



May 2013

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)



Underway and Growing Stronger

Thank you to everyone who is participating in 40 Days in the Word! Our journey has just started...12 small groups are meeting with over 124 people attending. WOW! Let's keep growing stronger together as we hear God speak through His Word. Blessings await!

We are planning a special culmination to these 40 Days called Celebration Sunday, May 26, 10:30 am. During Celebration Sunday, we are going to celebrate all that God has done in our midst over the past 40 days. We will show picture highlights of our 40 Days together and learn about how studying God's Word has transformed our lives and church. Plus, we'll see and hear about the small group's Micah 6:8 projects.

We want to celebrate your story! Please share your 40 Days experience on a blue *Tell My Story* form, available at the Welcome Counter and on-line. Fill it out anonymously or provide your name. Your story may be shared during Celebration Sunday. If you are more spontaneous, you can grab a microphone at the Celebration and give your own personal testimony!

See the full sweep of the impact that 40 Days has had on our church and our community and catch the vision for the direction we are going in the future. This will be a time of great rejoicing in seeing God at work so strongly in our midst.

Celebration Sunday
Combined Worship Service with Communion
Sunday, May 26, 10:30 am



VBS 2013: Colossal Coaster World
Facing Fear, Trusting God

Vacation Bible School 2013 is right around the corner! It isn't too soon to start helping! Have you done kitchen or bath renovation and have some extra **4 inch ceramic tiles** collecting dust at your house? How about some leftover **rolls of raffle tickets**? We need them for a VBS craft. We also need 8 oz Styrofoam cups and 10 oz. drinking cups for snack time. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the Welcome Counter before the end of June. If you don't have these items, but still want to help with VBS crafts or snack, cash donations are always needed to help defray the cost of buying supplies. Any cash donations can be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the Welcome Counter.

A Reminder: This year, children will be visiting Colossal Coaster World to learn how to trust God while facing their fears. It is sure to be a thrill-ride for both kids and adult volunteers! Anyone is interested in helping with VBS 2013 in invited to the **next planning meeting on Monday, May 13, 7:00 pm, in the Café.**

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
March 2013

Budgeted*	\$82,292.00
Income*	\$83,193.00
Expenses*	\$97,314.00

*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

Community Blood Drive
May 15th 2-6pm in the
Church Library



American Red Cross

Bethesda will once again be sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You can sign up for a time at the Welcome Counter, on-line @ bethesdaec.org, by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross or visiting www.redcrossblood.org. Your donation could save a life!



There will be an informational luncheon on **May 19th immediately**

following 2nd service for anyone who is interested in joining the Brazil trip to work with the Roofs in the Summer of 2014.

In **July** we will be **praying with Dave & Concé Roof**, missionaries in Brazil. Visit the Welcome Center after **April 28th** to sign up for a day to pray, and receive a card to send your own greetings and prayer requests to them.



TRUST in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. - Proverbs 3:5-6



For students interested in attending **Twin Pines Summer Camp**, information and registration forms are now available by **contacting Becky Hoover** at 739-1187 or becky@millerbros.com.

A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at www.bethesdaec.org.

Enjoy your summer!! There will be **no Women of Bethesda events until September.**

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

- May 6 - The Black and White Truth About Racism
- May 13 - When Love Hurts
- May 20 - How to LIVE Before You Die
- May 27 - The Majesty and Mystery of Nature

Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
May 11th @ 8 am at the Friedensburg Country Restaurant (Rte 443) in Friedensburg. All men are welcome no need to sign up.



Dinner @ Reisers Restaurant & Black Creek Quartet
Saturday, May 11th

Departing Bethesda at 4:45 pm
Approximate Cost \$10 per person

Please join us as we travel to Reisers Restaurant and then Myerstown Church of the Brethren to listen to the Black Creek Quartet. Please sign up at the welcome counter or on-line at www.bethesdaec.org by Sunday, May 5th. For more information, contact Linda Bollinger @ 739-4580.

Cross Roads Restaurant & Reading Fighting Phils Game
Saturday, June 8th



We will be having dinner at the Cross Roads Restaurant and then attending a Reading Phillies game. More details will be available at the Welcome Counter later in the month.



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

- May 5 - Combined with First UMC 5:00-7:30 pm
- May 12 - Regular Meeting
- May 19 - Regular Meeting
- May 26 - Regular Meeting

On **May 5th** our regular **BYM Meeting time** will be changed to **5:00 to 7:30 pm**. Come connect with the youth ministry of First United Methodist Church as they visit us on our home turf for some spectacular activities and food!!!



Stay tuned for more information on:
Camp Swatara Hike - June 20-21st
Creation 2013 - June 27-29th



Continue to sell those tickets!! **Moyer's Sub Sale** tickets can be redeemed through Friday, May 31st. If you need more tickets, or need to turn ticket monies in, please call or text Dawn Koch at 691-6457



April 12th & 26th
1:30 - 3:30 pm Library

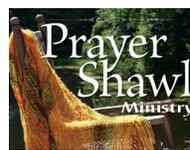
GriefShare is a support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend. Video vignettes, group discussion, personal study, and reflection are part of healing. Call Paul at 570-294-0778 or Marcia Schlosser at 570-739-2889 for more information.



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.



Please ask at the Welcome Counter for direction on how to get a free **prayer shawl** that is individually packaged including a gift card and bookmark for you to personally give to someone you know that is going through difficult or challenging circumstances. Each shawl is handcrafted by a woman of Bethesda who begins its creation with prayers and blessings that continue throughout the time the crafter is working with the unique and meaningful color yarn and pattern.

Awana will **resume in the fall.**
Stay tuned for details!



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