Work & Home* by Dr. Robert Lewis. No homework and no need to sign-up!



Men's Fellowship Breakfast
March 9th, 8 am at the Friedensburg Country Restaurant (Rte 443) in Friedensburg.

Awana on Wed Nights
@ 6:30—8:00 pm for children in Kindergarten thru 5th grade thru March 20th.



What's for Dinner Wednesdays
Feb 20th & Mar 6th

Dinner served: 5:30—6:15 pm
Come enjoy the fellowship.

(Adults \$3.00 Kids \$1.00 Family cost \$10.00 max)

After dinner there are small groups for ladies & men as well as Awana for the youth.

Just Older Youth
Open to adults 18+
No meetings until April



All articles for events held during April 1 through May 5th, should be submitted by the **10th of March** in order to be included in our **April issue**. Please do your best to get your information in on time. Thank you.

- March 1st & 2nd** - 30 Hour Famine
- March 3rd** - No Meeting
- March 10th** - Regular Meeting
- March 17th** - Moyer's Sub-Sale begins
- March 24th** - Regular Meeting
- March 31st** - No Meeting

Do the FAMINE!!!

On March 1-2nd, BYM will be participating in a Famine for 30 hours. Materials for this Famine will be available beginning Sunday, February 17th. **Support this Famine ministry** - participate if you are a student 6th-12th grade or financially sponsor a participant for their efforts as we support mission work efforts outside the US!



On your marks; get set, GO....to Moyer's to redeem your ticket from the **BYM Sub Sale**. Beginning the week of March 17th and continuing through the end of May, BYM

students will be making tickets available for \$5 - redeemable for a delicious sub from Moyer's Dutch Market. Support the youth ministry of Bethesda: obtain your tickets and eat a sub - the more you eat, the better for us!!!

CE Work Camp—During the week of July 14-19th, both Jr. and Sr. High students are encouraged to give - give by working. Ten (10) spots have been reserved to be part of this Christian Endeavor Life Builders work camp experience. See Pastor Mark for more information for this service opportunity and to reserve your spot. **FYI: We are looking for an adult to assist this week who possesses a variety of carpentry/ construction skills. If interested, please see Pastor Mark.**



Interested in VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL? VBS Volunteers Needed!

VBS Planning

Do you want to get involved with planning Vacation Bible School 2013? We need your help! Anyone who has an interest in helping with VBS 2013 is invited to the **first planning meeting on Monday, March 4, 7:00 pm**, in the Library. Learn about the theme and what volunteer opportunities are available. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Use your talents and skills to bring VBS to life! VBS will be held July 7-12.

Please call Michelle Canfield at 570-754-7253 or Tammy Munster at 570-739-1647 for more information or to RSVP for the meeting.

The Encounter Band

Coming to Bethesda @ the Corner
Saturday, **March 2nd at 7 pm.**



Easy listening contemporary Christian music. Refreshments provided.



Yard Sale @ The Social Hall

Fri, April 12th & Sat, April 13th
8 am to Noon

Tables are available for \$7 per table.
For more information, contact Mary Ellen Hering
366-2152 or LaVerne Houtz 345-4998.

Membership Orientation Classes

Open for anyone interested in becoming a member of Bethesda. Each class is two hours long and you **only need to attend one.**



The classes will meet on:
Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 pm
Saturday, March 23rd at 1 pm
Sunday, March 24th at 6:30 pm



40 Days in the Word Small Groups

Each group will meet once a week for 6 weeks. The meetings will last 1.5 hours and run from the week of April 14 through the week of May 19. Sign-ups begin March 10th!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sun	(TBD)	9:15 am	Parsonage
	Svenson, Steve/Michelle	2:00 pm	Lake Wynonah
	Brooks, Mark/Cindy	6:00 pm	Chestnut Hill
	Minnich, Shane/Vanessa	6:00 pm	Surfer Room
	Stine, Jody/Craig	6:00 pm	Wayne Township
Mon	Killian, Charlie/Sue	6:30 pm	Church Library
Tue	Holubec, Joel/Sally	6:30 pm	Shartlesville
	Hoover, Mark/Becky	6:30 pm	Church Café
Wed	Jaskierski, Tony/Pam	6:30 pm	Wayne Township
Thu	Byerly, Jeff/Tasha	6:30 pm	Wayne Township
Fri	Reiter, Steve/Dawn	6:30 pm	Pine Grove
Sat	Schlosser, Marcia	10:00 am	Lake Wynonah



Every Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Bethesda @ The Corner
(Rts. 183 & 443)

March 4 - Making Life's Toughest Decisions
March 11 - Inside the Gun Debate
March 18 - They Hijacked My Life!
March 25 - Surrounded by Stuff.
April 1 - An Encounter with God

40 Days in the Word Prayer

Join other church members to pray for the upcoming 40 Days in the Word Campaign.
Every Wednesday through Lent at 7:30 pm in the Library



Crochet Circle ... March 11th & 25th
@ 6:30 pm at the home of Cheryl Bender.



March 10th & 24th
1:30 – 3:30 pm Library

GriefShare is a support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend. Video vignettes, group discussion, personal study, and reflection are part of healing. Call Paul at 570-294-0778 or Marcia Schlosser at 570-739-2889 for more information.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Every Tuesday
6:30 – 8:00 pm

We will be meeting @ the Corner of Rte 443 & Rte 183. Celebrate Recovery® is designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. The program is based on eight principles from the Beatitudes and the Twelve Steps (i.e. AA) and their biblical comparisons. A limitless number of issues can be dealt with through the program such as chemical addictions, overspending; anger; overeating; need to control; fear/anxiety and more! For more information, please call the church office at 739-2241.

Lots of progress is being made on the **new church website**. Keep your eyes open for the **official launch in March!!**



What you are is God's gift to you, what you do with yourself is your gift to God.