



BETHESDA E.C. CHURCH

at Reedsville "A Healing Community"

SERVICE TIMES & INFORMATION

Sunday Morning Services

- 8:00 am - Traditional Service**
- 9:15 am - Adult 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 108 and Jr. Church is available for all school-age children in Room 109.

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



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It Takes a Village

"It takes a village to raise a child" is an African proverb that means that an entire community of people must provide for and interact positively with children for them to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. That is our goal at Bethesda – for ALL age levels.

With the addition of Ed Moyer to our staff as the children and youth ministries director, our hope is his creativity, energy and passion will continue to enhance the ministry to children and youth at Bethesda. Our prayer is that the volunteers working with him will contribute to healthy ministry development and participation. Thank you for your support of Ed and his family as they continue to transition to life at Bethesda and Schuylkill County.

We are so blessed and thankful for those who share their gift of teaching at Bethesda. Adults of all ages, as well as children & youth, benefit from the commitment and dedication of these volunteer teachers. Please consider connecting with a new Sunday School class or a mid-week Bible study that has been advertised in this edition of Bethesda's Newsletter.

Like other churches throughout the country and in this county, we have begun to take steps to enhance the security at Bethesda. This is a step-by-step process enhanced by the congregation's flexibility. A 'thank you' to LeRoy Bates and the Security Team as they develop and implement security measures at Bethesda.

Finally, the JAM Rec Center. Bethesda is blessed by this generous donation on behalf of the Jim Miller Family. As the B.E.S.T., Design, Operations, Upward, and Usage Committees work together, our goal is to provide a safe space for others to live out their love of sports and community.

It does take a village of Christ-followers to make the most of what God has blessed us with at Bethesda. Thank you for your continued prayer support of our ministries.

Blessings, Pastor Mark

Events & Information

Yard Sale at the Social Hall

Friday & Saturday
September 13th & 14th
8 am - 12 noon

Tables are available for \$7.
For more information
and to sign up contact
LaVerne Houtz
at 570-345-4998.



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
AT 9:15 AM
IN THE COMMON GROUND
(NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL)



SECURITY UPGRADES

OVER THE NEXT WEEKS AND MONTHS, SECURITY ADJUSTMENTS AND UPGRADES WILL TAKE PLACE AT BETHESDA CHURCH. STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS OF THESE MODIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED AND IMPLEMENTED BY OUR SECURITY TEAM. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LEROY BATES, OUR SECURITY TEAM CHAIR AT 570-640-3484.

Next Communion
Sunday, October 6th



Financial Snapshot

August 2024

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Income	\$ 236,379	\$ 246,482	\$ (10,103)
Restricted Funds	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
Expenses	\$ 246,247	\$ 261,879	\$ 15,632
Net Difference	\$ 10,132	\$ 4,603	\$ 5,529

Ed's 2 Cents



Wow! It's already September!

I'm sure I'm not the only one who is not ready to see their kiddo's going back to school. This month we have family movie night on Friday, September 6th at the church. We also have the Uprise Festival for our 5th - 12th graders. It is exciting seeing Sunday School, Junior Church, and Kidz Klub going into full effect! We even have something new....Youth Group on Sunday evenings! God is moving in our church and it's amazing to see!

Now it's time for fall sports, homework, and family time somewhere in there. We as parents often become just as busy as our kids in our own lives. I think during this month we have to be encouragements to our kids. Our youth and children are going into a school year full of many adventures. According to Romans 8:37, our kids are more than conquerors. As parents, we need to express to our children, to be a light of Christ to all. This does not mean your kiddos have to preach the Gospel to anyone who listens. It's being positive to the kid who sits alone at lunch, telling your teacher "thanks for dealing with me", or even the chat with friends... "by the way Jesus loves you". Being an encouragement to others can make a world of difference to someone. Enjoy hitting the books and getting back to the grind.

God bless,
Ed Moyer
Children & Youth Director



Bethesda Children

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - AGES 0-4TH GRADE

Family Movie Night - Friday, September 6th, from 7 to 9 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!

Uprise Festival - Saturday, September 14th, meet at 8:30 am, at Church. See ad to the right, for more information.

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 - Erika Venzie (484-866-5079)

Work Camp to West VA - August 30th - September 2nd



Women of Bethesda

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' Monthly Brunch - All ladies are welcome to join us on Saturday, September 14th at 12:30 pm at the Haven Diner at the intersection of 443 & 183.

Fall Painting Event - Saturday, September 21st, from 4 to 7 pm, in the Common Ground. See ad to the right for more information.

Ladies' Leadership Meeting - Sunday, September 22nd, at 11:45 am, in the Room 202 (International Room). All women are welcome as we look to plan for future events!

SAVE-THE-DATE for the following upcoming events:

Pre-Holiday Pause - November 2nd at 6 pm

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



Men of Bethesda

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast - All men are invited to Friedensburg Country Restaurant on Saturday, September 14th, at 8 am. No need to sign up. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark.



Just Older Youth

50+ MINISTRY

Hymn Sing - Sunday, September 29th, at 4 pm, in the Sanctuary. See ad to the right for more information.

Family Ministries

Bethesda Children's Ministry Presents:
Family Movie Night

Friday, September 6th
7 - 9 pm

Cinema Room (Room 101)

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



BYM UPRISE FEST

SEPTEMBER 14TH
MEET AT 8:30 AM
AT BETHESDA EC
CHURCH

INDIVIDUAL COST:
\$75.00

**BYM BRING-A-FRIEND
DISCOUNTED COST:
\$37.50**

Attention 5th - 12th Graders: Join us for an exciting and uplifting experience at the Uprise Festival! The show ends at 11 pm, so there will be overnight accommodations available at Bethesda EC Church, in Rooms 101 and 102. Breakfast will be provided the next morning at 7:30 am in the Common Ground, followed by bible study, and then the 10:30 am worship service. Please bring money for food & souvenirs during the festival. Parents are welcome to join, by purchasing an individual ticket for \$75.00.

WOB Fall Painting Event

September 21st, from 4 - 7 pm,
in the Common Ground



This is a FUN-draiser for the Women of Bethesda to help raise funds for the Ladies' 2025 Retreat. Come paint with us and enjoy an evening of fun! \$30 per person. Drinks (non-alcoholic) and snacks are included. Sign-up and choose your painting selection at the Welcome Counter or online to ensure your spot. We will accept cash or check at the event.

JOY HYMN SING

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29TH,
AT 4 PM,
IN THE SANCTUARY

LED BY BEVERLY &
WENDALL HEISLER

ICE CREAM PROVIDED
AFTERWARDS



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

Starting September 8th, from 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

The Jesus I Never Knew - by Philip Yancey

Facilitated by Steve Svenson

Philip Yancey reveals the real Jesus beyond the stereotypes, offering a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and His work—His teaching, His miracles, His death and resurrection—and ultimately, who He was and why He came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, *The Jesus I Never Knew* gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history.

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.

Sunday School Kick-Off September 8th, at 9 am

All are invited to our Sunday School Kick-Off, in the Sanctuary.

There will be a brief introduction to all the Sunday School offerings, for adults, youth, and children. Afterwards, the adults will go to their classrooms and the youth and children will go to the Common Ground for breakfast and fellowship.

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 109.

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 108





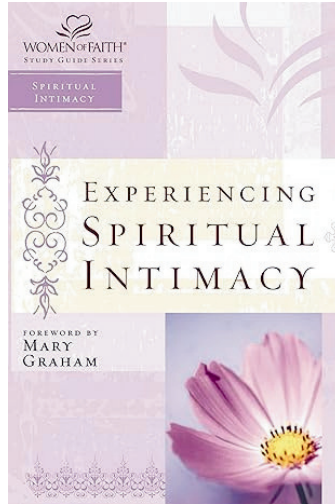
Wednesday Night Ministries

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Room 200 - Library

Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy

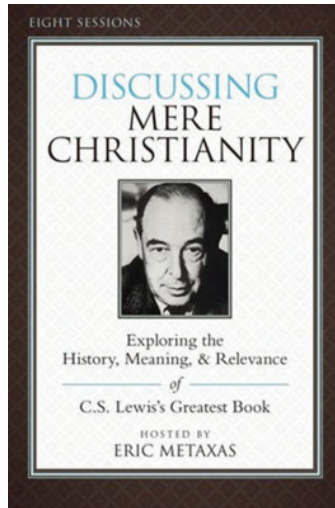
- by Women of Faith Study Guide
Do you know the treasure that is already hidden in your heart? Are you aware of the riches that are already yours? Those of us who long for spiritual intimacy need only to realize that God, the Holy Spirit, dwells in us. Do you long for spiritual intimacy? This study will 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.



What's For Dinner Wednesdays

October 2nd, October 16th, and November 6th

Dinner Served from 5:30 - 6:15 pm



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!

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.





GriefShare

FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Sunday, September 8th & 22nd 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 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

Home-Cooked Meal

Are you or someone you know in need of a home cooked meal? If you know of someone who could benefit from a warm meal, call the church office and we will arrange for pick up or delivery.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is an informal space at the church for anyone to access, if in need. Permission is not required. Anyone can take for themselves or take for someone else.

JAM Rec Center Updates



Thank you for your prayers for electric hook-up! We are told that electricity should be connected by the time you read this newsletter article, which means that we are closer to a climate-controlled environment to season the wood floors for installation!

Please continue to pray for acceptable water testing results as well as the continuing collaboration between this Design Team and Miller Brothers staff to bring this project to completion.

Here are just a few details that have been recently approved by the Design Team:

- Ceiling tiles
- Bathroom partitions and mirrors
- Overall interior paint for lobby and gymnasium
- Feature wall paint colors for Lobby, Loft, Kitchen, and Bathrooms

Here are just a few details being sorted:

- Bleacher selection for the west wall of the court
- Interior door stain and paint for metal door frames
- Bathroom soap dispensers
- Interior and exterior trash cans
- Final selection of nets and balls

Keep the prayers coming as we approach the finish line of this amazing opportunity!

JAM REC CENTER FUNDRAISING SCOREBOARD	
\$ 42,266	\$ 130,000
SCORE	GOAL



Construction Photos





Get to Know Your Praise Team

**Singer
Deborah Babb**

I started singing at Bethesda early in life.

First, we had a junior choir, led by Shirley Meade. Then, when in high school, I started singing in the senior choir.

When Pastor Stahl was here, he liked the worship songs and started to implement them into the services.

Soon after, the Praise Team formed.

After about a year, I was asked to join the Team to provide some harmony, as the only singers were sopranos.

I'm guessing I've been singing with the Team for at least 25 years or more. I love it and can't imagine NOT singing. Giving praise to our Lord and Savior gives me more joy than you can imagine! (Well, maybe you can).



Get Ready!!! On Sunday, October 13th, 2024, Bethesda and Grace EC Churches will come together to experience **The Church Has Left the Building**. As the Outreach Commissions from each church continue to meet and plan this opportunity, your help is needed. Stay tuned for the opportunity to volunteer. In the next weeks, sign-up to be placed at a job site to paint, landscape, light carpentry or simple "handyman work" as we assist local homeowners (disabled, elderly, single parents) to enhance their properties. If you have any concerns or questions about TCHLTB, do not hesitate to contact the church office at 570-739-2241 or email us at office@bethesdaec.org.

Local Ministries

Wayne Township Senior Group

23 Meadowbrook Center
September 2024 Events

Wednesday, September 4

Lunch: Baked Ziti & Tossed Salad
Activity: BINGO

Wednesday, September 11

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwich & Soup
Activity: Movin' & Groovin' with Barb

Wednesday, September 18

Lunch: Meatball Hoagie, Celery, & Carrots
Activity: Bring in a Vacation Souvenir

Wednesday, September 25

Lunch: Coney Burger & Cold Salad
Activity: Historical Society Presentation

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



Back to School with Missions!

It's time to go back to school!

Let's think about those we support in taking the gospel to elementary schools and college campuses.

On the elementary level there is Child Evangelism Fellowship of Schuylkill County. After a busy summer with day camps, the CEF team now turns its focus to After School Good News Clubs. PRAY for the Bible teachers and helpers as they share the gospel with children from our local schools.

On the college level we have missionaries who challenge students with the absolute truth of God's Word. We have two missionary connections to campuses:



Steven and Danielle Detwiler, whose possible ministry locations are Kutztown and Penn State Schuylkill.

Keith and Sarah Evans, who serve at Lebanon Valley College.

PRAY for both couples that they will have wisdom and wit as they share the truth of Christ with college students.



Thanks for your faithful prayers.

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 Summer. 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: September 19th, and November 14th

Local Ministries



God is on the move at the Jewel Women's Center!

Since Jewel became a medical center just a few short years ago we have seen an increase in clients, in lives saved, and in support. We have already seen more lives saved this year than last... and it's only August! We believe that God can do more than all we ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20) We're seeing that played out, and it's for his kingdom and his purposes. Thank you Jesus!

Bethesda has recently received two thank you notes from Jewel. One thank you was "for all of Bethesda's prayers, gifts, and generosity. They are so appreciated! Because of you we can continue to offer free resources... pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STI testing, and treatment." Of course there's also counseling, parenting classes, and meeting physical needs such as diapers and clothing. This support will help Jewel to expand it's reach to connect with those who need it most. Another note was to say thank you for a gift presented to Jewel in honor and memory of Esther Heisler. She supported Jewel for many years. The staff took a moment to remember and recognize "who she was and how her beautiful life impacts the future of so many!"

Looking forward to just next month, please consider our next event, the Jewel Banquet. We will be celebrating generations. All generations have unique qualities, strengths and weaknesses, but each plays a vital role in life and each life impacts generations. The banquet dates are October 15th, 17th, and 24th. Dinners will be each evening at 6:00 pm and a luncheon on the 17th. Tickets are just \$15. These will be opportunities to learn more about Jewel, the work that goes on here, the lives that are impacted, and there's going to be great food too! If you are at all interested please let Rae Huneke know. Whether you're already a supporter, or maybe not yet familiar with Jewel, consider joining her. "Seasons change, generations come and go... but Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

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

Food Box Distribution

God's Pantry

GriefShare

Men of Bethesda Service Projects

The Church Has Left the Building

Fall Festival

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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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

Steve Svenson

Tim & Lisa DeLay

Paul Moyer/Maggie Arbushites

Jeff Hughes

Steve Svenson

Ed Moyer

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

Andrew & Erika Venzie



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.

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

Chris Morrison

570-640-1459

Next Ministry
Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 17th
23 Meadowbrook Center
6:30 pm

All articles for events held from **October 1st** through **October 31st** should be submitted by the **23rd of September** to be included in our **October issue**. A copy of this newsletter can also be found online at 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)
Design Team
Usage Committee
Security Team



Brian Stine, Director

Brian Avezzano
Chris Brauer
Jody Stine
Becky Hoover
Leroy Bates

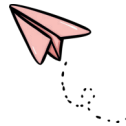
Administration

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
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Program Director
Recorder of Meetings & Volunteers
Members at Large

Student Representatives

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



September Worship Volunteer Schedule

8:00 am Greeters & Welcome Counter

September 1 - UD: Lisa M.
LD: **Open**
WC: Norma M.
September 8 - UD: Nate & Peg H.
LD: Maggie A.
WC: Joan L.
September 15 - UD: Yvonne D.
LD: **Open**
WC: Rae H.
September 22 - UD: Behler Family
LD: Mills Family
WC: **Open**
September 29 - UD: Dave S.
LD: Lisa M.
WC: Norma M.

10:30 am Greeters & Welcome Counter

September 1 - UD: Wayne B.
LD: **Open**
WC: Amanda G.
September 8 - UD: Robert M.
LD: **Open**
WC: Theresa K.
September 15 - UD: Meyer Family
LD: Hannah K.
WC: Cherie A.
September 22 - UD: Leah E.
LD: Tammy M.
WC: Amy H.
September 29 - UD: Rose C.
LD: Cathy I.
WC: **Open**

Live Stream

September 1 - Lisa M.
September 8 - Charlie K.
September 15 - Dillon W.
September 22 - Tim Delay
September 29 - Maggie A.

Coffee Makers

September 1 - Norma M.
September 8 - Maggie A.
September 15 - Steve S.
September 22 - Bates Family
September 29 - Norma M.

Stewards

September 1 - Sue K.
September 8 - Steve R.
September 15 - Theresa K.
September 22 - Steve M.
September 29 - John M.

Church Lock-Up

September 1 - Austin B.
September 8 - Shane M.
September 15 - Jim C.
September 22 - Danny W.
September 29 - Brian A.

Prayer Concerns

September 2024

Personal

Adalyn (cancer)
 Lisa (recovery)
 Emily C. Babb (recovery)
 Jean Becker (recovery)
 Denise Blankenhorn (recovery)
 Gary Bruen (recovery)
 Tim Christman (treatment)
 Irene Conway (back)
 Rachel Croyle (cancer)
 Merijo Dietrich (cancer)
 Ashley Dubble (recovery)
 Millie Dukman (cancer)
 Don Gossard (heart)
 Katie Gossard (testing)
 Kathleen Grey (cancer)
 Sharon Hart (diagnosis)
 Mark Himmelreich (back)
 Heidi Irwin (recovery)
 Susan Kanezo (cancer)
 Tommy Keefer (recovery)
 Eugene Lamberth (recovery)
 Theresa Lamberth (recovery)
 Carolyn Leinheiser (recovery)
 Jim Leitzel (cancer)
 Tom Lotz (shoulder)
 Tom Luckenbill (recovery)
 Jayme Manley (cancer)
 Jim Martin (dialysis)
 Troy Miller (support)
 Hertha Moeller (recovery)
 Stephen Moore (infection)
 Chris Morrison (tests)
 John Morrison (tests)
 Tammy Munster (chemo)

Jenna Ogden (transition)
 Gemma Payot (Israel)
 Hannah Reiter (testing)
 Don Rothrock, Sr. (cancer)
 Patricia Sattazahn (cancer)
 Robin Schoener (chemo)
 Dave Smith (cancer)
 Steve Steranko (transition)
 Jim Stock (hospice)
 Josh Stranix (heart)
 Barbie Tretter (recovery)
 John Trevi (recovery)
 Yvonne Wiscount (infection)

Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)
 Christman Family (care)
 Bryan Hoover Family (loss)
 Cena Knowles Family (loss)
 Chuck Lishman Family (cancer)
 Leo Carson Mosteller Family (birth)
 Paul Setlock Family (loss)
 John Shpakovsky Family (loss)
 Patricia Shuster Family (loss)
 Dave Smith Family (loss)
 Jack Spatz Family (transition)
 Jim Stranix Family (loss)
 Theo Klocko Szumlanski Family (cancer)
 Francis Wiscount, Jr. Family (loss)
 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



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

Military

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

