



**Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 15th thru Friday, July 19th**

We need your help to make Vacation Bible School a success! Please be on the look out for more information in the coming months! Contact Michelle Canfield at 570-573-2061 or Stewart MacDonald at 570-789-4952 for more information.

Membership Orientation Classes

These classes are open for anyone interested in becoming a member of Bethesda. Each class is one and a half hours and you only need to attend one. The classes will meet on:

- Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, April 27th at 9:30 am
- Sunday, April 28th at 2:00 pm

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Jeff.



THE STORY
READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

The congregation as a whole will start on the final journey through *The Story* during Sunday morning worship, Sunday School, and weekday life groups. Part 3 of *The Story* will run **Sunday April 28th through Sunday, June 30th**, if you have not signed-up, do not hesitate to contact the church office at 570-739-2241 x225 so you can be placed in *The Story* Life Group that best fits your schedule.

Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 am

- Mark & Cindy Brooks - 23 Meadowbrook Center Conference Rm (full)
- Curt Behler - Bethesda Library
- Jeff Hain - Bethesda Café
- Maggie Arbushites - Bethesda Surfer Room
- Bill Harig, Bill Huey, Lloyd Yeager - Bethesda International 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 (full)

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 for more information.

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
March 2019**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 112,134.00	\$ 106,649.00	\$ (5,485.00)
Expenses	\$ 103,606.00	\$ 110,742.00	\$ (7,136.00)
To Reserves	\$ 6,115.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,885.00



**Attention 2018 - 2019
High School & College Graduates**

If you graduated last fall or will be graduating this Spring from high school or college and have not let the office know, please contact us today! We invite all graduates to join us for a special recognition service on Sunday, June 2nd.

Missionary Corner

David and Conce Roof
Serving as Church Planters in Brazil

- Praise God that David was recently able to complete his doctoral studies helpful to their mission work.
- Pray as they seek to establish a permanent church on the island of Moju.
- Dave and Conce will be sharing during both services on Sunday, May 26. Be sure to come!



The Sunday Sermons are available to listen to online! Please check out bethesdaec.org and click on the media tab.

**Please note that the mailing address of the church has changed to : Bethesda EC Church
23 Meadowbrook Dr. Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972**



Ladies Monthly Breakfast

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

Crochet Circle on May 13th & 27th
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 May 15th at 11:30 am.
Breakfast and lunch are available. For more
information contact Cherie at 570-292-6917.

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 19, 2019



Women's Spring
Fellowship at Bethesda EC Church Common Ground
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Featuring: Bethanie Blauch Stevenson
Topic: "Fake Lashes & Dance Classes; A Grown
Woman's Midday Meltdown"
(Topic on Belonging)

The Women's Quarterly Planning Meeting will be held on
Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm in the Library.
All women are welcome and encouraged to attend!



May 12th & 26th
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.

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.

*"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."
- Ephesians 4:16 [NLT]*

Wayne Township Senior Group 23 Meadowbrook Center

May Events

- Wednesday, May 1st - Ham, String Beans & Salad Activity: BINGO!
- Wednesday, May 8th - Chicken Salad Sandwich & Soup Program: Music with Maudie!
- Friday, May 10th - Movie Night: 6:30-8:30 PM Watching "Hidden Figures"
- Wednesday, May 15th - Turkey Sandwich & Potato Salad Activity: Craft with Wanda!
- Wednesday, May 22nd - Baked Ziti & Salad Activity: BINGO!
- Wednesday, May 29th - Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich & Fresh Fruit
Program: Fraud Presentation By Miners Bank

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.
For more information on any of these events, please visit www.23meadowbrook.org or call 570-739-2241 x225.

Save the Date!

Saturday, June 15th will be the Wayne Township Senior Group Summer Picnic!
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. Lunch will be
served inside; however, if you would like to sit outside please bring a chair. The picnic is open to all seniors 50
years of age or older & any children living at home. Please contact 23 Meadowbrook Center to register so we can
plan accordingly. 570-739-2241.

Bethesda & Grace EC Churches

5th Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

Saturday, May 25th

10 am to 2 pm

CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW
happening at the same
time right across the
street!

NEW THIS YEAR—
Live Music with the
Radioactive Munsters!

155 REEDSVILLE ROAD, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN

All Proceeds Benefit the Summer

ROUTE 183, ACROSS FROM 23 MEADOWBROOK CENTER 2019 Bethesda & Grace EC Youth Work Teams

CRAFT & Vendor SHOW

Bethesda & Grace EC Churches
Spring Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday, May 25th
10 am to 2 pm

23 Meadowbrook Drive, Schuylkill Haven
(across from Bethesda EC Church)

The Car and Craft Show are fast approaching and they are growing in popularity!! We are looking for people (adults and students 7th grade and above) who would be willing to volunteer for a 2-3 hour shift during the “busy times” at the craft and car shows on Saturday, May 25th. Call the church office at 570-739-2241 or visit the Welcome Counter to sign up.
Thank you for your support of this event!

MOB

MEN OF BETHESDA

Opportunities all around you:

The Story life groups

Future MOB's Service Opportunities!



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

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



May 5th - Regular BYM (6-8 in Common Ground)

May 12th - NO BYM (Celebrate your Mom!!!)

May 17th - BYM Bonfire at the Social Hall 6:30-9 pm

May 19th - BYM Car Show Work Night 6:00-8:00 pm
(Missions trip participants only)

May 25th - Car Show

May 26th - NO BYM

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



Choir practices are held weekly on
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the
Sanctuary. New members are welcome!
Contact Kim Stoudt for more information.



Kidz Klub will resume in the Fall. Have a great
summer! See you at VBS!

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



May 6th - Love Ya, Mom

May 13th - Low Cost, No Cost Adventures

May 20th - An Immigrant in the Sanctuary

May 27th - An Encounter with God



May event information will be
coming!

Prayer Meeting
Join us in the International Room on Wednesdays
at 7:30 pm to pray for the needs of our community
and congregation.



Fellowship of Prayer
2nd & 4th Sunday at 6pm
in the International Room
May 12th & 26th



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

PRAYER CONCERNS

May 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

Simona Alley (flu)
C. Emily Babb (blood)
Emily Babb (guidance)
Loretta Behler (treatment)
Bonnie Betz (recovery)
Rod Betz (testing)
Angie Blankenhorn (feet)
Nancy Blankenhorn (testing)
Stacy Bohr (cancer)
Mary Jo Brennan (cancer)
Jill Brown (recovery)
Vicki Cenpeghe (chemo)
Dave Connors (cancer)
Margarita Del Valle (cancer)
Janene Ditzler (treatment)
Robert Donton (recovery)
Adam Drobnick (healing)
Candi Dysinger (headaches)
Gloria Ebling (cancer)
Ron Emerich (hip)
Mary Faust (recovery)
Chris Garcia (recovery)
Eileen Goodwin (treatment)
Emily Haddix (recovery)
Ethan Hancock (recovery)
Christen Hartman (cancer)
Glen Helbert (AML diagnosis)
Mary Ellen Hering (high blood pressure)
Cathy Imschweiler (seizures)
Mia Jefferson (infection)
Thomas Jefferson (recovery)
Del Keeney (recovery)
Gail Knauf (ulcer)
Manny Lopez (testing)
Susie Lowenthal (chemo)
Sandy Lugo (recovery)
Jim Martin (transplant)
J.R. Marzik (fire)
Jen Matz (testing)
Brandon Moyer (treatment)
Angie Onufer (chemo)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Donna Platts (cancer)

Shut-ins

Walter Bilger
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Ida 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)

Dawn Reiter (testing)
Luke Reiter (eyes)
Jessica Reinhart (treatment)
Fred Shauch (back)
Joe Shies (amputation)
Vicky Sleinkofer (recovery)
Cindy Smith (recovery)
Sam Strauss (recovery)
Cara Stine (procedure)
Lynn Stranix (headaches)
Hayden Strouphaur (brain/ankle injury)
Maria Szumblinski (recovery)
Theo Szumblinski (cancer)
Richard Welker (cancer)
Daniel Welsh (recovery)
Jean Zalonka (hospice)

Family

Nick Carriro Family (loss)
Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Ann Marie Dicello Family (loss)
Eddy Family (health)
Nancy Fritz Family (loss)
Dennis Lauffer Family (health issues)
Ruth Liddle Family (loss)
Mark & Dawn Lovins Family (flu)
Elmer Lutz Family (loss)
Brian Miller Family (loss)
Cindy Smith Family (transition)
Stover Family (family challenges)
Anthony Valko Family (loss)
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 Szumblinski
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
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G. Kuehner, & T. Rathman
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& Schuylkill Haven

Congregational

23 Meadowbrook Center
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Coffee @ the Corner
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries
Berks County Prison - Jeff Hain
The Story



All articles for events held during 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.