



February 2019

Bethesda Youth Ministries Students in 5th thru 12th grade February Schedule



- February 2nd - Winter Crafternoon 1-4 pm in Common Ground
- February 3rd - No BYM meeting
- February 10th - BYM Connections 12:30 at the DeLay Residence (no regular BYM meeting)
- February 15-17th - Winter Thaw Retreat (no BYM on 2/17)
- February 24th - Regular BYM (6-8 pm in Common Ground)

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



Youth Membership Classes will be starting on Saturday, February 2nd thru March 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Library. This class is open to students in 8th grade or above. Please see Pastor Jeff for more details.



Kidz Klub is open to all students ages 4 thru 4th grade. It takes place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in Common Ground.



New Approach to Sunday School

We are planting seeds of change and newness as we approach the Lenten break from *The Story*.

Beginning Sunday, March 10th and ending Sunday, April 21st, all adults will meet in the sanctuary for presentations offered by Sarah Bollinger (Evangelical Seminary) and Jim Price (EC District Facilitator). From 9:00-9:30 am a time of fellowship will take place in the Library, followed by a time of presentation in the sanctuary from 9:30-10:15 am



What's For Dinner Wednesday
February 6th & 20th
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!

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.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT Year End 2018

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 482,432.00	\$ 465,369.00	(\$ 17,063.00)
Expenses	\$ 477,359.00	\$ 428,336.00	\$ 49,023.00
To Reserves	\$13,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
	Total	Actual	Remainder
From Building Fund	\$ 377,150.00	\$ 355,331.00	\$ 21,819.00



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 2 of *The Story* will continue through March 3rd, 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)

Prayer Meeting

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





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, February 2nd at 9 am at Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.



Crochet Circle on February 11th and 25th
 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, February 16th at 11:30 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."

Women of Bethesda Annual Retreat
 March 29, 30, 31, 2019
 Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, PA



Ready for Adventure



Session 1: Preparing for the Adventure
 Session 2: Love
 Session 3: Strength
 Session 4: Laughter

Serving in ministry for over thirty years, Becky Towes has studied the Bible extensively, including tutelage under the late Dr. Francis Schaffer in Switzerland in 1977. As a pastor's wife and mother of two, she understands what inspires people and what struggles are. She teaches Public Speaking at Lancaster Bible College in Lancaster, PA. In addition to *Between the Lamp Posts* and *Virgin Snow*, she is the author of *The Role of Women*, a study of women's roles in the home and church.

Visit the Welcome Counter for more information and to sign up!

Tuesdays at Bethesda EC Church 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.

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." - Colossians 3:14



February 10th & 24th
 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.



**Wayne Township Senior Group
 23 Meadowbrook Center**



February Events

- February 6th - Ham Sandwich and Soup - Bingo!
- February 13th - Ham, string beans and tossed salad - Reading Pretzel City Nuggets
- February 20th - Turkey Sandwich and Soup - Bring you favorite board game
- February 27th - Meatball Sandwich and Fruit Salad - Exercise fundamentals; Jennifer Wagner from Diakon.

Diakon also offers 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 www.23meadowbrook.org or call 570-739-2241 x225.

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 as follows:

\$175 for members \$350 for non-members.

For more information, please see any of the cemetery trustees: Rod Betz, Wayne Blankenhorn, Bob Degler, Glen Heisler, Rich Luckenbill Jr., Steve Luckenbill, and Alan Woomert.

Cemetery Caretakers are presently looking for those individuals able to assist in grass cutting and/or utilizing weed trimmer around monuments. This position is available to those who are 18 years of age and older and it is a "paid" position. If interested contact one of the above trustees.

Missionary Corner

Robert & Bettina Schaeffer
NY, NY



Praise God for 20 years of ministry as missionaries, helping men and women to find freedom from sexual bondage

Pray for ongoing strength and spiritual wisdom as we serve in counseling and teaching roles

Work Team Opportunities

Throughout the Summer of 2018, there were several Schuylkill County communities ravaged by residential flooding. Use your abilities, skills and talents as we share our desire to serve others who need assistance with their recovery process. Stay tuned for more information and sign-ups as we send work teams into the Ashland, Pottsville, Tower City, and Tremont areas.



Work Week 2019

As we look forward to a work week experience, we will be staying right here in Schuylkill County. Due to the 1,000 year flooding that impacted several eastern states, instead of going to Florida, North Carolina, or South Carolina this year's work team experience will stay right in our own state and county. Working with Schuylkill County's VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster), come join our efforts Monday, April 8th through Friday April 12th as we assist residents in flood recovery. Come volunteer 1, 2, 3, 4 days or make it a full week. Sleep in your own bed each night. Be home each evening to mow your own lawn, coach your child's team or just spend time with your family. Make a difference in your own county. Mark your calendars and then stay tuned for more details in the weeks ahead!!!



Opportunities all around you:

The Story life groups

Future MOB's Service Opportunities!



Men's Monthly Breakfast, Saturday, February, 9th at 8 am at Friedensburg Country Restaurant.

Mid-winter Grillin' and Chillin' with Hunting Stories

Come be a part of this MOB's event taking place Saturday, March 23rd from 5-7 pm in Common Ground. Enjoy some of your favorite picnic foods as you listen to spectacular hunting stories by some of Bethesda's men.

Stay tuned for sign-ups!!!

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



February 4th - Your Atheist Friend
February 11th - What Would You Do for Love
February 18th - We Are Not Alone
February 25th - Why God?



The JOY group will be taking a break for the month of February.



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

Please return your baby bottles filled with change for CareNet Pregnancy Center, now known as Real Options by Sunday, February 24th.



Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

Fellowship of Prayer - 6 pm in the Café - February 10th & 24th



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

PRAYER CONCERNS

February 2019

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

Vanessa Albo (testing)
Bailey Austerberry (medication)
Emily Babb (guidance)
Elizabeth Barton (heart failure)
Loretta Behler (treatment)
Bonnie Betz (recovery)
Angie Blankenhorn (feet)
Dorothy Blankenhorn (pulmonary)
Ida Blankenhorn (transition)
Dave Bondura (eye)
Dean Boyer (recovery)
Rob Boyer (recovery)
Mary Jo Brennan (cancer)
Marie Canfield (treatment)
Linda Christman (recovery)
Eiler Coleman (anxiety)
Margarita Del Valle (cancer)
Janene Ditzler (treatment)
Robert Donton (recovery)
Adam Drobnick (healing)
Candi Dysinger (headaches)
Gloria Ebling (cancer)
Ron Emerich (knee)
Mary Faust (recovery)
Chris Garcia (recovery)
Eileen Goodwin (treatment)
Diane Hain (therapy)
Lois Hain (therapy)
Ethan Hancock (pneumonia)
Doris Harig (a-fib)
Glen Helbert (AML diagnosis)
Mary Ellen Hering (high blood pressure)
Josette Hoy (heart attack)
Ian Hummel (recovery)
Kevin Huneke (a-fib)
Cathy Imschweiler (therapy)
Eleanor Jamison (rehab)
Thomas Jefferson (recovery)
Amy Jo Kirpatrick (recovery)
Manny Lopez (testing)
Susie Lowenthal (cancer)
Sandy Lugo (recovery)

Shut-ins

Walter Bilger
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Bert Heydt
Edith Houtz
Gerald Knauf
Sharon Kissinger
Eleanor Jamison

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)
Ryan Brooks (Air Force-deployed 1/21)
Kaleb Jennings (Marines)
Jeff McNeil (Army)
Nicole Hopkins (Army)
Thomas Perkins (Army)

Jim Martin (recovery)
Jen Matz (testing)
Linda Mentzel (cancer)
Brandon Moyer (treatment)
Mary Lou Moyer (sprain)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Donna Platts (cancer)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Mary Rhen (fall)
Jessica Reinhart (treatment)
Fred Shauch (back)
Dominic Shollenburger (recovery)
Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)
Cara Stine (treatment)
Lynn Stranix (headaches)
Hayden Strouphaur (brain/ankle injury)
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)
Ned Troutman (testing)
Flo Walton (recovery)
Richard Welker (cancer)
Jean Zalonka (hospice)

Family

Margaret Bender Family (loss)
Patricia Bowen Family (loss)
Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Eddy Family (health)
DJ Fegley Family (loss)
Lydia Joy Giammaresi Family (birth)
Dennis Lauffer Family (health issues)
Jess & Brandon Schneck Family (triplets)
Cindy Smith Family (transition)
Stover Family (family challenges)
Waschko Family (support)
Hilda Yeager Family (loss)
Beth Zimmerman Family (perseverance)

Ruth Liddle
Ardeth Luckenbill
M. Jean Luckenbill
Hazel Minnich
Ron and Karen Roundtree
Flo Walton

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

Local, National and Global

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Congregational

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



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