



## November 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*	\$273,006.00
Income*	\$253,133.67
Expenses*	\$257,787.15

\*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

We are in the process of updating our church directory. **Please check the information we currently have on file located on the table in the main hallway.** Make any necessary updates or changes by Sunday, November 3rd. New directories will be distributed November 24th.



All church members are asked to attend this meeting where important discussions will shape the 2014 ministry.  
**Combined Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
 Meal: 11:30 am (please bring a dish to share)  
 Meeting: 12:30 pm

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Gathering at 9:15 am  
 Starting at 9:30 am



**# 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

In December we will be praying with Joe & Wendy Toy, missionaries in Philadelphia, who provide community outreach ministries. Visit the Welcome Center to sign up for a day to pray, and receive a card to send your own greetings and prayer requests to them.



**What's For Dinner Wednesday**  
**November 6th & 20th**  
**Dinner served: 5:30—6:30 pm**

Menu for Nov 6th: Homemade chicken pot pie, lettuce with bacon dressing, and hot dogs.

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.

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.



The **Christmas Cantata, "And on Earth Peace"** performed by the Bethesda EC Church Choral Group will be held on **December 15th at 3:00 pm.**





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!**

**Sign-up sheets are now available at the Welcome Counter!**

**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast  
November 9th @ 8 am**

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



**Movie Night**  
Open to Adults 18+  
**Saturday, November 9th**



We will be having movie night in the Library starting at 6:00pm. Please bring a snack to share. 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.

**November  
Upcoming Events**



- November 3rd** - Regular Meeting
- November 10th** - "One Night Stand" at BMHS
- November 17th** - Regular Meeting
- November 24th** - Regular Meeting
- November 29th** - Outing TBA

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

**KIDZ KLUB**

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 **November 17th.**



**Community Prayer Ministry**  
**Sunday, November 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)

- Nov 4** - Is Church Obsolete?: Has God left the building?
- Nov 11** - Getting Past Your Past: And making the most of your future.
- Nov 18** - Forgiving the Unforgiveable: A son comforts his mothers killer.
- Nov 25** - A Christmas Surprise: Rekindling the joy of Christmas.

**Prayer Meeting**

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



**November 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.



**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 570-739-2241.

**Crochet Circle ...**

**November 11th & 25th** 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 December 1st through January 5th, should be submitted by the **10th of November** in order to be included in our **December 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).**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*November 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

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Susie Belsak (cancer)	Steve Kay (stroke)
Olivia Bensinger (leukemia)	Joe Kocher (cancer)
Rick Berdianier (recovery)	Nancy Lehr (recovery)
Evelyn Berger (eyes)	Emily Leinheiser (heart)
Jim Berger (chronic)	Angela Lewis (cancer)
Bonnie Betz (pain)	Arlene Lucas (rehab)
Becky Bolton (disc/back)	Roy (Bud) Luckenbill, Jr (cancer)
Dean Boyer (recovery)	Marilyn Matthias (sciatica)
Delaney Brown (leukemia)	Kelly Messina (transplant)
Trudi Bux (cancer)	Mary Moyer (cancer)
Philip Christman (personal)	Dolly Natel (comfort)
Mary Cullen (recovery)	Johnny Pliler (recovery)
Mary Dietz (cancer)	Alexandria Rader (recovery)
Eric Edler (recovery)	Kara Reichert (testing)
Joanne Forbes (cancer)	Mary Rhen (recovery)
Eddie Heim (cancer)	Bonnie Richards (cancer)
James Hein (cancer)	Jennifer Stranix (recovery)
Peggy Heintz (lyme disease)	Flo Walton (back)
Edith Houtz (hip)	Patsy Weaver (recovery)
Katie Hubiak (cancer)	Alan Woomert (heart)
Eleanor Jamison (recovery)	Harry Young (mixed dementia)

### Family

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Doug Greene family (loss)	Kathy Schaeffer family (transition)
Lloyd Hallman family (loss)	Molly Scheese family (recovery)
Hensley family (transition)	Marilyn Shoaf family (loss)
Dean & Lori Lehman family (transition)	Cameron Stine family (birth)
Alex Marks family (loss)	Megan & Adam Strohl family (sustain)

### Military

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Josh Behler (Air Force)	Thomas Perkins (Army)
Keith Drummer (FBI)	Joseph Renninger (Army Reserve)
Brandon Huntzinger (Army)	Steven J Russell-Rhen (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)
Nicole Perkins (Army)	

### Shut-ins

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