



**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

June 2016

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$192,950	\$212,961	\$20,011
Expenses	\$201,324	\$205,056	(3,732)
Fr. Build Fund	\$17,056	\$0	\$17,056
To Reserves	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000

**Request for Addition to the Budget**



When the pastors met in May with the church leadership concerning the transition of the pastoral positions and hiring another pastor, it was determined that addressing some technology concerns would alleviate some office stress and help to release the pastoral team to better serve the congregation and its leadership. As a result of this ongoing discussion, the Ministry Council will be asking the congregation to approve an additional \$6,000 for the purchase and service contract of a new color copier and \$4,400 for the IT setup and support for the remainder of the end of year. **Because of the size and nature of this request, the church will be holding a brief congregational meeting at the outset of the combined worship service on August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

We appreciate the thorough work of Lisa Minnich, who met with several vendors for IT support and copier purchasing and support. The Ministry Council reviewed her comparisons, and approved new contracts for a color copier and IT support upon the congregation's approval for funding to begin this September.

Where will this money come from? We are experiencing an unforeseen positive financial situation. We have more than enough money in our balances for the year to accomplish this purchase – please refer to the financial snapshot. Additionally, we were able to send a sizeable amount into short-term savings for such a purchase as this, if the need arose. Therefore, the Ministry Council is requesting that \$10,400 be added to the budget for 2016 to make these purchases and help with some much needed support during the overall transition.

**Further details about this information will be presented in the bulletin on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Any further questions about these purchases can be addressed with Pastor Jeff prior to the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.**

**We need your help for the 2016-2017 Church Picture Directory!**



We are asking each family to drop off in the church office, or e-mail us a **RECENT family picture**. 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. A printed picture or 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 **Aug 1st**. Questions should be directed to the church office at 570-739-2241 Thank you!



**Church Family Picnic  
Sunday, August 21st  
12 Noon - 4:00 pm**

Following a combined service, and quick Congregational Meeting, we will start the fun, food and fellowship at the Social Hall. Chicken corn soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, ice cream, peanuts, veggies, watermelon along with a selection of desserts will be provided. You are welcome to bring something along, but it is not necessary. Dress comfortably for a picnic and bring your lawn chairs. There will be plenty of time for fellowship or just relaxing in the shade of the old oak trees. Games, hayrides and other activities are provided for the children.

Please contact Joel Holubec at 610-488-7198, Wayne Blankenhorn at 570-739-2533, or the church office if you are available to volunteer for one of the many teams that make this picnic happen. We hope to see you there!



**A Heart of Gratitude**

A huge thank you to you, the Bethesda congregation, for all of the cards, e-mails, phone calls, and texts (and of course the flash-mob) received over the past several weeks. Your words of encouragement and support have been very uplifting and humbling! Thank you for taking the time to share with me, as well as my family—it is greatly appreciated. We have been truly blessed!!!

- Pastor Mark & Family

Be on the lookout for **Fall Semester Small Groups** to begin the end of September. Those interested in attending will be able to pick a small group based on topic, leader, location and time.



**Anyone interested in hosting and/or leading a Fall Semester Small Group for six to ten weeks should contact Janet at 570-739-1109 or Norma at 570-739-2212.**

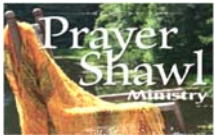
**Community Blood Drive  
August 15th 2-7 pm  
in the Library**



Sign up for a time to donate at the Welcome Counter starting July 31st, by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross, or visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



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)



- August 1 - Hope for Gangs
- August 8 - Facing a Terminal Illness
- August 15 - Border Wars
- August 22 - Give Me a Break!
- August 29 - Trapped

**Ladies Monthly Breakfast**

All women are welcome, no need to sign-up!  
Saturday, **Aug 6th @ 9 am** at **Haag's Hotel**,  
Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.



**Crochet Circle on August 8th & 22nd**  
at the home of Cheryl Bender.



August 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.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

Saturday, **August 13th**  
@ **8 am** Friedensburg Family Restaurant.



**Yard Sale**

@ **The Social Hall**  
**Friday, August 26th & Saturday, August 27th**  
**8 am to Noon**



Tables are available for \$7 per table. Sign-ups are available at the Welcome Counter. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Hering 366-2152 or LaVerne Houtz 345-4998.



**Corn & Doggie Roast**  
**August 13th @ 5:00 pm**

Come join us at the Social Hall for a Corn & Doggie Roast. Please Bring a salad or dessert to share, along with a chair. Open to Adults 18+. Cost is \$3 per person. Any questions? Please contact Linda Bollinger @ 739-4580 or Wayne Blankenhorn @ 739-2533

Upcoming Events:

- August 6th - Disc Golf**
- August 21st - Annual Church Picnic**



BYM is open to all students in 6th thru 12th grades. Questions should be directed to Dawn Koch at 570-691-6457 or Pastor Stewart at 570-789-4952.



**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.

**Missionary Corner**

**Keith Evans**  
DiscipleMakers



**Prayer Requests:**

- \* Pray for the incoming freshman at Gettysburg College that the Lord would begin to prepare them now for when we meet them this fall.
- \* Pray for our staff team as we work through some transitions and delegate roles and responsibilities.
- \* Pray that the Lord would provide the \$750/mo in new support that I need to fulfill my budget.

**Praises:**

- \* That the Lord provided all of the funding that I need to go serve in Belize for a week!
- \* That my first full year with DiscipleMakers has been full of growth and opportunities!
- \* That multiple individuals in our fellowship at Gettysburg College became Christians this past year!

## PRAYER CONCERNS August 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)  
 Jean Bolton (treatment)  
 Betty Boyer (memory)  
 Joe Conway (recovery)  
 Mary Cook (cancer)  
 Ellen Cote (cancer)  
 Fred Fannelli (cancer)  
 Bill Harig (recovery)  
 Jesse Henry (rehab)  
 Gary Hess (tests)  
 Jacob Jamison (recovery)  
 Wesley LeVan (cancer)  
 Andrea Long (tests)  
 Manny Lopez (memory)  
 Ardith Luckenbill (recovery)  
 Marilyn Mattias (sciatica)  
 Janel Mengel (recovery)  
 Erika Minnich (headaches)  
 Doris Motley (transition)  
 Gary Moyer (back)  
 Amber Pavalko (recovery)  
 Kendra Perry (pain management)  
 Natalie Rich (pneumonia 3x)  
 Dave Rothermel (healing)  
 Roseanne Saul (breathing)  
 Kevin Schneck (kidney failure)  
 Andrew Schock (cancer)  
 Diane Stock (cancer)  
 Jennie Stoltz (diabetes)  
 Janet Stoyer (sciatica)  
 David Strohl (recovery)  
 Joan Wall (recovery)  
 Wendy Walter (cancer)  
 Flo Walton (pain)

### Shut-ins

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

### 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)  
 Clyde Yost (brain tumor)

### Family

Maggie Arbushites family (wisdom)  
 Mark & Kirsten Carter family (travel safety)  
 Alice Corby family (loss)  
 Morrisine Emerich family (loss)  
 Patricia Huneke family (loss)  
 Mildred Manbeck family (loss)  
 Charlotte McDonald family (comfort)  
 John Hinkley family (loss)  
 Gerald Hoy family (loss)  
 Wilbur Killian family (loss)  
 Ruth Little Family (transition)  
 Norm & Betty Spotts family (transition)  
 Alexander Michael Vengen (birth)  
 Patsy Weaver family (loss)  
 The Weigly family (loss)  
 Sandy Zanini family (loss)

### Congregational

Big Creek Missions Work Team  
 Celebrate Recovery  
 Griefshare Ministry  
 Lifetree Café  
 L.I.F.E. Prison Ministry

### Local, National and Global

CEF, Schuylkill County  
 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, August 28th at  
 6:15 pm @ the Corner

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