



## March 2015

### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT January 2015

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$28,623	\$24,793	(-\$3,830)
Expenses	\$28,425	\$32,984	+\$4,559
To Reserves	\$192	\$0	(-\$192)

\*Excludes building fund transfers

**Adult Sunday School  
 Opportunities  
 Now - March 29th  
 Gathering at 9:15 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.

**# 3 The Spirit Comes** - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on... Mark, John, Acts, 1 Corinthians, and 1,2,3 John



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.

### Seed Planting

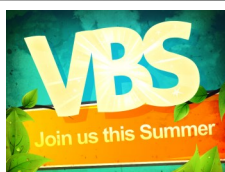


Although in the planning stages, both Schuylkill Haven School District and Schuylkill Haven Borough have each given permission

for BYM to do service work at the schools and around the borough the **week of July 6, 2015**.

Similar to last year, **we will be seeking adult volunteers** to provide meals, help overnight at the church, as well as chaperones during the service days. Stay tuned for more details as they unfold!!!

**Interested in VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?  
 VBS Volunteers Needed!**



Do you want to get involved with planning Vacation Bible School 2015? We need your help! Anyone who has an interest in helping with VBS 2015 is invited to the **first planning meeting on Monday, March 30, 7:00 pm**, in the Library. Learn about the theme and what volunteer opportunities are available. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Use your talents and skills to bring VBS to life! VBS will be held July 13-17. Please call Michelle Canfield at 570-754-7253 or Tammy Munster at 570-739-1647 for more information or to RSVP for the meeting.

### February 27th – 28th



Students will be meeting at Bethesda at 6:00 pm then head to BMMS for some swim time from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Afterwards they will return to the church and begin the **Homeless Endeavor outside of Bethesda – Bedrooms will be cardboard boxes!!!** Students will be **seeking sponsors** with all proceeds benefitting the **Family Hope** ministry.

The annual **Easter egg hunt** will take place on Palm **Sunday, March 29th** immediately following the 10:30 worship service up **at the Social Hall**. All **children up through age 11** are invited to take part in this event! If you care to make a donation of **eggs please have them at the church prior to the 11:30 service**. In the event of bad weather the egg hunt will be canceled and will not be rescheduled. **Feel free to invite a friend.**



We will tentatively be **welcoming our last family of the winter to Family Hope in early March**. If you are **interested in volunteering** to provide meals, drive, or to clean the parsonage, please **signup at the Welcome Counter or online at [www.bethesdaec.org/hope](http://www.bethesdaec.org/hope)**. Questions? Contact Steve Svenson or Pastor Mark.



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").

**Weekend (Friday 6 pm thru Sun 11 am) cost of \$175.00 includes:**

- Two nights in motel style rooms
- Two breakfasts, one lunch and one dinner
- Friday evening group gathering, worship and first speaker session – Jennifer's testimony
- Saturday morning breakfast, worship and second speaker session – teaching
- Saturday afternoon lunch, worship and third speaker session – teaching
- Saturday evening dinner, group adventure, free time
- Sunday morning breakfast, worship, fourth speaker session – teaching

**Day guest (Saturday 9 am to 4 pm) cost of \$23 includes:**

- Saturday morning worship and second speaker session - teaching
- Saturday afternoon lunch, worship and third speaker session –

**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast  
March 14th @ 8 am**

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



**Mystery Night  
Saturday, March 14th**

Join us at 6 pm in the Library for a mysterious night of fun!! Bring a snack to share. Any questions, please contact Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.

**March  
Upcoming Events**



- March 1 - No BYM
- March 8 - Regular Meeting
- March 15 - Out to Lunch Bunch & Regular Meeting
- March 22 - Regular Meeting
- March 29 - WallyBall at the Racquet Club

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

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



- March 2 – Coming Together
- March 9 – ZZZZ... Practical help for getting a better night's sleep
- March 16 – Only One Way to God?
- March 23 – Be Happy
- March 30 – How to Be True to Your Faith



March 9th & 23rd  
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 March 9th & 23rd**  
at the home of Cheryl Bender.

**What's For Dinner Wednesday  
March 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. Nursery available. No need to sign-up.



Open to all students in Age 4 to 5th grade. Meets on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Common Ground** runs through March 18th.

*All articles for events held during April 1st through May 5th, should be submitted by the 11th of March 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 at  
[www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org).**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

March 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

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Louie Blankenhorn (cancer)  
Theresa Blatts (psych board tests)  
Linda Bollinger (knee)  
Donna Boyer (recovery)  
Faith Campbell (recovery)  
Lenore Carpio (cancer)  
Cody Carr (kidneys)  
Emma Chero (nonresponsive)  
Alice Corby (recovery)  
Mike Diamond (recovery)  
Amanda Ewing (paralysis)  
Tina Heim (tests)  
Glenn Heisler (recovery)  
Amy Hoffman (recovery)  
Amanda Kilmer (recovery)  
Jerry Knauf (treatment)  
Dennis Lauffer (shingles)  
Rose Linzell (aneurysm)  
Ruth Little (pneumonia)  
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 (recovery)  
Jason Rhen (recovery)

### Shut-ins

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Margaret Bender  
Dorothy Blankenhorn  
Alice Corby  
Bert Heydt  
Virginia Hoover  
Edith Houtz  
Ardith Luckenbill

### Military

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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)

Marcia Schlosser (cancer)  
Diane Stock (tests)  
Jim Stranix (heart)  
Allyson Tebin (leukemia)  
Alan Veppert (recovery)  
Charles Walton (recovery)  
Flo Walton (pain)  
Patsy Weaver (cancer)

### Family

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Cindy Barnes family (loss)  
Charlotte Blankenhorn family (loss)  
Charlotte McDonald family (comfort)  
Freya Ann Drummer (birth)  
Martha Koenig family (loss)  
Trevor Seibert family (loss)  
Donna Troutman family (loss)  
Kacie Mae Watson (birth)

### Congregational

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Blue Mtn & Sch. Haven School Districts  
Backpack Programs  
Celebrate Recovery  
Family Hope  
Griefshare Ministry  
Lifetree Café  
Prison Ministry

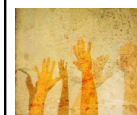
M. Jean Luckenbill  
Francis Miller  
Hazel Minnich  
Joyce Morris  
Jim Strouse  
Hilda Yeager

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

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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  
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Schuylkill  
Haven & Jonestown



**Community Prayer  
Ministry**

**Sunday, March 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.

**A Mission-Minded Kids**  
program will be held during  
Junior church on **March 22nd.**

