



August 2014

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

What an Amazing Summer!

If you have been here at Bethesda, you know that summers are exciting times in the life of our congregation! Here are just a few things from the past few weeks, just in case you missed them! We had nineteen youth and many volunteers participate in this year's local **WORK CAMP** experience at Blue Mountain Elementary West & Cressona Schools from July 6-11. Students and chaperones slept, had breakfast and supper, as well as devotional and worship times at the church. Following each work day, everyone refreshed themselves in Paul Moyer's pool, then off to Schuylkill Haven High School for showers. Thanks to our several volunteers, who chaperoned, provided meals, and supplied materials and prayer support.

The **Daily Vacation Bible School** was a great success! Over 100 children participated from our community in the Jungle Safari adventure during July 14-18. And no wonder! The church was decorated for maximum effect! The teaching was great! The crafts and recreation were fun! The opening and closing skits, music, and puppets were exciting too! Thanks to our directors Michelle Canfield and Tammy Munster for putting together such a great team of workers.

We are also gearing up to send a **team to Belém, Brazil** to help with the ministry of David and Concé Roof from July 24-August 4. The team will be participating in several ministries: Food distribution to a rural river village in Moju, two days of mini-vacation bible school called Happy Days, and an English Camp for high school and university students that will build connections to the church in Belém. Please pray for their safety, work, and ministry among the people of Brazil!



All Church Family Picnic Sunday, August 17th

Following a combined service, we will start the fun, food and fellowship at the Social Hall. Chicken corn soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, ice cream, peanuts, veggies, watermelon, along with a selection of desserts will be provided. You are welcome to bring something along, but it is not necessary. Dress comfortably for a picnic and bring your lawn chairs. There will be plenty of time for fellowship or just relaxing in the shade of the old oak trees. Games, hayrides and other activities are provided for the children. Contact Joel Holubec, Wayne Blankenhorn or the church office if available to volunteer for one of the teams. We hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT June 2014

Budgeted	\$172,200.00
Income	\$187,070.00
Expenses	\$179,619.00
*Excludes building fund transfers	

Adult Sunday School Opportunities



1 Total Forgiveness: "Once-In-A-While or Lifestyle?" led by Deb Perkins in the Library. You have forgiven an offense, but still feel in conflict with the offender. Can it be possible to receive a "peace that passes all understanding"? This class will probe the scriptures on forgiveness and lead you to what could be a miracle as "blockbuster" as God parting the Red Sea! This class will be based on the book "Total Forgiveness" by R.T.Kendall. Using the story of Joseph's forgiveness, Dr. Kendall presents a 7-step plan to insure the freedom found in forgiveness.

2 Accidental Pharisees led by Tasha Byerly in the Cafe. Following Jesus is not a race to see who can be the most radical, sacrificial, knowledgeable, or burnt out for Jesus. It's simply doing whatever he calls us to do, whether it's radical and crazy or simple and mundane. Nobody talks about it much, but our passion for God can have a dark and dangerous side. Bestselling author Larry Osborne shines a light on the six most common dangers of overzealous faith and then shows us how to avoid them.

If you're seeking to follow Jesus with everything you've got, or if you wonder what has happened to the Jesus who offers rest to the weary and an easier yoke to the overloaded, than this book is for you. You'll find that Jesus' offer still stands.

3 The People Of God Set Priorities - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on... Haggai, Zechariah, I & II Corinthians.

Be on the lookout for **Fall Semester Small Groups** to begin the end of September. Interested church members will be able to pick a small group based on topic, leader, location and time. **Anyone interested in hosting and/or leading a Fall Semester Small Group for six to ten weeks should contact Janet at 739-1109 or Norma at 739-2212.**





Save the Dates!

Ladies Fellowship Breakfast featuring testimonies from some Women of Bethesda will be from **8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant** in Shartlesville. Sign-up sheet and more details to follow.

The **Women's Winter Retreat** will be from **Friday, March 27th thru Sunday, March 29th** at the Kenbrook Retreat Center. **Please mark your calendars now!** Savings banks will be available at and after our Ladies' Breakfast.



Invites you to join us for "Share Fair" A Women's Ministry Event

Come together, encourage each other, pray together, and share ideas and resources. Featuring guest speaker, Julie Henning.

August 9th - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Schuylkill Country Club, Orwigsburg, PA

\$25.00 fee includes lunch. *Diaper Raffle: Bring a pack of diapers to enter our prize drawing!*

Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast August 9th @ 8 am

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



Keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming August events!!

Bethesda's Mommy and Me time is 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 during the spring & summer at Summit View Playground from 10:00-11:00am.** If the weather is bad, meetings will be held in the Nursery.



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.



Anyone interested in helping with the Christmas cantata should sign up by August 17th at the Welcome Counter. Any questions, please contact Terri Smith at 570-345-8884.

Choir practice will begin Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New members are welcome! Please let Terri know if you plan to join so that music will be available for everyone. If you have any questions contact Terri Smith.



Corn & Doggie Roast Saturday, August 9th 5:00 pm at the Social Hall

Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Cost is \$3 per person. Questions? Contact Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.

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



- August 4** - Overcoming Childhood Pain
- August 11** - Why Do They Hate Us?
- August 18** - Encountering God
- August 25** - Bouncing Back
- September 1** - Simplify Your Life



August 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 @ 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.



A Mission-Minded Kids program will be held During Junior church on August 24th.

All articles for events held during September 1st through October 5th, should be submitted by the 10th of August in order to be included in our September 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

August 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 (treatment)
Jeff Bohr (transplant)
Robert Cooper (recovery)
Amanda Ewing (paralysis)
Christin Heim (recovery)
Amy Hoffman (recovery)
Joanie Hollenbach (recovery)
June Humphrey (nebulizer)
Jean Huntzinger (lung surgery)
Eleanor Jamison (recovery)
Tommy Latchett (cancer)
Dan Luckenbill (bursitis)
Mariah Nabholz (recovery)
Charlotte McDonald (cancer)
Dolly Natale (comfort)
Bonnie Richards (cancer)
Joe Schies (cancer)
Marcia Schlosser (recovery)
Terri Smith (recovery)
Alan Veppert (recovery)
Flo Walton (recovery)
David Weaver (recovery)
Patsy Weaver (cancer)
Lois Weiss (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

Nicole & Matt Bailey family (loss)
Sandy Farr family (loss)
Hale family (fire & loss)
Kenneth Dimmer Laubentine family (loss)
Elmer Reed family (loss)
Jaymie Reily family (comfort)

Congregational

Brazil Missions Team
Celebrate Recovery
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
Prison Ministry
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Schuylkill
Haven & Jonestown

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



Community Prayer Ministry

Sunday, August 3rd at 6:15 pm
@ the Corner

Prayer Meeting

Join other church members
to pray for the needs of our
community and congregation.



**Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm in the
Library**



**Sunday,
August 17th**



American Red Cross

Community Blood Drive
August 25th 2-7 pm
in the Library

Bethesda will be sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You can sign up for a time at the Welcome Counter starting August 3rd, by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross, or visiting www.redcrossblood.org. Your donation could save a life!



Join Lisa Delay for a trip to Narnia!
Saturday, August 16th
8:30 am

A trip of refreshment and personal spiritual reflection at the restful oasis in Wernersville (Spiritual Retreat Center). \$15 includes devotional materials, snacks, hot lunch, and beverages. Sign-up at the Welcome Counter by Sunday, August 10th.