



# BETHESDA E.C. CHURCH

*at Reedsville "A Healing Community"*

## SERVICE TIMES & INFORMATION

### Sunday Morning Services

- 8:00 am - Traditional Service**
- 9:15 am - Sunday School**
- 10:30 am - Contemporary Service**

During the 10:30 am service, Nursery is available for 0 - 2 yrs old in Room 104, Pre-K is available for 3 - 5 yrs old in Room 109 and Jr. Church is available for all school-age children in Room 100.

The 10:30 service is also streamed on YouTube. Find us at:  
*Bethesda EC Church*



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## WHAT IS IN A NAME?

Many in the surrounding communities refer to our church as Reedsville. Our legal name is Bethesda. Bethesda was a pool of water in Jerusalem, symbolizing the healing power of Christ and the transformative nature of faith. An account from John 5 has Jesus healing a paralyzed man at this pool, highlighting His salvific and transformative power. As Christ followers, even in our imperfections, we are to allow Christ to use us as instruments of healing. Here are some thoughts about an identifying mark of Bethesda -- A Healing Community -- put forth in an email from our Ministry Council President, Maggie:

*"First and foremost: everything we do is Christ centered. We have such a desire to honor our Lord . . . especially our leadership . . . and we have . . .*

- *Church services conducive to all age groups: from 0 to 110*
- *Easy access to services - easy to enter our campus buildings and via internet*
- *Prayer warriors who meet regularly, who cover services regularly, and who are in pockets or small groups praying for each other regularly*
- *Programs to not only come to know Jesus more intimately, but also each other: Spiritual Partners and Life Groups*
- *Programs to learn with others: Wednesday Bible Studies, Sunday School, BYM, and The Mountain*
- *Programs for specific types of healing: Celebrate Recovery and GriefShare*
- *A very robust (we step up) and generous (to others) benevolence program*
- *Programs to reach our friends and neighbors: via our Outreach Commission's various activities, Coffee @ The Corner, our Food Box Distribution, Food Pantry, VBS, OROC, and AHG*

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# Cont. Article & Information

*Bethesda is deliberate in its teaching: about the Trinity; about Jesus' sacrifice and glorious resurrection; about the importance of knowing Jesus personally and intimately; about the importance of Scriptures in our everyday lives; about healthy relationships – with the Lord, with one's self, and with others; about how to serve our Lord Jesus and each other with love and joy, patience and kindness; about God's character – love, righteous, fair, just, forgiving, and how we are created in His image!*

*We have reached out to our community through the Wayne Township Senior Center. We are about to reach out to our community with Upward and we have made and are making those buildings available to our community. . . We have no fear about rolling our sleeves up to help them seek growth because we know that all things are possible with the Lord."*

May we open our lives not only to the healing Christ wants to accomplish in our lives, but also to be used as catalysts and instruments in the healing process of others.

*Blessings, Pastor Mark*

**Next Communion**  
**Sunday, November 24th**



## A Message From Your Financial Secretary

It is that time of the year again for me to start assigning offering envelopes for 2025. I know some of you have gone the route of online giving for your tithe and donations to the church. To that extent, I need to know who wants an assigned number and an actual box of offering envelopes for 2025. Kindly contact the church office or me, the financial secretary, Cheryl Bender at (home) 570-739-4441, (cell) 570-573-9539, or (email) cherylbender@verizon.net if you want an actual box of envelopes for 2025 or if you are receiving envelopes and no longer want them.

## Financial Snapshot

October 2024

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
<b>Income</b>	\$ 309,085	\$ 318,156	\$ (9,071)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 314,235	\$ 345,754	\$ 31,519
<b>Net Difference</b>	\$ 14,850	\$ (7,598)	\$ 22,448

## Ed's 2 Cents



Fall leaves are rapidly falling and kids are about to have a turkey break filled with copious amounts of food and time with family. Currently writing this, I'm in awe of our Bethesda family and just how powerfully God has moved at Fall Festival. We had over 300 individuals show up. I planned for 100 individuals and God laughed and blessed our church with many individuals who never have set foot in a church. Needless to say, we had no leftovers. We had many happy parents and children see the light of Jesus by what we did as a church. Well done Bethesda Family.

I am in awe of how epic our Children and Youth Ministries are going. We are seeing both spiritual and physical growth here at church. I've had to get youth volunteers into our 3 to Pre-K room because we are having 10 kids in that room. It is an amazing problem to have. I am happy to announce that you will be seeing the youth's beautiful faces serving shortly come January, serving in various ways, during second service. After all, Matthew 19:14 tells us to let the children "youth" come to me. God is doing powerful things through our church.

This month we have our monthly movie night on November 1st, from 7 to 8:30 pm. We will be watching a Thanksgiving themed movie. Our second event for the Youth will be going to Mast Farms in Morgantown for a corn maze on November 2nd. We will be meeting at 4:30 pm at the church. Lastly don't forget the BYM Night of Worship with the artist Matt Baird from the band Spoken from 6 to 7:30 pm, on November 10th. Continue to pray for our Children and Youth.

God is moving in powerful ways. Gooble Gooble....Enjoy time with family and praise God for another year of life.

God bless,  
*Ed Moyer*  
Children & Youth Director



# Bethesda Children

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - AGES 0-4TH GRADE

**Family Movie Night** - Friday, November 1st, from 7 to 8:30 pm, in Room 101 (Cinema Room). See ad, located to the right, for more information. No RSVP needed.



# BYM

BETHESDA YOUTH MINISTRY - 5TH-12TH GRADE

**BYM Group Hangout** - Every Sunday, from 6 to 8 pm, in the Common Ground. Come for food, fun, and a message!

**BYM Night of Worship** - Get ready for a powerful night of worship with Matt Baird of Spoken, on November 10th. He will play worship hits relevant to youth. See ad, located to the right, for more information. No RSVP needed.

**BYM App - Heja App** - BYM events and sign ups are also listed digitally through the Heja app. Parents and students can access the calendar for 5th - 12th grade events and activities, signing up directly on the app.



SCAN ME



# The Mountain

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - AGES 18 TO 30-ISH

**Where** - Bethesda EC Church - Room 101 (Cinema Room)

**When** - Every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 pm

**Discussion** - Current hot topics are chosen by the group each week for an open dialogue to occur, bringing a Biblical view point into the reality of today.

**Contact** - Dillon Wertman (570-640-8807)



# Women of Bethesda

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Ladies' Monthly Brunch** - All ladies are welcome to join us on Saturday, November 9th at 12:30 pm at the Haven Diner at the intersection of 443 & 183.

**Ladies' Leadership Meeting** - Sunday, November 17th, at 11:45 am, in Room 200 (Library). All women are welcome as we look to plan for future events!

**Pre-Holiday Pause** - See ad, to the right for information.

**SAVE-THE-DATE for the following upcoming event:**

**Ladies' Retreat** - March 14th-16th - Time TBA



# Men of Bethesda

MEN'S MINISTRY

**Men's Breakfast** - Cancelled due to Fall Clean-up scheduled for the same day and time. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark.

**MOB Range & Pizza** - Join the MOB on November 2nd, for a day at the range and pizza. See ad, to the right, for more information. Sign up at the Welcome Counter or online.



# Just Older Youth

50+ MINISTRY

**TBD** - Have an idea, let us know!

# Family Ministries

BETHESDA CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS:  
**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Friday, November 1st  
7 - 8:30 pm

Cinema Room (Room 101)

FREE Admission!!!  
Snacks and Drinks Provided!!  
Bring Pjs, a blanket,  
and a stuffy!



**BYM NIGHT OF WORSHIP**  
FEATURING

**MATT BAIRD**  
of SPOKEN

NOVEMBER 10TH  
6 - 7:30 PM

BETHESDA EC CHURCH  
155 REEDSVILLE RD, IN SCHUYLKILL HAVEN



WOMEN OF BETHESDA  
PRE-HOLIDAY PAUSE & THANKFUL EVENT

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**  
**6 TO 8 PM**  
**23 MEADOWBROOK CENTER**

The end of the year seems more stressful with back-to-back holidays and activities. So, ladies, let's PAUSE to Reflect, Relax and Reach out to other women.



# MOB Range & Pizza

Saturday, November 2nd



Join the Men of Bethesda, for a time to shoot clay targets, sight in guns, etc. Afterwards, we will get pizza at noon. Plan to meet at Bethesda, at 9:30 am. Bring your own guns and ammo or use Mike's for \$10. Sign up at the Welcome Counter or online.



Bethesda EC Church - 155 Reedsville Road - Schuylkill Haven - 17972 - Phone: 570-739-2241

Mailing Address - 23 Meadowbrook Drive - Schuylkill Haven - 17972

www.bethesdaec.org





# Adult Sunday School

9:15 to 10:15 am

## Room 100 - Cafe

**Theology 101** - by Christianity Today

*Facilitated by Dillon Wertman*

The word theology is derived from two Greek words: *Theos* (God) and *Logos* (speech or reason). Therefore, theology in its simplest terms is rational discussion about God. It has been described as "the science of God and his relationship to man and the world" and "the attempt to reduce religious truth to an organized system." Systematic theology is any study that answers the question, "What does the whole Bible teach us today?" If you would like to understand these basics about the Christian faith—such as the doctrines of the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, mankind, the church, salvation, and the future—join this study!

## Room 200 - Library

**What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do**

- by David Jeremiah

*Facilitated by Linda Bollinger & Amanda Gossard*

Sometimes the big and small decisions in life seem overwhelming. Even when we make good decisions, how do we avoid temptation along the way? In this series based on David Jeremiah's teaching, he will walk you through the book of James to glean God's wisdom on issues such as finances, faith and decision making. What does it look like to consider God in all your plans? It can look, as James discovered, like living a life of great joy.



## Room 202 - International Room

**NIV Standard Lesson - "Worship in the Covenant Community"** - by Jon Miller

*Facilitated by Steve Minnich*

God's covenant—His enduring promise of relationship and presence—is central to the worship of His people. Worship is the act of ascribing worth to and celebrating the glory of something or someone. The truth is, all people worship. For the people of God, the question is, who will receive our worship? Is the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the only one we will choose to direct our worship toward? Scripture reveals a pattern to the worship of God's people: God reveals Himself, and His people respond through their worship. In the stories of Scripture, we read how they responded: they sang songs, raised their hands, played instruments, danced to music, and did good works of service. The lessons of this quarter examine the worship that God's people have offered. Although the ways His people worship may have changed throughout history, the reason for their worship remains the same: a faithful response to God.



# Children's Sunday School

9:15 - 10:30 am

**Nursery**

Ages 0 to 2

Room 104



9:15 - 9:30 am

**Kids' Worship**

Age 3 to 4th Grade

*Common Ground*

9:30 - 10:30 am

**Sunday School Class**

Age 3 to Pre-School

Room 108

Kindergarten to 4th Grade

*Common Ground*

Grades 5th to 8th

Room 102

Grades 9th to 12th

Room 101

## Jr. Church

10:30 to 11:30 am

All School-Aged Children

*Taught by Jane Baudoin, Jayme Cooper, & Kara Miske in Room 100.*

*This time will provide a bible lesson in a fun, interactive way and a bible*

*memory verse during this children's service!*

Nursery - 0 to 2 yrs old

*Taught by Rotating Volunteers in Room 104*

Pre-K - 3 to 5 yrs old

*Taught by Rotating Volunteers in Room 109*







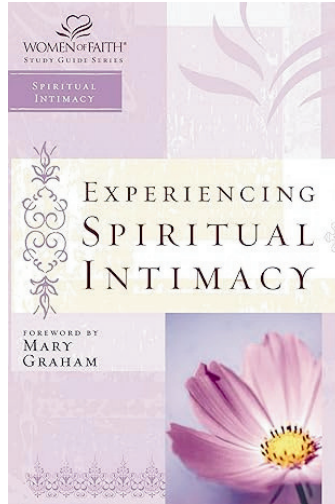
# Wednesday Night Ministries

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

## Room 200 - Library

### **Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy**

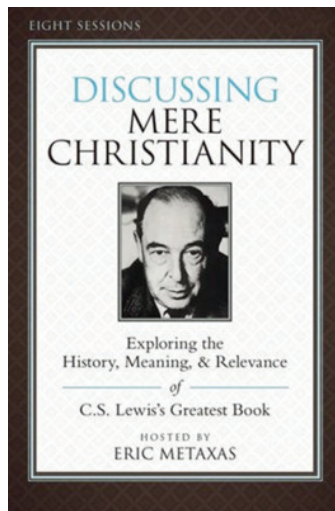
- by Women of Faith Study Guide  
Do you know the treasure that is already hidden in your heart? Are you aware of the riches that are already yours? Those of us who long for spiritual intimacy need only to realize that God, the Holy Spirit, dwells in us. Do you long for spiritual intimacy? This study will open your eyes to the Spirit's role in our lives. He knows us in intimate ways. So dive in. Get to know Him! Books will be provided.



## Room 202 - International Room

### **Discussing Mere Christianity**

- by C.S. Lewis  
Discover why Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis is one of the most read and beloved Christian books of all time. Now seventy years after it was first delivered on radio, what relevance does it have in today's world? Host Eric Metaxas and a variety of Christian leaders help us understand the timeless message of C.S. Lewis in fresh ways for a new generation. Books will be provided, but please contact Steve Minnich or the Church Office to request one.



# Children Ministries



**Wednesdays - Kidz Klub**  
**6:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Age 4 - 4th Grade**  
**Common Ground**

**Parents: Please consider attending our Adult Studies for a time of adult only conversation!**

Each night we will have an experiment, a game, and a snack, along with a lesson. People have a lot of ideas about what will give them joy. Each week, kids will examine a different joy hypothesis, leading to the conclusion: a life lived for Jesus is the only source of true joy.



## What's For Dinner Wednesday November 6th

**Dinner Served from 5:30 - 6:15 pm**  
**Pork, Sauerkraut, & Potatoes**



Come enjoy a hearty meal and fellowship before our Wednesday evening activities. (Adults \$3, Kids \$1, Family cost \$10.00 max). Menus will be shared prior to each date. If you are able to bring a dessert, it is appreciated!





# GriefShare

**FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE**

Sunday, November 10th & 24th at 1:30 pm in Room 200

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. For more information, call Paul at 570-294-0778 or Maggie at 570-573-0412.



# Celebrate Recovery

**FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH HURT, PAIN OR ADDICTION OF ANY KIND**

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Rooms 200 & 202

Celebrate Recovery is designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits, and hang ups 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! Questions, contact Norma 570-617-0931.



# Prayer Meetings

**MEETING AT THE HEIM RESIDENCE**

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Join us on Wednesdays in person at the Heim residence starting at 6:00 pm. Call the church office for more information.



# Extended Hands Ministry

**HELPING ONE ANOTHER WITH GIFTS IN OUR FELLOWSHIP**

Here are some resources if you have a need:

- Meals:
  - Call the church office 570-739-2241
- Caregiving Assistance:
  - Christine Morrison 570-640-1459
- Housing/property project:
  - Jeff Hughes 570-617-4254
- Information & resources about premature babies:
  - Cindy Smith 570-640-5416



## Support Ministries

### Coffee @ the Corner

Open Every Saturday  
8 am till 12 pm

To provide a safe space to have dialog and be heard.

**FREE COFFEE**

At the NW corner of 443 & 183

### Embrace Grace

Embrace Grace is a support group for single, pregnant women. It is a 12 week program that provides emotional, practical, and spiritual support for single young women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. It teaches them about God's love and grace. At the end of the program a baby shower is given to honor them for choosing life and help provide for their baby needs. This ministry takes place at First United Methodist Church in Schuylkill Haven with a group meeting Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. More information on Embrace Grace is available online at [www.embracegrace.com](http://www.embracegrace.com)

### MOB Fix-It Ministry

The Men of Bethesda would like to make skilled, resourceful, and talented individuals available for projects around your home and property. You cannot afford repairs? Perhaps the MOB could help!!! Please call so we can discuss and visit your home to review, then make a decision, if we can assist. Contact Jeff Hughes at 570-617-4254 to see if we can help!



# JAM Rec Center Updates



Excitement is in the air since more exterior finishes can be seen at the JAM Rec Center! The windows have gone in, and the paving has been done! And there are even more exciting developments on the inside! To name a few:

- All interior walls have been painted including several decorative elements!
- Wallpaper has been selected for the Loft feature walls!
- Basketball nets have been installed!
- Sports equipment is arriving!
- Bleachers have been ordered!
- Smoke alarms have been ordered!

Please keep this Design Team in prayer as the Spirit leads you and we sort through the final flurry of interior details as we approach the finish line for JAM. Though prayer is unseen, we know that it is the important underlying foundation for this amazing project. Though prayer is immeasurable, we know and have experienced that its results are powerful and effective! So, thank you for your vital work of prayer that is an invaluable contribution to this effort!

JAM REC CENTER FUNDRAISING SCOREBOARD	
\$ 41,076	\$ 130,000
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>GOAL</b>



## Construction Photos





**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**



# LET'S GO!

## SOCCER LEAGUE

Bethesda, EC Church 155 Reedsville Rd. Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972  
NEW JAM REC CENTER!!

INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE is open to boys and girls 2nd - 5th Grade at a cost of \$65.00

ONE Practice and ONE Game per week. Season begins on 1/7/25 and ends 3/8/25

Evaluations will be held in December to help us build equal teams

Go to our Registration Page via the link below or use the QR Code to get more details and register for our league!

<https://registration.upward.org/UPW87073>



**UPWARD**  
SPORTS

BE A PART OF THE **INTENTIONAL SPORTS EXPERIENCE** EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT!

DEVELOP SKILLS | STRENGTHEN CHARACTER | HAVE FUN





**Get to Know  
Your Praise  
Team  
Singer  
Jeremy Rayle**



This is how I got into singing. I have always had an urge to sing, but I never knew I could. I was singing karaoke at a Church Christmas Party, at my last Church, when our Praise Team Leader asked me "Why aren't you singing with us?". I said "I don't know. I didn't know I could sing." So after that, he asked me to join the Praise Team and I have been singing with the Praise Team, ever since. After we moved here to PA, from VA, and found Bethesda EC Church, I was eager to re-join the Praise Team. I enjoy it and hope to be doing it for many years to come.

**Community Involvement Opportunity:  
Thanksgiving Service & Choir Festival**



**Sunday, November 24th, at 4 pm  
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*252 Dock St, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972*

If you are interested in participating in this musical opportunity, please contact their office administrator, at 570-385-2657 or mail@jerusalemchurch.com. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, November 13th, at 7 pm in the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church Sanctuary.



**Local Ministries**

**Wayne Township  
Senior Group**

23 Meadowbrook Center  
**November 2024 Events**

**Wednesday, November 6**

Lunch: Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes  
Activity: BINGO for Books

**Wednesday, November 13**

Lunch: Ham Salad Sandwich & Soup  
Activity: Thanksgiving Trivia with Tom

**Wednesday, November 20**

Lunch: Thanksgiving Lunch  
Activity: Wayne Township Historical Society Presentation - Carl Yeich

**Wednesday, November 27**

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**Suggested Donation: \$7.00**

If you have any questions, please call the office at **570-739-2241** or visit **www.23meadowbrook.org**.

**Diakon's Exercise Programs**

*Soft Yoga* takes place every Tuesday at 6 pm.

*Age Busters* (exercise program for people 60+) takes place every Thursday at 10 am.

*Zumba Gold* takes place every Thursday at 6 pm.

For more information, call Diakon directly at **570-624-3018**.

**Painting Class**

**Fridays: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Instructor will bring watercolor supplies. Acrylic & colored pencils also welcomed, but bring your own supplies. Please no oil paints. Bring whatever you would like to work on or we will get you started. No expertise needed & it is great fun! As long as there is interest, we will keep it going.  
**Cost is \$10 per class. Questions, Call Karen 610-217-2973.**

## MISSIONARY CORNER

Prayer Points for Missions - *please pray for these missions this month...*



- **Steve & Danielle Detweiler** - They are building relationships with college students in Reading.
- **David & Conce Roof in Brazil** - Juquiri church is growing! The Roof's are traveling to the US in November to assist David's mother in moving to another location.
- **Joe Toy** - Teams of men are sharing the gospel at North Carolina State football games on November 2nd & November 9th.
- **EC Churches in Nepal** - Global Missions Director, Ted Rathman, recently visited our brothers and sisters in Nepal. He dedicated EC churches, conducted graduation, and participated in baptisms.

### Crochet Circle



As some of you are aware, the crochet circle is not currently meeting, however, the prayer shawl ministry is still up and running. If you would like a shawl for yourself or to share, the bin with the completed prayer shawls is located in the Copy Room in the first black cabinet and clearly marked. When one is taken, please mark the book so that Cheryl can keep track of them. She is doing her best to keep the bin stocked, as she is the only one currently making them. If you are interested in helping, please connect with Cheryl Bender at 570-573-9539.



### Give Hope This Fall. Give Blood.

One pint can save three lives. Someone needs blood in the USA every 2 seconds. There's a 97% chance someone you know will need a blood transfusion.

**The Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches' Blood Mobile**  
**12:30 pm - 5:30 pm at Jerusalem Lutheran Church**  
252 Dock Street in Schuylkill Haven  
**2024 Dates:** November 14th



This ministry takes the good news of Jesus to children around the world with gift filled shoeboxes. Empty shoeboxes are available to grab from the table in the upstairs hallway. The deadline to return your shoebox filled with items for a child is **November 10th**. Visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) for more information on this awesome ministry!

## Local Ministries



**10 AM - 12 PM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2025**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025**

**Boxes are first come first serve, while supplies last!**

This is a drive thru pick up event. You will stay in your vehicle and we will load the food box for you.

**SPONSORED BY BETHESDA EC CHURCH THROUGH BLESSINGS OF HOPE.**



We are offering 40 pound food boxes to the community. To keep this event free, we are asking for donations. Each box costs \$12. Donations can be given online, in the collection plate or delivered, by mail or in person, to the church office.



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Mailing Address - 23 Meadowbrook Drive - Schuylkill Haven - 17972

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# Holiday Special Events

## Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias are available to purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one. The deadline to order is Sunday, **November 24th**. They will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and then available to take home **December 24th**. Grab an order form from the Welcome Counter.



## Fall Cleanup - November 9th at 8 am

All are invited to join us to help get the church grounds ready for winter. Please bring rakes, wheel barrows, tarps and any other tools you think would be helpful. There are no sign ups, come when you can and leave when you must.

## Sponsor a Child for Christmas

Starting Sunday, **November 10th** we will need sponsors for Christmas presents, for children, through Big Impact. Grab a card off the window in the hallway, purchase **ALL** the gifts listed on the card and bring them back, unwrapped by Sunday, **December 1st**.



## Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **November 24th**! Help us prepare for the advent season by hanging greens, setting up the advent wreath and Christmas tree! There is no need to sign up. Just stick around after church to help out.

## Thanksgiving Eve Pie & Praise Service Wednesday, November 27th at 7 pm

The whole family is encouraged to join us in remembering all we have to be thankful for. We will sing, share praises and eat pie together! Please bring your favorite pie to share during this relaxed service in the Common Ground.



## BYM Christmas Card Distribution

Christmas Card Distribution will be hosted by Bethesda Youth Ministries, starting on **December 1st!!!** If you have cards that are to be delivered to regular attenders at Bethesda, drop them off at the upper entrance in the large mailbox. Bethesda parents and youth will sort and make the cards available to the congregation. As a love offering for the youth, please consider leaving a donation that would have covered postage fees.

# Who's Who at Bethesda:

## Staff

Lead Pastor

Children & Youth Director

Office Manager

Facilities Manager

Office Assistant

Maintenance

Custodians

Treasurer

Praise Team Director  
Organist

## \*Officers

President

Vice President

Secretary

Lay Delegate

Alternate Lay Delegate

Treasurer

Financial Secretary

## \*Members at Large

### \*Outreach Commission "COME"

To be **PRESENT** in our Community

American Heritage Girls Liaison

Celebrate Recovery

Coffee @ the Corner

Fall Festival

Food Box Distribution

God's Pantry

GriefShare

Men of Bethesda Service Projects

The Church Has Left the Building

Upward Sports

Vacation Bible School

### \*Church Life Commission "FIND"

To be **CONNECTED** in our body.

Annual Church Picnic

Extended Hands

Hospitality

Just Older Youth (JOY)

Kidz Klub

Men of Bethesda Activities

Seasonal Decorating

Twin Pines Coordinator

Welcoming Committee

What's for Dinner Wednesday

Women of Bethesda

Young Adult Ministries

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## Billy Mills Jr.

Maggie Arbushites

Shane Minnich

Tim DeLay

Curt Behler

Sue Killian

Lisa Minnich

Cheryl Bender

Ed Moyer/Lily Henry

## Bill Mills, Director

Cherie Powell

Norma Minnich

Janet Stoyer

Ed Moyer

Steve Svenson

Tim & Lisa DeLay

Paul Moyer/Maggie Arbushites

Jeff Hughes

Steve Svenson

Chris Brauer

TBD

## Steve Svenson, Director

Steve Svenson

Various

Rae Huneke

Linda Bollinger

Ed Moyer

Don Gossard

Cara Stine

Bette Jo Long

Rae Huneke

Linda Bollinger/Steve Svenson

Michelle Svenson/Cherie Avezzano

Dillon Wertman



## Pastoral Relations Committee

Bethesda EC Church maintains a Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC). The PRC helps to fulfill our commitment to the best interests of the pastors, as well as the health of our congregation. More information about the PRC can be found at [bethesdaec.org/prc](http://bethesdaec.org/prc).

If you have a question or comment you believe would help the PRC in attaining these goals, please contact one of the following PRC members:

### Ed Redding

570-915-6367

### Curt Behler

610-698-0759

### Maggie Arbushites

570-573-0412

### Amanda Gossard

570-527-0651

### Janet Stoyer

570-573-9997

### Next Ministry Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 12th

23 Meadowbrook Center

6:30 pm

All articles for events held from **December 1st** through **December 31st** should be submitted by the **18th of November** to be included in our **December issue**. A copy of this newsletter can also be found online at [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org).

# Who's Who at Bethesda:

## \*Discipleship Commission "GROW"

To be **FORMED** as disciples.

Bethesda Training Institute & Prison Ministry  
All Church-Wide Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes  
Prayer Ministry  
Life Groups & Spiritual Partners  
Spiritual Gift Assessments

## Dillon Wertman, Director

Steve Minnich  
Dillon Wertman  
Connie Wright  
Norma Minnich  
Curt Behler/Cherie Avezzano



## \*Missions Commission "SERVE/GO"

To be **SENT** as disciples.

Adult & Youth Missions  
Local, National & Global  
Field Missions

## Leroy Bates, Director

TBD  
Connie Wright

## \*Operations Commission

To **MAINTAIN** Property

Property & Vehicle Maintenance  
Building Expansion Solutions  
Team (BEST)  
Campus Design Team  
Usage Committee  
Security Team

## Brian Stine, Director

Brian Avezzano  
Chris Brauer

Jody Stine  
Becky Hoover  
Leroy Bates

## Administration

To **SUPPORT** the Body

Advertising, Insurance, Purchasing, and IT  
Benevolence  
Communications  
Counseling  
Facilities  
Financial Giving Statements & Memorial Gifts  
First Aid /Safety  
Website



## Lynn Wiscount

Lynn Wiscount  
Shane Minnich  
Tiffany Rayle  
Pastor Mark Brooks  
Amanda Gossard  
Cheryl Bender  
Curt Behler  
Tiffany Rayle/Lynn Wiscount

## Committees Reporting to the Membership

Pastoral Relations Committee  
Nominating Committee  
Finance Committee  
Auditing Committee

Ed Redding  
TBD  
Nick Steranko  
Carol Sleinkofer

## Children's Ministry Council (Reports to Church Life Commission)

Superintendent  
Director  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Secretary  
Members at Large

Ed Moyer  
TBD  
Cindy Brooks  
Lynn Koch  
Janet Stoyer, Vanessa Minnich,  
Jane Baudoin, & Jayme Cooper

## Youth Ministry Council (Reports to Church Life Commission)

Superintendent  
President  
Program Director  
Recorder of Meetings & Volunteers  
Members at Large

Ed Moyer  
TBD  
TBD  
Molly Steranko  
Tammy Munster, Dallas Henry, & Cherie Powell  
Billy Mills, CJ Powell,  
Matix Minnich, & Kelly Canfield



## \*Ministry Council Members and Officers



## November Worship Volunteer Schedule

### Live Stream

November 3 - Lisa M.  
November 10 - Charlie K.  
November 17 - Dillon W.  
November 24 - Tim Delay

### Coffee Makers

November 3 - Norma M.  
November 10 - Maggie A.  
November 17 - Steve S.  
November 24 - Bates Family

### Stewards

November 3 - Sue K.  
November 10 - Steve R.  
November 17 - Theresa K.  
November 24 - Steve M.

### Church Lock-Up

November 3 - Austin B.  
November 10 - Shane M.  
November 17 - Jim C.  
November 24 - Danny W.





# Prayer Concerns

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## Personal

Adalyn (cancer)  
 Lisa (recovery)  
 Emily C. Babb (recovery)  
 Jean Becker (recovery)  
 Gary Bruen (recovery)  
 Tim Christman (treatment)  
 Irene Conway (back)  
 Jayme Cooper (recovery)  
 Sara Costenbader (aneurism)  
 Rachel Croyle (cancer)  
 Merijo Dietrich (cancer)  
 Ashley Dubble (recovery)  
 Millie Dukman (cancer)  
 Joanne Forbes (cancer)  
 Katie Gossard (testing)  
 Kathleen Grey (cancer)  
 Sharon Hart (diagnosis)  
 Jason Himmelreich (transition)  
 Mark Himmelreich (back)  
 Lillian Hyland (seizures)  
 Susan Kanezo (cancer)  
 Theresa Kaylor (tests)  
 Tommy Keefer (breathing)  
 Eugene Lamberth (recovery)  
 Theresa Lamberth (recovery)  
 Carolyn Leinheiser (recovery)  
 Jim Leitzel (hospice)  
 Tom Luckenbill (recovery)  
 Jayme Manley (cancer)  
 Jim Martin (dialysis)  
 Troy Miller (support)  
 Stephen Moore (infection)

Chris Morrison (tests)  
 John Morrison (tests)  
 Ed Moyer (recovery)  
 Tammy Munster (treatment)  
 Shannon O'Boyle (anxiety & loss)  
 Brianna Osceles (decisions)  
 Jenna Ogden (transition)  
 Gemma Payot (Israel)  
 Hannah Reiter (testing)  
 Don Rothrock, Sr. (cancer)  
 Robin Schoener (chemo)  
 Steve Steranko (transition)  
 Barbie Tretter (recovery)  
 John Trevi (recovery)  
 Lou Welsh (recovery)  
 Yvonne Wiscount (infection)

## Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)  
 Nikki and Cliff Brignola Family (fertility)  
 Margarita Del Valle Campiz Family (loss)  
 Christman Family (care)  
 Delores Hoffman (loss)  
 Cena Knowles Family (loss)  
 Chuck Lishman Family (cancer)  
 Leo Carson Mosteller Family (birth)  
 Patricia Sattazahn (loss)  
 Jack Spatz Family (transition)  
 Jim Stock Family (loss)  
 Theo Klocko Szumlanski Family (cancer)  
 Phil/Margie (transition)

## **Local, National & Global**

- EC Officers:
  - Bishop: Randy Sizemore
  - Exec Director: K Henry
  - Associates: G. Kuehner, T. Rathman, M. Snedeker & M. Hill
  - District Facilitator: John Smith, DFD
- President: Joe Biden
- Vice President: Kamala Harris
- US Military Forces
- Conflict in Middle East & Ukraine
- 2024-2025 Schools

## **Congregational**

- American Heritage Girls
- 23 Meadowbrook Center
- JAM Rec Center
- Celebrate Recovery
- Coffee @ the Corner
- GriefShare ministry
- L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries
- Ministry Council
- Upward



## Local Missions

Jewel Women's Center  
 Servants to All  
 Jubilee Ministries  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship  
 LIFE Prison Ministry  
 Bethesda Training Institute

## National Missions

Keith & Sarah Evans  
 Bob & Bettina Schaeffer  
 Joe & Wendy Toy  
 Dan & Mary Lynne Wills

## Global Missions

Dave & Conce Roof (Brazil)  
 EC Churches in Nepal  
 EC Churches in India  
 EC Churches in Liberia

## Shut-ins

Nancy Berger  
 Eileen Blew  
 Doris Harig  
 Mary Ellen Hering  
 Edith Houtz  
 Sharon Kissinger  
 Mary Rhen  
 Karen Rountree  
 Maria Szumlanski (back & lungs)

## Military

Alex Amaya (Navy)  
 Josh Behler (Air Force)  
 Megan Dull (Navy)  
 Ben Kilmer (National Guard)  
 Sierra Mueller (Air Force)  
 Zehn Schropp (Air Force)  
 Matthew Sterner (Air Force)  
 Nate Stine (Air Force)  
 Thomas Walser (Air National Guard)

