



**congregational meeting**

**Sunday, December 2nd, 2018**

All church members are asked to attend this meeting where important discussions will take place to shape the 2019 ministries of Bethesda.

Sunday School: 9:15 am  
 Combined Worship Service: 10:30 am  
 Meal: 11:30 am (please bring a dish to share)  
 Meeting: 12:30 pm

**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](http://bethesdaec.org) for more information.

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**  
 September 2018

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 340,724	\$ 349,876	\$ 9,152
Expenses	\$ 338,090	\$ 306,794	(\$ 31,296)
23 MBC Building + Transitional Costs	\$ 340,000	\$ 301,242	(\$ 38,758)

**FALL CLEAN-UP**

Saturday, November 17th  
8:00 am

Grab your rakes and come help prepare the grounds for winter.

**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**. All Classes will be held in the Conference Room at 23 Meadowbrook Center. The classes will meet on:

Sunday, October 28th at 2 pm  
 Tuesday, October 30th at 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday, October 31st at 6:30 pm  
 Saturday, November 3rd at 10:00 am

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

**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 & Doug White- 23 Meadowbrook Center Conference Rm

**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)

**Christmas Card Distribution by BYM**  
 Sunday, November 25th thru  
 Wednesday, December 12th

BYM will be collecting Christmas Cards for distribution within the congregation of Bethesda. Simply place your cards in the mailbox located outside the upper, single door entrance of the church – we will take care of the rest. If you would like to make a donation in place of stamps to Bethesda Youth Ministries, it would be greatly appreciated!!!

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

**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, **November 3rd** at 9 am at **Blue Mountain Family Restaurant**, Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.

**Crochet Circle on November 12th & 26th**  
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, November 17th** 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  
Future MOB's Service Opportunities!



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



**Game Night**  
**Saturday, November 10th** at 6:00 pm  
in the Library

All adults 18+ are invited to join us. No need to sign up. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. Questions? Call Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.



**What's For Dinner Wednesdays**  
**November 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. If you are able to bring a dessert it is appreciated!

**Bethesda Youth Ministries**  
**Students in 5th thru 12th grade**  
**November Schedule**



**November 4th** - Regular BYM (6-8pm in the Common Ground)  
**November 11th** - BYM Connections at the Munster's  
**November 17th** - BYM Bonfire at the Social Hall  
**November 18th** - Regular BYM (6-8pm in the Common Ground)  
**November 18th** - Winter Thaw Sign up Begins  
**November 23rd** - Ozzy's FAT Lock-in  
**November 25th** - Christmas Card Collection Begins  
**November 25th** - NO BYM

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: **Kidz Klub** will end **November 14th** and resume on **January 2nd**

**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.



**November 18th & 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.



There will be special presentations of Griefshare to help those dealing with grief during the holidays. They will be

**Tuesday, November 20th** at 7 pm in the Library and  
**Sunday, December 23rd** at 1:30 pm in the Library.

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



**November 5th** - Bouncing Back  
**November 12th** - Saluting Those Who Serve  
**November 19th** - The Bible  
**November 26th** - Overcoming Childhood Pain



## THANK YOU ...

To those who volunteered with The Church Has Left the Building on Sunday, October 14th! There were 110 people invading homes and properties in the communities surrounding our churches doing yard work, painting and repairs.



Cantata practices will continue through, Sunday, December 9th 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.



### A Message from the Financial Secretary

It is hard to believe that we will soon be approaching the final quarter of the year. To that extent, come November I will begin the process of assigning and re-assigning offering envelopes for 2019. By having an assigned number, I am able to provide you with a detailed giving statement at year-end which is useful to us as a tax deduction or simply to keep track of your giving. You do not have to be a member of Bethesda to have an assigned number. If you want an assigned number and you currently do not have one, please leave me a message in my church mailbox, (located in Pastor Mark's former office), call my home at 570-739-4441 and leave me a message if I am not there, or send me an e-mail at [cherylbender@verizon.net](mailto:cherylbender@verizon.net). Also, if you are currently have an assigned number and you no longer want one, please let me know. Finally, if you have any unused envelopes, do not toss them. Please return them to me and I will recycle them to be used as pew envelopes.

Cheryl Bender, Financial Secretary

### Wayne Township Senior Group 23 Meadowbrook Center November Events

November 7th - Baked Ziti - BINGO!  
November 9th - Movie Night  
November 14th - Thanksgiving for Lunch - Slideshow Presentation  
November 21st - CLOSED  
November 28th - Chicken Pot Pie - DIY Christmas Decoration

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.

For more information on any of these events, please visit [23meadowbrook.org](http://23meadowbrook.org) or call 570-739-2241 x225.

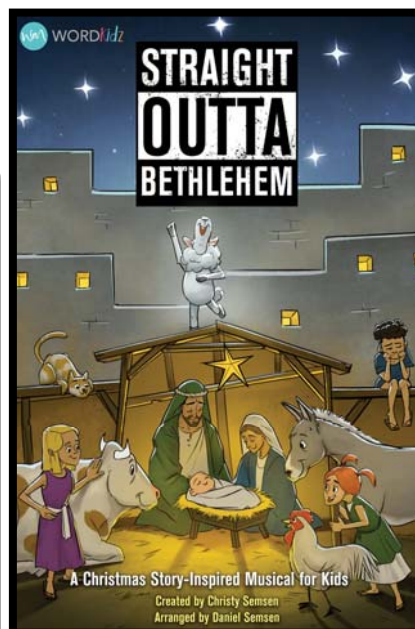
## Missionary Corner Life Prison Ministry & TUMI



Pray for :

- Continued success for the class at Rockview and for Chaplain Reitz
- For Wilda at SCI Schuylkill and Alternates to Violence
- For Steve to get involved at SCI Mahanoy
- For LIFE board meeting October 28th

“Rejoice always.” - I Thessalonians 5:16



Children's  
Christmas  
Musical  
Sunday,  
December  
9th at  
9:15 am

Church Directory

UPDATE



During the month of 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](mailto:office@bethesdaec.org) or call 570-739-2241x225



## PRAYER CONCERNS

November 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)  
Dorothy Blankenhorn (pulmonary)  
Dave Bondura (eye)  
Rob Boyer (heart)  
Mary Jo Brennan (cancer)  
Marie Canfield (treatment)  
Eiler Coleman (pulmonary)  
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)  
Michelle Hoy (treatment)  
Eleanor Jamison (recovery)  
Destie Kisamore (kidney)  
Manny Lopez (testing)  
Jim Martin (recovery)  
Jen Matz (testing)  
Jessye McNeil (recovery)  
Linda Mentzel (cancer)  
Jake Miller (recovery)  
Brandon Moyer (treatment)  
Amber Pavalko (recovery)  
Donna Platts (cancer)  
Dawn Reiter (testing)  
Mary Rhen (heart)  
Jessica Reinhart (treatment)  
David and Carrie Schauers (marriage)  
Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)  
Cara Stine (treatment)  
Elise Stine (shoulder)  
Michelle Svenson (surgery)  
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)  
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)  
Flo Walton (recovery)  
Richard Welker (cancer)  
Jean Zalonka (hospice)

### Shut-ins

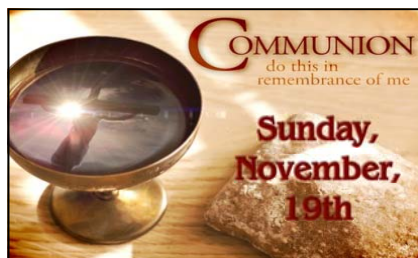
Margaret Bender  
Walter Bilger  
Dorothy Blankenhorn  
Bert Heydt  
Edith Houtz  
Gerald Knauf  
Ruth Liddle

### Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)  
Ryan Brooks (Air Force)  
Kaleb Jennings (Marines)  
Jeff McNeil (Army)  
Nicole Perkins (Army)  
Thomas Perkins (Army)

### Family

Miriam Bazar Family (loss)  
Colleen Beaumont family (loss)  
Bob Brennan family (loss)  
Phillip Christman family (transition)  
Eddy family (health)  
Dorothy Geschwindt (loss)  
Brett & Kimberly Gordon (marriage)  
Dennis Lauffer family (health issues)  
Brent Martin family (loss)  
Jessica Schneck family (health)  
Cindy Smith family (transition)  
Stover Family (family challenges)  
Waschko family (support)  
Judy Wessner family (loss)  
Viola Wright 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*

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



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

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

Ardeth Luckenbill  
M. Jean Luckenbill  
Sharon Kissinger  
Hazel Minnich  
Ron and Karen Roundtree  
Flo Walton  
Hilda Yeager

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