



# 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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## **A New Opportunity Awaits...**

We love new opportunities -- a chance to spread our wings and to meet challenges. With the very generous donation of the JAM Rec Center, Bethesda EC Church will have new opportunities.

Like 23 Meadowbrook Center, there will be plenty of possibilities to bridge and connect to the community. Since Bethesda is missional in our approach to ministry, providing opportunities to bridge to and beyond the walls of Bethesda's campuses is part of our DNA. It is who we are.

As the JAM Rec Center inches closer toward completion, here are the possibilities:

- New opportunities for adult, children, and youth ministries associated with Bethesda.
- New opportunities for adult, children, and youth community leagues (i.e. basketball, pickleball, volleyball).
- New opportunities as individuals, families and groups rent this rec center space for a variety of uses.
- New opportunity called Upward Sports – a sports ministry geared toward bringing families together and building community. As we launch our online and social media dimensions on Tuesday, October 1st, the first sports ministry opportunity will be indoor soccer beginning the week of January 6th, 2025. Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to connect with this sports ministry.

So many new opportunities to bridge to and connect with the community! Please continue to pray for these new opportunities. God has opened doors – may we proceed through them in a Spirit-led way!



*Blessings, Pastor Mark*

# Events & Information



## THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING



Get Ready!!! On Sunday, October 13th, 2024, Bethesda and Grace EC Churches will come together to experience **The Church Has Left the Building**. We will 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](mailto:office@bethesdaec.org).

### Softball Anyone?

The Hetzel's Church is trying to begin a Softball league. Depending on interest, this could be a Men's, Co-ed or Women's Team. If you are interested, please contact the church office. If this would become a reality at Bethesda, we need someone to be the coach/point person.



Get Ready! Shoeboxes will be available to grab from the Welcome Counter on **Sunday, October 20th**, with the deadline to return your shoebox filled with items for kids around the world, being **November 10th**. Visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) for more information on this awesome ministry!

Next Communion  
Sunday, October 6th



### Financial Snapshot

September 2024

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
<b>Income</b>	\$ 269,113	\$ 281,693	\$ (12,580)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 278,517	\$ 302,421	\$ 23,904
<b>Net Difference</b>	\$ 10,596	\$ (728)	\$ 11,324

## Ed's 2 Cents



Another month has come and gone. I have only been here now 3 months, but I have seen some epic spiritual and physical growth here at Bethesda. I was blown away at the fact we had 6 youth go to the Uprise Festival. Not only did youth get to hear different styles of Christian music....one youth decided that following Jesus was better than what they were doing earlier.

With growing interest in the Children's offerings, accommodations and room changes have been made to adjust for larger attendance. It never ceases to amaze me that in the past few weeks we have kept seeing new families attending Bethesda. Our God is good and faithful according to Psalm 100:5. God has been challenging these Children and Youth through our programs and it amazing to see.

There are a few upcoming events. First is our Family Movie Night on Friday, October 4th at 7 pm, in Room 101. This movie will be a Halloween themed movie. Second is The Church Has Left the Building on October 13th. This will be from 9 am to 2 pm. We will be painting a scout cabin to make it look monumental. I'm trying not to use the word epic so much. Third is our Fall Festival, on October 20th. This will be from 5 pm to 7 pm. There will be many fun things offered. Lastly there will be a Youth Worship Night with the artist Matt Baird from the band Spoken from 6 pm to 7:30 pm on November 10th.

The youth saw this artist at Uprise Festival. There are many things going on here at Bethesda and I praise God daily for it.

God bless,  
*Ed Moyer*  
Children & Youth Director

# Ministry Appreciation Month Announcement

Dear Bethesda family and friends,

It's October and that means it's time for Ministry Appreciation Month! During this month we intentionally focus on expressing our gratitude for the service of our pastor and staff at Bethesda-Reedsville EC Church. We have been blessed with servants of the Lord who work faithfully on a daily basis to fulfill the ministry of the church. This year we are celebrating Pastor Mark and Cindy Brooks, Ed Moyer and Tina Moyer, Lisa Minnich, Lynn Wiscount, Amanda Gossard, Tiffany Rayle, Jim Munster, Billy Mills Jr., Brian Avezzano, and Terry and Roxanne Seltzer.

In the foyer, starting October 6th, you will find a display with bins, marked with the names of those we want to honor. You can place your notes or tokens of appreciation in these. Here are some ideas for you to consider:

- Sending a card or letter expressing your gratitude for the ways our staff has been a blessing to your life.
- Acknowledging them in a text or email.
- Blessing them in a tangible way with a gift, gift card, or a monetary blessing.

Whatever you choose to do, we hope that you show your gratitude to our faithful team with heartfelt affirmation of what they do in service to us. Please join me in celebrating these deserving staff members.

Gratefully,

*Curt Behler*

Lay Delegate  
Bethesda EC Church







# Bethesda Children

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - AGES 0-4TH GRADE

**Family Movie Night** - Friday, October 4th, 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!

**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, October 12th 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** - All men are invited to Friedensburg Country Restaurant on Saturday, October 12th, at 8 am. No need to sign up. 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, October 4th  
7 - 9 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 (**Starts 10/13**)

*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

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## 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!*

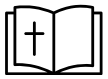
Nursery - 0 to 2 yrs old

*Taught by Rotating Volunteers in Room 104*

Pre-K - 3 to 5 yrs old

*Taught by Rotating Volunteers in Room 109*





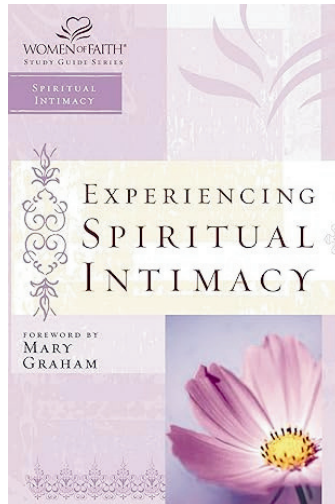
# Wednesday Night Ministries

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

## Room 200 - Library

### **Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy**

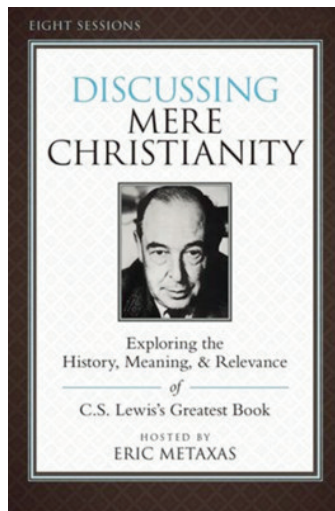
- by Women of Faith Study Guide  
Do you know the treasure that is already hidden in your heart? Are you aware of the riches that are already yours? Those of us who long for spiritual intimacy need only to realize that God, the Holy Spirit, dwells in us. Do you long for spiritual intimacy? This study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



## 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, October 13th & 27th 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)

### Caregiving Assistance

- A listening ear for challenges associated with caregiving, whether it be in-home, or out-of-home.
- Tips and recommendations based on personal experience with caregiving and solving problems that are often encountered with that care.
- Knowledge of health care systems, and navigating within them.
- Understand referral sources to aid in getting the support you need.

Contact Chris M. at 570-640-1459



# JAM Rec Center Updates



How exciting to see the exterior signage on the front of this new building, not to mention the sidewalks and landscaping! We are told that parking lot paving will occur between October 8th and 10th depending on weather! Once the windows are installed this building will be weather tight and the climate-controlled interior will begin to season the wood floors for installation! While the outside continues to take shape, the interiors are continuing to come together.

- Bathroom finishing details of hand dryers, toilet paper holders, soap dispensers, and changing tables have been sorted.
- Smoke alarms and a monitoring system are being installed.
- Gymnasium large clock, scoreboard, basketball, volleyball, and pickleball nets are being ordered and delivered.
- Kitchen countertops have been agreed to for construction.

Please keep this JAM Design Team in prayer as they sort through the remaining details such as:

- Tables and chairs for the Loft and Gymnasium
- Soft furnishings for the Loft
- AED, first aid kits, and fire extinguishers
- Bleachers
- Appliances, coffee makers, and carafes
- TVs for Loft and Lobby

We are looking forward to bringing this project to fruition and your prayers are a vital part of that process! Thank you!

JAM REC CENTER FUNDRAISING SCOREBOARD	
\$ 40,571	\$ 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>



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  
Tiffany Rayle**



I grew up in Bucks County, PA and just before High School, my mom moved us to Virginia Beach, VA to follow a friend of hers. I stayed in VA, just waiting for the day to come back to PA, with the cooler temperatures and always wanting to move to the mountains. A couple years after I married my husband, Jeremy, my mom moved back to PA and eventually to Schuylkill Haven. After a few visits I knew this is where I wanted to be, so after years, a lot of convincing, and God's leading, we finally moved to Schuylkill Haven! Soon, we started to look for our next home church. First we visited Grace Church, but something was missing. Next we tried Bethesda EC Church and never looked back! It felt just right and so welcoming!

Growing up, I had a strong connection to music & singing, from an early age. I was in school chorus groups, talent shows, and I loved putting on singing performances for my family or with my family. After High School, I didn't pursue music further, unless you include karaoke, but I really missed it.

I grew up knowing Jesus, but my family didn't take me to church regularly. I prayed and spoke to God, from time to time and considered myself a Christian, if I were asked. It wasn't until I started attending Faith Community Church, in Newport News, VA, that I truly starting growing in my relationship with God. It all clicked there!

It was there, I fell in love with Contemporary Christian Music! I hadn't realized until that point that this genre of music existed and it made me feel so good! I quickly started listening to it more and more and I currently listen to it 95% of the time. I started realizing I picked up the Worship music easily, since I was recognizing the songs, so I expressed interest in becoming a part of the Praise Team there. A few months later, I was asked to shadow the Praise Team leader, as a back-up and fill in. Soon after that I began to lead every other week, until suddenly the Praise Team leader was called to serve as a Pastor, in West Virginia. I realized God was preparing me for this role all along, because he knew the need that would arise.

Years later a guitarist joined and started to help me as my leader back up, until one day my mom got really sick, and we moved to PA, to be closer to her. So that guitarist filled my place, as I went on to the next stop in God's journey for me. Once at Bethesda, I couldn't stay away from the Praise Team music scene, so I became a member of this Praise Team! Although I am not the lead, that is fine with me! I get to focus on the Worship and not the leading, which is a blessing!

**Local Ministries**

**Wayne Township Senior Group**

23 Meadowbrook Center

**October 2024 Events**

**Wednesday, October 2**

Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie & Tossed Salad  
Activity: BINGO

**Wednesday, October 9**

Lunch: Chicken Patty & Cold Salad  
Activity: Scavenger Hunt

**Wednesday, October 16**

Lunch: BBQ & Cold Salad  
Activity: To Be Determined

**Wednesday, October 23**

Lunch: Chicken Salad Sandwich & Soup  
Activity: BINGO

**Wednesday, October 30**

Lunch: Hess's Choice  
Activity: Carol Kantner Piano Recital

**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.**



## 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.



### 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



## 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 October! 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 its 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 later this 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

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

## Pastor Mark Brooks

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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 19th  
23 Meadowbrook Center  
6:30 pm

All articles for events held from **November 1st** through **November 31st** should be submitted by the **21st of October** to be included in our **November 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



## October Worship Volunteer Schedule

### Live Stream

October 6 - Lisa M.  
October 13 - Charlie K.  
October 20 - Dillon W.  
October 27 - Tim Delay

### Coffee Makers

October 6 - Norma M.  
October 13 - Maggie A.  
October 20 - Steve S.  
October 27 - Bates Family

### Stewards

October 6 - Sue K.  
October 13- Steve R.  
October 20- Theresa K.  
October 27 - Steve M.

### Church Lock-Up

October 6 - Austin B.  
October 13 - Shane M.  
October 20 - Jim C.  
October 27 - Danny W.





# Prayer Concerns

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## Personal

Adalyn (cancer)  
 Lisa (recovery)  
 Emily C. Babb (recovery)  
 Jean Becker (recovery)  
 Denise Blankenhorn (recovery)  
 Gary Bruen (recovery)  
 Tim Christman (treatment)  
 Irene Conway (back)  
 Jayme Cooper (recovery)  
 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)  
 Zeke Holzer (recovery)  
 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 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 (treatment)  
 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)  
 Christman Family (care)  
 Delores Hoffman (loss)  
 Bryan Hoover Family (loss)  
 Cena Knowles Family (loss)  
 Chuck Lishman Family (cancer)  
 Leo Carson Mosteller Family (birth)  
 Patricia Sattazahn (loss)  
 Paul Setlock Family (loss)  
 John Shpakovsky Family (loss)  
 Patricia Shuster Family (loss)  
 Dave Smith Family (loss)  
 Jack Spatz Family (transition)  
 Jim Stock 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
- 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

## 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)

