



## March 2014

### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

January 2014

Budgeted	\$26,492.00
Income	\$28,669.00
Expenses	\$33,080.00

### Interested in VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL? VBS Volunteers Needed!



Do you want to get involved with planning Vacation Bible School 2014? We need your help! Anyone who has an interest in helping with VBS 2013 is invited to the **first planning meeting on Monday, March 24, 7:00 pm**, in the Library. Learn about the theme and what volunteer opportunities are available. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Use your talents and skills to bring VBS to life! VBS will be held July 13-18. Please call Michelle Canfield at 570-754-7253 or Tammy Munster at 570-739-1647 for more information or to RSVP for the meeting.



### Adult Sunday School Opportunities continue - March 30th

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

**# 1 Respectable Sins** - led by Connie Wright in the Cafe. 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 Library. 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.

### March 2nd – May 25th

**# 3 Jesus' Fulfillment of Scripture** - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on... Leviticus, Deuteronomy, 2 Samuel, Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Zechariah, Gospels, Acts, and Revelation.



On your marks; get set, GO....to Moyer's to redeem your ticket from the **BYM Sub Sale**. Beginning the week of March 16th and continuing through the end of May, BYM students will be making tickets available for \$5 - redeemable for a delicious sub from Moyer's Dutch Market. Support the youth ministry of Bethesda: obtain your tickets and eat a sub - the more you eat, the better for us!!!



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.



### Summer Work Camp Save the Date July 6th thru 11th, 2014

Mark your calendar's for summer work camp! We will be serving locally at Blue Mountain School District. More details will be forthcoming!

**Spring Clean-up**  
 Saturday, April 5th  
 8 am



Meet at the church at 8 am. We will "spring clean" the outside of the church and up at the social hall. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, and anything you feel would be helpful. Please plan to help if you can, many hands make light work!



**Youth membership classes** will continue Saturdays through April 5th. Any questions should be directed to Pastor Jeff.



**Wednesday night** winter bible study will continue through March 26th from 6:30-8:00 pm. We are currently studying *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. Feel free to jump in any time!

**Retreat Follow-up Reunion - Wed, Feb 26th 6:30 to 8:00 pm;**  
**Snow Date - Wed, Mar 5th**

**Save the Date!! 2014 Spring Fellowship** – Plans are in the works for a special event to be held at the church on **Sun, May 18th**. Details forthcoming!

**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast**  
**March 8th @ 8 am**

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



**Game Night**  
 Open to Adults 18+

**Saturday, March 8th @ 6:00 pm in the Library.** We will be playing Pictionary. Bring a snack or a drink to share. Sign-up at the Welcome Counter or online. Contact Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580 with questions.

**March**  
**Upcoming Events**

- February 28 - 30 Hour Famine**
- March 2 - No Meeting**
- March 9 - Regular Meeting**
- March 16 - Sub Sale Begins**
- March 23 - Regular Meeting**
- March 30 - Talent Share**



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



Open to all students age 4 thru 5th grade. **Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm** runs thru March 26th.



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

- March 3 - The Struggle to Forgive
- March 10 - Wounded Warriors
- March 17 - Pass or Fail? The State of Education
- March 23 - Why do bad things keep happening?
- March 31 - Friends for Life

**March 9th & 23rd**  
**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 ...**

**March 10th & 24th** at the home of Cheryl Bender.



Mommies 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 Mommy's (Daddys, Grandparents or other Caretakers)

can come socialize while the little ones have fun playing together and burning energy. **Mommy and Me meets every Monday in the Nursery from 10:00-11:00am.**

**What's For Dinner Wednesday**  
**March 5th & 19th**

**Dinner served: 5:30—6:30 pm**  
 Come enjoy the fellowship. (Adults \$3, Kids \$1, Family cost \$10 max) After

dinner there are small groups for ladies & men as well as Kidz Klub for the youth. No need to sign-up.



**A Mission-Minded Kids** program will be held During Junior church on **March 23rd**.

# 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

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Brenda Bauer (cancer)  
Bonnie Betz (test results)  
Trudi Bux (cancer)  
Alice Corby (recovery)  
Mary Dietz (cancer)  
Sandy Farr (cancer)  
Dale Felker (stroke)  
Sara Houshower (cancer)  
Kevin Huneke (heart)  
Gail Knauf (recovery)  
Diane Luckenbill (recovery)  
Jennifer McKenrick (recovery)  
Dolly Natel (comfort)  
Royce Reinhart Jr. (biopsy)  
Mary Rhen (hearing)  
Bonnie Richards (cancer)  
Mark Sanford (cancer)

Marcia Schlosser (cataracts)  
Terri Smith (recovery)  
Sue Troxel (heart)  
Flo Walton (back)  
Patsy Weaver (recovery)  
Alan Woomert (recovery)  
Harry Young (mixed dementia)  
Sandy Zanini (recovery)

### Family

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David Dorsey family (loss)  
Jean Potts Curry family (loss)  
Cynthia Hess family (loss)  
Eric James Holubec (birth)  
Allison Scott family (loss)  
Kathy Schaeffer family (transition)

### Local, National, and Global

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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

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Margaret Bender  
Dorothy Blankenhorn  
Bert Heydt  
Virginia Hoover  
Martha Koenig  
M. Jean Luckenbill

Margaret Miller (recovery)  
Hazel Minnich  
Errol Russel  
Flo Walton

### Military

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Josh Behler (Air Force)  
Keith Drummer (FBI)  
Brandon Huntzinger (Army)  
Benjamin Kilmer (National Guard)  
Luke Long (National Guard)  
Luke Long, Jr. (National Guard)

Nicole Perkins (Army)  
Thomas Perkins (Army)  
Joseph Renninger (Army Reserve)  
Steven J Russell-Rhen (Army)  
Zach Siple (Coast Guard)  
Jake Stoudt (Air Force)  
Joe Sweigart (Army)

### Congregation

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Blue Mountain Backpack Program  
Celebrate Recovery  
Family Promise  
Griefshare Ministry  
Lifetree Café  
L.I.F.E. Prison Ministry  
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Schuylkill  
Haven & Jonestown

#### Community Prayer Ministry

**Sunday, March 23rd @ 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**



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