



# BETHESDA E.C. CHURCH

*at Reedsville "A Healing Community"*

## SERVICE TIMES & INFORMATION

### Sunday Morning Services

#### 8:00 am - Traditional Service

(masks requested)

#### 9:15 am - Sunday School

(masks worn into the building and removed once seated)

#### 10:30 am - Contemporary Service

(masks worn into the building and removed once seated)

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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### Modified Sunday School is returning March 7th!

In an effort to bring back our Sunday routine, we will be offering Sunday School during our normal 9:15 time period with the following limitations. There will only be two options for Sunday School which will be described below and **we are asking for people to sign up online at [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org)**. The larger adult class will meet in Common

Ground to allow for social distancing and the International Class will meet in their normal room, space permitting. Participants are asked to wear masks into the rooms and may remove them once seated. We ask that if you exhibit any symptoms of COVID that you refrain from attending. Children ages 4-4th grade will be meeting in the Library during this time, our 5th -7th grade class in the Cinema Room and our 8th-12th grade class will meet in the Café. Similar to our Worship Services, Nursery (0-3) will be a crying room available for parents to be with their children. Coffee will also not be served so we encourage you to bring it from home if you desire. We are excited to return to these amazing learning opportunities and look forward to seeing you there!

**Common Ground** - *Rae Huneke* - "Let's Get Together" This Sunday School hour will be a time of conversation, questions, sharing of struggles, and encouragement all bathed in scripture. We want to connect and become the family of God during this time of disconnectedness. If you have any questions connect with Rae.

**International Room** - *Steve Minnich* - The theme is "Call in the New Testament." The lessons for the quarter focus on God's calling of individuals to specific ministries according to his plans. The New Testament sees a broad calling of all people to salvation and a narrower calling of certain individuals to specific ministries in the church. We will seek to understand God's means and methods in both the Old and New Testaments, and together learn more about how God calls people to join his plan for us today.

### Financial Snapshot

January 2021

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
<b>Income</b>	\$34,981	\$19,777	\$ (15,204)
<b>Expenses</b>	\$34,983	\$32,029	\$ 2,954
<b>To Reserves + PPP</b>			
<b>NET</b>			\$ (12,250)



# Kids Klub

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AGES 4-4TH GRADE

## Spring Fling

Saturday, March 20th 2-4 pm

An afternoon of games, snacks and crafts for kids in grades K-4. To be held outside weather permitting. Stay tuned for sign-ups online!

Currently we are offering Jr. Church during the 10:30 service for children in grades 1-4.



# BYM

BETHESDA YOUTH MINISTRIES GRADES 5-12

## BYM meets on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 pm.

Sunday, March 7 - Christian Skate Night @ Roller Roost.  
(Family Event)

Sunday, March 14th - Regular BYM 6-7:30 pm

Sunday, March 21st - Regular BYM 6-7:30 pm

Sunday, March 28th - Regular BYM 6-7:30 pm



# Women of Bethesda

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Women's ZOOM Bible Study** will continue through Wednesday, March 17th. Visit [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org) for the link.

## Crochet Circle

Held at the home of Cheryl Bender. Monday, March 8th and 22nd from 6:30-8:30 pm.



# Men of Bethesda

MEN'S MINISTRY

Continue to stay tuned for small group, bible study and service opportunities in 2021.



**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](http://bethesdaec.org).



# JOY Group

JUST OLDER YOUTH OPEN TO ALL ADULTS 18+

JOY group is not currently meeting due to COVID.

# Family Ministries

## Ministry Highlights



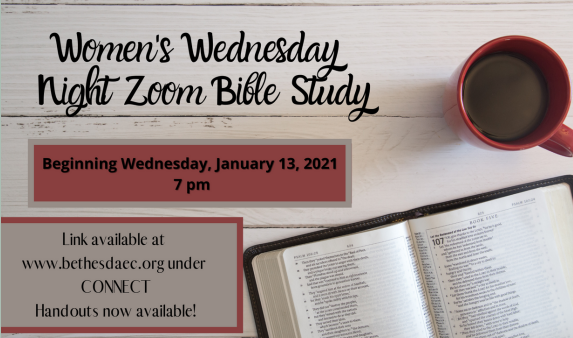
Join the Bethesda Youth and Children's group on Facebook to stay up to date on all upcoming events.



**Bethesda Youth Ministries**  
Guiding Raw Energy Into a Positive Direction

Open to completed 6th - 12th grade  
July 25th - 30th, 2021  
Charleston, WV  
Cost: \$364

Visit [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org) to sign up by **Friday, March 5, 2021.**



**Women's Wednesday Night Zoom Bible Study**

Beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7 pm

Link available at [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org) under CONNECT  
Handouts now available!



## Graduates

Are you graduating from high school, college or grad school?

Let us know so we can celebrate! Email

[office@bethesdaec.org](mailto:office@bethesdaec.org) with your graduation information.

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

Mailing Address - 23 Meadowbrook Drive - Schuylkill Haven - 17972

[www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org)



## GriefShare

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

Sunday, March 14th & 28th 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

**CURRENTLY ON ZOOM**

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 pm to pray for the needs of our community and congregation as well as a time of sharing and fellowship. You will need a computer, tablet or smart phone and internet access to join these meetings. Visit [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org) or call the church office at 570-739-2241 for more information and to get connected.



## 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

#### Food Box Distribution

Monetary donations can help with this community outreach. Boxes from Blessings of Hope cost \$7 per box. You can sponsor as many boxes as you would like.

**We will be holding our next food box distribution on Saturday, February 27th**

You can give by sending your donation to the church office (23 Meadowbrook Dr. Sch. Haven) or by giving through PayPal.

Please note *Food Box Distribution* in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!



#### BETHESDA EC WEEKEND CAMP SWATARA

Bethel, PA

June 24-27th

Contact Tammy Munster if interested.

570-573-5370

Payment deadline: March 14, 2021



#### Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 29th

2-7 pm

23 Meadowbrook Dr.

Sign up at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Donations of Individually wrapped cookies are also needed!  
Call the Church office to sign up to drop off cookies!

#### Maggie Arbushites

#### Medical Insurance/Estate Settlement

- Interpreting/researching medical insurance (reconciling Explanation of Benefits and medical billing; understanding policies; researching coverage)
- Understanding the steps involved in estate settlement (executing a Last Will & Testament or closing an intestate processing)

**Call Maggie at 570-573-0412**

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## Missionary Corner

### Celebrate Recovery

Praise For

- Intentional connections through continuing step work via phone dates as well as zoom meetings during pandemic restrictions
- Continued strength of connections at in person meetings that resumed in June 2020.
- Continued transformation of lives through healing community in working through the steps together and sharing journeys in service to one another
- Consistent leadership TEAM that desires to glorify God through this ministry in spite of recent COVID challenges

Pray for:

- Easing of COVID restrictions that are hindering occupancy of space, social interactions and disseminating of materials at meetings
- God's Spirit to be poured out on participants as they dig into His Word and find healing working through this step process and living by the 8 principles based on the beatitudes.



**Coffee @ the Corner**

Open every Saturday 7am-12pm

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee  
Free WiFi available

**FREE COFFEE**  
at the NW corner of 443 & 183

**Roller Roost Sports Arena**  
94 Westwood Court, Pottsville

March 7th  
6:30pm - 9:00pm

**CHRISTIAN SKATE NIGHT**  
COME FOR A FUN EVENING OF  
WORSHIP

\$5 to enter, \$2 to rent skates |  
\$3 per person for unlimited laser tag



**Our Daily Bread**  
Ministries®

The Spring Edition is now available at our  
Welcome Counter

## Communion

Thursday,  
April 1st



### 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:** Norma Minnich  
**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

# Prayer Concerns

March 2021

## Personal

Aaron Albertini (recovery)  
LeRoy Bates (recovery)  
Bonnie Betz (heart)  
Angie Blankenhorn (migraines)  
Eileen Blew (knees)  
Jean Bolton (recovery)  
Quinn Bonner (eyes)  
Carol Bowen (stroke)  
Dennis Buck (cancer)  
Marie Canfield (cancer)  
Rebecca Carroll (COVID)  
Linda Christman (recovery)  
Bruce Croneburger (heart)  
Marcia Donlin (cellulitis)  
Greg Dorang (Stroke)  
Jill Dorang (kidney)  
Kandi Dysinger (back)  
Mary Jo Faust (surgery)  
Allen Gruver (cancer)  
Pam Guido (cancer)  
Glen Helbert (treatments)  
Mary Ellen Hering (high BP)  
Ezekiel Holzer (recovery)  
Merry Witmer Hoover (recovery)  
Cathy Imschweiler (lungs)  
Theresa Kaylor (pneumonia/COVID)  
Mary Elizabeth Killian (hospice)  
Justin Krute (rehab)  
Lori Lehman (testing)  
Susie Lowenthal (treatment)  
Roy Luckenbill (COVID)  
Jim Martin (recovery)  
Amanda Mason (transition)  
Pastor Rob McSurdy (recovery)  
Barb Miller (cancer)  
Erika Minnich (COVID/pneumonia)  
Amber Pavalko (recovery)  
Larry Reber (heart)  
Dawn Reiter (testing)  
Beverly Reppert (eye)  
Wayne Schlottman (cancer)  
Robin Schoener (cancer)  
Jessica Sledzinski (sobriety)  
Dennis Snyder (cancer)

Sylvia Snyder (cancer)  
Molly Steranko (recovery)  
Cara Stine (pain management)  
Joe Stock (stroke)  
Dave Strohl (diverticulitis)  
Peggy Strouse (recovery)  
Lynn Stranix (headaches)  
Terry Tsistinas (hospice)  
Vito Valenti (COVID)  
Delores Walck (cancer)  
Richard Welker (cancer)  
Patti Young (rehab)

## Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)  
Paul Blankenhorn Family (loss)  
Jerry Boyer Family (loss)  
Gary Carns Family (loss)  
Richard Carns Family (loss)  
Phillip Christman Family (transition)  
Robert Danton Family (parkinson's)  
William Dunleavy Family (loss)  
Jack Ebling Family (loss)  
Dylan & Brianna Erber Family (rehab)  
Neil & Judy Ford (COVID)  
Melanie Hess Family (loss)  
Phil Holzer Family (work release)  
Joe & Brenda Krasinsky Family (transition)  
Dennis Lauffer Family (loss)  
Lewis Lutz Family (loss)  
John Mentzel Family (loss)  
Linda Mentzel Family (loss)  
Bill Mills Family (loss)  
Paul & Lisa Moyer (COVID)  
Brian Mullens Family (incarceration)  
Philomena Pishock Family (loss)  
Carol(schauers)Piler Family (discernment)  
Robert Rex Family (loss)  
Frances (Nancy) Taylor Family (end of life)  
Lian Tusher Family (pregnancy)  
Linda Vaughn Family (perseverance)  
Mary Woomert Family (loss)

## **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
- PSP Troop L - Frackville, Jonestown & Sch. Haven
- Coronavirus
- Parents/Guardians & Students
- School (COVID plans)
- Hurricane Recovery

## **Congregational**

- 23 Meadowbrook Drive
- Celebrate Recovery
- Coffee @ the Corner
- GriefShare ministry
- L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries
- Adult Work Team - Twin Pines (3/21-25)

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All articles for events held from **April 1st** through **May 15th** should be submitted by the **10th of March** to be included in our **April issue**. A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at **[www.bethesdaec.org](http://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)  
Ryan Brooks (Air Force)  
Jessica Kelley (Air Force)  
Jeff McNeil (Army)  
Nicole Perkins (Army)  
Thomas Perkins (Army)  
Steven J Russell-Rhen (Army)  
Zhen & Sharon Schropp (Air Force)

Joe Sweigart (Army)  
Thomas Walser (Air National Guard)