



**May 2014**

**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

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

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT  
 March 2014**

Budgeted	\$86,100.00
Income	\$93,753.00
Expenses	\$84,636.00
*Excludes building fund transfers	

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**.

**SILENT  
 Auction**



**Adult Sunday School  
 Opportunities  
 thru June 29th**



**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 on **Sunday, June 1st**.

**Save the Date: Vacation Bible School 2014  
 Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18  
 Age 4 – completed 5th grade**



**How You Can Help with VBS!**

This is your opportunity to take part in telling children about the good news of Jesus Christ!

**VOLUNTEER:** Your time and talents are in demand! We will find an opportunity for you to use your special skills. Please call Tammy Munster at 570-739-1647 if you want to help decorate, do crafts, play games, make snacks or lead a group. All are welcome at the next planning meeting being held Monday, April 28, 7 pm, in the PLACE.

**DONATE:** Please visit the VBS Vine at the Welcome Counter to pick a leaf! Each leaf contains a craft item that you can donate. Pick at leaf and follow the instructions!

**PRAY:** Ask God to use our volunteers to bring the gospel message to willing hearts. Pray that children are saved into Christ's Kingdom.

**RECRUIT:** Invite the kids in your life to come to Bible School. Your children PLUS children of friends, family, co-workers and neighbors all need to hear about Jesus! Be on the lookout for invitation postcards coming in May.

**# 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** In the elective KING AND KINGDOM led by Steve Minnich in the Library, 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.



**Community Blood Drive  
 May 20th 2-6pm in the Church Library**

Bethesda will once again be sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You can sign up for a time at the Welcome Counter, by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross or visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Your donation could save a life!

Are you interested in finding out what your spiritual gifts are and how you can use



them to help better serve the church and those around you? **Join Brian Perkins and Michelle Svenson for a three week class, *Designed By God* starting Sunday, April 27th at 9:15 am in the Surfer Room.** Sign-ups are available at the Welcome Counter.



**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**  
**May 10th @ 8 am**

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



**Meeting @ Sholls Restaurant, Pine Grove**  
**Saturday, May 10th**  
**Meet there at 4:45 pm**

Come join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship Entertainment will be by Country Gospel singer Dusty!

**May Upcoming Events**

- May 4** - Combined with FUMC
- May 11** - Regular Meeting
- May 18** - No Meeting—Baccalaureate Services
- May 25** - Last Chance Meeting



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



Continue to sell those tickets!! **Moyer's Sub Sale** tickets can be redeemed through Friday, May 31st. If you need more tickets, or need to turn ticket monies in, please call or text Dawn Koch at 691-6457

A **Mission-Minded Kids** program will be held During Junior church on **May 4th**.



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

- May 5** - Out of Anger
- May 12** - To Heaven and Back
- May 19** - Unburdened
- May 26** - Living a Rich Life

**May 11th & 25th**  
**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 ...**

**May 12th** 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.**

For students interested in attending **Twin Pines Summer Camp**, information and registration forms are now available by **contacting Becky Hoover** at 739-1187 or becky@millerbros.com.



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

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*  
 - Philippians 4:13

# PRAYER CONCERNS

May 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

Leon Ainsworth (eye)  
Brenda Bauer (cancer)  
Trudi Bux (cancer)  
Steve Gundrum (aneurysm)  
Sara Houshower (cancer)  
Edith Houtz (recovery)  
Dennis Lauffer (elbow)  
Charlotte McDonald (cancer)  
Jennifer McKenrick (recovery)  
Donna Moyer (recovery)  
Dolly Natale (comfort)  
Bonnie Richards (cancer)  
Mark Sanford (cancer)  
Harold Sausser (recovery)  
Joe Schies (cancer)  
Patsy Weaver (recovery)  
Harry Young (transition)  
Sandy Zanini (recovery)

## Shut-ins

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

## 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)

## Family

Kathy Schaeffer family (transition)  
Kim Wolfe family (loss)

## Congregational

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

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

Jessica Nabholz (Army)  
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)

## Local, National and Global

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

### Prayer Meeting

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



### Community Prayer Ministry

**Sunday, May 25th**  
**@ the Corner 6:15 pm**



### BYM Seeks Adult Help....Stay Tuned!!!

The week of July 6th, BYM has entered into a cooperative effort to serve at both the Blue Mountain Cressona and West Elementary Schools. A variety of interior and exterior work will be arranged for students and adult chaperones to complete this work week. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help during this week of service in our community!!!



**Yard Sale**  
**@ The Social Hall**  
**Fri, May 2nd & Sat, May 3rd**  
**8 am to Noon**

Tables are available for \$7 per table. Sign-ups are available at the Welcome Counter. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Hering 366-2152 or LaVerne Houtz 345-4998.

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