



**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
March 2020**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 119,038	\$ 89,242	\$ (29,796)
Expenses	\$ 119,811	\$ 99,987	\$ 19,824
To Reserves	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

We are currently worshipping from home. Find us on YouTube under Bethesda EC Church
Small groups along with children and youth groups are available at various times throughout the week on Zoom. See bethesdaec.org for more information.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
What to Do with Your Anxieties During This COVID-19 Pandemic

First, make sure that you are getting your information from reliable sources. If you are worried about things that you are reading on the internet from well-meaning friends—first realize that, although they are good people, they may unknowingly be passing along bad information. Remember the best information is found on the CDC and government websites. They are not trying to mislead anyone—they have the public health at interest.

Perhaps you are feeling overwhelmed by all the information. It is okay to limit the amount of information that you receive. Shut off the TV and go for a walk. Change your routine so that you can change your focus on negative information. And realize this too—it's normal to feel some concern about many of these things.

Next, you can focus on things that you can control—like your own social distancing, good hygiene, getting some exercise into your routine, and working on a hobby. Make sure that you stay healthy—eat regularly, get your rest, and make sure to stay active. All these things can provide you with some confidence that you are doing well.


Remind yourself that you are doing fine right now. Too many times when we hear gloomy information we think about the unknown future and we may allow our thoughts to be consumed with negative scenarios. Let that go—look at your current situation and realize that you've already made it this far on your own.

Since we're all in this together, you might want to call a friend who will help you sort through your thoughts. Instead of focusing on your issues, try to ask questions about their families, struggles, or activities. This will take your mind off of your own isolation and help your mind dwell with the relationships around you. It may look like you're alone, but you don't have to feel alone.

Lastly, God reminds us in 1 Peter 5:6-11:

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.



Free Food Box Giveaway
Saturday, May 2nd 10 am – 12 pm
23 Meadowbrook Center

Boxes are first come, first served, while supplies last. This is a drive thru pick up event. You will stay in your vehicle and we will load the box for you. It is our desire to be as careful as possible. We will be wearing masks and gloves and practicing social distancing .

Missionary Corner

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Schuylkill County



- Summer Day Camps, five day clubs and fair ministry are dependant on the coronavirus situation. **PLEASE PRAY** that these ministry opportunities will still be bale to take place this summer.
- **PRAY** for the nine summer missionaries seeking to raise financial support: Anna, Bobby, Ellie, Jerusha, Katie, Thor, Timmy, Xander and Vladimir. Being unable to speak in church services has made this challenging for them.
- **PRAY** for Shelley, Jimmie Lu, Linda and Elizabeth as they rise to meet the challenges of this season of ministry.

Go to the Child Evangelism Fellowship Homepage to access their new Youtube channel. There are Bible lessons, missionary stories and puppet shows for homebound kids to enjoy!
WWW.CEFSCHUYLKILL.COM



Women's daily fellowship takes place at 7 pm every evening. Please visit our website or call the church office if you would like to be a part of online gatherings. These gatherings require either a smart phone, tablet or computer as well as internet access.

**Tuesdays @ Bethesda
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!

Face to face meetings are cancelled indefinitely. Men's and women's meetings are available on Tuesday Evenings from 6:30-8PM via the Zoom app. Women should call Norma Minnich at 570-617-0931 and Men should call Nathan Lapp at 717-926-0636 to get connected to online support.



The GriefShare group will continue meeting at 2 p.m. this Sunday, April 26, using Zoom conferencing. The group's current participants will receive information to access both the GriefShare video and the Zoom group discussion from the GriefShare leaders. If anyone would like information about joining GriefShare (this Sunday or anytime), he/she can either access the GriefShare website at GriefShare.org or contact Paul Moyer at 570-294-0788 or Maggie Arbushites at 570-573-0412.



Prayer Meetings on Zoom

Join us in the **on Sundays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 7 pm** to pray for the needs of our community and congregation as well as a time of sharing and fellowship. You will need a computer, tablet or smart phone and internet access to join these meetings. Visit bethesdaec.org or call the church office at 570-739-2241 for more information and to get connected.



Children and Youth Ministries

Please watch Facebook and the church website for updated information about Children's and Youth Events and for our Zoom meeting schedule.



Thank you for your generosity! Our food pantry is full. If you know of someone in need (friend, neighbor or co-worker etc.) do not hesitate to contact the church office at **570-739-2241** about providing a food box for them. We will deliver it to their home, or yours to pass along. Thank you for serving our community!



Opportunities all around you

As we take this situation day by day and assess the needs of our community please consider being available for those who may need help in the coming weeks and months. Pastor Mark will reach out about opportunities as they arise.

**Wayne Township Senior Group
23 Meadowbrook Center
May Events**

May 6th – Cancelled

May 13th - Cancelled

May 20th - Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes

Activity: BINGO!

May 27th - Lunch: CA Cheeseburger & Soup

Program: Celebrate the Decades– D. Troutman

This information is subject to change depending on the government restrictions. Please stay tuned for more information. We will do our best to communicate any information to you as it becomes available.

Diakon also offers 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 or call 570-739-2241 x225.

PRAYER CONCERNS

May 2020

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

Curt Behler (safety)
Bonnie Betz (heart)
Paul Blankenhorn Jr. (breathing)
Eileen Blew (knees)
Harvey Bollinger (recovery)
Linda Bollinger (knee)
Carol Bowen (knee & lymes)
Rob Boyer (recovery)
Ashely Campbell (covid-19)
Vicki Cenpeleghe (chemo)
Patrick Coleman (recovery)
Terry Coleman (covid-19)
Joseph Conway (hospitalization)
Robert Danton (recovery)
Kandi Dysinger (eye)
Gloria Ebling (cancer)
Mary Jo Faust (heart)
Sheryl Dzurek Faust (therapy)
Evan Freeman (protection)
Penny Gall (pneumonia)
Amanda Gossard (recovery)
Allen Gruver (cancer)
Pam Guido (cancer)
Pat Harr (chemo)
Glen Helbert (AML diagnosis)
Cathy Imschweiler (breathing)
Rich Jochems (cancer)
Barry Kintzel (cancer)
Hilary Kissinger (pregnancy)
Gail Knauf (recovery)
Gerald Knauf (recovery)
Kay Lebouef (cancer)
Lane Lehman (seizures)
Lori Lehman (radiation)
Sandra Long (dehydration)
Susie Lowenthal (treatment)
Tom Luckenbill (recovery)
Dave Manbeck (physical therapy)
Jim Martin (dialysis)
Amanda Mason (ATV accident)
Michelle Matz (recovery)
Barb Miller (chemo)
Bill Mills I (recovery)

Erika Minnich (headaches)
Robert Morrison (therapy)
Marylin Motley (cancer)
Brian Mullens (transition)
Anne Murray (cancer)
Jasper Owen (heart surgery)
John Paul (stroke)
Stuart Perkins (stroke)
Victoria Perkins (seizures)
Willi Perkins (vision)
Samantha Pfeffer (pregnancy)
Carol Pliler (family concerns)
Joe Powell (recovery)
Kathy Price (recovery)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Hannah Reiter (headaches)
Riley Rejniak (cancer)
Jean Schach (cancer)
Kathleen Schad (covid-19)
Wayne Schlottman (cancer)
Robin Schoener (covid-19)
Brady Seigfried (recovery)
Bailey Soule (pregnancy)
Cara Stine (pain management)
Joe Stock (stroke)
Lynn Stranix (headaches)
Gail Strohl (neck pain)
Maria Szumlanski (eye)
Tony Worrall (eye)
Richard Welker (cancer)
Lloyd Yeager (cancer)
Patti Young (broken wrist)

Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)
Mary Lou Blankenhorn Family (loss)
Charlie Barr Family (loss)
Karen Beaver Family (loss)
Charlotte Elizabeth Chin Family (birth)
Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Joseph & Dorothy Conway (grief)

Shut-ins

Walter Bilger
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Theron & Mary Anne Boyer
Bert Heydt
Edith Houtz
Sharon Kissenger

Eleanor & Jacob Jamison
Sheree Minnich
Mary Rhen
Karen Rountree
Maria Szumlanski

Military

Alex Amaya (Navy)
Josh Behler (Air Force)
Ryan Brooks (Air Force)
Jessica Kelley (Air Force)
Jeff McNeil (Army)
Nicole Perkins (Army)

Thomas Perkins (Army)
Steven J Russell-Rhen (Army)
Zehn & Sharon Schropp (Air Force)
Joe Sweigart (Army)
Thomas Walser (Air National Guard)

Local, National and Global

EC Officers:
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Coronavirus
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Congregational

23 Meadowbrook Center
Celebrate Recovery
Coffee @ the Corner
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries

Sam Dewald Family (loss)
Phil Holzer Family (work release)
Ralph & Peggy Jeager Family (loss)
Joe & Brenda Krasinsky Family (transition)
Dennis Lauffer Family (health issues)
Nancy Lehr Family (loss)
Hazel Minnich Family (loss)
Peggy Schad Family (loss)
Jermaine Sheppard Family (loss)
Vicki Sleinkofer Family (perseverance)
Aurie Tobias Family (loss)
Jason Tome Family (birth)
Linda Vaughn Family (perseverance)
Beth Zimmerman family (perseverance)

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