



September 2014

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

July 2014

Budgeted	\$198,692.00
Income	\$216,877.00
Expenses	\$212,703.00
*Excludes building fund transfers	



GROW

Bethesda Discipleship Commission

2014 Fall Small Groups

Beginning the week of September 21st

Ending week of November 16th

SUNDAYS

2 to 4 pm **1814 Crazy Horse, Lake Wynonah**

God Heard Their Cry with Ray Vander Laan – Hosted and led by the Svenson's. "Let my people go!" These words still ring with power and clarity after more than 3,000 years. God still seeks to free his people and his world from the chaos that sin has brought to it. Now he invites you, as he invited Israel, the Egyptians, and even Pharaoh, to experience the freedom to serve and worship (*in Hebrew, both words are the same!*) him as the one, true God.

6 to 7:30 pm **411 Stoney Run Road, Chestnut Hill**

Walk as Jesus Walked with Ray Vander Laan – Hosted and led by the Brooks'. The life of faith is not a vague, otherworldly experience. Rather, it is being faithful to God right now, in the place and time in which he has put us. God wants his people in the game, not on the bench! Our mission as Christians today is the same one God gave to the Israelites when they possessed the Promised Land, the same one Jesus gave to his disciples.

MONDAYS

7 to 8:30 pm **1834 Palomino Cove Lake Wynonah**

Proverbs - Learning to Live Wisely Lifeguide Bible Study - Hosted and led by Frank and Madeline Lampon. Proverbs offers practical wisdom for everyday living and provides helpful advice on every aspect both good and bad. Some issues covered are pride, humility, justice, love, lust, friendship and the family. In this study participants will be encouraged to apply God's Word to their life.

TUESDAYS

6:30 to 8 pm **109 Sunset Drive, Bernville**

The Gospel of Mark (Life Lessons) by Max Lucado – Led by Jeff Hain. The drama of Mark's Gospel peaks in Caesarea Philippi. It's a religious mecca. Every major religion can be found here. Temples dot the landscape. Priests stride the streets. You've been asked some important questions. But the grandest of them is an anthill compared to the Everest found in the eighth chapter of Mark. *Who do you say that I am?*

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 to 8 pm **Café Room at church (childcare)**

FOR WOMEN ONLY – Connecting with God's Family – Led by Norma Minnich. God longs for you to have rich, genuine connections with him and a handful of other people. These six sessions will help you connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends. Christ's love makes it possible for you to be known and to know others, to be loved and to love, to resolve conflict effectively, and to move outward together in faith.

6:30 to 8 pm **Youth Room at church (childcare)**

FOR MEN ONLY – 33 The Series: A Man and His Design - Led by Pastor Jeff. Designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. This series explores the basic foundations of God's clear design for men starting with meaningful insights into the current state of manhood, which will help men navigate through some realities that have created cultural confusion. It follows by unfolding God's mandates for all men and offers a clear definition of manhood that will help men on their journey.

SATURDAYS

9 to 10:30 am Bethesda @ the Corner (*Intersection of 443/183*)

Radio talks on Heaven by Dr. David Jeremiah – Hosted and led by Marcia Schlosser. When it comes to heaven, you have questions; the Bible has answers. Heaven is mentioned more than 500 times in Scripture, for God wants us to envision and anticipate the place He's planning for His children. Based on a lifetime of studying the biblical doctrine of heaven, Dr. David Jeremiah provides answers to questions about our heavenly destination. (Note: This group starts on October 4th.)

Call Janet (570-739-1109 or 570-573-9997), Norma (570-739-2122 or 570-617-0931) or the Church Office (570-739-2241) with questions.

Sign-up for a winter small group online at www.bethesdaec.org or at the Welcome Counter.



September Activity information TBA
at a later date. Check the Welcome Counter
after September 1st.



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. Order off the menu. Separate checks. Sign-up at the Welcome Counter by September 14, 2014.

Save the Date!

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.

Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
September 13th @ 8 am



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



Join us **August 31st** for the **BYM Kickoff Party @ Paul Moyer's** from **4:30 - 6:30 pm**. Please wear your swimming suite and bring a drink or snack to share!

Upcoming Events:

- September 1st** - Knoebels
- September 7th** - Regular Meeting
- September 14th** - Regular Meeting
- September 21st** - Out to Lunch Bunch/Regular Meeting
- September 28th** - Regular Meeting



Open to all students age 4 thru 5th grade. **Wednesday nights starting September 24th from 6:30-8:00 pm**

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 will continue to meet every Monday in the Fall at Summit View Playground from 10:00-11:00am.** If the weather is bad, meetings will be held in the Nursery.



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



- September 1** - Simplify Your Life
- September 8** - How to Sniff Out a Scam
- September 15** - What Your Atheist Friend Wants to Know
- September 22** - "Sign Here _____"
- September 29** - My Son Is Gay



September 14th & 28th
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 ... will resume on September 8th
at the home of Cheryl Bender.

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.



*The Lord your God is with you;
he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you,
he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing.*
Zephaniah 3:17

All articles for events held during October 1st through November 2nd, should be submitted by the **10th of September** in order to be included in our **October 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

September 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)
All Bryant (heart)
Robert Cooper (recovery)
Amanda Ewing (paralysis)
Amy Hoffman (recovery)
June Humphrey (nebulizer)
Jean Huntzinger (lung surgery)
Eleanor Jamison (recovery)
Tommy Latchett (cancer)
Mariah Nabholz (recovery)
Charlotte McDonald (cancer)
Dolly Natale (comfort)
Amber Pavalko (treatment)
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)
Tosha Fegley (Air Force)
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 Laubenstine family (loss)
Faye Leese family (loss)
Perkins family (fire loss)
Elmer Reed family (loss)
Jaymie Reily family (comfort)

Congregational

Blue Mtn & Sch. Haven School Districts
Backpack Programs
Celebrate Recovery
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
Prison Ministry
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Schuylkill
Haven & Jonestown

Ardith Luckenbill
M. Jean Luckenbill
Hazel Minnich
Flo Walton
Harry Young

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

Back to School/College
Administrators, Faculty & Students
Church Health, Church Planting,
Leadership, Evangelism, and
Discipleship
Connie Wright, CEF, Schuylkill County
E.C. Church of Liberia, Ebola Outbreak
President Barack Obama
Rev. Bruce Hill, Bishop
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, Sept 28th at 6:15 pm
@ the Corner**



**Promotion
Sunday
September 7th
at 9:15 am**