



Children up to 5th grade are invited to come out to our second Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 17th from 6:45 to 7:45 pm at 23 Meadowbrook Center. There will be lots of FREE candy, games & prizes for the kids. The Summit Station Fire Company will also be out with one of their firetrucks! Trunk or Treating is a fun and safe alternative to Trick or Treating. Children go from car to car to collect candy. Each trunk will be decorated in a unique fashion. Don't forget your costume!!

PARKING: Parking is limited at 23 Meadowbrook Center, therefore parking on-site will be reserved for handicapped and families with strollers on a first come first served basis. Additional parking will be available across the street at the church and fire police will be on hand to provide safe crossing of Rt. 183. Please call 570-739-2241 x225 with any questions.

In order to make this night a success, we need YOU!! We are in need of individuals willing to help with parking, direct the children, and most importantly to provide a decorated trunk and hand out candy! If you are willing to help in any way, please sign up at the Welcome Counter, in a Sunday School classroom, call the office, or visit bethesdaec.org. We also need CANDY to hand out to the children who come. Please drop off your candy donations in the box by the Welcome Counter by October 14th.



THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

The congregation as a whole has started on a journey through *The Story* during Sunday morning worship, Sunday School, and weekday life groups. Part 1 of *The Story* will continue through the end of November, if you have not signed-up, do not hesitate to contact the church office at 570-739-2241 x225 so you can be placed in *The Story* Life Group that best fits your schedule.

Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 am

Mark & Cindy Brooks - 23 Meadowbrook Center Conference Rm (full)
Curt Behler - Bethesda Library
Jeff Hain - Bethesda Café
Maggie Arbushites - Bethesda Surfer Room
Bill Harig, Bill Huey, Lloyd Yeager - Bethesda International Room

Sundays 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Jane Baudoin - 23 Meadowbrook Center Conference Room

Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Norma & Steve Minnich - Bethesda Library

Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Janet Stoyer - 951 Lone Star Drive, Auburn

Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Jeff & Tasha Byerly - 25 Meadowbrook Drive, Schuylkill Haven (full)



Stuff a Stocking for Joe Toy's Sidewalk Sunday School Kids

Be sure to pick up a stocking (or two) at the Welcome Counter to fill for missionary Joe Toy's Sidewalk Sunday School kids. Please return filled stockings to the Welcome Counter by Sunday, October 21st.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

Life groups along with children and youth groups are available at various times throughout the week. See bethesdaec.org for more information.

women of Bethesda

healthy, growing & full of love

Savings Banks are now available at the Welcome Counter for the **Spring Ladies Retreat**. Pick yours up TODAY to start saving for this great event!!



Ladies Monthly Breakfast

All women are welcome, no need to sign-up!
Saturday, **October 6th at 9 am at Blue Mountain Family Restaurant**, Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.

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



Join us for fun fellowship and delicious food at the **Market Square Coffee House**, 118 W Market St, Orwigsburg on **Saturday, October 20th at 11 am**. Breakfast and lunch are available. 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."

MOB

MEN OF BETHESDA

Opportunities all around you:

The Story life groups
The Church Has Left the Building 10/14/18
Future MOB's Service Opportunities!



Men's Monthly Breakfast, **Saturday, October 13th at 8 am** at Friedensburg Country Restaurant.



Uganda
Saturday, **October 20th at 6:00 pm**
in the Library

All adults 18+ are invited to join us. Rich Nickel will be speaking and presenting slides on his trip to Uganda. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. Questions? Call Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.



What's For Dinner Wednesdays
October 3rd & 24th
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!

Bethesda Youth Ministries

Students in 5th thru 12th grade

October Schedule



October 5th thru 7th - Fall Retreat (No BYM (10/7)
October 13th - BYM Connections at the Powell's
October 14th - No Meeting - TCHLTB
October 17th - Volunteer to help with Trunk or Treat!
October 21st - Regular Meeting (6-8 pm in the Common Ground)
October 28th - Regular Meeting (6-8 pm in the Common Ground)

Any questions, contact Pastor Stewart at 570-739-2241 x223.



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

Please Note: There Kidz Klub will not meet on 10/17 so that you may come to Trunk or Treat as a family!

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.



October 14th & 28th
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



October 1st - A Family Divided
October 8th - Dr. Danger
October 15th - Life's Myths
October 22nd - If Only
October 29th - Encountering God



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



Meadowbrook Center is now available to rent for your next event! Please contact the office at 570-739-2241 x225 for pricing and available dates.

THANK YOU FOR...
 Volunteering with The Church Has Left the Building!
 Taking place **Sunday, October 14th** volunteers from Bethesda and Grace EC Churches will invade homes and properties in the communities surrounding our churches to do yard work, painting and repairs. Please signup online, at the Welcome Counter, or in a Sunday School Classroom.



Missionary Corner
 Joe Toy - Open Air Ministries

Praise God with Joe for all of the ministry opportunities this past summer, including beach evangelism and distribution of school backpacks to inner-city kids. **Pray** that those who gave their lives to Christ will continue to grow in Him.

Pray for the opportunities that Joe has to share the gospel this fall; college campuses, subway stations, on the streets, etc.

Pray for the Christmas stocking outreach in December. **Don't forget to stuff a stocking!!**

“Rejoice always.” - I Thessalonians 5:16



The leadership and youth of BYM want to extend a heartfelt **thank you to Roger Steffy** for serving the youth ministry over the past 2 years. From his crazy games to the heart that he showed for all the young people at Bethesda, we just want to recognize him for all the time and effort that he gave. We also want to wish him the best in his future service here at Bethesda!



Sign-ups to be a part of the Christmas Cantata will continue through, **September 23rd**. If you are interested in being a part of this event and have not yet signed up, please do so **TODAY!!!**

Practices will begin, **Sunday, October 21st** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Cantata will be on **Sunday, December 16th** at 3 pm with a snow date of Sunday, December 23rd at 4 pm.

Choir practice are held weekly on **Wednesdays** at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New members are welcome! Contact Kim Stoudt for more information.



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
 August 2018

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 297,042	\$ 309,927	\$ 12,885
Expenses	\$ 294,745	\$ 274,352	(\$ 20,393)
23 MBC Building + Transitional Costs	\$ 340,000	\$283,053	(\$ 56,947)



Yard Sale at the Social Hall
 Friday & Saturday, October 12th & 13th
 8 am to Noon

Tables are available for \$7 per table. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Hering at 570-366-2152 or LaVerne Houtz at 570-345-4998.

Wayne Township Senior Group
 23 Meadowbrook Center
 October Events

- October 3rd - Chicken & Tuna Salad Sandwiches - BINGO!
- October 10th - Soup & Sandwiches - STS Program
- October 12th - Movie Night “I Can Only Imagine”
- October 17th - Breakfast for Lunch - Cards
- October 23rd - Aprise Medicare Counseling
- October 24th - Half Wrap & Macaroni Salad - Program on Organ Donation
- October 27th - Board Game Challenge & Pizza
- October 31st - Halloween Social - Boo Barbeque & Terrifying Tater Tots - Halloween Games

Diakon also offers Body Tone & Stretch, Chair Yoga, and Zumba Gold classes throughout the week. Please call Diakon directly at 570-624-3018 for more information.

There will also be a Watercolor Painting 4 week class starting Friday, October 5th. Cost is \$50 for all 4 weeks. For more information on any of these events, please visit 23meadowbrook.org or call 570-739-2241 x225.



Church Directory
 UPDATE

During the months of October & November we will be

working to update your information for our records to produce our new church directory. Keep an eye out for a mailing asking you to check your current information on file. Please review your information and return any changes to the office as soon as possible. If your family's picture was not included in last year's directory and you would like it included this year, or if you would like a different picture in the directory, please contact the church office at office@bethesdaec.org or call 570-739-2241x225

PRAYER CONCERNS

October 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

Emily Babb (guidance)
Loretta Behler (treatment)
Bonnie Betz (recovery)
Angie Blankenhorn (feet)
Dave Bondura (eye)
Rob Boyer (heart)
Mary Jo Brennan (cancer)
Marie Canfield (treatment)
Margarita Del Valle (cancer)
Janene Ditzler (treatment)
Robert Donton (recovery)
Adam Drobnick (healing)
Gloria Ebling (cancer)
Ron Emerich (heart)
Chris Garcia (recovery)
Eileen Goodwin (treatment)
Abby Gregory (pneumonia)
Jeff Hain (treatment)
Gary Hess (recovery)
Michelle Hoy (treatment)
Eleanor Jamison (surgery 10/3)
Mary Elizabeth Killian (recovery)
Destie Kisamore (kidney)
Manny Lopez (testing)
Jim Martin (recovery)
Jen Matz (testing)
Linda Mentzel (cancer)
Jake Miller (recovery)
Brandon Moyer (treatment)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Donna Platts (cancer)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Mary Rhen (heart)
Jessica Reinhart (treatment)
Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)
Cara Stine (treatment)
Elise Stine (shoulder)
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)
Flo Walton (recovery)
Richard Welker (cancer)
Viola Wright (legs)
Jean Zalonka (hospice)

Family

Colleen Beaumont family (loss)
Bob Brennan family (loss)
Albert Brooks family (loss)
Phillip Christman family (transition)
Hailey Grace Cochran family (birth)
Eddy family (health)
Dorothy Geschwindt (hospice)
Brett & Kimberly Gordon (marriage)
Gerald Knauf (transition)
Dennis Lauffer family (health issues)
Brent Martin family (loss)
Noreen Muthersbaugh family (loss)
Jessica Schneck family (health)
Cindy Smith family (transition)
Christopher Stofko family (loss)
Waschko family (support)
Judy Wessner family (loss)
Beth Zimmerman family (perseverance)



Local, National and Global

EC Officers:
Bishop: Bruce Hill
Exec Director: K. Henry
Associates: J. Byerly, L. Cool,
G. Kuehner, & T. Rathman
Hurricane Recovery - NC, SC
President Donald J. Trump
Vice President Mike Pence
US Military Forces
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Jonestown
& Schuylkill Haven
Schuylkill County flooding

Congregational

23 Meadowbrook Center
Celebrate Recovery
Coffee @ the Corner
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries
The Story

Shut-ins

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

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

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)
Ryan Brooks (Air Force)
Kaleb Jennings (Marines)
Jeff McNeil (Army) - (training)
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)

Fellowship of Prayer
6 pm in the Café - October 26th



A time of adoration and worship followed by small group prayer focused on specific requests.

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