



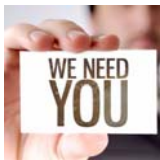
**Church Family Picnic  
Sunday, August 18th**



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**.

**The Church Has Left the Building Update**



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.

As we begin to establish work sites for Sunday, October 13th, please make plans to be part of this outreach opportunity. This is a time to intentionally be the hands and feet of Christ to others in the communities of Schuylkill County as we paint, clean, landscape and light carpentry. Our actions and words allow others to see the unconditional love of God. Stay tuned for more details and sign-ups as this ministry develops over the next weeks. Would you consider being a blessing to others where they are? If any concerns or questions, please connect with Pastors Jeff or Mark.

**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**

June 2019

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 233,613.00	\$ 229,953.00	\$ (3,660.00)
Expenses	\$ 216,096.00	\$ 218,542.00	\$ (2,446.00)
To Reserves	\$ 12,740.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (4,740.00)



**Adult Sunday School Opportunities**  
*Continuing through August*

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.**



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



### Ladies Monthly Breakfast

All women are welcome, no need to sign-up!  
Saturday, August 3rd at 9 am at Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, Shartlesville. Questions? Contact Lisa at 484-294-6765.

Crochet Circle on August 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 August 17th at 11:30 am. Breakfast and lunch are available. For more information contact Cherie at 570-292-6917.



### WTSG Bus Trip

This event is open to those 50 and older. Leaving 23 Meadowbrook on Friday, September 20th in the morning and heading to Hershey Farms Restaurant in Lancaster for a buffet lunch. After lunch you will be going to the 3 pm showing of "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theatres. You will arrive back at 23 Meadowbrook before dark. Cost is approximately \$120.00 which includes transportation, buffet lunch, and show ticket. If you are interested please contact the church office at 570-739-2241 by Tuesday, July 23rd. If you have any questions please see Carol Slinkofer.

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.



### American Red Cross

Community Blood Drive  
August 6th 2-7 pm  
23 Meadowbrook Center

Sign up for a time to donate at the table in the hall or by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross, or visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Reedsville Cemetery Association

The Cemetery trustees are holding a meeting open to the congregation on August 12th at 6:30 pm in the International Room. If you would like more information about the cemetery association join us! See Bob Degler or Wayne Blanekhorn for more information.



## Wayne Township Senior Group 23 Meadowbrook Center

### August Events

Wednesday, August 7th - Lunch: Tuna Noodle Casserole & Fruit Salad Activity: Bingo!

Wednesday, August 14th - Lunch: Turkey Wrap & Potato Salad Program: Musical Entertainment

Wednesday, August 21st - Lunch: Hot Dogs & Perogies Activity: Pam Richie, Seton Manor - Make and Take!

Wednesday, August 28th - Lunch: Coney Burgers & Macaroni Salad Program: Janice Johnson - Being Prepared for Disaster or Emergency

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 is currently 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**.

**Yard Sale at the Social Hall**  
**Friday & Saturday, September 6th & 7th**  
**8 am to Noon**



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



**Opportunities all around you:**

Future MOB's Service Opportunities!  
 Saturday, August 24th - **Kayaking in the Skook**, details to be announced!



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

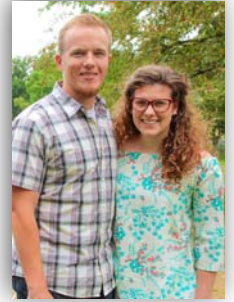


**Hitting the Target Cook-Out on Saturday, July 27th.** Join us from 5-7 pm at the Social Hall as we eat and hear and watch the Mills boys share of their interest in archery. This event is open to MOB's guys and their children of all ages.

**Small group study, "Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God"**, by Brian Zahnd, will be offered at Bethesda @ The Corner beginning Wednesday, July 31 - Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 6:30pm. Please sign-up at the Welcome Counter or called the church office if interested.

## Missionary Corner

**Keith and Sarah Evans**



- Praise God they were able to buy a house, which they are making into their home, as well as a welcoming place for students!
- Pray for adequate rest for Keith and Sarah to recharge and be ready for fall semester.
- Pray for incoming freshmen, asking for open hearts and a curiosity about Jesus.

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



**August 2nd** - BYM Missions Trip Ends  
**August 9th & 10th** - Lock In at Community EC  
**August 23rd** - End of Summer Camp Fire

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

## Corn and Doggie Roast



Join us Saturday, August 10th at the Social Hall at 4:30 pm. Bring a side dish to share, corn and hot dogs will be provided. Cost is \$2.00. This event is open to all those 18 and older.

Extended Hands



### Extended Hands Meals Ministry

We are in need of frozen meals! If you are able to provide frozen meals for those in need please place them in the church freezer in the kitchen. Label them for the Extended Hands Ministry and see Pastor Mark with any questions. Thank you for your support!



**August 11th & 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.

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



**August 5th** - Getting Unstuck  
**August 12th** - Why are you so hard on yourself?  
**August 19th** - Faith and Science  
**August 26th** - Making Life's Tough Decisions

**Fellowship of Prayer**  
**2nd & 4th Sunday at 6pm**  
**in the International Room**  
**August 11th & 25th**



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

# PRAYER CONCERNS

August 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)  
Jane Baudoin (testing)  
Cindy Behler (recovery)  
Loretta Behler (treatment)  
Bonnie Betz (heart)  
Nancy Blankenhorn (testing)  
Eileen Blew (knees)  
Stacy Bohr (chemo)  
Theron Boyer (back)  
Jeff Brown (conversion/diabetes)  
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)  
Ethan Hancock (recovery)  
Christen Hartman (cancer)  
Glen Helbert (AML diagnosis)  
Michelle Hoy (transition)  
Cathy Inschwiler (seizures)  
Mia Jefferson (testing)  
Lisa Keller (respiratory)  
Manny Lopez (testing)  
Susie Lowenthal (chemo)  
Sandy Lugo (recovery)  
Jo Louise Madalinski (recovery)  
Jim Martin (transplant)  
Jen Matz (testing)  
Barb Miller (treatment)  
Erika Minnich (migraines)  
Lisa Minnich (recovery)  
Steve Minnich (back)  
John Morrison (perseverance)

Amber Pavalko (recovery)  
Stewart Perkins (stroke)  
Larry Reber (recovery)  
Dawn Reiter (testing)  
Luke Reiter (eyes)  
Nelson Reppert (testing)  
Ron Rountree (pneumonia)  
Joe Shies (amputation)  
Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)  
Janice Snyder (recovery)  
Cara Stine (pain management)  
Joe Stock (recovery)  
Lynn Stranix (headaches)  
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)  
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)  
Richard Welker (cancer)  
Abby Wertman (missions)  
Charles Wertz (heart)  
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)  
Stephen Lansdale Family (loss)  
Olivia Lyn Laudenslager Family (loss)  
Dennis Lauffer Family (health issues)  
Nolyn Cory McNeill (birth)  
Brian Miller Family (loss)  
Andrew Mullick Family (loss)  
June Saeger Family (loss)  
Cindy Smith Family (transition)  
Stover Family (family challenges)  
Linda Vaughn Family (perseverance)  
Waschko Family (support)  
Beth Zimmerman Family (perseverance)

## Shut-ins

Walter Bilger  
Dorothy Blankenhorn  
Doris Harig  
Bert Heydt  
Edith Houtz  
Sharon Kissinger  
Eleanor & Jacob Jamison  
M. Jean Luckenbill

Hazel Minnich  
Sheree Minnich  
Mary Rhen  
Ron and Karen Rountree  
Maria Szumblinski  
Flo Walton

## Military

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

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

### Prayer Meeting

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



All articles for events held during September 1st through October 15th should be submitted by the 10th of August in order to be included in our September issue.

A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org).