



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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Church Picnic

Sunday,
August 15, 2021



Our annual church picnic will soon be here;
Aug 15th and you are invited! The day is always a lot of fun
and includes lots of food and fellowship. Of course to put on
such a big picnic requires a lot of volunteers to make it all
happen. Would you be interested in helping with our picnic?

We need help with:

- serving food and drink
- clean up
- games and activities
- parking and baking cakes



If you have any questions or would like to be involved please
feel free to contact **Steve Svenson at 570-527-8976**.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Remember: We will be having Sunday school at 9:15 am and a
combined service at 10:30 with the picnic directly following!

We look forward to fellowshiping with you!

Financial Snapshot June 2021

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$214,000	\$195,011	\$ (18,989)
Expenses	\$226,838	\$230,157	\$ (3,319)
PPP		\$ 49,002	\$ 49,002
NET			\$ 26,694



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

- **July 25-30th** - *BYM Missions Trip*
- **August 6th** - *Swim Day at Janet Stoyer's Home*. Sign up online or at the Welcome Counter
- **August 7th** - *Family Scavenger Hunt*. Open to all families/groups. Please sign up online or at the welcome counter.
- **October 8-10** - *Fall retreat* at Refreshing Mountain Camp in Stevens, PA. This weekend retreat is for students in 7th - 12th grades. Cost is \$140. Sign up deadline July 25th.



Women of Bethesda

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Crochet Circle

Held at the home of Cheryl Bender. Monday, August 9th and 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm.



Men of Bethesda

MEN'S MINISTRY



Summer Story Series - Saturday, July 24th & Saturday, August 28th 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 ups will be at the Welcome Counter today!



JOY Group

JUST OLDER YOUTH OPEN TO ALL ADULTS 18+

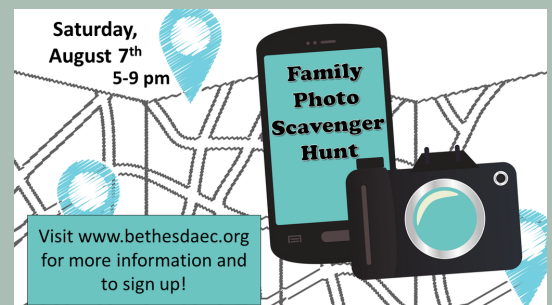
JOY group is currently not meeting due to COVID.

Family Ministries

Ministry Highlights



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



Family Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, August 7th
5-9 pm.**

Open to all families or groups that would like to participate. You will need a car and driver as well as a cell phone with a camera to participate. We will meet in common ground at 5 pm for a light dinner. You will receive a list of things you must get pictures of and then we will send you off. Sign up at the Welcome Counter or online at bethesdaec.org



Thank You!

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and donated towards this year's VBS! We had an average of 40 kids per night and saw a total of 45 kids throughout the whole week.

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Sunday School

ADULT ELECTIVES - CONT. THRU AUGUST 29TH

"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.

Transition Update

- The Evangelical Congregational Church assigns Pastors on an annual basis. The next process for assignment does not begin until January 2022. This means we have a six-month window to evaluate our current state in order to make an informed decision come January.
- In the Meantime, leadership will be evaluating various pastoral roles, our own leadership make-up, and available means for compensation.
- Currently, the PRC is working on a three-phase plan that will help our leaders to understand and address the overall needs of the congregation.
- Phase Two is under consideration by the Ministry Council.

Phase One

- Pastor Jeff will assume the bulk of visitation duties and transition some preaching responsibilities to Pastor Stewart.
- Pastor Jeff will work with leaders to oversee targeted community outreach opportunities. He will also participate in all commission meetings.
- Pastor Stewart will be moved to 3/4 time in order to assist with visitation and other responsibilities.
- Pastor Stewart will assume a greater role in preaching to help balance the load, and delegate some aspects of youth and children's ministry.

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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PRC Members:

Chair: Ed Redding

Secretary: Jody Stine

MC Chair: Steve Minnich

Lay Delegate: Connie Wright

Members: Bill Canfield,
Charlie Killian,
and Christine Morrison

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GriefShare

FOR THOSE GRIVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Sunday, August 8th & 22nd 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

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 ASAP!**

Frozen Meals/Food Pantry Church Office

Are you or someone you know in need of a warm meal? Did you know that we have meals available in the freezer of the church kitchen? 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 of a meal.

Call the Office at 570-739-2241

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Missionary Corner

Keith & Sarah Evans
Disciplemakers

- Give PRAISE for the seniors, who have been transformed by Christ during their time at Lebanon Valley College. PRAY for them, that they will stay true to their faith as they move into the next season of their lives.
- Give THANKS for the arrival of baby Zeke! He is eating and sleeping well.
- PRAY for our preparation for the arrival of students in the fall. Ask God for openness to the gospel.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, August 30, 2021
23 Meadowbrook Center
2pm - 7pm

*Sign up online at [Redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)
or at the welcome counter
starting in August.*



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,
August 15th



Local & Global Ministries

Wayne Township Senior Group

23 Meadowbrook Center
August 2021 Events

Wednesday, August 4th -

Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie & Roll
Program: BINGO!!

Wednesday, August 11th -

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

Wednesday, August 18th -

Lunch: Perogies & Fruit Salad
Program: Couponing 101 (Bring \$1 for Game)

Wednesday, August 25th -

Lunch: Chicken Salad Sandwich & Soup
Program: Jeopardy with Diakon

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.

Diakon Age Busters takes place
every Tuesday & Thursday from
10-11 am.

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

August 2021

Personal

Aaron Albertini (recovery)
Jim Berger (cancer)
Bonnie Betz (heart)
Angie Blankenhorn (migraines)
Eileen Blew (knees)
Carol Bowen (stroke)
Dean Brauer (heart/lungs)
Dennis Buck (cancer)
Marie Canfield (cancer)
Sarah Costenbader (pregnancy)
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)
Allie Greene (auto-immune)
Allen Gruver (cancer)
Judy Harig (pain)
Tina Heim (recovery)
Glenn Heisler (recovery)
Glen Helbert (treatments)
Cathy Imschweiler (fall)
Jacob Jamison (heart)
Theresa Keylor (breathing)
Brett Kindig (recovery)
Barry Kintzel (cancer)
Marilyn Kissling (recovery)
Joe Krasinski (pneumonia)
Justin Krute (rehab)
Lori Lehman (testing)
Susie Lowenthal (treatment)
Joan Luckenbill (recovery)
Jim Martin (dialysis)
Amanda Mason (transition)
Anna Meade (hospitalization)
Barb Miller (cancer)
Lori Morgan (recovery)

Laverne Otto (recovery)
Amber Pavalko (recovery)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Wayne Schlottman (cancer)
Robin Schoener (cancer)
Jessica Sledzinski (sobriety)
Xavier Smith (blood clots)
Bud Snyder (hospice)
Dennis Snyder (recovery)
Cara Stine (pain management)
Joe Stock (stroke)
Lynn Stranix (recovery)
Maria Szumlanski (pulmonary)
Delores Walck (cancer)
Alissa Waschko (recovery)
Jim Witmer (heart)
Patti Young (rehab)

Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)
Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Robert Donton Family (parkinson's)
Dylan & Brianna Erber Family (rehab)
Carol Gehrig Family (loss)
Mary Elizabeth Killian Family (loss)
Sharon Koch Family (loss)
Joe & Brenda Krasinsky Family (transition)
Claire Miller Family (loss)
Brian Mullens Family (incarceration)
Carol(schauers)Pliler Family (discernment)
Bud Snyder Family (loss)
Cindy Yeager 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
- Coronavirus
- National Conference
- EC Bishop Elect 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 **September 1st** through **October 15th** should be submitted by the **10th of August** to be included in our **September 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 & 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)
Ben Kilmer (National Guard)
Jeff McNeil (Army)

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