



# July 2019



Vacation Bible School  
Monday, July 15th thru Friday, July 19th  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

This year's theme is POWER UP: RAISE YOUR GAME! This retro-themed video-gaming VBS is full of crazy fun from PAC-MAN, MARIO KART, TETRIS, DONKEY KONG and more! While the decorations, crafts and games will delight young gamers, the core teaching is on point with God's timeless message of love.

We want kids to know that:

- God wants us to know Him.
- We can know God through His Word.
- God sent Jesus to save us.
- God sent His Spirit to help us.
- We can help others know God.

Nightly skits and videos, songs, crafts, games, and snacks will highlight the week. Children will earn points by coming to Bible School, bringing friends, and learning bible verses. Points will be redeemed for candy & prizes!

Register your children for VBS 2019 TODAY! Three convenient ways to register:

1. **Online:** Visit [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org) and click on the POWER UP! logo.
2. Fill out a registration form at the **Welcome Counter**.
3. **Call** the church office at 570-739-2241.

### VBS Needs Your Help!

1. **DONATE:** We need lots of stuff to make VBS come to life! Please visit the display at the Welcome Counter to choose a card with one of our needs. Thank you in advance!
2. **VOLUNTEER:** Your time and talents are in demand! Give as much time as you can...come for one night or all five. Visit the Welcome Counter to learn about all volunteer opportunities and to sign-up today! **VBS Volunteer Breakfast is Saturday, July 13 at 9 am. Please plan on attending!!!**
3. **PRAY:** Ask God to use our volunteers to bring the gospel message to willing hearts. Pray that children are brought into Christ's Kingdom.
4. **RECRUIT:** Invite the kids in your life to come to Bible School. Children of friends, family, co-workers and neighbors all need to hear about Jesus!

### 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

May 2019

Financial information will appear in the bulletin by the end of the month.



Adult Sunday School  
Opportunities  
Starting July 7th

With The Story completed, we will resume our "typical" adult Sunday School schedule beginning Sunday, July 7. Our Classes will include:

- **Rotation of teachers - *Covenant in God*** - a review of God's Covenant with His people as a Fulfilled Covenant, a Heartfelt Covenant, and a Covenant: a Personal Perspective. Scripture focus will take place in Ruth, 1 Samuel, Matthew, Mark, Ephesians, Colossians and Hebrews. **This class will be in the International Room.**
- **Steve Svenson - *Life and Ministry of the Messiah*** - A quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. Filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East. You will discover why Jesus turned the world upside down with his compelling call to follow him. **This class will take place in the Café.**
- **Mark Brooks - *Family 101: Back to the Basics*** will help us learn how to "one another, each other." We will be taking eight key principles from the 44 one another verses of the New Testament and discover how to live them out in daily life. **This class will take place in the Library.**

### VBS Decorating Work Parties 6 pm - 8 pm



Join us on **Monday, July 1st; Wednesday, July 3rd; Monday July 8th and Thursday, July 11th** for VBS decorating work parties. No artistic experience needed! Please wear old clothes as you might be painting or gluing. **No need to sign up just come if you are able!**



### Ladies Monthly Breakfast

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

Crochet Circle on **July 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 July 20th at 11:30 am.**  
Breakfast and lunch are available. For more  
information contact Cherie at 570-292-6917.

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 Sunday Sermons are available to listen to  
online! Please check out **[bethesdaec.org](http://bethesdaec.org)** and  
click on the media tab.



**Hats off to Wayne Blankenhorn** - for over 25  
years, Wayne and his helpers have overseen God's  
Pantry at Bethesda. This "emergency" food pantry  
has met the needs of many over the years. We  
appreciate and value Wayne's commitment and  
devotion to this ministry during his tenure. The  
DeLay family (Tim, Lisa, Nathan & Ellie) will be taking his place in  
the year to come. Do not forget, if you or someone you know  
could use some assistance with non-perishable food items, **visit  
God's Pantry located at the bottom of the stairs before you  
enter the Common Ground area.**

Church Family Picnic  
Sunday, August 18th



Our annual church picnic will soon be  
here; **Aug 18th and you are invited!**

The day is always a lot of fun and includes lots of food and  
fellowship. Of course to put on such a big picnic requires a lot of  
volunteers to make it all happen. **Would you be interested in  
helping with our picnic? If so, please sign-up at the Welcome  
Counter or on-line at [bethesdaec.org/signup](http://bethesdaec.org/signup) and indicate the  
area you would like to help. We need help with: serving food  
and drink, clean up, games and activities, parking and  
baking cakes.**

*Even if you have helped in the past, please sign-up, as we are  
creating a new volunteer list.* Once this list has been compiled,  
we will contact you with additional information. Yes, it does take  
some time and work, but I think you will find it to be rewarding  
and fulfilling as you serve our Lord and one  
another.



If you have any **questions** please feel free to  
contact either **Stewart MacDonald at 570-789-  
4952** or **Steve Svenson at 570-527-8976.**

## Wayne Township Senior Group 23 Meadowbrook Center

### July Events

Wednesday, July 3rd - Closed for the holiday. Happy 4th of July!!

Wednesday, July 10th - Lunch: Turkey BBQ & Cucumber Salad Program: Musical Entertainment

Friday, July 12th - Movie Night - "The Blind Side"

Wednesday, June 17th - Lunch: Chicken Salad Sandwich & Fresh Fruit Salad Activity: Bingo!

Wednesday, July 24th - Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese Program: Fraud Presentation by Miners Bank

Wednesday July 31st - Lunch: Ham Salad Sandwich & Caesar Salad Program: Display of Foreign  
Currency

Diakon also offers **Zumba Gold** classes as well as **Soft Yoga** classes throughout the week. Please call Diakon  
directly at 570-624-3018 for more information.

Diakon will be offering **A Matter of Balance**. Do you have a concern about falling? Many older adults experience  
concerns about falling and restrict their activities. This class is designed to manage falls and increase activity  
levels. **There is NO cost for this class.** Call Jenny from Diakon at 570-624-3017 for more information.

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

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



- July 7th - BYM Summer Connections
- July 10th - BYM Splash Night
- July 14th - Mandatory Missions Trip Meeting
- July 21st - Geocaching Afternoon
- July 24th - Middle School Mini Golf for grades 5-7
- July 28th - Aug 2nd - BYM Missions Trip to Lynn, Mass

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



Opportunities all around you:

*The Story* life groups  
Future MOB's Service Opportunities!

Saturday, August 24th - Kayaking, details to be announced!



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



Hitting the Target Cook-Out on Saturday, July 27th. Join us from 5-7 pm at the Social Hall as we eat and hear and watch the Mills boys share of their interest in archery. This event is open to MOB's guys and their children of all ages.



July Information will be coming soon!

Prayer Meeting

Join us in the International Room every Wednesday at 7:00 pm to pray for the needs of our community and congregation.



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



- July 1st - Blowing the Whistle on Abuse
- July 8th - When He Becomes She
- July 15th - Declutter Your Life
- July 22nd - Where's the Justice
- July 29th - How Does Prayer Work?

The Churches Will Leave Their Buildings



As we mentioned last month, we are once again planning a cooperative outreach event with our sister churches from Schuylkill Haven and Cressona. Our plan is to utilize **Sunday, October 13th** as a combined event where our churches can serve our communities together throughout the day - light repair projects, painting, landscaping, visiting the elderly, and more will take place on this date. Others will help behind the scene as drivers, meal preparers, photographers - the opportunities are endless.

Our goal is to cooperatively serve our community together - that we would learn we are in this ministry thing together and that our children will learn church is more that our building or a few hours on a Sunday morning - it is the body enlivened on mission to serve!

We are still looking for sites for individuals or families that are financially challenged in non-rental properties. Please pass their contact information on to Pastors Mark or Jeff by July 28th.

**Missionary Corner**

Dan & Mary Lynn Wills

- Praise God for Scripture dedications of the New Testament translations in these countries: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.
- Pray for strength and wisdom for Dan and Mary Lynn as they fulfill their roles in supporting linguistic work.



June 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.

Fellowship of Prayer  
2nd & 4th Sunday at 6pm  
in the International Room  
July 14th & 28th



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

# PRAYER CONCERNS

July 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

C. Emily Babb (blood)  
Emily Babb (guidance)  
Loretta Behler (treatment)  
Bonnie Betz (heart)  
Nancy Blankenhorn (testing)  
Eileen Blew (knees)  
Stacy Bohr (chemo)  
Mary Jo Brennan (cancer)  
Jill Brown (recovery)  
Vicki Cenpeleghe (chemo)  
Dave Connors (cancer)  
Margarita Del Valle (cancer)  
Janene Ditzler (treatment)  
Robert Donton (recovery)  
Adam Drobnick (healing)  
Candi Dysinger (eye)  
Gloria Ebling (cancer)  
Ron Emerich (rehab)  
Mary Faust (heart)  
Chris Garcia (recovery)  
Eileen Goodwin (treatment)  
Emily Haddix (recovery)  
Ethan Hancock (recovery)  
Christen Hartman (cancer)  
Glen Helbert (AML diagnosis)  
Cathy Imschweiler (seizures)  
Lisa Keller (respiratory)  
Susan Lederman (recovery)  
Stephen Lonsvale (stroke)  
Manny Lopez (testing)  
Susie Lowenthal (chemo)  
Sandy Lugo (recovery)  
Jo Louise Madalinski (recovery)  
Jim Martin (transplant)  
Jen Matz (testing)  
Barb Miller (cancer)  
Lisa Minnich (recovery)  
Steve Minnich (back)  
Amber Pavalko (recovery)  
Clyde Rhen (stability)  
Larry Reber (heart)  
Dawn Reiter (testing)  
Luke Reiter (eyes)

## Shut-ins

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

## Military

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

Nelson Reppert (testing)  
Joe Shies (amputation)  
Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)  
Janice Snyder (recovery)  
Sam Strauss (recovery)  
Cara Stine (pain management)  
Lynn Stranix (headaches)  
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)  
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)  
Richard Welker (cancer)  
Jean Zalonka (hospice)

## Family

Ida Blankenhorn Family (loss)  
Nick Carriro Family (loss)  
Phillip Christman Family (transition)  
Cullen Dewire Family (loss)  
Brenda Eddy Family (loss)  
Stephen Ficker Family (loss)  
Gerald Knauf Family (transition)  
Ron Landers Family (loss)  
Dennis Lauffer Family (health issues)  
Mark & Dawn Lovins Family (flu)  
Nolyn Cory McNeill (birth)  
Brian Miller Family (loss)  
June Saeger Family (loss)  
Cindy Smith Family (transition)  
Stover Family (family challenges)  
Anthony Valko Family (loss)  
Linda Vaughn Family (perseverance)  
Del Wanamaker Family (loss)  
Waschko Family (support)  
Beth Zimmerman Family (perseverance)

Eleanor & Jacob Jamison  
M. Jean Luckenbill  
Hazel Minnich  
Sheree Minnich  
Mary Rhen  
Ron and Karen Rountree  
Maria Szumlinski  
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:  
Bishop: Bruce Hill  
Exec Director: K. Henry  
Associates: J. Byerly, L. Cool,  
G. Kuehner, & T. Rathman  
President Donald J. Trump  
Vice President Mike Pence  
US Military Forces  
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Jonestown  
& Schuylkill Haven

## 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



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