



February 2015

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

Things: New & Improved

In the coming months, our sanctuary environment will be getting some much needed updates. Due to the generous donation of an anonymous donor, a new sound board was able to be purchased that will enhance our abilities with the various features of worship. Often times in the past, settings would need to be altered between services and special events, which would create frustration and challenges for the sound technicians and those giving performances. However, with this upgrade, settings can be quickly adjusted between preset sound control positions.

Another addition in the coming months will be improved lighting for the sanctuary that will enhance the ability to control the intensity of light throughout the sanctuary. Look for these features in the upcoming months.

Lastly, the Operations Commission has been working with the contractor to complete the windows project. We are pleased to report that the project is still in progress despite some complications with the contractor's ability to honor his timeframe for completion. We thank you for your patience in this area.

Once the new windows are installed and the new lighting enhancements are mounted to accompany the improved sound quality and capabilities, we will continue to enjoy the ongoing ministries of worship in better ways.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT December 2015

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$344,400	\$384,573	+\$40,173
Expenses	\$356,464	\$348,419	-\$8,045
To Reserves	\$2,500	\$27,000	+\$24,500

*Excludes building fund transfers

Adult Sunday School Opportunities
Now - March 29th
Gathering @ 9:15 am;
Starting @ 9:30 am



1 Be Hopeful - led by Connie Wright in the Library. A study of First Peter based on a book by Warren Wiersbe and other commentators. We can expect to suffer for our faith, but we can also be hopeful. God's grace is ours for the asking! Suffering in the will of God leads to the glory of God. We can prepare for the best of God's blessings rather than fear the worst of man's hatred.

2 Living For Jesus by Richard Dickey - led by Dean Boyer in the Café. In this class we will be developing an understanding of a worldview or map to show us how to live in the spiritual journey of life. Without a map we tend to wander and stumble along without a real purpose or sense of destiny. We will attempt to define success God's way using His scriptures for our practical day-to-day lives. Our hope is to examine ways God has provided to get closer to Jesus in our daily walk and to hear the words, "well done my good and faithful servant" is the ultimate success.

December 7th – February 22nd

3 Acts of Worship - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on... Psalms, Daniel, Matthew, Luke, John, Ephesians, Hebrews, and James



A **youth membership class** starts on Sunday, January 25th thru March 21st at 4:30 pm in the Library. The class is open to any students in 8th grade or above. Please see Pastor Jeff for more

A **Mission-Minded Kids** program will be held during Junior church on February 8th.



We have **welcomed a new family to Family Hope on January 20th**. If you are **interested in volunteering** to provide meals, or to clean the parsonage, please **signup at the Welcome Counter or online at www.bethesdaec.org/hope**. Questions? Contact Steve Svenson or Pastor Mark.



Do you need help paying your heating bill this winter?



If so, Citizens Oil may be able to help you. Based on income, they are offering 100 free gallons of oil. Contact them at 1-877-563-4645 for an application. Questions, contact Mary Ellen Hering @ 570-366-2152.



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

"Suffering Scripturally: The Motives and the Methods"

Jennifer's teaching is based on Hebrews 11:1 – "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen." She will talk about several reasons why God allows suffering in our lives ("the Motives") and how to deal with our suffering and trials in a Biblical way ("the Methods").

The retreat is located at Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon, PA. it is approximately 25 minutes from the church. Various participation options are available. For more information please visit the Welcome Counter. Sign-up starting January 4th.

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



February 2 - Stem Cells
February 9 - Keeping Love Alive
February 16 - Why God?
February 23 - Make A Difference Now



February 8th & 22nd
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.



Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
February 14th @ 8 am
Friedensburg Country Restaurant (Rt 443)
in Friedensburg. All men are welcome.
There is no need to sign up.

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.



JOY will NOT meet in February, stay tuned for
March meeting details.....

February
Upcoming Events



February 1 - Super Dooper Bowl
Party 6:00 - 9:00 pm)
February 8 - Regular Meeting
February 15 - Out-to-Lunch Bunch (Noon)
February 22 - Theme Nite

BYM is open to all students in 6th—12th grades.
Meeting in the Library



Crochet Circle on February 9th & 23rd
at the home of Cheryl Bender.



Open to all students in Age 4 to 5th grade. Meets on
Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Common

What's For Dinner Wednesday
February 4th & 18th
Dinner served: 5:30 - 6:15 pm



Come enjoy the fellowship. (Adults \$3, Kids \$1, Family cost \$10.00 max). After dinner there are small groups for ladies & men as well as Kidz Klub for the youth. No need to sign-up.

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 in the Nursery from 10:00-11:00am.**



*All articles for events held during March 1st through April 1st, should be submitted by the 9th of February in order to be included in our **March 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

February 2015

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

Louie Blankenhorn (cancer)
Theresa Blatts (psych board tests)
Linda Bollinger (knee)
Lenore Carpio (cancer)
Cody Carr (kidneys)
Emma Chero (nonresponsive)
Bob Degler (recovery)
Amber Dewire (eye)
Mike Diamond (recovery)
Amanda Ewing (paralysis)
Amy Hoffman (recovery)
Jerry Knauf (treatment)
Sarah Kutz (mono)
Dennis Lauffer (shingles)
Rose Linzell (aneurysm)
Bill Leymeister (transplant)
Manny Lopez (recovery)
Mariah Nabholz (recovery)
Dolly Natale (comfort)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Kendra Perry (pain management)
Dwayne Reber (throat cancer)
Paul Reed (recovery)
Dawn Reiter (preventative cancer procedure)
Marcia Schlosser (cancer)
Alan Veppert (recovery)
Flo Walton (pain)
Patsy Weaver (cancer)

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)
Adam Lawler (Army)
Luke Long, Jr. (National Guard)

Doug White (recovery)
Hilda Yeager (recovery)

Family

Mary Brooks family (loss)
Carol Crum family (loss)
Charlotte McDonald family (comfort)
Perkins family (recovery)
Donna Troutman family (loss)
Kacie Mae Watson (birth)

Congregational

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

Ardith Luckenbill
M. Jean Luckenbill
Hazel Minnich
Jim Strouse

Jessica Nabholz (Army)
Nicole Perkins (Army)
Thomas Perkins (Army)
Steven J Russell-Rhen (Army)
Zach Siple (Coast Guard)
Jake Stoudt (Air Force)
Joe Sweigart (Army)

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



Community Prayer Ministry

Sunday, Feb 22nd at 6:15 pm
@ the Corner



Prayer Meeting

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



COMMUNION
do this in
remembrance of me

February 15th