



Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

January 2018

| | Budgeted | Actual | Difference |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Income | \$ 36,911 | \$ 53,110 | \$ 16,199 |
| Expenses | \$ 36,855 | \$ 41,033 | \$ (4,178) |
| Transfers In/Out | \$ 385 | \$ 0 | \$ (385) |

Easter Services & Events at Bethesda

Sunday, March 25th - Palm Sunday 


Thursday, March 29th - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at 7:00 pm

Friday, March 30th - Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 1st - Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:30 am

Before & After School Program Generosity Requested


Beginning *Sunday, March 4th, and continuing to the 18th*, donations will be accepted to financially help single and struggling parents cover costs for before and after school care for their children through the Blue Mountain Recreation Center. Look for the donation display so you can help with this need. **Thank you for your generosity as we assist these families!**

 **Adult Sunday School Opportunities Starting March 4th**

1 Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love - led by *Jane Boudoin in the Cafe*. Do you want to develop your "helping skills" when it comes to walking alongside hurting people? Everyone needs help from time to time, especially in the midst of painful circumstances and difficult trials. Friends can be the best helpers as we share our burdens with one another through gentle words of wisdom and kind acts of love. This class is intended for those eager to see God use ordinary relationships and conversations between ordinary Christians to work in the lives of his people.


2 I Corinthians - led by *Kim Stoudt in the Library*. How mature are you in your faith? Do you possess true, Godly wisdom? How much do you know about Christian liberty, Spiritual gifts, and the Resurrection of the dead? Discover what the apostle Paul had to say to the first century church in Corinth and how the teachings in this epistle are relevant to us today. Join Kim Stoudt in the Library for an in-depth, verse by verse study of the book of I Corinthians. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

3 Acknowledging God - led by *a rotation of leaders in the Sanctuary*. Emphasis will be on Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, 2 Chronicles, Psalms, Luke, John, 2 Corinthians, Hebrews, and Revelation.

VBS 2018 Planning Meeting
Monday, March 26th 

We need your help to make Vacation Bible School a success! VBS 2018 will be held Monday, July 9 -13. **If you want to learn more about how you might help, please attend the VBS planning meeting on Monday, March 26, 7 pm, in the Library.** RSVP to Michelle Canfield at 570-573-2061 or Tammy Munster at 570-573-5370.

This year's theme is GAME ON! Kids will grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments! As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline, our players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another.

 **Work Team Travels to Florida**

Please be in prayer for 15 adults from Bethesda who will be traveling to Fort Myers, FL from **Friday, March 9th to Saturday, March 17th**. The team will be working with Mennonite Disaster Relief in the community, recovering from last year's hurricanes. Please pray for this team as they work on homes and build relationships with the homeowners of this community.

 **What's For Dinner Wednesdays**
March 7th
Dinner served: 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Come enjoy a hearty meal and fellowship before our Wednesday evening activities. (Adults \$3, Kids \$1, Family cost \$10.00 max). Nursery available. Menus will be shared prior to each date. If you are able to bring a dessert it is appreciated!



Standing on the Promises of God
 Women of Bethesda Annual Retreat
 March 23 thru 25, 2018
 Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, PA
 Featuring Tawn Battiste



You may remember Tawn from our 2017 Spring Fellowship! She will share her testimony on Friday evening and share two teaching sessions on Saturday and one on Sunday morning. We will be challenged to identify and confront any *stinkin' thinkin'* that sets itself against the promises of God. We will be encouraged to open the gift of the Holy Spirit daily and keep our minds steadfast with Christ and much more! Plan to share in this time of revival, rejuvenation and restoration together. The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends Sunday morning right before lunch. Day guests are welcome to come from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday to hear two sessions and enjoy times of fellowship. Kenbrook is located just 25 minutes from the church. **Sign up at the Welcome Counter!**



Ladies Monthly Breakfast

All women are welcome, no need to sign-up!
 Saturday, **March 3rd at 9 am at Blue Mountain Family Restaurant**, Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.

Crochet Circle on March 12th & 26th
 at the home of Cheryl Bender.



It's Bunch Time for the Ladies!

Here's another opportunity for ladies and their friends to connect. Starting **Saturday, March 17th at 11 am and continuing on the 3rd Saturday of the month thereafter**, join us for fun fellowship and delicious food at the **Market Square Coffee House, 118 W Market St, Orwigsburg**. Both breakfast and lunch will be available. There is no need to sign up, just come if you are able. For more information, call Cherie at 570-292-6917.



"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."

Missionary Corner
Global Ministries Commission



Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Randy Sizemore will be stepping down as the Global Ministries Associate (GMA) on June 30. Pray for his last board meeting on March 13. Also, pray as a new GMA will be voted on at a March 15 meeting.
- ◆ Pray for Randy and his wife, Carla, as they will be continuing at the Dixon Bethel church in Illinois. Randy will be the lead pastor.
- ◆ Randy will be making a trip to the Japan EC Church to meet with the board of directors for training. Pray for wisdom.

Upcoming Events:



- March 9th thru 17th - MDS Work**
Team, Ft. Myers, FL
- April 7th - Racing Car Fanatic**, Branchdale
- April 14th - Iron Sharpens Iron Conference**, Allentown
- May 6th or 20th - Zipline & High Ropes Course**, Lancaster
- June 2nd - Day at Carlisle Car Show**, Carlisle

Interested in meeting needs in our surrounding communities? Keep your eyes and ears open for service work opportunities (landscaping, minor home repairs, painting, etc....).



Men's Monthly Breakfast, **Saturday, March 10th at 8 am** at Friedensburg Country Restaurant.



JOY Pot-Luck
March 24th - 5 pm
in the Common Ground

"Welcome Back, JOY" as we begin a new year, make this a part of your New Year's resolution, for all those 18 and over, to attend and enjoy fun and fellowship together! Questions? Call Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.

Bethesda Youth Ministries
Students in 5th thru 12th grade



BYM is now split into **BYM Senior** (8th thru 12th grades) which meets **Sundays** in the Library **from 6 to 8 pm** and **BYM Junior** (5th thru 7th grades) meets **Wednesdays** the Surfer Room **from 6:30 to 8 pm**. A complete schedule can be found online at bethesdaec.org/bym.

March Special Events:

- March 18th - BYM Combined Lunch Outing**
- March 25th - BYM Combined**

For more information or to sign-up for an event, please visit the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway. Questions? Contact Pastor Stewart at 570-789-4952 or Dawn Koch at 570-691-6457.



Open to all students in **Age 4 to 4th grade**. Meets on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm** in the **Common Ground**.

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



- March 5th - You've Got A Problem**
- March 12th - In the News**
- March 19th - Dangerous Food**
- March 26th - Do Good Dogs Go to Heaven?**

As we begin planning for our Summer Sunday School programs, **we are in need of individuals willing to teach a Sunday School class; be a helper for the classes; be a helper for Junior Church; and/or lastly to help with childcare during second service.** If you are willing to help in any way whatsoever, **please contact Pastor Stewart at 570-789-4952 as soon as possible.** Planning for these semesters is on-going.



March 11th & 25th
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.



If you or your group would like to use the church facilities, (including the Social Hall), please call the office, 570-739-2241 or e-mail us at

office@bethesdaec.org 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!



For students interested in attending **Twin Pines Summer Camp**, information and registration forms are available by **contacting Pastor Stewart** at 570-789-4952 or smmacdonald@bethesdaec.org.

WANTED

Volunteers Needed for Senior Center

Do you have a passion for older adults? Do you like socializing and bringing people together? **We are looking for individuals who are interested in helping organize an active adult group for Wayne Township and the surrounding communities.** This group would eventually meet in the new community center at 23 Meadowbrook Drive (the former police barracks). **We need volunteers who would spearhead the group by organizing an initial meeting to gauge community interest in the effort and working with human service groups and local authorities to coordinate services.** If this sounds like something that might interest you, please contact Michelle Canfield at 570-573-2061 or mcanfield84@gmail.com.

REWARD

Making a difference in your community by helping others!
PLUS trying something new, building confidence and meeting new people!

Building Expansion News & Updates



The **BEST** and various **Sub Teams** are always looking for those interested in helping with the building expansion. **If you are interested in being a part of this project in any way, please contact the appropriate team leader listed below.**

Building Expansion Steering Team:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Mark Hoover, Co-Chair | 570-739-1187 |
| Steve Reiter, Co-Chair | 570-345-4246 |
| Steve Minnich, Secretary | 570-527-0298 |
| Steve Babb | 570-739-7310 |
| Curt Behler | 717-933-8074 |
| Jeff Byerly | 570-739-2241 |
| Jim Miller Sr | jimsr@millerbros.com |

Team Leaders:

Demolition & Construction Team - Jim Martin 570-345-8528
Facility Usage & Program Team - Michelle Canfield 570-754-7253 & Charlie Killian 570-754-7528
Interior Design & Decoration Team - Norma Minnich 570-617-0931
Communications Team - Lisa Minnich 484-294-6765
Prayer Support Team - Connie Wright 570-573-1450
You Name It Team - Deborah Babb 570-739-7310

PRAYER CONCERNS

March 2018

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

Debb Babb (eyes)
Curt Behler (recovery)
Bonnie Betz (recovery)
Angie Blankenhorn (feet)
Bob Brennan (cancer)
Linda Christman (recovery)
Joe Conway (recovery)
Irene Conway (treatment)
Diana Curry (cancer)
Janene Ditzler (medication)
Adam Drobnick (healing)
Gloria Ebling (cancer)
Donna Evans (cancer)
Gary Farabaugh (recovery)
Becky Frank (recovery)
Chris Garcia (recovery)
Eileen Goodwin (rehab)
Glen Heisler (recovery)
Wayne Herring, Sr (recovery)
Gary Hess (knee)
Michelle Hoy (testing)
Pat Johns (Alzheimer's)
George Kershner (stability)
Wayne Kramer (heart)
Henry Larsen (transplant)
Dennis Lauffer (respiratory)
Leah Lauffer (recovery)
Jim Martin (kidney)
Marilyn Matthias (recovery)
Francis McDonald (recovery)
Darlene Miller (surgery)
Lisa Minnich (testing)
Lynette Moyer (recovery)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Donna Platts (cancer)
Joe Powell (eye)
Jennifer Rader (arthritis)
Harold Rehl (recovery)
Mary Reinhart (recovery)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Hannah Reiter (recovery)
Riley Renjyak (cancer)
Haley Reppert (safety)

Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)
Cara Stine (chiari)
Diane Stock (cancer)
Mary Ann Subalesky (cancer)
Jeanie Stoltz (recovery)
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)
Joan Wall (rehab)
Flo Walton (pain)
Richard Welker (cancer)
Darlene Welsh (thyroid)
Madeline Welsh (recovery)
Randy Wessner (heart)
Maria Wolfe (heart)
Connie Wright (radiation)
Viola Yoder (heart)

Family

Donald Behler family (loss)
Estell Bensinger family (loss)
Richard Blain family (loss)
Kevin William Houtz family (loss)
Raymond Leffler family (loss)
Ralph Maurer family (loss)
Caitlin McGarry family (comfort)
Jenna Murry family (health)
Rafael & Milagros Pacheco family (recovery)
Walter Stutz family (loss)
McKayla Wall family (loss)
Waschko family (support)
Beth Zimmerman family (perseverance)

Local, National and Global

CEF, Schuylkill County
EC Officers:
Bishop: Bruce Hill
Exec Director: K. Henry
Associates: J. Byerly, L. Cool,
G. Kuehner, & R. Sizemore
Hurricane Recovery - TX, LA, PR, & FL
President Donald J. Trump
Vice President Mike Pence
US Military Forces
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Jonestown
& Schuylkill Haven

Congregational

23 Meadowbrook Drive (Barracks)
Celebrate Recovery
Coffee @ the Corner
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries
MDS Work Team - Ft. Myers, 3/9-3/16



Prayer Meeting

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

Fellowship of Prayer
6 pm in the Café
March 11th & 25th



A time of adoration and worship followed by small group prayer focused on specific requests. Everyone is welcome to join this fellowship of prayer. Questions or for more information, please contact Connie Wright at 570-754-2259.

Shut-ins

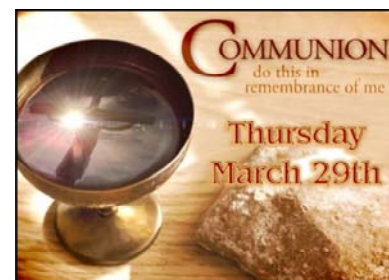
Margaret Bender
Walter Bilger
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Bert Heydt
Edith Houtz
Ruth Liddle

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

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)
Ryan Brooks (Air Force)
Caleb Jennings (Marines)
Issac Long (Coast Guard)
Jeff McNeal (Army)
Nicole Perkins (Army)

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



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.