



October 2014

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

August 2014

Budgeted Income	\$229,600.00
Income	\$241,632.00
Expenses	\$238,459.00
*Excludes building fund transfers	

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES KICK OFF ON SEPTEMBER 24TH!!

Come join us at 6:30 pm as we kick off our Wednesday night ministries! Classes are available for all ages during our Wednesday night programs and childcare is available for children 3 and under.



Open to all students age 4 thru 5th grade.
Meeting in the Common Ground.

FOR WOMEN ONLY - *Connecting with God's Family*

– Led by Norma Minnich in the Café. God longs for you to have rich, genuine connections with him and a handful of other people. This study 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.



FOR MEN ONLY – *33 The Series: A Man and His Design* - Led by Pastor Jeff in the Youth Room.

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.

Choir Practice - Meeting in the Sanctuary. New members are welcome! Please let Terri know if you plan to join so that music will be available for everyone.



Prayer Meeting - Join us in the Library at 7:30 pm to pray for the needs of our community and congregation.



What's For Dinner Wednesday
October 1st & 15th
Dinner served: 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Menu for Oct 1st: Lasagna with tossed salad.
 Hot dogs for the children. Come enjoy the fellowship. Adults \$3.00 Kids \$1.00 (Family cost \$10.00 max) No need to sign-up.

Christmas Cantata practice will begin on Sunday, **October 5th at 4 pm in the Sanctuary**. Please see Terri Smith for your cantata book and rehearsal cd. Any questions, please contact Terri at 570-345-8884 or trsmith53@comcast.net.



Adult Sunday School Opportunities



1 Bible Prophecy - led by Kim Stoudt, in the library. Do you know a lot about Bible prophecy? Whether you do or not, you are sure to learn more in this class about God's plan for the ages. We will look at an overview of prophecy from those that have already been fulfilled to those of the future. The subjects of prophecy that we will study include the nation of Israel, the signs of the end times, the Rapture of the Church, the Tribulation, and Jesus' Second Coming. Among others, we will explore prophecies from Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joel, Zechariah, Matthew, I & II Thessalonians, and of course, Revelation. Bring your Bible and get ready to study the scriptures on a subject you will never forget!

2 Soul Keeping - led by Pastor Jeff in the Café. The soul is NOT "a theological and abstract subject." The soul is the coolest, eeriest, most mysterious, evocative, crucial, sacred, eternal, life-directing, fragile, indestructible, controversial, expensive dimension of your existence. Jesus said it's worth more than the world. You'd be foolish not to prize it above all else. Bestselling author John Ortberg writes another classic that will help you discover your soul and take your relationship with God to the next level.

September 7th - November 30th

3 Sustaining Hope - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on... Job, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel & Habakkuk.



Get ready to stuff a stocking for a child touched by Joe Toy's inner city ministry! More information to follow.

A Mission-Minded Kids program will be held during Junior church on **October 12th**.





Video Presentation & Ice Cream Bar
Saturday, October 18th
6:30 pm in the Library

We invite you to join us for a video presentation on Rodney Keeney's (Les & Joan Mengel's nephew) bicycle trip across the country. Rodney will be on hand to share the highlights of this fascinating trip. The presentation will be followed by an ice cream bar. Questions? Please contact Joan Mengel at 610-488-7304 or Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.



The next **women's planning meeting** will be held on **Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Library**. All women are invited to attend and new ideas are welcome!!



Women's Winter Retreat
 March 27-29, 2015
 Speaker - Jennifer Sands Going
 UNDERCOVER....TO INVESTIGATE

"Suffering Scripturally: The Motives and the Methods"

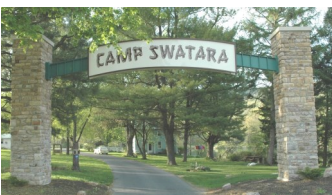
Various participation options available. For more information and savings banks, please visit the Welcome Counter.

Upcoming Events



- October 5th** - Regular Meeting
- October 12th** - Out to Lunch Bunch
- October 18th** - Corn Maze
- October 19th** - Regular Meeting
- October 26th** - Regular Meeting

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.



Bethesda Camp Swatara
Weekend
June 26-28, 2015

There is still one cabin and several camp sites available for our church camping weekend in June of 2015. This is a fun & relaxing time at a Christian campground. We already have deposits from almost everyone that attended this past year. If you think you may be interested, please contact Diane Luckenbill at 570-739-2042.

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



- October 6** - Allergic to Food
- October 13** - The Bible Real? Relevant? Reliable?
- October 20** - Living a Lie. The perils of a double life.
- October 27** - Zombies! What's the fascination?



October 12th & 26th
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 on October 13th & October 27th
 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.



Sunday, Oct 19th



The Pumpkin Patch will take place from **Noon to 6pm** on the Island in Schuylkill Haven. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities as we minister on The Island together. Please see Lynn Koch for more details.

All articles for events held during November 1st through December 7th, should be submitted by the 8th of October in order to be included in our November 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

October 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

All Bryant (heart)
Jael Butler (recovery)
Kendra Burke (recovery)
Cody Carr (kidneys)
Irene Conway (cataracts)
Mike Diamond (recovery)
Amanda Ewing (paralysis)
Al Giles (recovery)
Amy Hoffman (recovery)
Jean Huntzinger (lung surgery)
Tommy Latchett (cancer)
Bill Leymeister (transplant)
Charlotte McDonald (cancer)
Mariah Nabholz (recovery)
Dolly Natale (comfort)
Amber Pavalko (tests)
Mary Rhen (blood pressure)
Joe Schies (cancer)
Maria Stine (cancer)
Alan Veppert (recovery)
Flo Walton (pain)
David Weaver (recovery)
Patsy Weaver (cancer)
Lois Weiss (transition)

Family

Nicole & Matt Bailey family (loss)
Sandy Farr family (loss)
Perkins family (recovery)
Elmer Reed family (loss)
Bonnie Richards 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

Local, National and Global

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

Shut-ins

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

Ardith Luckenbill
M. Jean Luckenbill
Hazel Minnich
Harry Young

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)

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)



**Community Prayer
Ministry**
Sunday, Oct 26th at 6:15 pm
@ the Corner



COMMUNION
do this in
remembrance of me
Sunday,
October 5th

Yard Sale @ The Social Hall
Friday, October 10th & Saturday,
October 11th
8 am to Noon



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