



**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT  
January 2017**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 45,279	\$ 47,254	\$ 1,975
Expenses	\$ 41,562	\$ 33,489	(\$ 8,163)
To Reserves	\$ 3,846	\$ 0	(\$ 3,846)
From Building Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0



**Adult Sunday School  
Opportunities  
Starting March 5th**

**# 1 Mere Christianity** by *C.S. Lewis* led by Jane Baudoin & Tim Delay in the Library. C. S. Lewis was chosen to explain Christianity to a de-stabilized and fearful people. His messages exposed the hope and relevance of Christianity to a largely secular audience. Chosen because he had been an atheist. Lewis provides a sound and easy to follow apologetic for us today in our fearful times. Video sessions and discussion questions cover all of the major themes in Mere Christianity.

**# 2 Crisis 101 Back to Basics: Making Sense of Life... When Life Doesn't Make Sense.** - led by Pastor Mark in the Café. Crisis literally means "the turning point of a disease". It was used by ancient physicians to describe an illness when things can go toward recovery or not. In modern times we use the term to define very difficult, life-changing events in our lives and the lives of others. All of us are either going into a crisis, coming out of one, or in the midst of it right now. We know lots of other people in the same boat. So what do we do? How do we handle those "life-changing" times? And, just as important, how do we help others in crisis? Join us as we go over 10 basic strategies to navigate those troubles and stormy times in our lives. They will help us see that times of crisis can be faith building. We can be victorious and give praise to the One that has delivered us!

**# 3 God Loves Us** - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on ... Psalms; Joel; Jonah; John; Romans; Ephesians and I John.

**What's For Dinner Wednesday  
March 1st  
Dinner Served: 5:30 - 6:15 pm**



Menu to be announced. Come enjoy a hearty meal and fellowship before our Wednesday evening activities. (Adults \$3, Kids \$1, Family cost \$10.00 max). No need to sign-up.



**"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!"**

These words of Jesus found in Matthew 25:23, create a picture of a master affirming the faithful work of a servant. This servant was not lazy, performing the tasks before him with commitment and dedication. And thus we have Joel Holubec, Sunday School Superintendent for just shy of 25 years. It is during this time Joel reflected commitment, dedication, investment, and a passion to make Sunday School the best it could be. Working with assistants, pastors, and teachers, Joel took seriously the role before him, the role of director of the Sunday School ministry at Bethesda EC Church of Reedsville. Thank you Joel, as you step down from this position—well done, good and faithful servant!

As a search continues for the position of Sunday School Superintendent, Pastor Mark and Pastor Stewart will be trying to maintain some consistency to the various aspects and dimensions associated with this position. If you have any concerns or questions pertaining to adult and children's Sunday School, please do not hesitate to connect with one of them. If you feel called to this position, an interest in the role of Sunday School Superintendent, do not hesitate to discuss this possibility with either of these pastors.

**Missionary Corner**

**EC Global Ministries Commission  
& Church Planting**



**EC Global Ministries Commission**

PRAISE God for Randy Sizemore and Pat Strain who provide leadership for this commission.

PRAY for them and other commission members as they make decisions regarding our international ministries and those US missionaries supported through the denomination.

**Church Planting**

PRAISE God for the eight church planting pastors, plus the eight church plants and one church restart/revitalization with which they serve.

PRAY that God will meet their needs and their congregations might grow, not only in size, but in spiritual maturity.

PRAISE for the various missional works in the denomination, including our Lifetree Café @ the Corner.

PRAY that people would be drawn to God through Jesus at these ministries.



**A Mission-Minded Kids program  
will be held during Junior church  
on March 26th.**

Youth membership classes will continue **Sundays, thru March 18th** from 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Surfer Room. This class is open to any students in 8th grade or above. Please see Pastor Jeff for more details.



Open to all students age 4 thru 5th grade. Kidz Klub is held on **Wednesday evenings thru March 8th** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

**Bethesda Youth Ministries**  
Sundays 6 to 8 pm  
in the Library



- March 4 - Glow Bowling
- March 5 - No Meeting
- March 12 - Regular Meeting
- March 19 - Regular Meeting
- March 26 - Regular Meeting

**Glow Bowling** - Leaving the church at 7:30 pm; returning approx. 10:15 am. Cost is \$9 per person.

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



**Southern Gospel Concert featuring the**



**Saturday, March 11th at 6 pm**

March 12th & 26th  
1:30 - 3:30 pm in the 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.



**Mondays 7:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**Bethesda @ the Corner**

- March 6 - Meeting God Face to Face
- March 13 - Financial Freedom
- March 20 - An Unsolved Mystery
- March 27 - Unlocking the Mystery of Music

**Tuesdays @ the Corner**  
6:30 to 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.



The Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, **March 11th** at the Friedensburg Family Restaurant.

**Men of Bethesda - MOB's**

A new movement has been taking place at Bethesda for the past several months—a movement of men!! Come along other men to worship our Heavenly Father and learn more about God's Word (UP); come along other men to fellowship, laugh and share (IN); come along other men to serve those in our church family and surrounding communities in a variety of ways (OUT).

This is your opportunity to step up, in and out with other men as we try to be all we can be for our God, our families, our church, our community, and ourselves.

Stay tuned for more information as MOB's develop, activities are scheduled, and as we try to connect with you.



**"Take Another Step" featuring Denise Grove**  
**Women of Bethesda Annual Retreat**  
**March 31-April 2, 2017**  
**Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, PA**

Denise says that our lives are continually moving and invites us to evaluate the direction they are moving in and **"Take Another Step"**. *Step into Truth:* Learn to get your thought life out of the dumpster and onto the Most High. *Step Out of Disappointment:* Turn your "hope-so's" into "know-so's". *Step into Purpose:* Learn to embrace who you are and where God has you! *Step Out of Isolation:* Explore why we need friendships, what it takes to cultivate them, and how to respond to a friend in crisis.

Full weekend or day guest options available please visit the Welcome Counter for complete details and to **sign-up by Sunday, March 12th**. **Payments must be received by Sunday, March 19th**. Questions or more information, please contact Norma Minnich at 570-691-0931.

**Crochet Circle on March 13th & 27th**  
at the home of Cheryl Bender.



**Ladies Monthly Breakfast**



All women are welcome, no need to sign-up!  
**Saturday, March 4th at 9 am at Haag's Hotel,**  
Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.

*"Under [Christ's] direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body healthy and growing and full of love."*  
- Ephesians 4:16 [NLT]

# PRAYER CONCERNS

March 2017

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 (therapy)  
Daniel Behler (recovery)  
Donald Behler (treatment)  
Bonnie Betz (recovery)  
Angie Blankenhorn (recovery)  
Jeff Brown (recovery)  
Joe Conway (recovery)  
Irene Conway (biopsy)  
Diana Curry (cancer)  
Bethany DuFour (dialysis)  
Lewis Ebert (recovery)  
Donna Evans (cancer)  
Sam Frey (recovery)  
Ed Glunz (surgery 2/27)  
Eileen Goodwin (cancer)  
Brenda Guillory (ALS)  
Emily Haddix (testing)  
Kharizma Harris (testing)  
Gary Hess (discernment)  
Cathy Imschweiler (testing)  
Jacob Jamison (recovery)  
Frances Keefer (recovery)  
Dorothy Kerschner (rehab)  
George Kerschner (transition)  
Ira Kinsel (cancer)  
Sharon Kissinger (recovery)  
Dennis Lauffer (respiratory)  
Andrea Long (tests)  
Larry Luckenbill (testing)  
Jim Martin (recovery)  
Andrew Mollick (recovery)  
Gary Moyer (recovery)  
Lynette Moyer (recovery)  
Brian Muthersbaugh (recovery)  
David Novatnak (cancer)  
Thomas Parnell (testing)  
Amber Pavalko (recovery)  
Michelle Peralta (treatment)  
Kendra Perry (pain management)

Brent Rhen (testing)  
Carol Rolshausen (cancer)  
Dave Rothermel (testing)  
Christine Ryan (recovery)  
Andrew Schock (cancer)  
Diane Stock (cancer)  
Jennie Stoltz (diabetes)  
Dave Strohl (recovery)  
Maria Szumlanski (eyes)  
Ronda Thompson (testing)  
Ellen Turner (recovery)  
Joan Wall (rehab)  
Flo Walton (pain)  
Alan Warner (cancer)  
Tom Wehr (cancer)  
Richard Welker (cancer)

## Family

Maggie Arbushites family (wisdom)  
Butch Blankenhorn family (loss)  
Betty Boyer family (transition)  
Patricia Ebling family (loss)  
Ethan Asher Haynes family (birth)  
Joanna Lauren Kutz family (birth)  
Emmeline Marie Luckenbill (birth)  
Janel Mengel (transition)  
Les Mengel family (loss)  
Charlotte McDonald family (comfort)  
Brad & Shane Murphy family (recovery)  
Roseanne Saul (transition)  
The Schnoke family (transition)  
Strohl family (transition)  
Waschko family (support)  
Clyde Yost family (loss)

## Local, National and Global

Bible Release at BMEW  
CEF, Schuylkill County  
EC Officers:  
Bishop: Rev. Bruce Hill  
Exec Director: K. Henry  
Associates: J. Byerly, L. Cool,  
G. Kuehner, & R. Sizemore  
President Donald J. Trump  
US Military Forces  
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Jonestown  
& Schuylkill Haven

## Congregational

Appalachian Trail Ministry  
Celebrate Recovery  
Coffee @ the Corner  
Griefshare Ministry  
Lifetree Café  
L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries



**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, March 26th**  
at 6:15 pm @ the Corner

## Shut-ins

Margaret Bender  
Dorothy Blankenhorn  
Bert Heydt  
Edith Houtz  
Edna Huegel  
Ruth Liddle

Ardith Luckenbill  
M. Jean Luckenbill  
Hazel Minnich  
Flo Walton  
Hilda Yeager

## Military

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

Nicole Perkins (Army)  
Thomas Perkins (Army)  
Steven J Russell-Rhen (Army)  
Zehn Schropp (Air Force)  
Zach Siple (Coast Guard)  
Jake Stoudt (Air Force)  
Joe Sweigart (Army)



**Camp Swatara Camporee Weekend**  
June 23rd - 25th, 2017

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-a-way at a reasonable cost.

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.

All articles for events held during April 1st through May 15th should be submitted by the 10th of March in order to be included in our April issue. A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org).