



**January 2014**

**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

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



**2014 Winter Semester Small Groups  
Beginning the week of January 5**

**SUNDAYS**

**9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Surfer Room at church (childcare)**

**FOR WOMEN ONLY** - Led by Sarah Wilhelm – Material TBD.

This dynamic group just finished reading and discussing the book, "Not a Fan". Join in the discussion of their next book and find connection with other women on the journey of faith.

**2 to 4 p.m. 1814 Crazy Horse Drive, Lake Wynonah**

**In the Dust of the Rabbi** – Hosted and led by the Svenson's.

In this volume, Vander Laan helps you experience Jesus' life up close and personal. Filmed on location in Israel, Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance.

**6 to 8 p.m. 411 Stoney Run Drive, Pottsville Led by Pastor Mark**

**"The Bait of Satan"** by John Bever. Escape the enemy's deadly trap!

*The Bait of Satan* exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God—offense. Most people who are ensnared by the bait of Satan don't even realize it. Don't be fooled! You will encounter offense, and it's up to you how it will affect your relationship with God. Your response will determine your future. If offense is handled correctly, you will become stronger rather than bitter.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**6:30 to 8 p.m. Café Room at church (childcare)**

**FOR WOMEN ONLY –Growing To Be Like Christ** – Led by Norma Minnich. Spiritual maturity doesn't happen by accident. This study will equip you for the basic habits of spiritual growth: relying on the Holy Spirit, cultivating time in the Bible and prayer, seeing life's obstacles as opportunities for growth, and partnering with Christians who are committed to supporting your growth. Here is a realistic, practical path to growing strong in faith and Christian character.

**6:30 to 8 p.m. Youth Room at church (childcare)**

**FOR MEN ONLY – Men's Fraternity** – Led by Pastor Jeff

Imagine the transforming power of men coming together within your church to honestly examine their lives and take the courageous steps necessary to embrace authentic biblical manhood. That is the goal of Men's Fraternity, the three-year men's ministry curriculum developed by Robert Lewis.

**SATURDAYS**

**9 to 10:30 a.m. 14 Papoose Drive, Lake Wynonah**

**Radio talks on Fear by Dr. David Jeremiah** – Hosted and led by Marcia Schlosser. For many people, worry, anxiety, and fear are constant companions: fear of death, fear of danger, fear of disease. And too often, these fears are crippling, keeping us from the life God has called us to live. But it doesn't have to be that way, says Dr. David Jeremiah. As Christians, we have been given all we need in order to face down even the most frightening, unexpected, and overwhelming obstacles in life.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace**

Classes will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm starting Wednesday, January 8th. Please sign-up on-line or at the Welcome Counter.



**New Adult Sunday  
School Opportunities  
Jan 5th - March 30th**

**Gathering @ 9:15 am; Starting @ 9:30 am**

*Could this be your most important appointment for the week? We invite you to join us to take part in these new studies. Bring an open heart to learn what God's Word has for you; share your experiences, gain insight from others and then grow from it. As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us join together and share how God is working in our lives and how it can help us with the trials of daily living.*

**# 1 Respectable Sins** - led by Connie Wright in the library. Have Christians become so preoccupied with the major sins of our society that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own more subtle sins? This study by Jerry Bridges addresses specific 'acceptable' sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves—such as jealousy, anger, pride, ungratefulness, and judgmentalism. The message of hope to overcome our subtle sins lies in the profound mercy of the gospel and the transforming grace of God.

**# 2 Living For Jesus** by Richard Dickey - led by Dean Boyer in the café. In this class we will be developing an understanding of a worldview or map to show us how to live in the spiritual journey of life. Without a map we tend to wander and stumble along without a real purpose or sense of destiny. We will attempt to define success God's way using His scriptures for our practical day-to-day lives. Our hope is to examine ways God has provided to get closer to Jesus in our daily walk and to hear the words, "well done my good and faithful servant" is the ultimate success.

**December 1st – February 23rd**

**# 3 Jesus and the Just Reign of God** - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on... Luke and James The Perfect Gift...

We Must Have Faith in People...  
Never Too Early to Pray...



Women's Winter Retreat  
February 14-16, 2014  
Speaker - Donna Best

*"Weatherproof Your Home...Against the Storms of Life"*

The biblical principles taught in this seminar are based on Psalm 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." We actually build two "houses." One is our own life and the other is our family ["Family" includes the lives of single women.]. As we seek the Lord and His ways, He will tear down what we have built on faulty beliefs, and will construct a new life for us. That new life is "Christ in you the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27), and is built on a foundation of TRUTH.

Cost: \$166.00 for weekend; \$23.00 for Saturday sessions and lunch only [NOTE: Saturday sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. include ALL main teaching. Overnight guests enjoy more times of formal and informal sharing with the speaker who will be staying through Sunday morning.] Location: Kenbrook Retreat Center. Visit [www.donnabest.org](http://www.donnabest.org) for more information on the speaker. Sign-up at the Welcome Counter or online.

**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast  
January 11th @ 8 am**

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



**Re-Scheduled Christmas Party**  
Open to Adults 18+  
**Date to be Announced**

Bring a white elephant gift for a "FUN" exchange. Please sign up at the Welcome Counter or online. Call Linda at 570-739-4580 with questions.

**January  
Upcoming Events**

- January 5th - Regular Meeting
- January 12th - Regular Meeting
- January 17th-19th - Encounter Retreat
- January 19th - No Meeting
- January 26th - Regular Meeting

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



**What's For Dinner Wednesday  
January 15th**

Dinner served: 5:30—6:30 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 Kidz Klub for the youth. No need to sign-up.



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

- Jan 6 - Dangerous Food
- Jan 13 - Mysteries of Mental Illness
- Jan 20 - Care for Caregivers
- Jan 27 - Where is God When Life Turns Tough?

January 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.



Every Tuesday @ the  
Corner 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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.

**Crochet Circle ...**  
January 13th & 27th at the home of Cheryl Bender.



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

Mommy's are you going crazy being stuck inside the house with little ones this winter? Come out and join Bethesda's Mommy and Me time, a weekly playdate time where Mommies (Daddy's, Grandparent's or other Caretarkers) can come socialize while the little ones have fun playing together and burning energy. **Mommy and Me will meet tentatively every Monday in the Nursery from 10:00-11:00am starting January 6th.**



**Teacher Training**  
Saturday, January 11, 2014, from 9:30 am - 10:30 am, the Church Life Commission will be sponsoring a Teacher Training Meeting in the library. If you are currently involved in a teaching ministry area involving children, youth or adults, this is an opportunity for you! Snow date: January 25th.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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**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

George Appelt, Sr (recovery)	Jennifer McKenrick (cancer)
Harry "Butchie" Barron (gallbladder)	Erika Minnich (TRAPS)
Brenda Baurer (cancer)	Dolly Natel (comfort)
Rick Berdianier (recovery)	Jake Petrone (recovery)
Evelyn Berger (eyes)	Alexandria Rader (recovery)
Delaney Brown (hospice)	Bonnie Richards (cancer)
Trudi Bux (cancer)	Mark Sanford (cancer)
Irene Connelly (recovery)	Marcia Schlosser (cataracts)
Mary Dietz (cancer)	Adam Strohl (support)
Bob Harr (recovery)	Megan Strohl (recovery)
Eddie Heim (cancer)	Flo Walton (back)
Peg Heim (recovery)	Patsy Weaver (recovery)
Sara Houshower (cancer)	Alan Woomert (recovery)
Edith Houtz (stroke)	Harry Young (mixed dementia)
Eleanor Jamison (recovery)	Sandy Zanini (recovery)
Joan Luckenbill (recovery)	

## Family

Helen Deweese family (loss)  
Bonnie Hoover family (loss)  
Roy (Bud) Luckenbill, Jr family (loss)  
Kathy Schaeffer family (transition)

## Local, National, and Global

Rev. Bruce Hill, Bishop  
Church Health, Church Planting,  
Leadership, Evangelism, and Discipleship  
Connie Wright, Child Evangelism  
Fellowship, Schuylkill County  
President Barack Obama  
US Military Forces

## Shut-ins

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

## Military

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)	

*But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.*

—2 Corinthians 1:9b-11 (NIV)

**Community Prayer Ministry**  
**Sunday, January 26th @ 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.

### Prayer Meeting

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



### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT November 2013

Budgeted	\$319,708.00
Income	\$306,272.00
Expenses*	\$307,776.00

\*\$11,500 has been placed in reserves.

**All articles** for events held during February 1st through March 5th, should be submitted by the **10th of January** in order to be included in our **February issue**. Please do your best to get your information in on time. Thank you! **A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org).**