



Building Expansion News & Updates

Building Dedication Service

On Sunday, July 15, 2018, Pastor Jeff led the congregation in a service of dedication for 23 Meadowbrook Center. After the opening greeting, he stated:

We stand here today to bear witness to God's generosity, the committed work of this body to prepare this facility for usage, and to partner together toward blessing our community in Jesus' name.

As we dedicate this building today, we take the first step in providing gifts to the community out of the bountiful blessings that God has demonstrated toward us. God has provided us with this site; he has heard our prayers, blessed our gifts; guided our plans and will provide needed wisdom to manage this facility.

Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.

- Psalm 127:1

A litany of dedication was read responsively by Pastor Jeff and congregation as a series of commitment before God concerning the intentions and purposes for the building. The litany was concluded with the following pronouncement:

"We hereby designate this space located in Wayne Township as "23 Meadowbrook Center" for its intended use as a place for our community to find connection, refreshment, and restoration under God's protective care. Amen."

A statement was read from PA Representative Michael Tobash. State Senator, David Argall was in attendance, gave words of congratulations, and presented a certificate of recognition from the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The service concluded with the presentation of the United States flag by boy scout troop #651. Due to inclement weather, Mr. Jim Miller Sr. led the congregation in the pledge of allegiance from inside the building. The flag was later raised during the afternoon.

Community Blood Drive
August 23rd 2-7 pm
23 Meadowbrook Center



**American
Red Cross**

Sign up for a time to donate at the table in the hall starting August 5th, by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross, or visiting www.redcrossblood.org.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT June 2018

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 230,697	\$ 231,470	\$ 773
Expenses	\$ 226,764	\$ 214,658	(\$ 12,106)
Transfers (Net)	\$ 2,404	\$ 0	(\$ 2,404)



THE STORY
READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

The Story Continues.....we are almost ready to begin. Please consider being part of a Life Group as *The Story* kicks off on Sunday, September 2nd, with **Life Groups beginning the week of Sunday, September 9th**. Please take time to review the Life Group options below and select a group that fits your schedule. Participants of Life Groups will discuss and interact with other Life Group members utilizing *The Story* Book, study guide, and DVD sessions. **Signup for a Life Group in the hallway by the coat rack TODAY!** Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity - a story of God's great love affair with humanity!!!

Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 am

Mark & Cindy Brooks - 23 Meadowbrook Center Conference Room

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 - 23 Meadowbrook Center Conference 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



Save - A - Date!

Saturday, September 15, 2018

**Women's Fall Breakfast at
Blue Mountain Family Restaurant
Featuring Personal Testimonies**

Karen McNeil is launching a new effort to make duffle bags with drawstring tops to be distributed by staff of Children and Youth to children who are suddenly taken from their homes. These bags will be filled with toothpaste, toothbrush, stuffed animals, crayons and books and will be made with colorful gender and age appropriate fabrics. Schuylkill County has one of the highest number of moved children in the state and often children leave homes with very few possessions in a trash bag as if they are "throw aways." Please join in making bags available to these precious children. Karen will coordinate and make patterns and fabrics available to willing seamstresses.



Ladies Monthly Breakfast

All women are welcome, no need to signup!
Saturday, **August 4th at 9 am at Blue Mountain Family Restaurant**, Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.

Crochet Circle on August 6th & 20th
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 18th at 11ish 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."



August 5th & 19th
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 6th - Family Secrets
August 13th - 10 Minutes to Live
August 20th - Out of Anger
August 27th - Unburdened



MOB's Schedule:

- 8/10 - Big Diamond Speedway - Join us for a night in the pits with the Fitzpatrick Racing Team. Cost is \$20 pp and includes dinner. Sign up at the Welcome Counter



Men's Monthly Breakfast, **Saturday, August 11th at 8 am** at Friedensburg Country Restaurant.



Corn & Doggie Roast
Saturday, August 18th at 5:00 pm
at the Social Hall

Bring a side dish to share. We will be having "special music." So come and have an enjoyable evening. Questions? Call Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.

Bethesda Youth Ministries
Students in 5th thru 12th grade



BYM Parent Meeting - Sunday, August 5th immediately following 2nd service. Please plan to attend to hear about the upcoming years' activities!

BYM Progressive Dinner - Sunday, August 26th 3:30 to 8:00 pm. Keep your eyes peeled for more details and to sign up!

Thank you to all who helped make the **BYM Work Week** a great success!!

Any questions, contact Pastor Stewart at 570-789-4952.



Open to all young adults 18 to 25. **Meeting Thursdays at 6 pm @ the Corner**. More info: youngadultministryschpa@gmail.com.

Tuesdays @ the Corner
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.



Hats off and a huge thank you to Dawn Koch.

Dawn has spent about ten years dedicated and devoted to the ministry to Bethesda's youth. Her care, concern and passion to our students 6th – 12th grade has been wonderful. Dawn served on the Church Life Commission as adult representative of youth ministries. In addition to this, Dawn has also been dedicated and supportive of Bethesda's Discipleship Commission. Thank you Dawn for sharing your abilities, gifts and talents with the Body of Bethesda, and blessings to you as you move into a new season in your life!!!



Missionary Corner Keith & Sarah Evans

PRAISE God for continuing the work of making His name known on campus, even during the summer!!

PRAY for Josh and the intern team as they reach summer school students. PRAY that we will connect with new students at Lebanon Valley College and Thaddeus Stevens when we head into the fall semester.

Church Family Picnic Sunday, August 19th 12 Noon - 4:00 pm



Following Sunday School and a combined worship service we will start the fun and food at the

Social Hall. The menu includes chicken corn soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, veggies, soda, lemonade, ice cream and watermelon. There will be a selection of desserts that we encourage you to bring along and share with the group. Dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair, if you like. There will be plenty of time for fellowship, playing volleyball or just relaxing in a friendly environment. Games and hayrides are provided for the children.

The day is always a lot of fun, but of course to put on such a big picnic requires a lot of volunteers to make it all happen. Please see the inserts in the bulletin or at the Welcome Counter to see where you are assigned to help. 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 call the church office at 570-739-2241 or e-mail office@bethesdaec.org.

A Note of Thanks: As of Friday, July 27th, Maggie Arbushites will be stepping down as receptionist at Bethesda EC Church. After reviewing the priorities in her life, which include being a mother to her new adoptive ten-year-old daughter, Eiler, and continuing to maintain her home and property following the death of her husband, Victor, Maggie decided it best to leave her position which she filled for approximately seven months. On behalf of the Bethesda staff, she will be greatly missed. Her kindness, hospitable qualities, teachability and desire to serve were appreciated greatly. The good news – she will continue to be part of the body of Bethesda. We thank God for Maggie and Eiler and look forward to living life together at Bethesda!!!



Prayer Meeting

Join us in the **Library on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** to pray for the needs of our community and congregation.

If you or your group would like to use the church facilities, (including the Social Hall or 23 Meadowbrook Center), please call the office, 570-739-



-2241 or e-mail us at office@bethesdaec.org so that we can check the date and put your event on the calendar. **By doing so, this eliminates conflicts and helps us better plan heating/cooling needs.** We will begin to accept reservations for the use of 23 Meadowbrook Center as of September 1st. Thank you!



NEW OFFICE HOURS

UPDATED HOURS: Tasha, our temporary receptionist, is in the office **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** and can also be reached at office@bethesdaec.org. Lisa, our office manager, is in the office **Thursdays from 9 am to 4:00 pm** and also works from home **Monday thru Wednesday and Friday** and can be reached at 484-294-6765 or at treasurer@bethesdaec.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS

August 2018

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

Cindy Allison (recovery)
Jim Aregood (recovery)
Loretta Behler (cancer)
Cheryl Bender (recovery)
Bonnie Betz (recovery)
Angie Blankenhorn (feet)
Bob Brennan (cancer)
Mary Jo Brennan (cancer)
Marie Canfield (tests)
Joe Conway (recovery)
Irene Conway (eye)
Janene Ditzler (medication)
Robert Donton (recovery)
Adam Drobnick (healing)
Gloria Ebling (cancer)
Ron Emerich (recovery)
Tara Fegley (epilepsy)
Chris Garcia (recovery)
Eileen Goodwin (chemo)
Jeff Hain (treatment)
Rusty Heckman (cancer)
Gary Hess (recovery)
Elizabeth Hoffman (recovery)
Michelle Hoy (treatment)
Robert Huey (hospice)
Eleanor Jamison (testing)
Destie Kisamore (kidney)
Gerald Knauf (respiratory)
Dennis Lauffer (respiratory)
Leah Lauffer (recovery)
Manny Lopez (testing)
Jim Martin (kidney)
Jen Matz (testing)
Linda Mentzel (cancer)
Jake Miller (recovery)
Brandon Moyer (surgery)
Noreen Muthersbaugh (cancer)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Donna Platts (cancer)
Jennifer Rader (recovery)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Mary Rhen (recovery)
Jessica Reinhart (health)
Dave Rothermel (recovery)

Shut-ins

Margaret Bender
Walter Bilger
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Bert Heydt
Edith Houtz
Ruth Liddle

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)
Ryan Brooks (Air Force)
Kaleb Jennings (Marines)
Jeff McNeil (Army) - (training)
Nicole Perkins (Army)

Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)
Cara Stine (treatment)
Diane Stock (cancer)
Jim Stokes (recovery)
Dave Strohl (testing)
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)
Rich Valko (recovery)
Flo Walton (recovery)
Richard Welker (cancer)
Lloyd Yeager (leg)
Jean Zalonka (hospice)

Family

Colleen Beaumont family (loss)
Eleanor Bergen family (loss)
Blake Broadhurst family (loss)
Phillip Christman family (transition)
Eddy family (health)
Holubec family (transition)
Andrea Long family (loss)
Steve Moyer family (loss)
Oleda Reichert family (loss)
Elise Schneck family (loss)
Warren (Butch) Schneck family (loss)
Cindy Smith family (transition)
Waschko family (support)
Randy/Judy Wessner family (perseverance)
Carolyn Wiley family (loss)
Beth Zimmerman family (perseverance)

Local, National and Global

CEF, Schuylkill County
Good News Day Camps 6/25-8/3
EC Officers:
Bishop: Bruce Hill
Exec Director: K. Henry
Associates: J. Byerly, L. Cool,
G. Kuehner, & T. Rathman
Hurricane Recovery - TX, LA, PR, & FL
President Donald J. Trump
Vice President Mike Pence
US Military Forces
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Jonestown
& Schuylkill Haven

Congregational

23 Meadowbrook Center
Big Creek Missions Summer Staff
- Abby Wertman
Celebrate Recovery
Coffee @ the Corner
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries
The Story
Twin Pines Summer Staff - Isaac Long

Fellowship of Prayer

6 pm in the Café - August 12th & 26th



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

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.

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