



October 2013

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

August 2013

Budgeted*	\$236,692.
Income*	\$221,133.
Expenses*	\$230,819.

*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

What's For Dinner Wednesday
October 2nd & 16th
Dinner served: 5:30—6:30 pm



Menu for Oct 2nd: Homemade soup, fresh rolls, sausage & roasted turkey sandwiches, with fruit salad for dessert.

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 Kidz Klub for the youth. No need to sign-up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Starting **October 6th, 2013**

Gathering at 9:15 am

Starting at 9:30 am



Yard Sale @ The Social Hall
Friday, October 11th & Saturday, October 12th
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.

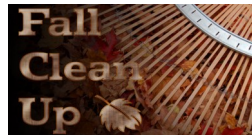
Christmas Cantata practice will begin on Sunday, October 6th at 4 pm in the Sanctuary.



Sunday, Oct 20th

The Pumpkin Patch will take place from **Noon to 6pm** on the Island, Schuylkill Haven. We are looking for volunteers to take a shift to oversee Bethesda's activity sites. More details and sign-up information to follow!

Fall Clean-up
Saturday, October 26th
8:00 am



Many hands make light work. Let us all join together and have a time of fellowship as we care for the facility the Lord has blessed us with. *Come when you can and leave when you must.*



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.

1 Be Satisfied - led by Joel Holubec in the library. A Study of Ecclesiastes by Warren W. Wiersbe. Solomon, considered to be the wisest man on earth made the following statements: 'There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour'. Also, 'For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast...'. Is this the Solomon we thought we knew?

#2 A Community Called Atonement – Scot McKnight led by Pastor Jeff in the Café. Can atonement be a way of life? Biblical atonement comes together when the church is summoned to work with God in his atoning work. In essence, it takes an evangelical community to communicate everything the Bible says about the atonement. By creatively exploring the work of Christ, we can breathe robust life into the doctrine of the atonement and animate it into the good news that our world desperately needs.

September 1st—Nov 24th

3 First Things - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on...

First Days...First Nation...First Freedom

Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Psalm 71:17-18



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 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 are now available at the Welcome Counter!

**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
October 12th @ 8 am**

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



**Kitchen Kettle Village
Bird In-Hand Restaurant
Open to Adults 18+
Saturday, October 12th**



We will be leaving the church at 10:00 am. Going shopping @ Kitchen Kettle Village and having dinner at the Bird In-Hand Restaurant. Sign-up @ the Welcome Counter or on-line. For more information contact Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580 or Joan Mengel at 610-488-7304.

**October
Upcoming Events**



- October 6th** - Regular Meeting
- October 13th** - Regular Meeting
- October 20th** - Regular Meeting - Help w/Pumpkin Patch?
- October 27th** - Regular Meeting

BYM is open to all students in 6th - 12th grades. Meeting in the Library.



Open to all students in Kindergarten to 5th grade. Meets on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm**.



A **Mission-Minded Kids** program will be held During Junior church on **October 6th**.



**Nondenominational Prayer Ministry
Sunday, October 27th
@ the Corner 6:15 to 7:30 pm**

Contact Norma Minnich (570-739-2122) or Shelley Hikes (570-739-4049) with questions or for more information.



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

- Oct 7** - Only One Way to God: Can Religion Really Have All the Answers
- Oct 14** - Wrongly Accused: A Rush to Judgment
- Oct 21** - Make the Most of Your Life: A Perspective that will Change Your Life Forever
- Oct 28** - Haunted: A Ghost Hunters Investigation into the Paranormal

Prayer Meeting

Join other church members to pray for the needs of our community and congregation. **Every Wednesday @ 7:30 pm in the Library**



**October 13th & 27th
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, overspending; anger; overeating; need to control; fear/anxiety and more! For more information, please call the church office at 570-739-2241.

Crochet Circle ...

October 14th & 28th at the home of Cheryl Bender.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace

Classes will be held during our Winter Small Group Session starting Wednesday, January 8th. More details to follow.

*All articles for events held during September 1st through October 5th, should be submitted by the **10th of September** in order to be included in our **October 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

October 2013

Please Note – All prayer concerns will be listed for one month and then removed. If you would like your prayer concern to be continued longer than a month, you must contact the church office or Pastor Mark. Thank you!

Personal

Olivia Bensinger (leukemia)	Nancy Lehr (recovery)
Rick Berdianier (recovery)	Angela Lewis (cancer)
Jim Berger (chronic)	Arlene Lucas (rehab)
Bonnie Betz (pain)	Roy (Bud) Luckenbill, Jr (cancer)
Becky Bolton (disc/back)	Marilyn Matthias (sciatica)
Dean Boyer (recovery)	Kelly Messina (transplant)
Delaney Brown (leukemia)	Mary Moyer (cancer)
Philip Christman (personal)	Dolly Natel (comfort)
Mary Cullen (recovery)	Alexandria Rader (recovery)
Mary Dietz (cancer)	Kara Reichert (testing)
Eric Edler (recovery)	Mary Rhen (recovery)
Joanne Forbes (cancer)	Bonnie Richards (cancer)
Doug Greene (hospice)	Cindy Smith (anxiety)
Eddie Heim (cancer)	Carolyn Soponis (infection)
James Hein (cancer)	Jennifer Stranix (recovery)
Peggy Heintz (lyme disease)	June Wagner (arthritis)
<i>Edith Houtz (rehab)</i>	Flo Walton (back)
Katie Hubiak (cancer)	Patsy Weaver (recovery)
<i>Eleanor Jamison (recovery)</i>	Doug White (testing)
Steve Kay (stroke)	Harry Young (mixed dementia)
Joe Kocher (cancer)	
Lynn Koch (recovery)	
Raymond Leffler (stability)	

Family

Eileen Achenbach family (loss)	Rev. Lance Mills family (loss)
<i>Brenden Bowen family (loss)</i>	Kathy Schaeffer family (transition)
Nicole Frantz family (birth)	Molly Scheese family (recovery)
Hensley family (transition)	Megan & Adam Strohl family (sustain)
Dean & Lori Lehman family (transition)	June Wagner family (loss)
Gary Koppenhaver family (comfort)	

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)	Teddy Pelachick (Marines)
Keith Drummer (FBI)	Thomas Perkins (Army)
Tim Farrell (Air Force)	Joseph Renninger (Army Reserve)
Jason Ferretti (National Guard)	Steven J Russell-Rhen (Army)
Matthew Hoke (Marines)	Jobie Siemer (National Guard)
Brandon Huntzinger (Army)	Nicole Perkins (Army)
Benjamin Kilmer(National Guard)	Zach Siple (Coast Guard)
Luke Long (National Guard)	Jake Stoudt (Air Force)
Luke Long, Jr. (National Guard)	Joe Sweigart (Army)

Shut-ins

Margaret Bender	Martha Koenig
Dorothy Blankenhorn	M. Jean Luckenbill
Joyce Brown	Hazel Minnich
Bert Heydt	Errol Russel
Virginia Hoover	