



February 2016

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

A NEW CHURCH IN BRAZIL!



From our church planter, David Roof: "It's been quite a journey for our church so far. From the times we used to hold our meetings at my Grandma Teresinha's house to today when we have our own building and we are affiliated to the Igreja Missionária congregation. I think I speak for the whole church when I say that we are more than thankful first of all to God for giving us the space to build our church and the mission to preach his word in Icoaraci, Brazil. And second of all we would like to thank everyone, from deep down in our hearts that has contributed through their time, their money and their prayers to our church so that we could be where we are today. Thank you! God bless everyone



who comes through our church. May it be a place of transformation for those who are lost, strengthening for those who already serve the Lord and never ceasing praise and worship to the one and only true God! God bless you all, amen!"

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT December 2015

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$372,100	\$430,513	\$ 58,413
Expenses	\$371,261	\$352,964	\$18,297
To Reserves	\$2,500	\$80,000	\$ 77,500

*Excludes building fund transfers

Adult Sunday School Opportunities thru February 28th



1 WEIRD!! Because Normal Isn't Working - by Craig Groeschal is led by Dean Boyer in the Library. Normal people are stressed, overwhelmed, and exhausted. Many have strained relationships. Groeschal covers time, money, relationships, sex, and values. If we want to be better than normal, we must move from good intentions to God's intentions. Maybe, it's time for you to get weird.

THANKS FOR FAMILY HOPE HOPE FOR FAMILIES



During the winter of 2014, the leadership of Bethesda approved the implementation of a ministry which would become known as Family Hope. The concept: to use the empty parsonage as a temporary living space for families who were homeless. The hope: meet the basic needs of these families until they found permanent housing. Initially working with *The Community Mission* of Pottsville, we were able to host four families (a total of 18 individuals); then our final family (5 members) was accepted through the ministry of *My Father's House* of Pottsville. **These five (5) families were ministered to by many individuals of Bethesda. It is estimated 570 volunteer slots were filled to help meet the needs of these families – drivers, meal providers, pre-house cleaners, post-house cleaners, dry wallers, and movers.**

2 Be Successful! - by Warren Wiersbe is led by Joel Holubec in the Café. This book looks at I Samuel and the striking contrasts between succeeding God's way and trying to achieve goals by any means necessary. This book examines the life of King David and shares how we can find true success through our character, conduct and lifestyle. Read I Samuel 1-3 for the first class.

3 Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on Pentateuch; Song of Solomon; Hosea; and Gospels.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to this season of ministry – you have impacted the lives of these families, as well as the impact on many agency and ministry workers in the county who were in awe of this effort! We were faithful to the opportunity God presented! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!



Camp Swatara Bethesda EC Church Camporee Weekend

Camp Swatara is a Christian campground with lots of family activities. There is a Splash Pad, large swimming pool with tube slides, bike track, hiking trails, mini golf, canoeing, paddle boating, a gaga pit, and more! A great family get-away at a reasonable cost.

When: June 24th - 26th, 2016

Campsites or cabins are available. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tom and Diane Luckenbill at 570-739-2042 or twluck@verizon.net.



What's For Dinner Wednesday
February 3rd & 17th
Dinner served: 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Menu: To be Announced! Come enjoy the fellowship.
Adults \$3.00 Kids \$1.00 (Family cost \$10.00 max)



Women of Bethesda Annual Retreat
April 1-3, 2016
Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, PA



**The Balancing Act...
 Body, Soul & Spirit
 With Danna Demetre**

Sign-up at the Welcome Counter. For more information, please visit the Welcome Counter or contact Norma Minnich at 570-617-0931.

Attention Ladies!!! Are you interested in getting together to fellowship and meet the other women of Bethesda in a relaxed setting? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!



Starting Saturday, February 6th, (and continuing the 1st Saturday of each month thereafter), we invite you to join us at 9 am at Haag's Hotel, 5661 Old U.S. 22, Shartlesville (just 1 block from Blue Mtn Fam Rest.) for a ladies fellowship breakfast. This will be a relaxed setting, just to mingle, talk and fellowship. Each lady will order off the menu and pay separately. **There is no need to sign-up, just come if you are able!** If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Minnich by e-mailing the church office at office@bethesdaec.org or call 484-294-6765.



Crochet Circle on February 8th - 22nd
 at the home of Cheryl Bender.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 Saturday, February 13th @ 8 am
 Friedensburg Family Restaurant.



Stay tuned for March meeting details.....

Upcoming Events:

2/7 - Super Bowl Party @ Dawn's
 Entry Fee = dessert/snack & drink to share
 3 Meadow Brook Drive, SH - 570.691.6457

2/14 - Movie Night - Church Wide Event (6-8 pm)
 Come see *I'm in Love with a Church Girl*
 Popcorn, penny candy and beverages provided!!!

2/21 - Digging Deeper 6-8 pm

2/26-27 - Caring for Others Event -- More info to follow....

BYM is open to all students in 6th thru 12th grades. Questions should be directed to Dawn Koch at 570-691-6457 or Pastor Mark at 570-573-2824.

Do everything in love. - 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV)



**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.

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



- February 8th** - The Witch Next Door
- February 15th** - Conquering Conflict
- February 22nd** - Loving Those With Cancer
- February 29th** - The Things We Love



Feb 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 for more information.

Do you know of any **repairs or maintenance work that needs to be done around the church but don't know who to tell?** We have now made it easier for you to let the right people know!! **There is a notebook in the church office located in the "Operations Commission" mailbox. Just stop in the office, write in your concern, and it will be looked at during the next meeting.** Questions should be directed to Steve Babb at 570-739-7310.



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NIV)



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



YogaTone

It's yoga and more. You'll be moving on your mat to upbeat music, toning muscles from head to toe and stretching into pure yoga bliss. You'll feel energized and refreshed by the end. **Classes continue Thursdays from 9-10 am and Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 am in the Common Ground. Cost is \$5 per class.** Please contact Melissa Kapushinski at 570-573-5315 or yogafit101@yahoo.com for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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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

Victor Arbushites (cancer)
Deb Babb (eye)
Daniel Behler (recovery)
Butch Blankenhorn (cancer)
Jean Bolton (treatment)
Betty Boyer (memory)
Carol Boyer (recovery)
Faith Campbell (recovery)
Joe Conway (recovery)
Alysa Dejesus (infection)
Ashley Elwood (premature birth)
Fred Fannelli (cancer)
Cindy Freeman (recovery)
Emily Haddix (recovery)
Sandy Hess (recovery)
Brian Irwin (lung cancer)
Linda Krebs (lung cancer)
Phillip Leibensperger (rehab)
Bill Leymeister (transplant)
Andrea Long (tests)
Manny Lopez (memory)
Arlene Moyer (recovery)
Jason Moyer (incarceration)
Brad Murphy (circulation)
Ryleigh Marr (recovery)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Kendra Perry (pain management)
David Saul (cancer)
Kevin Schneck (kidney failure)
Pamela Stanek (chemo)
Diane Stock (cancer)
Tom Stranix (treatment)

Allyson Tebin (leukemia)
Flo Walton (pain)
Patsy Weaver (cancer)

Family

Barry Anthony family (loss)
Leah Berger family (loss)
Joan Luckenbill family (loss)
Charlotte McDonald family (comfort)
Dorothy Natale family (loss)
Carson John Ogden family (birth)
Robert Li Perkins family (birth)
Lori Rothrock family (loss)
Skyler Wesner family (pre-mature birth)
Helen Youse family (comfort)

Congregational

Celebrate Recovery
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
L.I.F.E. Prison Ministry



Prayer Meeting
Join us in **Pastor Jeff's**
Office on Wednesdays
at 7:30 pm to pray for
the needs of our community and
congregation.

Local, National and Global

Church Health, Church Planting,
Leadership, Evangelism, and
Discipleship
CEF, Schuylkill County
Newly Elected Community Associates:
K. Henry, G. Kuehner, L. Cool, J. Byerly
President Barack Obama
Rev. Bruce Hill, Bishop
US Military Forces
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Schuylkill
Haven & Jonestown



Community Prayer
Ministry

Sunday, February 28th at
6:15 pm @ the Corner

Shut-ins

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

M. Jean Luckenbill
Frances Miller
Hazel Minnich
Hilda Yeager
Sandra Zanini

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)
Keith Drummer (FBI)
Tosha Fegley (Air Force)
Benjamin Kilmer (National Guard)
Luke Long, Jr. (National Guard)
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)

All articles for events held during March 1st through April 15th should be submitted by the 10th 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 at www.bethesdaec.org.