



Easter Services & Events at Bethesda

Sunday, April 14th - Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18th - Maundy Thursday
Service at 7:00 pm with Communion

Friday, April 19th - Good Friday Service at 7 pm

Sunday, April 21st - Easter Sunday Services at
8:00 am and 10:30 am

Easter Morning Sunday School

“Coming to the Light”

Jeff Hain will be teaching our combined Sunday School Class about the Journey from Darkness to Light.



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

February 2019

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 74,757.00	\$ 79,429.00	\$ 4,672.00
Expenses	\$ 69,070.00	\$ 70,547.00	\$ (1,477.00)
To Reserves	\$ 4,077.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,923.00



New Approach to Sunday School

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.

Jim Price will be presenting:

What You Believe Matters

Foundational Beliefs for the Christian’s Life of Faith

- Lesson 1: Scripture Alone - Our Only Foundation
- Lesson 2: Christ Alone - Our Only Mediator
- Lesson 3: Grace Alone - Our Only Method
- Lesson 4: Faith Alone - Our Only Means
- Lesson 5: God’s Glory Alone - Our Only Ambition

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany and what became known as the Protestant Reformation began to radically impact the ordinary Christian’s understanding of the Gospel and the Christian life.

Sadly, too often we think of doctrine as something dull, boring, irrelevant to every day living. Nothing could be further from the truth. A basic understanding of the foundational beliefs of our faith holds out to us the promise of a deeper and stronger faith marked by wonder, praise, and assurance of our salvation.

**Please note that the mailing address of the church has changed to : Bethesda EC Church
23 Meadowbrook Dr. Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972**



THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

The congregation as a whole will start on the final journey through *The Story* during Sunday morning worship, Sunday School, and weekday life groups. Part 3 of *The Story* will run **Sunday April 28th through Sunday, June 30th**, 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

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)



Ladies Monthly Breakfast

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

Crochet Circle on April 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 April 20th at 11:30 am. Breakfast and lunch are available. For more information contact 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."
- Ephesians 4:16 [NLT]*

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 19, 2019



**Women's Spring Fellowship at Bethesda
EC Church Common Ground**

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Featuring: Bethanie Blauch Stevenson

Topic: "Fake Lashes & Dance Classes; A Grown Women's Midday Meltdown"

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.



The Women's Quarterly Planning Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm in the Library.

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend!



**April 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.

Wayne Township Senior Group 23 Meadowbrook Center

April Events

Wednesday, April 3rd - Chicken Pot Pie & Salad Activity: BINGO!

Wednesday, April 10th - Ham Salad Sandwich & Soup Activity: Folding a Palm into a Cross

Friday, April 12th - Movie Night: 6:30-8:30 PM Watching "Adrift"

Wednesday, April 17th - Turkey BBQ & Macaroni Salad Activity: Wheel of Fortune!

Wednesday, April 24th - Half Wrap & Soup Activity: Pretzel City Nuggets Barbershop Chorus

Diakon is offering, for one night only, Give While the Hand Is Still Warm, on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 pm. An evening where you can share your family treasures with loved ones while you can choose who will enjoy and appreciate them the most. The Cost is \$10.00 for this event and will be led by Donna Bowen.

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**.



Spring Clean Up for the church grounds is going to be held on **Saturday, April 6th beginning at 8 am.** We will be working on many outside projects. Please bring any gardening tools you think would be helpful. There is no need to sign up for this event, please just show up when you can and stay as long as you can.

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



April 7th - Regular BYM (6-8 in Common Ground)
April 14th - Regular BYM (6-8 in Common Ground)
April 21st - No BYM (Happy Easter!)
April 28th - Regular BYM (6-8 pm in Common Ground)

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



Opportunities all around you:
The Story life groups
Future MOB's Service Opportunities!



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



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



Kidz Klub will resume in the Fall. Have a great summer! See you at VBS!

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



April 1st - Breaking the Cycle of Sexual Abuse
April 8th - Intimacy Anorexia
April 15th - How to Spot a Liar
April 22nd - Who Was Jesus - Really?
April 29th - The Heroin Addict Next Door

Prayer Meeting

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



Missionary Corner

Servants to All - My Father's House



My Father's House is a safe and caring environment that serves Schuylkill County by providing housing, material Goods, and supportive services to homeless men and women striving to obtain sustainable independence.

- Pray for volunteers and supplies needed to support this ministry.
- Pray for Jeanette Triano Sinn, the director of this ministry. Jeanette and another staff member will be sharing during our worship services on April 28th.

Prayer for Work Week

Beginning Monday, April 8th through Friday, April 12th, approximately fifteen (15) volunteers from Bethesda EC Church will be involved with work assisting families as they continue to recover from the flood of Summer, 2018. Working in Schuylkill County, volunteers will be working on homes located in the Tremont, Port Carbon, Saint Clair, Frackville and Tower City communities. Please Pray for safety and protection as a variety of work is accomplished and personal relationships are built. May our work for the Kingdom of God give others a clearer picture of the Kingdom!!!

Yard Sale at the Social Hall
Fri & Sat, April 12th & 13th - 8 am to Noon



Tables are available for \$7 per table. The Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 5th. Sign-ups are available at the Welcome Counter. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Hering 570-366-2152 or LaVerne Houtz 570-345-4998.

VBS 2019 planning Meeting
Monday, March 25th at 7 pm



We need your help to make Vacation Bible School a success! VBS 2019 will be held Monday, July 15th thru Friday, July 19th. If you would like to learn more about how you might help, please attend the VBS planning meeting on Monday, March 25th at 7pm in the Library. RSVP to Michelle Canfield at 570-573-2061 or Stewart MacDonald at 570-789-4952



The JOY Group will be Meeting at 6 pm on Saturday, April 13th in the Library. All adults over 18 are welcome! Come out for a fun evening of Family Feud. Please bring a snack to

Fellowship of Prayer - 6 pm in the Café - April 14th & 28th



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

PRAYER CONCERNS

April 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

Simona Abbey (flu)
C. Emily Babb (blood)
Emily Babb (guidance)
Loretta Behler (treatment)
Bonnie Betz (recovery)
Angie Blankenhorn (feet)
Dorothy Blankenhorn (transition)
Nancy Blankenhorn (testing)
Ida Blankenhorn (transition)
Linda Bollinger (knee)
Mary Jo Brennan (cancer)
Jill Brown (recovery)
Vicki Cenpeleghe (chemo)
Margarita Del Valle (cancer)
Janene Ditzler (treatment)
Robert Donton (recovery)
Adam Drobnick (healing)
Candi Dysinger (headaches)
Gloria Ebling (cancer)
Ron Emerich (hip)
Mary Faust (recovery)
Chris Garcia (recovery)
Eileen Goodwin (treatment)
Emily Haddix (procedure)
Lois Hain (therapy)
Ethan Hancock (recovery)
Christen Hartman (cancer)
Glen Helbert (AML diagnosis)
Mary Ellen Hering (high blood pressure)
Mark Hoffman (recovery)
Cathy Imschweiler (seizures)
Mia Jefferson (infection)
Thomas Jefferson (recovery)
Del Keeney (surgery)
Ruth Liddle (comfort)
Manny Lopez (testing)
Susie Lowenthal (chemo)
Sandy Lugo (recovery)
Jim Martin (recovery)
Jen Matz (testing)
Joan Mengle (recovery)
Brandon Moyer (treatment)
Angie Onufer (chemo)

Shut-ins

Walter Bilger
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Ida Blankenhorn
Doris Harig
Bert Heydt
Edith Houtz
Gerald Knauf

Military

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

Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Donna Platts (cancer)
Joe Powell (wrist)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Luke Reiter (eyes)
Jessica Reinhart (treatment)
Mary Rhen (rehab)
Karen Rountree (recovery)
Fred Shauch (back)
Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)
Cindy Smith (recovery)
Cara Stine (treatment)
Jen Stoltz (cancer)
Marty Stoyer Jr. (recovery)
Lynn Stranix (headaches)
Hayden Strouphaur (brain/ankle injury)
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)
Del Wanamaker (testing)
Richard Welker (cancer)
Jean Zalonka (hospice)

Family

Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Eddy Family (health)
Robert Fitzpatrick Family (loss)
Steven Holubec Family (loss)
Dennis Lauffer Family (health issues)
Thomas Ledermann Family (loss)
Ruth Liddle Family (loss)
Mark & Dawn Lovins Family (flu)
Ardeeth Luckenbill Family (loss)
Benjamin Ross Sippel Family (loss)
Cindy Smith Family (transition)
Charles & Flo Walton Family (transition)
Stover Family (family challenges)
Anthony Valko Family (loss)
Waschko Family (support)
Hilda Yeager Family (loss)
Beth Zimmerman Family (perseverance)

Sharon Kissinger
Eleanor Jamison
M. Jean Luckenbill
Hazel Minnich
Sheree Minnich
Ron and Karen Rountree
Maria Szumblinski
Flo Walton

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

Local, National and Global

EC Officers:
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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
The International Room
Work Week– April 8-12, 2019



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.