



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.

Nursery & 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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Thanksgiving Eve Pie and Praise Service

Wednesday, November 24th - 7pm



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

congregational meeting



The congregational meeting will take place on **Sunday, December 5th**. All church members are asked to attend this meeting where important discussions will take place to shape the 2022 ministries of Bethesda.

Sunday School 9:15 am

Combined Worship Service 10:30 am

Congregational Meal 11:30 am

Meeting Begins 12:30 pm



Thank you to all those who volunteered or helped in any way with The Church Has Left the Building! With over 120 volunteers, 26 job sites and multiple communities impacted we certainly made a difference to the people around us!

Financial Snapshot September 2021

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$329,231	\$271,259	\$ (57,972)
Expenses	\$329,831	\$316,752	\$ 13,079
PPP		\$ 49,002	\$ 49,002
NET			\$ 4,109



Bethesda Children

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!

Kidz Klub - Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8 pm in Common Ground running through November 10th.



BYM

BETHESDA YOUTH MINISTRIES GRADES 5-12

- November 7 - BYM at 11:30 am
- November 14 - BYM at 11:30 am
- November 21 - Friendsgiving at Grace EC 5:30-8 pm
 - Bring a dessert or drink to share
- November 26-27 BYM FAT Lock-In 7pm - 7am

Sunday School - Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. Grades 5-12 in the Cafe.



Young Adult

COLLEGE AGED & TWENTY SOMETHING

Where: Bethesda at the Corner: 1669 Long Run Rd. Sch. Haven

When: Every Thursday from 7-8:30 pm

Topic: The Basic's of God by Francis Chan: a 7 week video series on different topics of God including prayer and church.

Who: Those that graduated high school/youth group, searching for a place to connect with young adults.

Contact: Lily Stoyer (570-728-0426) or Janie Depp-Hutchenson (814-952-1410)



Women of Bethesda

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

Ladies Brunch will meet on Saturday, November 20th at 12:30 pm. The new location will be the Long Run Diner on the corner of 443 & 183. Any questions connect with Cherie Avezzano at 570-292-6917.



Men of Bethesda

MEN'S MINISTRY

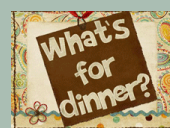
Stay tuned for future Men of Bethesda events.

Family Ministries

Ministry Highlights



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



What's for Dinner

Wednesday will take place on November 3rd.

Dinner is served 5:30 - 6:15 pm. Come and 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!

Wednesday Night Adult Study

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in the Library through November 10th

Pastor Stewart is teaching on **Celebrating the Great Traditions of the Christian Faith.**

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do in church?

This study will look at the history of some of our traditions and bring them into modern day by looking to Jesus as the model for these traditions.



Ladies' Fall Breakfast

Saturday, October 30th
9 - 11 AM

Blue Mountain Family Restaurant
Shartlesville, PA

Sign up at www.bethesdaec.org

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Sunday School

ADULT ELECTIVES - CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 5TH

Adult Classes continuing through November 28th

International Room - *Celebrating God* - Taught by Steve Minnich and Ed Redding - The lessons will focus on the gift and privilege of worship, the acts of celebrating God for who He is, and God's work in our lives and in the world.

Library - *God Is Closer Than You Think* - Taught by Tasha Byerly - The Bible is filled with examples of an intimate God, a God keenly interested in connecting with ordinary people. He promises to be with us. *God Is Closer Than You Think* shows how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your heavenly Father. Not some abstract theological concept, but the real deal - intimate connection with a deeply personal God.

Membership Classes

- Tuesday, October 26 - 7-8:30 pm
- Thursday, October 28 - 7-8:30 pm
- Saturday, October 30-10-11:30 am
- Sunday, October 31- 4-5:30 pm



If you are interested in becoming a member at Bethesda, these meetings are for you! You only need to attend one. All classes will be held in the Conference Room at 23 Meadowbrook Center. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, connect with Pastor Jeff.

A Survey of the Book of Revelation Sundays, November 7 - December 5 6:30 - 8 pm in the Sanctuary

What message does the book of Revelation hold for today's church? One of hope or gloom? Pictures of historical events or events yet to come? Many propose it tells us the end is near. So what is the central message of this mysterious book?

Dr. Buckwalter teaches biblical studies at Evangelical Seminary and has spent significant time researching and analyzing this apocalyptic letter to the seven churches. Join us for a series of five sessions concerning his survey of the book of Revelation.

Doug first began to teach at Evangelical in 1993, soon after returning to the States after finishing his post-graduate studies in Scotland with Prof. I. Howard Marshall. Before coming to Evangelical he was working as a free-lance editor with Walter A. Elwell and J. D. Douglas for Baker Book House and Zondervan Publishing House on various theological and biblical reference works.



Dr. Douglas Buckwalter
Evangelical Seminary

Sunday School

CHILDREN AND TEENS

- **Ages 0-3** - Crying room available for parents with their children in the Nursery.
- **Ages 4- Grade 4** - Teacher: Miss Lynn - Sunday school meets in Common Ground
- **Grades 5 -12** - Teacher - Lily Stoyer - Sunday School in the Cafe.



Christmas Card Distribution

Sunday, November 28th thru Sunday, December 12th

BYM will be collecting Christmas Cards for distribution **within the congregation of Bethesda.**

Simply place your cards in the mailbox located outside the upper, single door entrance of the church - we will take care of the rest! If you would like to make a donation in place of stamps to Bethesda Youth Ministries, it would be greatly appreciated.



GriefShare

FOR THOSE GRIVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Sunday, November 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 or Maggie at 570-573-0412 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

Chris Morrison - Care Giving Issues:

- **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 care.**
- **Knowledge of health care systems and navigating within them.**
- **Understanding referral sources to aid in getting the support you need.**

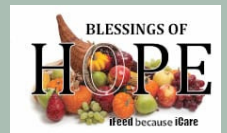
Support Ministries

Ministry Highlights

Free Food Box Giveaway
Saturday, November 20th
10 am - 12 pm

Boxes are first come, first served, while supplies last. This is a drive thru pick up event. You will stay in your vehicle and we will load the box for you. It is our desire to be as careful as possible.

We want to share with those in need and be a blessing to our community! These approximately 40lb food boxes are shared by Bethesda EC Church through Blessings of Hope.



Pick up a shoebox TODAY at the Welcome Counter!

Fill it with items from the list provided and return to church by Sunday **November 14th**.

Let's join in this great ministry to send shoebox gifts and the gospel to the ends of the earth!



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Missionary Corner

Bethesda Training Institute & Jubilee Ministry

Both Jubilee and Bethesda Training Institute work to help those incarcerated break out the cycles of addiction and incarceration by helping inmates encounter the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- **PRAY** for those incarcerated as they are still locked down and unable to meet with chaplains or hold Bethesda Leadership Institute Capstone Classes.
- **PRAISE** for the Serving USA grant, which is being used to help women in crisis due to the inability to enter the prisons.

More information can be found about BTI at bethesdaec.org
and about Jubilee Ministries at jub.org.

FALL CLEANUP OF CHURCH GROUNDS

Saturday, November 13th beginning at 8 am



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

Communion

Sunday,
November 21st

Local & Global Ministries

Wayne Township Senior Group

23 Meadowbrook Center
November 2021 Events

Wednesday, November 3rd -

Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie & Tossed Salad
Program: BINGO!! (bring \$2 item for prizes)

Wednesday, November 10th -

Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich & Soup
Activity: Movin & Groovin with Barb & Jim

Wednesday, November 17th -

Lunch: Thanksgiving Lunch
Activity: Jeopardy with Diakon

Wednesday, November 24th -

CLOSED, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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: Steve Minnich
Missions Assistant: Bill Mills
Church Life: Steve Svenson
Operations: Steve Babb
Member at Large: Mark Hoover

Ministry Point People Quick Reference Guide

Benevolence: Pastors
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): Jeff Hughes
Missionary Support: Connie Wright/Bill Mills
Official Church Matters: Steve Minnich
Outreach Opportunities: Janet & Lily Stoyer
Pastoral Relations: Ed Redding
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

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

Prayer Concerns

November 2021

Personal

C. Emily Babb (recovery)
Jane Baudoin (treatment)
Frank Bergen (recovery)
Jim Berger (cancer)
Bonnie Betz (heart)
Eileen Blew (knees)
Carol Bowen (stroke)
Dean Brauer (heart/lungs)
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 (treatment)
Mary Jo Faust (back)
Elona Fromm (fractures)
Allison Greene (auto-immune)
Allen Gruver (cancer)
Judy Harig (pain)
Tina Heim (recovery)
Glen Helbert (treatments)
Theresa Keylor (breathing)
Barry Kintzel (cancer)
Marilyn Kissling (recovery)
Joe Krasinski (pneumonia)
Justin Krute (rehab)
Susie Lowenthal (treatment)
Jim Martin (dialysis)
Amanda Mason (transition)
Jeff McNeil (pain management)
Anna Meade (recovery)
Sheree Minnich (biopsy)
Steve Minnich (recovery)
Lori Morgan (recovery)

Cecelia Ogden (treatment)
Jenna Ogden (recovery)
Laverne Otto (recovery)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Wayne Schlottman (cancer)
Robin Schoener (cancer)
Jessica Sledzinski (sobriety)
Dennis Snyder (recovery)
Cara Stine (recovery)
Joe Stock (stroke)
Lynn Stranix (recovery)
Maria Szumlanski (pulmonary)
Miriam Tirjan (COVID)
Delores Walck (cancer)
Alissa Waschko (recovery)
Robert Wenrich (recovery)
Jim Witmer (heart)
Patti Young (rehab)

Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)
Mary Ann Boyer Family (loss)
Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Robert Donton Family (parkinson's)
Dylan & Brianna Erber Family (rehab)
Payten Grace Costenbader (birth)
Carol Gehrig Family (loss)
Joe & Brenda Krasinsky Family (transition)
Claire Miller Family (trauma)
Barb Miller Family (loss)
Brian Mullens Family (incarceration)
Carol(schauers)Pliler Family (discernment)

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
- EC Bishop Elect Randy Sizemore

Congregational

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

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

Shut-ins

Bonnie Betz
Walter Bilger
Eileen Blew
Theron Boyer
Edith Houtz
Sharon Kissinger
Eleanor & Jacob Jamison
Sheree Minnich
Mary Rhen

Karen Rountree
Maria Szumlanski

Military

Alex Amaya (Navy)
Josh Behler (Air Force)
Jessica Kelley (Air Force)
Ben Kilmer (National Guard)
Jeff McNeil (Army)

Zhen & Sharon Schropp (Air Force)
Nate Stine (Air Force)
Joe Sweigart (Army)
Thomas Walser (Air National Guard)