FEBRUARY 2022

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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Wednesday Night Ministries

Continues through Wednesday, March 9th
6:30-8 pm

Women's Bible Study - In the Library - Taught by Norma Minnich - Topic: The Book of Acts - Go Deeper. **In the Word**. **In your faith. In your life.** Through the bold witness of the first Christians the gospel spread throughout the world. God used ordinary men and women to do the extraordinary. What is God calling you to do for him? How does the community of believers today effectively act as God's hands and feet in a hurting world?

Men's Bible Study - In the Cafe - Taught by Steve Minnich & Ed Redding - **Renovation of the Heart**, is a study by Dallas Willard which informs us-from both a theoretical and a practical perspective-how to enter into the divine world (the kingdom among us) by the path of inner transformation. Renovation of the Heart is a realistic guide to discipleship and the real challenge of Christian formation. For all would-be apprentices of Jesus, the aim of Renovation of the Heart is to help participants to find and fully live in the kingdom of God and his righteousness. This series is based on Dallas's book, "Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ."

Kidz Klub
Ages 4 - 4th Grade
6:30-8 pm
Topic: Fruit of the Spirit

Twitch, the newest employee at Berry Blast Theme Park has a lot to learn about what makes a great park employee. In order to be the best Berry Blast has to offer, Twitch has to master joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and love. It's a good thing he has Bernie to train him. Grab your tickets and get in line as Bernie helps Twitch face life's difficulties using the ultimate fruit, the Fruit of the Spirit.

Financial Snapshot
Year End 2021

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	$428,000	$382,374	$ (45,626)
Expenses	$428,780	$415,288	$ 13,492
PPP		$ 49,002	$ 49,002
NET			$ 16,868

Bethesda EC Church - 155 Reedsville Road - Schuylkill Haven - 17972 - Phone: 570-739-2241
Mailing Address - 23 Meadowbrook Drive - Schuylkill Haven - 17972
www.bethesdaec.org

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 - will continue through March 9, 2022! Check out more information on the front page!

BYM

BETHESDA YOUTH MINISTRIES GRADES 5-12

- February 6 - Regular BYM 6-7:30 pm
- February 13 - NO BYM
- February 20 - Regular BYM 6-7:30 pm
- February 27 - Regular BYM 6-7:30 pm

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-Hutchinson (814-952-1410)

Women of Bethesda

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Crochet Circle Held at the home of Cheryl Bender. Monday, January 10th and 24th from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Ladies Brunch will be meeting on Saturday, February 19th at 12:30 pm! At 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.

Youth Membership Classes

Bethesda Youth Ministries
Guiding Raw Energy Into a Positive Direction

Open to students in grades 8 and above. Classes will start on Saturday, January 29th at 10 am and run for 7 weeks. If your student is interested in becoming a church member, connect with Pastor Jeff.

Women's Spring Retreat

March 18-20, 2022

Weekend Cost: $190 for a shared room or $215 for a single room. Saturday day guest cost: $25

Join us as we hear from Jessica Whittemore on the topic of "When I Grow Up, I'd Like to be a Grown Up" based on 1 Corinthians 13:11. Sign ups and more information can be found at the Welcome Counter.

Sunday School

ADULT ELECTIVES

Adult Classes continuing through February 27th

International Room - *Justice, Law History* - Taught by Steve Minnich and Ed Redding - God's character includes justice, and he expects the people who follow him also to practice justice. This quarter we look at Old Testament passages that reveal that God's desire for justice is to characterize human relationships. Just as his love extends to all people, so must just treatment reach all, regardless of status. Though justice is easily perverted by the powerful and the elite, God calls his people to a higher way: the way of justice.

Library - *If Jesus Lived in the World Today: A Multi-Generational Dialogue* - Taught by Jeff Byerly & Lily Stoyer - Using various topics from the Scriptures and reinforced with discussion and multi-media, this class will explore various topics from Jesus' teachings. This class will be designed and taught by drawing on the fresh understandings and wisdom of different generations within the church. Our hope is that the experience will create a wonderful impression upon all ages as we listen to one another's stories and perspectives.

The 2022 's Winter Thaw theme is *It's Not About You!* – Look outward not inward based on Micah 6:8. It is so easy for teens to think about themselves, and not consider those who are in their sphere. Micah 6:8 provides a list of things people ought to do to look outwardly, not inwardly. In a culture which some call narcissistic, how can believers in Jesus act, love, and live differently than their friends?

Winter Thaw 2022

8 students and 4 adults went to Twin Pines Camp for Winter Thaw 2022 over the weekend of January 14-16. It was an awesome weekend of great discussions and building relationships.

The students learned about Nehemiah and how he did what God called him to do and learned along the way that it is not all about you.

Sunday School

CHILDREN AND TEENS

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

TWIN PINES
CAMP, CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

SUMMER STAFF - Twin Pines has 2022 summer staff applications available! If you are interested in being a part of their summer staff visit **twinpines.org** and download a 2022 summer staff application.

SMILE FOR CAMP - You can give back to Twin Pines just by shopping on Amazon!
Visit **smile.amazon.com**, register as an amazon smile customer and search for Twin Pines to direct 0.5% of your purchases to Twin Pines.

What's for Dinner Wednesday will take place on February 2nd & 16th. 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!

GriefShare

FOR THOSE GRIVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Sunday, February 13th & 27th 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

Extended Hands offers help with:

- 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 and testament or closing an intestate processing)

Contact Maggie Arbushites (570.573.0412) to see if we can help!

Support Ministries

Ministry Highlights

Free Food Box Giveaway
Saturday, February 19th
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.

If you would like to donate towards the food box events, the cost for each box is $9.25. Donations of any amount can be dropped in the Sunday offering, mailed to the church office (23 Meadowbrook Dr. Sch. Haven 17972) or given online at www.bethesdaec.org/give. Please make sure to label your donation as ***food box donation.***

Care Giver Support Group

Thursdays at 1:30 pm
23 Meadowbrook Center

Do you take care of a loved one? Join this group to discuss challenges and receive help.

Missionary Corner

L.I.F.E. Ministry
Robert & Bettina Schaeffer

Praises for St. Clair Church

- After years of praying and interacting with a family near our home in St. Clair the father, his partner and 5 children started attending our service!
- An Egyptian man who met us at our last Community of Caring Christians Block Party now faithfully attends our service.
- A wonderful Christian sister from Liberia now too comes to our service.
- Our streaming community is faithful and visits with us from NYC, NJ, and different areas in PA and occasionally from Italy.
- Our community suppers truly have become known beyond St. Clair.

Praises in Regard to our Family Life

- Robert's dad is doing well and still able to be by himself through out the week. We thank God for some PT he has received.
- The Lord continues to protect our ongoing NYC/PA trips.
- The older I get the more I praise the LORD for His grace, mercy, and abounding Love!

Praises for L.I.F.E. Ministry

- A counselor training/teaching seminar for interested Christians from Jamaica and other Caribbean islands started in Oct. of 2021 and continues in 2022. It truly is exciting to see such growing interest in LIFE Ministry's teaching and Robert and Joanne use Zoom to do it.
- Joanne Highley, who will turn 90 this July still counsels a large number of men and women and co-leads a very well attended Saturday zoom support group meeting.
- The Ministry has found a wonderful young and gifted new office administrator and another person who deals with financial matters.
- The West Lawn Support group continues as a zoom meeting on the first Monday of the month.

Prayer Requests:

- A clear vision regarding the future of LIFE Ministry.
- To raise up more counselors in the US.
- For the health of Bettina's mother in Germany.
- Continued safety on the highway.
- Continued healing for Bettina's right eye after cataract surgery.
- Wisdom for Bettina about getting her drivers license.
- Guidance for Robert finding a specialist to diagnose the origin of his ongoing knee pain and leading him to the best treatment.

Local & Global Ministries

Wayne Township Senior Group

23 Meadowbrook Center
February 2022 Events

Wednesday, February 2nd -
Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie & Tossed Salad
Program: BINGO!! (bring $2 item for prizes)

Wednesday, February 9th -
Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich & Soup
Activity: Movin & Groovin with Barb

Wednesday, February 16th -
Lunch: Perogies & Fruit Salad
Activity: Valentine's Day Trivia Game

Wednesday, February 23rd -
Lunch: Chicken Salad Sandwich & Soup
Activity: Game Day

Please note the increased suggested donation for lunch is now $7 due to cost increases.

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**

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:
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: Tasha Humphrey

Ministry Point People Quick Reference Guide

Benevolence: Pastors
Celebrate Recovery: Norma Minnich
Child Care Coordinator: Pastor Stewart
Children's Ministries: Pastor Stewart
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
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: Tasha Humphrey
Website: Lisa Minnich
What's for Dinner Wednesday: Linda Bollinger
Women's Ministry: Church Office
Worship Related: Church Office
Youth Ministry: Pastor Stewart

Who's Who at Bethesda E.C. Church at Reedsville

"A Healing Community"

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**

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
Bill Canfield
570-573-2059
Ed Redding
570-915-6367
Chris Morrison
570-640-1459

Prayer Concerns

February 2022

Personal

C. Emily Babb (recovery)
Jane Baudoin (treatment)
Frank Bergen (recovery)
Jim Berger (cancer)
Bonnie Betz (heart)
Wayne Blankenhorn (covid)
Eileen Blew (knees)
Dean Boyer (covid)
Dean Brauer (heart/lungs)
Dennis Buck (cancer)
Marie Canfield (cancer)
Dillon Dewire (testing)
Robert Donton (pneumonia)
Candee Dysinger (heart)
Carol Endres (treatment)
Mary Jo Faust (pain)
Connie Gossard (recovery)
Allison Greene (auto-immune)
Judy Harig (pain)
Edith Houtz (pneumonia)
Kay Keefer (cancer)
Thomas Keefer (recovery)
Jamie Keener (covid)
Theresa Keylor (breathing)
Joe Krasinski (pneumonia)
Tom Lotz (recovery)
Jim Martin (dialysis)
Jeff McNeil (pain management)
Anna Meade (recovery)
Sheree Minnich (treatment)
Jenna Ogden (transition)
Dawn Reiter (testing)
Clyde Rhen (fall)
Mary Rhen (breathing)
Bernie Shirkness (testing)
Sam Slaseman (treatment)
Cara Stine (recovery)
Lynn Stranix (recovery)
Peggy Strouse (breathing)
Maria Szumlanski (pulmonary)
Miriam Tirjan (COVID)
Michelle Walser (cancer)
Alissa Waschko (recovery)
Robert Wenrich (recovery)
Jim Witmer (heart)

Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)
Cliff Bryant Family (loss)
Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Pearl Fritz Family (loss)
Joe & Brenda Krasinsky Family (transition)
Dale Laubenstine Family (loss)
Claire Miller Family (trauma)
Barb Miller Family (loss)
Brian Mullens Family (incarceration)
Carol(schauers)Pliler Family (discernment)
Wanda & Roy Ulmer 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
- 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 **March 1st** through **April 15th** should be submitted by the **10th of February** to be included in our **March 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)