

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
May 2016**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$163,265	\$186,392	\$23,127
Expenses	\$157,108	\$146,064	\$11,044
Reserves	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000



What lies beneath?
Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 11 –
Friday, July 15
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Age 4 – completed 5th 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:

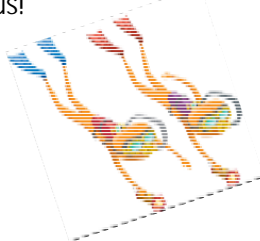
- ONLINE: Visit www.bethesdaec.org and click on the Submerged logo.
- Fill out a registration form at the Welcome Counter.
- Call the church office at 570-739-2241.

You may ask, how can I help?

VOLUNTEER: Your time and talents are in demand! Visit the Welcome Counter to learn about all volunteer opportunities and to sign-up today!

PRAY: Ask God to use our volunteers to bring the gospel message to willing hearts. Pray that children are saved into Christ's Kingdom.

RECRUIT: Invite the kids in your life to come to Bible School. Children of friends, family, co-workers and neighbors all need to hear about Jesus!



VBS Needs Your Help!

Can you donate the items below? Be sure to check the Welcome Counter for more craft and snack donation ideas. **All donations, including monetary, can be turned in at the basket at the Welcome Counter.**

Rec Items Needed:

- Cones
- Buckets (2)
- Water Balloons
- Hula Hoops (2)
- Baby Pools (2)
- Pool Noodles (3)
- Fruit tootsie rolls (variety of flavors - enough for kids to each have a small bag.)
- Sandwich Bags
- Magnet strips
- Construction Paper
- Paper Clips
- Fishing Wire
- Sponges (enough for each team to have 1 for every two players)
- Jump Ropes (at least 2)
- Balloons
- Spray Bottles (2)
- Masking Tape
- Marbles



Craft Items Needed:

- Cardboard rolls from toilet paper
- Old CD's
- Any shade of blue or green streamers
- Bright colored spray paint
- Pool noodles
- Plastic table cloths – any shades of blue, green, yellow
- Paper lanterns
- Monetary gifts





Every Tuesday @ the
Corner 6:30 – 8:00 pm



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.

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.

Save – A – Date!
Saturday, Sept 17, 2016
Ladies' Fall Breakfast at
Blue Mountain Family Restaurant
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Featuring Personal Testimonies

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



July 4 - The Art of Loss
July 11 - Laughter Is the Best Medicine
July 18 - Child Sex Slaves
July 25 - True Beauty

Ladies Monthly Breakfast

All women are welcome, no need to sign-up!
Saturday, **July 2nd @ 9 am** at Haag's Hotel,
Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.



Crochet Circle on July 11th & 25th
at the home of Cheryl Bender.



July 10 & 24
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.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, **July 9th @ 8 am** Friedensburg
Family Restaurant.



Adult Sunday School
Opportunities
Through August 28th!



1 *The Book of Ruth* led by Deb Perkins in the Library.
Based on the teachings of Warren Wiersbe and David Jeremiah by Deb Perkins in the Library. Have you ever been in "Moab"? When we live as Christ-Followers we are not guaranteed an easy life. Throughout our lives we will have times of emptiness, confusion, bitterness and the list goes on. We are tempted to say that God is nowhere to be found in our lives and will want to run away to Moab, a place that seems right to us; a place that meets our immediate needs and desires. We can all agree that the world will gladly offer a vending machine of choices! The lives of Ruth and Naomi can serve as a fail-proof guide to staying on the path that God has laid before us. The path to Bethlehem; the "bread" of life.



"Christmas in July" Dinner
July 9th @ 5:30 pm
in the Common Ground

Entrée of homemade chicken pot pie will be provided, bring a dessert or snack to share. Also, please bring a wrapped white elephant gift. There will be special entertainment. Any questions, please contact Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.

2 *Being Satisfied in the Land Between* led by Tasha Byerly in the Cafe Why is it so hard to find the contented, satisfied life? This course will provide an inspiring and transformative vision for living a deeply contented life in our consumer-driven culture. Whether you possess full closets and empty souls, are equating your self-worth with your net worth, or are traveling through undesired transitions, you can encounter hope, guidance and encouragement on our way toward spiritual growth. God desires to meet us in our chaos so that we encounter his goodness and provision. This study is based on the books *Satisfied* and *The Land Between* written by Jeff Manion.

Upcoming Events:

- 7/1 - Pastor Stewart's first day at Bethesda!!
- 7/9 - VBS Work Day: Assist with decorating beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided!!
- 7/11 to 15 - VBS Week: Submerged
- 7/16 - Welcome Picnic for Pastor Stewart and Joelle & Chili Cook-off @ the Social Hall
- 7/23 to 30 - Big Creek Missions, Bear Branch, KY



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 at Stoyer's Dam.** Cost is \$5 per class. Please contact Melissa Kapushinski at 570-573-5315 or yogafit101@yahoo.com for more information.

3 *Toward A New Creation* - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on ... Zephaniah and Romans.



Church Family Picnic Sunday, August 21st

Our annual church picnic will soon be here; Aug 21st and you are invited! The day is always a lot of fun and includes lots of food and fellowship. Of course to put on such a big picnic requires a lot of volunteers to make it all happen. **Would you be interested in helping with our picnic? If so, please sign-up at the Welcome Counter or on-line @ bethesdaec.org/signup and indicate the area you would like to help. We need help with: serving food and drink, clean up, games and activities, parking and baking cakes.**



Even if you have helped in the past, please sign-up, as we are creating a new volunteer list. Once this list has been compiled, we will contact you with additional information. Yes, it does take some time and work, but I think you will find it to be rewarding and fulfilling as you serve our Lord and one another.

If you have any **questions** please feel free to contact either **Joel Holubec at 610-488-7198** or **Wayne Blankenhorn at 570-739-2533.**

Thank you for your willingness to serve!



The Churches Will Leave Their Buildings

As we mentioned last month, we are once again planning a cooperative outreach event with our sister EC churches from Schuylkill Haven and Cressona. Our plan is to utilize Sunday, October 9th as a combined event where our churches can serve our communities together throughout the day - light repair projects, painting, landscaping, visiting the elderly, and more will take place on this date. Others will help behind the scene as drivers, meal preparers, photographers - the opportunities are endless. We will finish off the day with a combined worship event.

Our goal is to cooperatively serve our community together - that we would learn that we are in this ministry thing together and that our children will learn that church is more than our building or a few hours on Sunday morning - it is the body enlivened on mission to serve!

We are still looking for sites for individuals or families that are financially challenged in non-rental properties. Please pass their contact information on to Pastors Mark or Jeff.

Graduate Update



We inadvertently missed Dane Boyer from our graduate list last month. Please congratulate Dane on his graduation from Schuylkill Haven High School when you see him next!

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

Missionary Corner

Dan and Mary Lynne Wills Wycliffe Support Team North Carolina



Dan - Guest Services Director

- * Pray for more staff in this area and budgets being prepared.
- * Ask for wisdom for Dan as he considers changing one of his roles.

Mary Lynne - Receipts Payable for Reps

- * Keep son Troy in prayers as he recently moved into an apartment about an hour away.
- * Pray for their other son, Justin, who just graduated from University. He plans to take a year off before beginning grad school.
- * Remember Mary Lynne and Dan as they adjust to an empty nest.



Welcome Picnic for Pastor Stewart & Joelle MacDonald and Chili Cook-off

Come and join us on **Saturday, July 16th at 6 pm** at the **Social Hall** for a night of food, fun, and fellowship as we welcome our **new Children & Youth Pastor, Stewart and his wife Joelle, to the Bethesda family!** Our own Larry Baudoin & Jim Munster will provide the entertainment and **we are asking each family to bring a side or dessert to share.** In addition, **for those with the competitive edge, we will also be having our annual Chili Cook Off.**

Please sign-up on-line at bethesdaec.org or at the Welcome Counter to let us know you will be coming as well as **what you will be able to bring as well as if you will be competing in the Chili Cook Off.** Any questions should be directed to the Church Office at 570-739-2241 or office@bethesdaec.org.

We are starting work on the 2016-2017 Church Picture Directory and we need **YOUR help!** We are asking each family to e-mail us or drop off a **RECENT family picture** to the office. We will then



add these pictures to our database program to produce the new directory. **Pictures should be clear and include all members of your family. If possible, jpeg format is preferred, but we can work with other formats as well.** We are asking that all pictures be in the church office no later than **August 1st.** Questions should be directed to the church office at 570-739-2241 or office@bethesdaec.org. **Thank you!**

PRAYER CONCERNS July 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)
 Austin Bolton (recovery)
 Jean Bolton (treatment)
 Betty Boyer (memory)
 Carol Boyer (recovery)
 Joe Conway (recovery)
 Mary Cook (cancer)
 Ellen Cote (cancer)
 Chris Ebling (recovery)
 Fred Fannelli (cancer)
 Bill Harig (recovery)
 Kathy Greene-Hardy (recovery)
 Connie Gossard (shingles)
 Jesse Henry (rehab)
 Mary Ellen Hering (recovery)
 Gary Hess (tests)
 Eleanor Jamison (recovery)
 Andrea Long (tests)
 Manny Lopez (memory)
 Joanne Lowe (comfort)
 Janel Mengel (recovery)
 Erika Minnich (recovery)
 Doris Motley (transition)
 Gary Moyer (back)
 Amber Pavalko (recovery)
 Kendra Perry (pain management)
 Roseanne Saul (breathing)
 Kevin Schneck (kidney failure)
 Andrew Schock (cancer)
 Diane Stock (cancer)
 Jennie Stoltz (diabetes)
 David Strohl (recovery)
 Joan Wall (recovery)
 Flo Walton (pain)

Shut-ins

Margaret Bender
 Dorothy Blankenhorn (recovery)
 Bert Heydt
 Edith Houtz
 Edna Huegal (transition)

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)
 Ryan Brooks (Air Force)
 Keith Drummer (FBI)
 Tosha Fegley (Air Force)
 Benjamin Kilmer (National Guard)
 Jessica Nabholz (Army)

Louis Welsh (testing)
 Ashley Wollyung (brain tumor)

Family

Maggie Arbushites family (wisdom)
 Alice Corby family (loss)
 Morrisine Emerich family (loss)
 Patricia Huneke family (loss)
 Charlotte McDonald family (comfort)
 John Hinkley family (loss)
 Gerald Hoy family (loss)
 Wilbur Killian family (loss)
 Ruth Little Family (transition)
 Glenn Snyder family (loss)
 Norm & Betty Spotts family (transition)
 Patsy Weaver family (loss)
 Sandy Zanini 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
 7:00 pm to pray for the
 needs of our community and
 congregation.



**Community Prayer
 Ministry**

Sunday, July 24th at
 6:15 pm @ the Corner

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