



April 2014

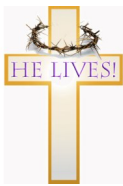
Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
 February 2014**

Budgeted	\$57,400.00
Income	\$57,449.00
Expenses	\$54,632.00

Easter Services & Events at Bethesda



Sunday, April 13th - Palm Sunday & Egg Hunt

Thursday April 17th - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at 7 pm

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday Service at 7 pm

Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday Services at 8 and 10:30 am

The annual **Easter egg hunt** will take place on Palm **Sunday, April 13th** immediately following the 11:30 worship service up at the **Social Hall**. In the event of bad weather the egg hunt will be canceled and will not be rescheduled. All children up through age 11 are invited to take part in this event! If you care to make a donation of eggs please have them at the church prior to the 11:30 service. Feel free to invite a friend. We hope to see you there!



**Adult Sunday School
 Opportunities
 Beginning April 6th**

1 Marriage 101: Back to the Basics – You are invited to join Cindy and Mark Brooks in the Library as they work on building the next generation of successful marriages!!! Whether you are single, engaged, newlyweds, or celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary, come and be part of this exciting series which “goes straight to the heart of the crucial issues that face marriages today.” Warning: if you have a perfect marriage, this class is probably NOT for you; but if you want to improve your relationship with your spouse from where you are now – this is the place for you!!!

2 King & Kingdom NT Wright, in his book *How God became King* wrote “*When the rich young ruler asks Jesus, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life, he isn’t asking how to get to heaven when he dies. He is asking about the new world that God is going to usher in, the new era of justice, peace, and freedom God has promised his people. He is asking, in particular, how he can be sure that when God does all this, he will have a part of those who inherit the new world, who share in its life..”*

In the elective KING AND KINGDOM we will look closely at the life of Jesus, beginning at Chapter 7 in the Gospel of John. Together we will seek to learn more about the King and the kingdom of the one who God exalted to the highest place and gave the name that is above every name. Using the Visual Gospel of John video we will learn more about the King before whom every knee shall bow -the one whom every tongue will acknowledge.

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.



Family & Friends First Aid & CPR Training Sunday, April 6th, 9:15 am in the Parsonage

Limited to 20 participants. (Additional classes scheduled based on need.) Please sign-up at the Welcome Counter.

Get Ready, Get Set, Go as Bethesda Youth Ministry hosts **TALENT SHARE** – an **opportunity for ANYONE to share their abilities, gifts and talents.**



Come to this coffeehouse setting and be part of the audience, participate, or both, on Sunday evening, **March 30th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** in the Common Ground Area. Sing, dance, instrumentals, readings, hobbies . . . etc. We want you to share with us what God has blessed you with!!! Sign-up to participate at the Welcome Counter.



Calling all Yard Sale Fanatics – **BYM will be hosting their first annual Yard Sale at Bethesda EC Church on Saturday, April 12th.** Whether you have items you want to donate before the sale, or you want to come the day of the sale to “window shop” and buy, all proceeds will benefit youth accounts participating in this year’s local work camp effort. Stay tuned for more details – and get ready to shop till you drop!!!

A hand-pieced, hand-quilted **queen-size quilt** has been lovingly put together by Hilda Yeager in memory of her beloved daughter-in-law, Sandra. Since Sandra was a missionary and continued to have a keen interest in missions, the proceeds of this auction will be given to the Missional Commission for them to disperse for missions as the Spirit leads. The quilt will be on display **beginning Sunday, April 13.** Bidders may fill out bid forms and place bids in the Silent Auction bid box at any time. The box with bids will be opened and the **winner announced on Sunday, May 4.**





Women's Spring Fellowship
Reclaim Your Radiance!!
Sunday, May 18th
6-8 pm in the Common Ground
Featuring Special Guest Speaker Jessica Whittemore

Matthew 5:15 - No one lights a lamp, then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

As little ones, we raised our voices and declared we'd never hide our lights under a bushel, nor would we let Satan ever blow them out. However, as the busyness and trials of life weigh on our adult lives, somehow our lights have dulled and our spirits have turned heavy. Join us as Jessica uses the promises of scripture to guide us back to a place where we can shine. Through identifying the bushels that hide our lights, then developing a plan to rid ourselves of earthly fires, Jessica inspires women to look to Jesus and be radiant! Sign-up at the Welcome Counter!

Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
April 12th @ 8 am

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



Ham & Dandelion Dinner
Save the Date - Saturday, April 5th
More Details to Follow

April Upcoming Events

- April 6** - Regular Meeting
- April 12** - Yard Sale
- April 13** - Regular Meeting
- April 20** - Easter Sunday No Meeting
- April 27** - Regular Meeting



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



The **BYM Sub Sale** will continue through the end of May. Please see any BYM student for tickets for \$5 each 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!!!

A **Mission-Minded Kids** program will be held During Junior church on **April 27th**.



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

- April 7** - Family Secrets
- April 14** - Living With Autism
- April 21** - After the Attack
- April 28** - Life's Myths

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 ...

April 14th & 28th 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.**

2013-2014 Graduates



Please **submit to the office the names of any persons who have graduated last fall or will be graduating this Spring** from high school or higher levels of education so that we can recognize them.



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

PRAYER CONCERNS

April 2014

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

Brenda Bauer (cancer)
Trudi Bux (cancer)
Jayme Cooper (recovery)
Alice Corby (recovery)
Dale Felker (heart)
Sara Houshower (cancer)
Gail Knauf (recovery)
Dennis Lauffer (elbow)
Diane Luckenbill (recovery)
Ryleigh Marr (gallbladder)
Jennifer McKenrick (recovery)
Dolly Natale (comfort)
Bonnie Richards (cancer)
Mark Sanford (cancer)
Marcia Schlosser (recovery)
Sue Troxel (heart)
Flo Walton (back)

Patsy Weaver (recovery)
Alan Woomert (recovery)
Harry Young (mixed dementia)
Sandy Zanini (recovery)

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



Family

Cynthia Hess family (loss)
Eric James Holubec (birth)
Kathy Schaeffer family (transition)

Local, National, and Global

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

Shut-ins

Margaret Bender
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Bert Heydt
Virginia Hoover
Edith Houtz
Martha Koenig

Ardith Luckenbill
M. Jean Luckenbill
Margaret Miller
Hazel Minnich
Errol Russel
Flo Walton

Military

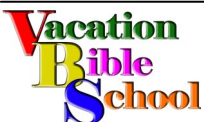
Josh Behler (Air Force)
Keith Drummer (FBI)
Brandon Huntzinger (Army)
Benjamin Kilmer (National Guard)
Kevin Kolbe (Army)
Adam Lawler (Army)
Luke Long (National Guard)

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

Blue Mountain Backpack Program
Celebrate Recovery
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
Prison Ministry
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Schuylkill
Haven & Jonestown

**Community Prayer
Ministry**
Sunday, April 27th @
the Corner 6:15 pm



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 2014 is invited to join us for the next planning meeting at the end of April. (Date TBA). 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 at 570-754-7253 or Tammy 570-739-1647 for more information.



Membership Orientation Classes

Open for anyone interested in becoming a member of Bethesda. Each class is two hours and you **only need to attend one**.

The classes will meet on:
Saturday, April 26th at 1 pm
Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 pm

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

Spring Clean-up
Saturday, April 5th
8 am

