



## August 2013

### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

### "Viral" Invitations



Like it or not, social media, such as Facebook, is more than a passing fad. It has connected people together in new ways that complement our existing relationships. Through it, we can connect with high school friends, previous work colleagues, and distant family members with a few clicks of a mouse.

The business world also took notice, and now many groups use it in hopes that their products and services will go viral – meaning that through "electronic" word of mouth they can reach people they hadn't before. However, Facebook does not automatically do this for you. You must learn to be a proficient user.

As many of you are aware, we have a church Facebook page. This page shows pictures from events like work camps, VBS, church picnics, as well as posts about many of our events. However, we are learning to develop better ways to help our impact to become more viral (word of mouth). We have learned to "Tag" people in pictures, which notifies their contacts about it, and we are creating events for everyone to invite others. Just recently, our VBS photos reached at least 1,015 people. You can help the church to go viral, and we'll help you learn how!

### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT June 2013

Budgeted*	\$182,004.00
Income*	\$165,007.00
Expenses*	\$177,280.00

\*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.



### All Church Family Picnic Sunday, August 18th

Following a combined service, we will start the fun, food and fellowship at the Social Hall. Chicken corn soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, ice cream, peanuts, veggies, watermelon, along with a selection of desserts will be provided. You are welcome to bring something along, but it is not necessary. Dress comfortably for a picnic and bring your lawn chairs. There will be plenty of time for fellowship or just relaxing in the shade of the old oak trees. Games, hayrides and other activities are provided for the children. Contact Joel Holubec, Wayne Blankenhorn or the church office if available to volunteer for one of the teams. We hope to see you there!



We are currently looking for a new **Church Custodian** to work 15-20 hours per week and to be available to open/lock the church before and after special events. For more information or to apply, **contact Pastor Jeff at 739-2241.**

### The Encounter Band

Coming to the Social Hall  
 Saturday, **August 3rd at 6 pm.**  
 Easy listening contemporary Christian music. Hot dogs, BBQ and refreshments provided.



### Flamingo Time !!!

Spotted—several flocks of flamingos traveling around the area! **BEWARE** they do not land in your property!

**BE PREPARED:** Buy your flamingo insurance today!!! For **\$5.00**, you can ensure (well most times) no flock will land on your property.

**Flamingo Insurance \$5.00** collected Sunday, **July 21st** and **July 28th**. If you do not have this coverage, they may find you - but do



not fear we have flamingo exterminators! For **\$8.00**, we will remove the flock; for an additional **\$2.00** you can direct where you would want the flamingos to land. Flamingo visits will begin August 1st continuing through August 24th.

*All proceeds benefit Bethesda Youth Ministries.*

### Bethesda Youth Ministries



An **Nondenominational Prayer Ministry** has formed @ the Corner with its first meeting on June 30th where 11 individuals from 3 different churches banded together to pray.

**Meetings will be held every 4th Sunday from 6:15 to 7:30 pm. The next meeting is Sunday, July 28th. All prayer warriors are welcome.** This time of prayer will include four seasons of worship punctuated with Scripture followed with prayer led by the Spirit using the model of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication including prayer for written requests. Contact Norma Minnich (739-2122) or Shelley Hikes (739-4049) with questions or for more information.



**Save the Dates!**

**Ladies Fellowship Breakfast** featuring testimonies from some Women of Bethesda will be from **8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant** in Shartlesville. Sign-up sheet and more details to follow.

The Lord has led **Donna Best** to share with us our Women's **Winter Retreat** on **Friday, February 14th through Sunday, February 16th, 2014**. Visit [www.donnabest.org](http://www.donnabest.org) to meet her and click on the Weatherproof Seminar to get a feel for her message. **Please spread the word and mark your calendars now!** Savings banks for this retreat will be available at and after our Ladies' Breakfast.



**Invites you to join us for "Share Fair" A Women's Ministry Event**

Come together, encourage each other, pray together, and share ideas and resources. Featuring guest speaker, Leslie Vernick, author, licensed clinical social worker and life coach with a private counseling practice in PA.

**August 10th - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
Schuylkill Country Club, Orwigsburg, PA  
\$25.00 fee includes lunch and your copy of Ministry & Morsels

*Diaper Raffle: Bring a pack of diapers to enter our prize drawing!*

**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast**  
**August 10th @ 8 am**

Friedensburg Country Restaurant (Rte 443) in Friedensburg. All men are welcome no need to sign up.



**Corn & Doggie Roast**  
Open to Adults 18+

**Sat, August 10th @ 5:30 pm at the Social Hall**

Cost is \$ 3per person. Side dishes appreciated. Bring a lawn chair for a Campfire sing-a-long! For more information contact Linda Bollinger at 739-4580.



**August**  
**Upcoming Events**



- August 1st - 24th** - Be aware of flamingo attacks!
- August 4th** - Heisler's Mini Golf & Ice Cream
- August 16th** - Girls & Guys Sleepovers (more details to follow!)



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

- Aug 5** - Meth: Stories of horror & hope.
- Aug 12** - Betrayed: Healing after a broken trust.
- Aug 19** - What's Your Pet Trying to Tell You?: Secrets from an animal communicator.
- Aug 26** - Science & Religion: Can they coexist?

**Prayer Meeting**

Join other church members to pray for the needs of our community and congregation. **Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm in the Library**



**August 11th & 25th**  
**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.



**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, over-spending; anger; overeating; need to control; fear/anxiety and more! For more information, please call the church office at 739-2241.



A **Mission-Minded Kids** program will be held During Junior church on **August 25th**.

Be on the lookout for **Fall Semester Small Groups** to being the end of September. Interested church members will be able to pick a small group based on topic, leader, location and time. **Anyone interested in hosting and/or leading a Fall Semester Small Group for six to ten weeks should contact Janet at 739-1109 or Norma at 739-2212.**



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

**A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org).**