



Community Blood Drive  
May 10th 2-7pm in the Library



Bethesda will once again be sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You can **sign up** for a time to donate at the **recruitment table in the hall**, by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross or visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Your donation could save a life! We are **also in need of homemade cookies for this event!**



*What lies beneath?*  
**Vacation Bible School**

Monday, July 11 –

Friday, July 15

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Age 4 – completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade

VBS 2016 will take kids on an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea! As kids submerge themselves in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and dive in to find truth below the surface! Kids will discover the truth that Jesus knows all about them and loves them unconditionally. Bible teaching will explore the way Jesus saw people and examine the truth of the key verse:

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns.*

*See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.— Psalm 139:23-24*

Nightly skits, songs, puppets, crafts, games, and snacks will bring our underwater world to life! Children will earn points by coming to Bible School, bringing friends, and learning bible verses. Points will be redeemed at week's end for awesome prizes!

Register your children for VBS 2016 TODAY! Three convenient ways to register:

- ONLINE: Visit [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org) and click on the Submerged logo.
- Fill out a registration form at the Welcome Counter.
- Call the church office at 570-739-2241.

3rd Annual BYM Yard Sale  
May 7th  
8 am to 12 noon



Come out and support Bethesda Youth Ministry's 3rd annual yard sale. Rain or shine, come out to Bethesda EC Church and recognize this truism—one person's junk is another person's treasure!!!

**Donations are still being accepted and can be placed in the parsonage garage thru May 5th.** If there are any questions, please connect with Pastor Mark at 570-573-2824. All proceeds benefit youth accounts participating in the Kentucky Work Camp.



**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

March 2016

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$96,475	\$117,513	\$21,038
Expenses	\$91,375	\$103,368	\$(11,993)
Reserves	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000



Your time and talents are in demand! Read through the job descriptions below and then sign-up at the Welcome Counter for a job that you think would suit you and your schedule best!

**Decorating Helper:** Do you have an artistic side? Creative juices overflowing? Help us with decorating the church. This job can involve painting, putting together props, or cutting and handling cardboard! This is a job that gets done in the weeks prior to VBS. You can donate as much time as you have – there are decorating opportunities during the weekdays, weeknights and weekends.

**Crafts or Recreation or Snack Helper:** Help the kids enjoy themselves during each rotation. These are good jobs for those that like to stay busy and work with the kids. You could come one night or all the nights of VBS to help. You will help with set-up and clean-up of the area where you are assigned. Crafts - work with kids to complete individual crafts; Recreation - help the children participate in games and other physical activities; Snack - assemble and serve snacks to kids.

**Registration Helper:** This fast-paced job gives you an opportunity to see all the families and children coming to VBS. You would help parents complete registration forms, make name tags, help kids find their group, and share smiles and well wishes with everyone! This job is needed on Monday and Tuesday night of VBS.

**Group Guide:** This is a job for someone who can attend VBS every night! You will be assigned to help guide a group of children (10 -15 kids) through all the VBS rotations. You will be responsible for keeping attendance, teaching nightly bible verses, providing appropriate discipline, and loving each sweet child! You will be paired with at least one other group guide to do this job.



**Women's Spring Fellowship**  
**Friends of the Heart "If the Shoe Fits..."**  
**Sunday, May 15th— 6:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**in the Common Ground**

Friends of the Heart is a trio of women who share God's love through teaching, testimony, drama and song. Bring a friend and join us for a relaxed night of fellowship, light refreshments, and laughs! **Sign-up on-line or at the Welcome Counter by Sunday, May 1st. \*\*Please Note: We are in need of workers to help at this event, if you are interested in serving, please Contact Norma Minnich at 570-617-0931.**

**Ladies Breakfast**

Saturday, May 7th @ 9 am at Haag's Hotel, Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.



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

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

Saturday, May 14th @ 8 am Friedensburg Family Restaurant.



**White Elephant Bingo Fun Night**  
Saturday, May 14th

Join us at 6 pm in the Library for a White Elephant Bingo Fun Night! Please bring a gift and snack to share. Any questions, please contact Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.

Upcoming Events:

- 5/1 - Digging Deeper
- 5/6 & 7 - Yard Sale Prep & Sale
- 5/15 - Digging Deeper
- 5/22 - The Gathering—Kickball Tournament
- 5/28 - BYM Car Show (rain date 5/29)



**2016 Baccalaureate Services**



BMHS—May 15th @ 7 pm BMHS Auditorium  
SHHS—May 22nd @ 4 pm Bethesda EC Church

For students interested in attending **Twin Pines Summer Camp**, information and registration forms are now available by contacting **Becky Hoover** at 570-739-1187 or becky@millerbros.com.



**YogaTone**

You'll be moving on your mat to upbeat music, toning muscles from head to toe and stretching into pure yoga bliss. **Classes continue 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.



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; over-eating; 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)



- May 2 - Dreams and Nightmares
- May 9 - Love Ya, Mom
- May 16 - The Mystery of Autism
- May 23 - Meth
- May 30 - Can This Union Be Saved?



May 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 for more information.

Elderly friends and neighbors in your community are in dire need of friendly faces and willing hands to help with everyday tasks that keep them healthy, improve their quality of life, and maintain their ability to live in the homes they love. You have the ability to be the difference. RSVP of Schuylkill County is now recruiting volunteers aged 55 and above who have kind hearts and some free time and want to help our seniors. Contact them at 570-622-3103 or e-mail cbowen@co.schuylkill.pa.us for more information on these and other volunteer opportunities.



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.

If you or your group are planning to use the church facilities, please call the office, 570-739-2241 so that we can put your event on the calendar. By doing so, this eliminates conflicts and helps us better plan heating/cooling needs.



**Thank you** to all who donated to provide toothbrushes, toothpaste, and chap stick for the **BMSD backpack program!**



## The Leaders of the Ministry Council

This past year had presented us with a challenging exercise for our leadership to make adjustments and cover our critical leadership needs. Our Ministry Council consists of the following officers, financial officers, commission leaders, and members-at-large:

### Officers:

President: Curt Behler  
Vice-President: Mark Hoover  
Secretary: Tim DeLay  
Lay Delegate: Jim Martin  
Alternate Lay Delegate: Marty Stoyer, Jr.

### Financial Officers:

Treasurer: Kathy Wanamaker  
Financial Secretary: Cheryl Bender

### Commission Chairs:

Outreach: Janet Stoyer  
Outreach Assistant: Craig Stine (Member-at-Large)  
Integration: Michelle Canfield  
Discipleship: Steve Minnich  
Missions Assistant: Bill Mills (Member-at-Large)  
Church Life: Joseph Powell  
Operations: Steve Babb  
Prayer Coordinator: Sue Killian (Member-at-Large)

## Ministry Point People Quick Reference Guide

**Apprentice Ministries:** Steve Minnich  
**Benevolence:** Pastor Mark  
**Celebrate Recovery:** Norma Minnich  
**Child Care Coordinator:** Vanessa Minnich  
**Children's Ministries:** Becky Hoover  
**Choir:** Terri Smith  
**Connection/Learning Opportunities:** Joseph Powell  
**Counseling Referrals:** See Pastors  
**Custodial Issues:** Roxanne Seltzer  
**Decorating:** Jody Stine  
**Denominational Relations:** Jim Martin  
**Financial Giving Statements:** Cheryl Bender  
**Financial Peace University:** Mark Hoover  
**Food Pantry:** Steve Babb/Wayne Blankenhorn/Dean Boyer  
**GriefShare:** Paul Moyer  
**Hospitality/Welcome Counter:** Michelle Canfield  
**Information/Communications:** Church Office  
**JOY Fellowship:** Linda Bollinger  
**LifeTree Café:** Janet Stoyer  
**Memorial Gifts:** Cheryl Bender  
**Men's Ministry:** Pastor Jeff  
**Missionary Support:** Connie Wright/Bill Mills  
**Official Church Matters:** Curt Behler  
**Outreach Opportunities:** Janet Stoyer/Craig Stine  
**Pastoral Relations:** Steve Reiter  
**Prayer:** Sue Killian  
**Prison Ministry:** Steve Minnich  
**Property/Vehicles/Insurance:** Steve Babb  
**Small Groups/Triads/Connections:** Steve Minnich  
**Sunday School:** Joel Holubec  
**Use of Facility/Pavilion/Fields:** Church Office  
**Vacation Bible School:** Michelle Canfield/Tammy Munster  
**Website:** Church Office  
**What's For Dinner Wednesday:** Linda Bollinger  
**Women's Ministry:** Norma Minnich  
**Worship-Related:** Michelle Canfield  
**Youth Ministry:** Dawn Koch

## **Bethesda EC Church 2nd Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show Saturday, May 28th, 2016 10 am to 3 pm**

**\$12 PRE-REGISTRATION;  
\$15 DAY OF THE SHOW**



**RAINDATE: SUNDAY, MAY 29TH 2-6 PM**  
Questions? Contact Lisa 484-294-6765

Dash plaques to first 50 registered cars. Music, Door prizes, Food, Bake Sale, and Silent Auction. Special door prizes for pre-registered cars only (see website for more details), so get your registration in early!! Whether you are entering a car, truck, or motorcycle, or just coming to see the sights or enjoy a tasty meal, do not miss this opportunity! All proceeds will benefit participants in the 2016 work camp to Kentucky, July 24-30th.

Pre-Registration Deadline is May 14, 2016

Please return to: Bethesda EC Church, Attn: Lisa Minnich, 155 Reedsville Road, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: "**Bethesda Youth Ministries**" Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bethesda EC Church **will not** be responsible for any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause to persons or property while attending and/or participating in the show.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



# PRAYER CONCERNS

May 2016

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 (treatment)  
Donald Behler (cancer)  
Butch Blankenhorn (cancer)  
Wayne Blankenhorn (recovery)  
Jean Bolton (treatment)  
Betty Boyer (memory)  
Carol Boyer (recovery)  
Joe Conway (recovery)  
Alysa Dejesus (infection)  
Chris Ebling (recovery)  
Fred Fannelli (cancer)  
Jesse Henry (recovery)  
Mary Ellen Hering (teeth)  
Gary Hess (recovery)  
Joel Holubec (recovery)  
Eleanor Jamison (recovery)  
Dorothy Kerschner (recovery)  
Adele Lech (recovery)  
Fred Lehr (recovery)  
Phillip Leibensperger (rehab)  
Bill Leymeister (transplant)  
Andrea Long (tests)  
Manny Lopez (memory)  
Joanne Lowe (comfort)  
Doris Mantz (recovery)  
Doris Motley (rehab)  
Amber Pavalko (recovery)  
Kendra Perry (pain management)  
Dawn Reiter (recovery)  
Roseanne Saul (breathing)  
Kevin Schneck (kidney failure)  
Andrew Schock (cancer)  
Diane Stock (cancer)  
Katelyn Stokes (recovery)  
Jennie Stoltz (diabetes)  
David Strohl (recovery)

## Shut-ins

Margaret Bender  
Dorothy Blankenhorn  
Alice Corby  
Bert Heydt  
Edith Houtz

## Military

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

Allyson Tebin (leukemia)  
Joan Wall (recovery)  
Flo Walton (pain)  
Patsy Weaver (hospice)  
Ashley Wollyung (brain tumor)  
David Wright (recovery)  
Lloyd Yeager (recovery)

## Family

Martha Deibert family (loss)  
Wava Hamilton family (loss)  
Kyle Hatter family (loss)  
Kirt Johnson family (loss)  
Ron Lowe family (loss)  
Charlotte McDonald family (comfort)  
Frances Miller family (loss)  
Leslie Schoffstall family (loss)

## Congregational

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

## Local, National and Global

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



### Prayer Meeting

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



### Community Prayer Ministry

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



Would whoever either borrowed or  
moved the vases from the kitchen  
please return them to the kitchen?  
We need them when we serve  
funeral dinners. Thank you!!

All articles for events held during June 1st through July 15th should be submitted by the 10th of May in order to be included in our June 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).