



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

All Sunday Morning Services are
"Come as you are comfortable."
With or without a mask.

Jr. Church available during the
10:30 service for children in grades K-4.

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

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Vacation Bible School
2021
July 12-16, 2021

This year's theme is Treasured! Kids will discover that God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold... it's them all while embarking on a treasure hunt for evidence of God all around them. We want kids to know that:

- God Knows You
- God Hears You
- God Comforts You
- God Forgives You
- God Chooses You



Nightly skits and videos, songs, puppets, crafts, games, and snacks will highlight the week. Children will earn points by coming to Bible School, bringing friends, and learning bible verses. Points will be redeemed for candy & Prizes!

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

1. **Online:** Visit www.bethesdaec.org and click on the Treasured logo
2. Fill out a registration form at the **Welcome Counter**.
3. **Call** the church office at 570-739-2241.

VBS needs your help!

1. **DONATE:** We need lots of stuff to make VBS come to life! Please visit the display at the Welcome Counter to choose a card with one of our needs. Thank you in advance!
2. **VOLUNTEER:** Your time and talents are in demand! Give as much time as you can...come one night or all five. Visit the Welcome Counter to learn about volunteer opportunities and to sign-up today!
3. **PRAY:** Ask God to use our volunteers to bring the gospel message to willing hearts. Pray that children are brought into Christ's Kingdom.
4. **Recruit:** Invite the kids in your life to come to Bible School. Children of friends, family, co-workers and neighbors all need to hear about Jesus!

Financial Snapshot April 2021

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$139,269	\$102,242	\$ (37,027)
Expenses	\$152,033	\$163,986	\$ (11,953)
PPP		\$ 49,002	\$ 49,002
NET w/ PPP			\$ 22
NET w/o PPP			\$ (48,980)



Kids Klub

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AGES 4-4TH GRADE

Sunday School - Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Common Ground. Available for ages 4 through 4th grade. Join us for a time of games, activities and fun all centered around the lesson that will be shared in Jr. Church

Jr. Church - Sunday mornings during the 10:30 service, in Common Ground. Available for ages 4 through 4th grade. This time will build on the activities during Sunday school and provide a lesson and songs during this children's church service!



BYM

BETHESDA YOUTH MINISTRIES GRADES 5-12

- **Thursday, June 3rd** - Conversation Corner - 6-7 pm @ the Corner. A place where opinions are heard, continuing down the path of God. For 8-12 grade.
- **Sunday, June 6th** - Graduate Sunday
- **Wednesday, June 9th** - Pool Party 5:30-8:30
- **Monday, June 28th - Tuesday, June 29th** - Sleepover at Janet Stoyer's for grades 8-12. 6 pm - 10 am.
- **Monday, June 28th - Tuesday, June 29th** - Video Game Tournament for 8-12 grade boys. 8 pm - 8 am.



Women of Bethesda

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's ZOOM Thursday Night Fellowship - 7 pm. Are you craving connection during this time of isolation? Join a lightly moderate hour of fellowship. Visit www.bethesdaec.org for the link.

Crochet Circle

Held at the home of Cheryl Bender. Monday, June 14th and 28th from 6:30-8:30 pm.



Men of Bethesda

MEN'S MINISTRY

Summer Story Series - Saturday, June 5th at 5 pm. All men are invited to Paul Moyer's residence for a time of food, fellowship as well as the hearing of a testimony. Sign up at the Welcome Counter

MenConnect - every weekday morning at 6 am. Join Pastor Jeff for a 15 minute devotional to start your day. Not an early riser? Watch later on YouTube. Links available at bethesdaec.org.



JOY Group

JUST OLDER YOUTH OPEN TO ALL ADULTS 18+

JOY group is currently not meeting due to COVID.

Family Ministries

Ministry Highlights



Join the Bethesda Youth and Children's group on Facebook to stay up to date on all upcoming events.

High School & College Graduates
2020-2021



Blue Mountain High School

Olivia Brauer, Ellie DeLay, Josh Gibson, Bella Minnich, Alex Shive

Pine Grove High School

Sonny Cook, Katelyn Stokes

Home School

Ian Powell

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College Graduates

Sarah Brooks - MA in Speech Pathology
Jeff Byerly - ThD

Amanda Sleinkofer - MA in Geography
Molly Steranko - MA in Marriage & Family Therapy

Lily Stoyer - BA in Accounting

Please help us in congratulating all our high school and college graduates! We invite all graduates to join us for a special recognition service on Sunday, June 6th.



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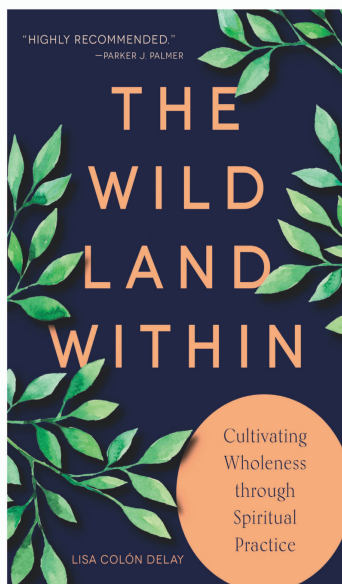
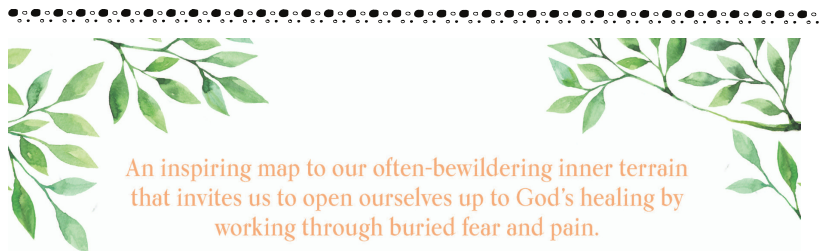
Sunday School

ADULT ELECTIVES - STARTING JUNE 6, 2021

"The Confident Hope" - Steve Minnich & Ed Redding - In the International Room

The lessons will be drawn from Leviticus, Matthew, Luke, Romans, 2 Corinthians, Hebrews and 1 John. In our crazy world there is a dearth of hope. Sometimes it takes a tragedy or setback to force us to switch off the auto pilot of everyday life. When that happens the result can be an exposure of cracks in our beliefs and we begin to ask deeper questions of life. A times like this we need ample confident hope, and that comes exclusively in a continuing relationship with Jesus. Join us to see what Scripture says about confident hope.

"Death and Resurrection of the Messiah" - Steve Svenson - In the Library
Teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan brings together history, culture, and geography to illuminate the Gospels. The insights you gain will transform your reading of the Gospels and inspire a deeper faith commitment. Faith Lessons on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah focuses on the last week of Jesus' life, his death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's visit on Pentecost.



\$16.99 | Paperback 5.25 x 8 | 978-1-5064-6508-1
ON SALE APRIL 6, 2021
WHEREVER BOOKS ARE SOLD

The Wild Land Within

Cultivating Wholeness through Spiritual Practice
LISA COLÓN DELAY

Spiritual practices are wildly popular today—and for good reason. But they can lead to distressing encounters with wounds we didn't even know we had. In *The Wild Land Within* Lisa Colón DeLay engages spiritual practices from early desert monastics, as well as Latinx, Black, and indigenous contemplatives, to guide us in cultivating lives of devotion. Here theology and neuroscience help us work through buried fear or pain and find embodied spiritual healing.



LISA COLÓN DELAY is a teacher, spiritual director, and host of *Spark My Muse*, a top-rated religion and spirituality podcast. Originally from Puerto Rico, DeLay has an MA in spiritual formation and has taught in many settings, from graduate schools to workshops. Her work has appeared in several anthologies and in dozens of places in print and online, and she offers spiritual companionship and retreats. DeLay lives with her family outside Philadelphia.

More Info
Here!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
BROADLEAFBOOKS.COM/THE-WILD-LAND-WITHIN



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Sunday School

CHILDREN AND TEENS

- **Ages 0-3** - Crying room available for Parents with their children.
- **Ages 4- Grade 4** - Teacher: Miss Lynn - Sunday school available in Common Ground starting June 6th.
- **Grades 5-7** - Teacher - Pastor Stewart - Sunday school in the Cinema Room.
- **Grades 8-12** - Teacher - Lily Stoyer - Sunday School in the Café.

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NOW AVAILABLE!

Hailed as "A new classic for Christian Discipleship", Lisa DeLay's new book "The Wild Land Within: Cultivating Wholeness Through Spiritual Practice" invites Christians to explore the wilderness of the heart. Reflection questions after each chapter help readers dig in and use the book as vehicle for cultivating intimacy with God and make it a perfect for book groups and a resource for those in ministry.

The Wild Land Within includes ancient wisdom to help us grow, practical guidance for a life of devotion, and companionship for those seeking a deep and integrated, healthy spirituality rather than easy answers. It offers a helpful map of the heartland: that intimate geography in which we learn to know ourselves and in which God dwells.

Available anywhere books are sold and at the link tiny.cc/wildland

Lisa is happy to give you a Wild Land Within Gift Pack while supplies last. It includes a customized bookplate signed to you that can be placed on the title page of your book, a Wild Land Within bookmark, and a pencil. Reach out to Lisa on Facebook, at contact@lisadelay.com, or at the phone number listed in the church directory.

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GriefShare

FOR THOSE GRIVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Sunday, June 11th & 25th at 1:30 pm

GriefShare is a support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend. Video vignettes, group discussion, personal study, and reflection are part of healing. Call Paul at 570-294-0778 for more information.



Celebrate Recovery

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

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Celebrate Recovery is designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits, and hangups 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!



Prayer Meetings

MEETING AT NATE & PEG HEIMS

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Join us on Wednesdays in person at **Nate & Peg Heim's** residence **starting at 6:30 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 (ie frozen dinners): Call the church office 570-739-2241
- Interpreting or researching Medical Insurance: Maggie Arbushites 570-573-0412
- Care-giving Issues: Christine Morrison 570-640-1459
- Housing/property project: Jeff Hughes 570-617-4254
- Information & resources about premature babies: Samantha Pfeffer 570-617-5368



Support Ministries

Ministry Highlights

The Church Has Left the Building

Get Ready!!! On **Sunday, October 10, 2021**, Bethesda and Grace EC Churches will



again 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. **We are searching for job site possibilities.**

If you know of someone or a family who owns their home (not renting), and needs some landscaping and/or simple renovation or "handyman" work on their property, **please forward their contact information to the church office at 570-739-2241 or email us at**

office@bethesdaec.org. The preference is for those who cannot afford or are limited by age or physical condition to complete this work on their own. We must have job sites in order to make October 10th a reality.

Thank you for helping us find projects. **Please have your suggestions to the church office no later than Sunday, July 4th.**

MOB Fix-it Ministry

Jeff Hughes

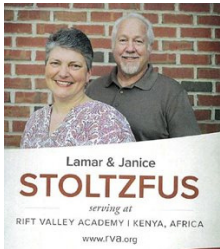
Men of Bethesda would like to make skilled, resourceful, and talented individuals available for projects around your home and property. You cannot afford repairs? Perhaps MOB could help!!! Please call so we can discuss, visit your home to review, then make a decision if we can assist.

Call Jeff at 570-617-4254

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Missionary Corner

Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus
Rift Academy, Kenya

- Rift Valley Academy is a boarding school for Missionary Kids.
- **PRAY** for strength and wisdom as Lamar directs the maintenance for the school.
- **PRAY** for Janice - she has had an ongoing battle with breast cancer. Pray that it remains in recession.



Reedsville Cemetery Association

The Cemetery Association will be accepting bids to stain the gazebo. Project should be started by approx. June 14th and completed in one month. The Cemetery Association will provide the stain. Bidder should provide brushes. Bidder assumes risks connected with the project. Payment in full upon satisfactory completion. Project will be awarded June 7, 2021. Interested parties should contact Bob Degler, Wayne Blankenhorn or any Cemetery Trustee.

Communion

Sunday,
July 4th



Local & Global Ministries

Wayne Township Senior Group

23 Meadowbrook Center
June 2021 Events

Wednesday, June 2nd -

Lunch: Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes
Program: BINGO!

Wednesday, June 9th -

Lunch: Ham Salad Sandwich & Soup
Program: Movin & Groovin with Barb & Jim

Wednesday, June 16th -

Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese
Program: BINGO!

Wednesday, June 23rd -

Lunch: CA Cheeseburger & Soup
Program: Movin & Groovin with Barb & Jim

Wednesday, June 30th -

Lunch: Hess Catering Choice
Activity: "Celebrate the Decades"
- Darla Troutman

If you have any questions, please call the office at **570-739-2241**.

For a more detailed list of reopening procedures visit **www.23meadowbrook.org**.

Diakon's Programs:

Zumba Gold takes place every Thursday at 6 pm.

Soft Yoga takes place every Tuesday at 6 pm.

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

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The Leaders of the Ministry Council

Our Ministry Council consists of the following officers, commission leaders, and members-at-large:

Officers:

President: Steve Minnich
Vice-President: Craig Stine
Secretary: Tim DeLay
Lay Delegate: Connie Wright
Alternate Lay Delegate: Marty Stoyer
Financial Secretary: Cheryl Bender



Commission Chairs:

Outreach: Janet Stoyer, Lily Stoyer
Integration: Rae Huneke
Discipleship:
Missions Assistant: Bill Mills
Church Life: Steve Svenson
Operations: Steve Babb
Member at Large: Mark Hoover

Ministry Point People Quick Reference Guide

Benevolence: Pastor Mark
Celebrate Recovery: Norma Minnich
Child Care Coordinator: Pastor Stewart
Children's Ministries: Lynn Koch
Learning Opportunities: Steve Svenson
Counseling Reference: See Pastors
Custodial Issues: Roxanne Seltzer
Decorating: Cara Stine
Denominational Relations: Pastor Jeff
Financial Giving Statements: Cheryl Bender
Financial Peace University: Mark Hoover
Food Pantry: DeLay Family
GriefShare: Paul Moyer
Hospitality/Welcome Counter: Rae Huneke
Information/Communications: Church Office
JOY Fellowship: Linda Bollinger
Memorial Gifts: Cheryl Bender
Men of Bethesda (MOB): Pastor Mark
Missionary Support: Connie Wright/Bill Mills
Official Church Matters: Steve Minnich
Outreach Opportunities: Janet & Lily Stoyer
Pastoral Relations: Connie Wright
Prayer: Connie Wright
Prison Ministry: Steve Minnich
Property/Vehicles/Insurance: Steve Babb
Life Groups/Triads/Connections: Connie Wright
Sunday School: Pastor Stewart
Treasurer: Lisa Minnich
Twin Pines: Bette Jo Long
Use of Facility/Pavilion/Fields: Lisa Minnich
Vacation Bible School: Pastor Stewart
Website: Lisa Minnich
What's for Dinner Wednesday: Linda Bollinger
Women's Ministry: Norma Minnich
Worship Related: Church Office
Youth Ministry: Pastor Stewart

Who's Who at



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.

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:

Connie Wright 570-573-1450
Steve Minnich 570-527-0298
Jody Stine 570-640-2043
Charlie Killian 570-617-6697
Bill Canfield 570-573-2059
Ed Redding 570-915-6367
Chris Morrison 570-640-1459

BYM

Spring Craft & Vendor Show

23 MEADOWBROOK CENTER | 05.29.21 | 9 AM TO 1 PM

Bethesda Youth Ministries Spring Cruise-In

Bills Open Pit BBQ meal
tickets available soon,
keep your eyes open!

Saturday, May 29th
3 pm to 6 pm

Live Music featuring
the Radioactive
Munsters!

155 REEDSVILLE ROAD, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN
ROUTE 183, ACROSS FROM 23 MEADOWBROOK CENTER

All Proceeds Benefit the Summer
2021 Bethesda Youth Work Teams

COVID has us doing things a little different this year!

Bring your classic or modern car, truck, or motorcycle to hang out with other car enthusiasts and enjoy some live music with the Radioactive Munsters. Bill's Open Pit

BBQ will be on-site with food for purchase

Dash plaques to FIRST 150 vehicles. Basket Raffle.

Admission is Donation of Your Choosing!
Show will be held rain or shine.

POP-IN

FOR A FAREWELL
VISIT WITH
THE BROOKS Family

Sunday, June 6
1-4 PM

Bethesda Picnic Pavilion



Light Refreshments will be available.

*If you have questions or would like to help
with preparations please contact:*

Connie 570-573-1450



The Rest of the Story . . .

As the Brooks family make adjustments in their lives, here is a snapshot over the next six weeks (5/19 – 6/30):

- 5/22-23 – Sarah moves to Mechanicsburg due to job location;
- 5/26-28 – Mark is at National Conference;
- 5/23, 30, 6/6, 20 – Mark is at Bethesda;
- 6/01 – Ryan comes home from USAF;
- 6/06 – Cindy's last praise team involvement;
- 6/08 – Cindy finishes the school year;
- 6/12-19 – Mark & Cindy are on vacation;
- 6/23-30 – Mark & Cindy are on vacation;
- 7/01 – Mark Begins his chaplaincy position at Stoneridge.

As we continue to pray for you as the Body of Bethesda, please continue to keep the Brooks family in your thoughts and prayers as we move in this new, God-led direction.

In His Peace and With Our Love,
Mark, Cindy, Sarah, and Ryan

Prayer Concerns

June 2021

Personal

Aaron Albertini (recovery)
Bonnie Betz (heart)
Angie Blankenhorn (migraines)
Eileen Blew (knees)
Jean Bolton (recovery)
Carol Bowen (stroke)
Dennis Buck (cancer)
Marie Canfield (cancer)
Bruce Croneburger (heart)
Abner De Diazzy (stroke)
Marcia Donlin (cellulitis)
Jill Dorang (rehab)
Jed Dunlap (rehab/dialysis)
Kandi Dysinger (back)
Carol Endres (cancer)
Mary Jo Faust (back)
Elona Fromm (fractures)
Carol Gehrig (recovery)
Brett Gordon (seizures)
Allen Gruver (cancer)
Judy Harig (pain)
Glen Helbert (treatments)
Cathy Imschweiler (eyes)
Brett Kindig (heart)
Barry Kintzel (cancer)
Marilyn Kissling (recovery)
Justin Krute (rehab)
Lori Lehman (testing)
Susie Lowenthal (treatment)
Jim Martin (dialysis)
Amanda Mason (transition)
Pastor Rob McSurdy (recovery)
Barb Miller (cancer)
Lori Morgan (recovery)
Arlene Moyer (recovery)
Laverne Otto (recovery)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Connor Peterson (seizures)
Larry Reber (recovery)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Beverly Reppert (eye)
Don Rothrock (heart)
Wayne Schlottman (cancer)

Robin Schoener (cancer)
Jessica Sledzinski (sobriety)
Xavier Smith (blood clots)
Bud Snyder (cancer)
Dennis Snyder (cancer)
Cara Stine (pain management)
Joe Stock (stroke)
Jane Stone (infection)
Lynn Stranix (knee)
Rob Valentine (recovery)
Delores Walck (cancer)
Rebecca Walser (surgery)
Alissa Waschko (recovery)
Jim Witmer (heart)
Cindy Yeager (cancer)
Patti Young (rehab)

Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)
Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Robert Donton Family (parkinson's)
Mike & Cathleen Eck Family (COVID)
Dylan & Brianna Erber Family (rehab)
Emerson Sage Hess Family (birth)
Merry Witmer Hoover Family (transition)
Dawn & Kel Jarman Family (loss)
Mary Elizabeth Killian Family (loss)
Sharon Koch Family (loss)
Joe & Brenda Krasinsky Family (transition)
Edgar Meade Family (loss)
Helen Miller Family (loss)
Brian Mullens Family (incarceration)
Jim & Kathy Price (transition)
Carol(schauers)Pliler Family (discernment)
Kurt Salak Family (loss)
Sylvia Snyder Family (loss)
Lloyd & Cindy Yeager Family (transition)

Local, National & Global

EC Officers:

- Bishop Bruce Hill
- Exec Director: K Henry
- Associates: J. Byerly, L. Cool, G. Kuehner, & T. Rathman
- President Joe Biden
- Vice President Kamala Harris
- US Military Forces
- Coronavirus
- National Conference
- EC Bishop Elections
 - Kirk Marks
 - Randy Sizemore

Congregational

- 23 Meadowbrook Center
- Celebrate Recovery
- Coffee @ the Corner
- GriefShare ministry
- L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries

All articles for events held from **July 1st** through **August 15th** should be submitted by the **10th of June** to be included in our **July issue**. A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at **www.bethesdaec.org**

Shut-ins

Walter Bigler
Theron & Mary Anne Boyer
Edith Houtz
Sharon Kissenger
Eleanor & Jacob Jamison
Sheree Minnich
Mary Rhen
Karen Rountree
Maria Szumlanski

Military

Alex Amaya (Navy)
Josh Behler (Air Force)
Jessica Kelley (Air Force)
Jeff McNeil (Army)
Thomas Perkins (Army)
Steven J Russell-Rhen (Army)
Zhen & Sharon Schropp (Air Force)

Nate Stine (Air Force)
Joe Sweigart (Army)
Thomas Walser (Air National Guard)