

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

Easter Services & Events at Bethesda

Sunday, April 9th - Palm Sunday & Egg Hunt



Thursday April 13th - Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion at 7:00 pm


Friday, April 14th - Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 16th - Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 am and 10:30

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

February 2017

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 81,502	\$ 79,499	(\$ 2,003)
Expenses	\$ 75,057	\$ 60,934	\$ 14,123
To Reserves	\$ 6,923	\$ 0	(\$ 6,923)
Net Gain			\$ 5,197



The annual Easter egg hunt will take place on **Palm Sunday, April 9th** immediately following the 10:30 worship service up at the **Social Hall**. All children up through age 11 are invited to take part in this event! If you care to make a donation of eggs, please have them at the church prior to the 10:30 service. In the event of bad weather the egg hunt will be canceled and will not be rescheduled.

New Outreach Ministries




The Outreach Commission would like to invite you to offer prayer support as two new ministries begin through members of Bethesda EC Church. First is **Coffee @ the Corner**. This outreach effort is to provide free coffee at Bethesda @ the Corner on Saturdays, 6am to noon. The purpose of this opportunity -- to provide a safe place to have dialog and be heard. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Stoyer.

A Thank You for Your Service

A small thank you to two individuals who have been committed and dedicated to their areas of ministry over the past decades. First, a thank you to **Janet Stoyer** who entered into junior/senior high Sunday School teaching over forty years ago. This opened-up many opportunities for her – chaperoning day trips, involvement with mission trips, retreats, service projects, and work camps.



The second ministry is **The Appalachian Trail Ministry**. This outreach effort will be a cooler at the trail-head on **Blue Mountain** (near Rt 183), with the contents being small travel bags of "energy food" and bottled water, with information about the ministries at Bethesda EC Church. If a hiker is interested in attending Sunday services at Bethesda and needs transportation, the contact for pick-up is Craig Stine. Thank you for your continued support of these outreach ministry efforts.



Second, **Kathy Wanamaker** who was the church treasurer for seventeen years. Overseeing accounts, paying bills, payroll and working with all the committees and commissions with the voucher system for payments and reimbursements. Again, a thank you to you both for going over and beyond expectations in each of these positions. Thank you for your selfless service – you each were and will continue to be a blessing to Bethesda EC Church.

Work Team Travels to West Virginia

Please be in prayer for 10 adults from Bethesda EC Church who will be traveling to Lewisburg, WV, from Sunday, April 2nd to Friday, April 7th. The team will be staying at the Rhema Christian Center and working with Mennonite Disaster Relief in the community, recovering from flooding that occurred in June, 2016. Please pray for this team as they work on homes and build relationships with the homeowners of this community.



A **Mission-Minded Kids** program will be held during Junior church on **April 23rd**. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn about local and global missions.



Interested in VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL? VBS Volunteers Needed!

Do you want to get involved with planning Vacation Bible School 2017? We need your help! Anyone who has an interest in helping with VBS 2016 is invited to our first planning meeting on **Monday, April 10th at 7:00 pm**, in the Library. Learn about the theme and what volunteer opportunities are available. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Use your talents and skills to bring VBS to life! VBS will be held July 10-14. Please call Michelle Canfield at 570-754-7253 or Tammy Munster at 570-739-1647 for more information or to RSVP for the meeting.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
- Colossians 3:2 NIV



2016 - 2017 Graduates

Please submit to the office the names of any persons who graduated last fall or will be graduating this Spring from high school or college so that we can recognize them.



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

Bethesda Youth Ministries Sundays 6 to 8 pm in the Library



- April 2 - Regular Meeting
- April 9 - Easter Egg Hunt/Out to Lunch Bunch
- April 16 - No Meeting
- April 23 - Regular Meeting
- April 30 - Regular Meeting

Join us on Sunday April 9th at the Social Hall to help with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children. After the egg hunt we will go to a local restaurant for lunch.

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.



April event to be announced at a later date.

April 9th & 23rd
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

- April 3 - Living After A Suicide
- April 10 - Smile Awhile
- April 17 - Amazing Grace
- April 24 - Class Warfare

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.

What's New for MOB's?



Men of Bethesda are on the move. As we focus at the IN-OUT-UP of ministry, our latest IN was an end-of-the-winter BBQ with Bill Mills sharing his hobby of flintlocks (thanks Bill). We continue to develop a resource list for the OUT - men willing to share their abilities and skills with others in need. Finally, Steve Minnich completed an UP opportunity on March 8th, the last seasonal Wednesday evening men's small group at Bethesda.

Keep your eyes and ears open as another UP opportunity becomes available on Wednesday, April 19th, as a new study is presented - *When I Don't Desire God - How to Fight for Joy* by John Piper. Stay tuned for more details!!!



There will NOT be a Men's Breakfast this month due to Spring Clean-up.



Spring Clean-up
Saturday, April 8th AND
Saturday, April 22nd

This year we will have 2 clean-up dates, the first to do the prep work and the 2nd to mulch. Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, and anything else you feel would be helpful. Both days start at 8 am, come when you can, leave when you must.



Save - A - Date!
Sunday, May 21, 2017

Women's Spring Fellowship at
Bethesda E.C. Church Common Ground
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Featuring Tawn Battiste
Topic "Overcoming Fear"



The Women's Quarterly Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 pm in the Library. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Crochet Circle on April 10th & 24th
at the home of Cheryl Bender.



Ladies Monthly Breakfast
There will NOT be a ladies monthly breakfast in April because of the retreat. The next breakfast will be Saturday, May 6th.

*"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]*

Missionary Corner

Servants to All (My Father's House)
& Open Arms Ministries



Yard Sale
at the Social Hall
Friday & Saturday, April 7th & 8th
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 570-366-2152 or LaVerne Houtz 570-345-4998.

Reedsville Cemetery Association



The Cemetery trustees are encouraging families or individuals to consider the purchase of burial lots to alleviate placing this responsibility on your descendants. Present lot prices are **\$175 for members and \$350 for non-members**. For more information, please see any of the cemetery trustees: Rod Betz, Wayne Blankenhorn, Bob Degler, Harold DeHappart, Glen Heisler, Rich Luckenbill, Jr., or Steve Luckenbill.

Membership Orientation Classes



These classes are open for anyone interested in becoming a member of Bethesda. Each class is two hours and you **only need to attend one**. The classes will meet on:

- Wednesday, May 3rd at 6 pm
- Thursday, May 4th at 6 pm
- Saturday, May 6th at 10 am
- Sunday, May 7th at 1 pm

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Jeff.

Servants to All

PRAISE God for this ministry established in Schuylkill County to help the homeless and those individuals and families struggling within area communities.



PRAY for the paid and volunteer workers who minister to the needs of so many in this County; pray also for the Pottsville locations of My Father's House (day center) and overnight shelter (United Presbyterian Church) – extensions of STA.



Open Arms Ministries

PRAISE God for this ministry focused upon Crisis and Transitional Housing for men. We are grateful for the work of OAM as they work with men struggling with addiction and other crisis issues.

PRAY for the leadership team of this ministry as they meet the needs of those who God brings to their doors for help.

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!



Bethesda EC Church 3rd Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show Saturday, May 27th

The show is sponsored in part by:
Moyer's Car Care
AutoPlus RENTALS
Ark
EXPERIENCE AT EVERY TURN

10 am to 2 pm

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155 REEDSVILLE ROAD, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN

All Proceeds Benefit the Summer 2017

ROUTE 183, ACROSS FROM STATE POLICE BARRACKS

Big Creek Missions Work Team

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 bethesdaec.org for more details), so get your registration in early! **\$12 PRE-REGISTRATION; \$15 DAY OF THE SHOW**. On-line registration is available or mail the form below. Raindate: Sunday, May 28th 2 to 6 pm

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Year: ____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Class: _____

Please make checks payable to: **"Bethesda Youth Ministries"** Questions? Call 484-294-6765. 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: _____

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

April 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

Daniel Behler (recovery)
Donald Behler (treatment)
Bonnie Betz (recovery)
Angie Blankenhorn (recovery)
Ron Bollingcavage (testing)
Jeff Brown (recovery)
Joe Conway (recovery)
Irene Conway (cancer)
Dawn Cooper (recovery)
Diana Curry (cancer)
Bob Daneke, Sr (heart)
Bethany DuFour (dialysis)
Lewis Ebert (recovery)
David Ergler (recovery)
Donna Evans (cancer)
Sam Frey (recovery)
Ed Glunz (recovery)
Eileen Goodwin (cancer)
Brenda Guillory (ALS)
Kharizma Harris (testing)
Gary Hess Sr (recovery)
Noah Holman (recovery)
Jacob Jamison (recovery)
Tom Jones (recovery)
Dorothy Kerschner (recovery)
Ira Kinsel (cancer)
Sharon Kissinger (recovery)
Dennis Lauffer (respiratory)
Andrea Long (tests)
Larry Luckenbill (testing)
Don M (recovery & employment)
Jim Martin (recovery)
Lynette Moyer (recovery)
Brian Muthersbaugh (recovery)
David Novatnak (cancer)
Thomas Parnell (testing)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Kendra Perry (pain management)
Jennifer Rader (pain management)
Kean Riegel (recovery)

Shut-ins

Margaret Bender
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Bert Heydt
Edith Houtz
Ruth Liddle

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

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)
Ryan Brooks (Air Force)
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)

Family

Victor Arbushites family (loss)
Butch Blankenhorn family (loss)
Betty Boyer family (transition)
Nate Chaffee family (loss)
Ethan Asher Haynes family (birth)
Edna Hugel family (loss)
Charlotte McDonald family (comfort)
Janel Mengel (transition)
Les Mengel family (loss)
Brad & Shane Murphy family (recovery)
Roseanne Saul (transition)
The Schnoke family (transition)
Strohl family (transition)
Waschko family (support)

Brent Rhen (testing)
Carol Rolshausen (cancer)
Christine Ryan (recovery)
Andrew Schock (cancer)
Joan Spangler (cancer)
Elise Stine (recovery)
Diane Stock (cancer)
Jennie Stoltz (diabetes)
Dave Strohl (rehab)
Ronda Thompson (testing)
Joan Wall (rehab)
Flo Walton (pain)
Alan Warner (cancer)
Richard Welker (cancer)
David Wright (testing)


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, April 23rd
at 6:15 pm @ the Corner



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