



Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
May 2018**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 193,785	\$ 197,133	\$ 3,348
Expenses	\$ 167,746	\$ 185,303	(\$ 17,557)
Transfers (Net)	\$ 2,019	(\$ 2,095)	(\$ 4,114)

Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 9th - Friday, July 13th
6:30 - 8:30 pm
 Age 4 –completed 5th grade



This year's theme is GAME ON! Kids will grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments! As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline, our players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another.

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Nightly skits and videos, songs, puppets, crafts, games, and snacks will be out of this world! Children will earn points by coming to Bible School, bringing friends, and learning bible verses. Points will be redeemed for awesome prizes!

Register your children for VBS 2018 TODAY! Three convenient ways to register:

Online: Visit www.bethesdaec.org and click on the GAME ON! logo.

Fill out a registration form at the **Welcome Counter**.
 Call the church office at 570-739-2241.

VBS Needs Your Help!

- 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. You can place them in the donation bin at the Welcome Counter. We also need plants/flowers! Call Tasha Byerly at 570-294-3465 for details!
- 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 7th at 9 am in the Common Ground. Please plan to attend!**
- PRAY:** Ask God to use our volunteers to bring the gospel message to willing hearts. Pray that children are brought into Christ's Kingdom.
- 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!



THE STORY
 READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

Dare to pray boldly for *The Story*!

In September we will begin a journey through ***The Story*** revealed in God's Word, There are two ways you can pray specifically for this experience.

1. **Sunday, July 22, from 6 to 7:30 PM** there will be a prayer meeting to launch 40 Days of Prayer leading up to ***The Story***. Please join us to pray in the Library. By the way, you don't need to pray "out loud" to be participate in this time.



2. **40 Days of Prayer for *The Story*** - This provides an opportunity for you to choose a day to pray individually for the ***The Story***. You will be provided with specific prayer requests for the day you choose. **Please see the Welcome Counter to sign-up to participate.**

***The Story* continues....**

As time moves on ***The Story*** continues to impact our lives. Find out more about ***The Story*** by joining a Life Group. How? Details will be given to you in July 2018!!! Thank you for preparing yourself to be part of ***The Story*!!!**

VBS Decorating Work Parties

Come join us from **6 to 8 pm** on **Monday, June 25th; Wednesday, June 27th; Monday, July 2nd; and Thursday, July 5th** for VBS decorating work parties! No artistic ability need, you will be told what to do! Please wear old clothes as you might be painting or gluing. **No need to sign up, just come if you are able!**





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 sign-up!
Saturday, July 7th at 9 am at Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, Shartlesville. Questions? Lisa at 484-294-6765.

Crochet Circle on July 9th & 23rd
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, 21st 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."



July 1st & 15th
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



- July 2nd** - After the Attack
- July 9th** - In the News
- July 16th** - Simplify Your Life
- July 23rd** - Wounded Warriors
- July 30th** - What's God Up To?



MOB's Schedule:

- **7/29 - Grillin' Time** - Paul Moyer's Residence (153 Schuylkill Mountain Road), 5 to 7 pm. Details to follow.
- **8/10 - Big Diamond Races** - TBA

**stay flexible—volunteers ALWAYS needed for MOB's service opportunities.



Men's Monthly Breakfast, **Saturday, July 14th at 8 am** at Friedensburg Country Restaurant.



Movie Night
Saturday, July 15th at 6:00 pm
in the Library

Join us to watch "I Can Only Imagine". Please bring a snack to share. **Sign up online or at the Welcome Counter starting July 1st.** Questions? Call Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.

Bethesda Youth Ministries
Students in 5th thru 12th grade



BYM Work Week is July 22-27. There is a Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting Sunday, July 8th immediately following 2nd service in the Café for all those students signed up to attend. If you are unable to attend, please let Pastor Stewart know ASAP.

BYM Family Knoebel's Day
Friday, July 27th at 1 pm

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 to a Committed Couple

If Joel and Sally Holubec were in Webster's Dictionary, their definition would include the words committed, dedicated, caring, kind, gentle, passionate and wise. The congregation of Bethesda have been blessed by these character traits of this couple for over two decades. As Joel and Sally prepare for a new season in life (a move to the Myerstown area), They will be leaving behind a fruitful season of ministry at Bethesda, both Joel and Sally blessing the Body in Reedsville. Joel has served on both the Official Board and Ministry Council, chairing the Church Life Commission as well as being the Sunday School Superintendent (he also serving on many committees as time and passion allowed). Sally has served as Lay Delegate, as well as a member of the Church Life and Discipleship Commissions (also serving on many committees as time and passion allowed). **A thank you to both Joel and Sally for their service – you have truly been a blessing to those you have connected with as you both represented the hands and feet of Christ – God-speed in your new season!!!**



Missionary Corner

Dan & Mary Lynne Wills



PRAY for sons: Troy, who was recently engaged; and Justin, who is continuing his education. PRAISE God for what He has done in their lives.

PRAY for Dan & Mary Lynne as they both juggle many responsibilities as they served at the SIL center in North Carolina. Pray that they will take time for rest and refreshment.



Congo Refugee Offering

Mission Aviation Fellowship Because you gave \$2500 to aid the refugees in Congo, Mission Aviation Fellowship was able to use that gift, along with others, to provide these critical items to the people:

2,475 lbs of maize meal for porridge; 27,225 bags of rice; 13,733 lbs. of beans; 200 lbs. of soybean meal; (60) 20 liter cans of cooking oil; 5 small cooking stoves/charcoal (for the wounded); 27 days of firewood (for cooking fires); 30 boxes of clothes; 31 boxes of soap; One case of biscuits (cookies); 230 tarps (used for shelter); Several cases of salt; 3,800 each of plates and cups ; One 300 liter cooking pot; 300 plastic jerry cans for water (20 liters/can); 4 cases of water and 8 boxes of tea for the cooks; Some pay for 25 workers. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Illuminate

BYM Work Week Adult Volunteers Needed!



We are in need of volunteers to help the week of July 22nd to 27th for work week. We are looking for drivers/project leaders, cooks, and people to help out with overnights. **Please sign up at the Welcome Counter.**

Church Family Picnic Sunday, August 19th



Our annual church picnic will soon be here; Aug 19th 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 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 **Joel Holubec at 610-488-7198 or Joe Powell at 570-754-7544.**



NEW OFFICE HOURS

UPDATED HOURS: *Maggie*, our 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.



This Summer, 2018, there will be just two adult Sunday School classes offered thru August 26th -

1 Justice in the New Testament - led by a rotation of teachers in the **Sanctuary**. Emphasis will be on the Books of Matthew, Luke, Romans, 2 Corinthians, and Colossians.

2 Moments for Lifetree Café - led by a rotation of teachers in the **Common Ground**. Lifetree Café is a casual and welcoming "conversation café" where great discussion is served up every week. On film and in person, you'll hear stories and discuss topics that will help you make sense of the world. Lifetree's topics will not only make you think, but also inspire you.

Look to the Lord and his strength; see his face always.

- 1 Chronicles 16:11

Get the SCOOP on the new "Over 50" group forming in Wayne Township



Wednesday, July 25, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

23 Meadowbrook Center

Learn more about your new community center!

Tours - Raffles - Ice Cream

Call 570-739-2241 to reserve your spot today!



Prayer Meeting

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

The Churches Will Leave Their Buildings



As we mentioned last month, we are once again planning a cooperative outreach event with our sister EC churches from Schuylkill Haven and Cressona. Our plan is to utilize Sunday, October 14th 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 that we are in this ministry thing together and that our children will learn that church is more than our building or a few hours on 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.



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.** Thank you!

Building Expansion News & Updates

Building Dedication Service

at 23 Meadowbrook Center

Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 9:15 am

A service of dedication will take place at 23 Meadowbrook Center on July 15th, 2018 during the Sunday School hour. We, as a congregation, will participate in a short dedication liturgy and flag raising ceremony along with some invited guests during the morning. Light refreshments, snacks, and coffee will be available during the morning. The building will be open for exploration and inquiry. Please plan to join us for this initial dedication of the building and flag raising!

Building Expansion Steering Team:

Mark Hoover, Co-Chair	570-739-1187
Steve Reiter, Co-Chair	570-345-4246
Steve Minnich, Secretary	570-527-0298
Steve Babb	570-739-7310
Curt Behler	717-933-8074
Jeff Byerly	570-739-2241
Jim Miller Sr	jimsr@millerbros.com

Sub-committee Team Leaders:

Demolition & Construction Team –Steve Minnich 570-527-0298
Facility Usage & Program Team - Michelle Canfield 570-754-7253
Interior Design & Decoration Team - Norma Minnich 570-617-0931
Communications Team - Lisa Minnich 484-294-6765
Prayer Support Team - Connie Wright 570-573-1450
You Name It Team - Deborah Babb 570-739-7310

PRAYER CONCERNS

July 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

Jim Aregood (recovery)
Cheryl Bender (recovery)
Bonnie Betz (recovery)
Angie Blankenhorn (feet)
Bob Brennan (cancer)
Mary Jo Brennan (cancer)
Blake Broadhurt (cancer)
Phillip Christman (recovery)
Joe Conway (recovery)
Irene Conway (eye)
Janene Ditzler (medication)
Robert Donton (hip surgery)
Adam Drobnick (healing)
Gloria Ebling (cancer)
Marlene Eidem (recovery)
Paul Fegley (stroke)
Chris Garcia (recovery)
Eileen Goodwin (chemo)
Jeff Hain (treatment)
Rusty Heckman (cancer)
Gary Hess (recovery)
Elizabeth Hoffman (recovery)
Michelle Hoy (testing)
Robert Huey (hospice)
Kevin Huneke (heart)
Eleanor Jamison (testing)
Pat Johns (Alzheimer's)
Lydia Judson (recovery)
Tom Keefer (treatment)
Destie Kisamore (kidney)
Gerald Knauf (breathing)
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)
Esther "Lyn" Paxton (heart)
Donna Platts (cancer)
Jennifer Rader (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)
Nicole Perkins (Army)
Thomas Perkins (Army)

Eric Reber (tests)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Riley Renjyak (cancer)
Haley Reppert (safety)
Mary Rhen (breathing)
Dave Rothermel (recovery)
Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)
Cara Stine (testing)
Diane Stock (cancer)
Joseph Stock (healing)
Jim Stokes (recovery)
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)
Flo Walton (recovery)
Randy Wessner (heart)
Cindy Yeager (recovery)
Jean Zalonka (hospice)

Family

Jeff and Arielle Arbushites (loss)
Andrea Long family (loss)
Oleda Reichert family (loss)
Elise Schneck family (loss)
Warren (Butch) Schneck family (loss)
Mary Ann Subalesky family (loss)
Cindy Smith family (transition)
Waschko family (support)
Richard Welker family (loss)
Carolyn Wiley family (loss)
Helen Youse 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
BYM Work Week 7/22-27
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 - July 8th & 22nd



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

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.

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