



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

Nursery available for 0-3 year olds
& Jr. Church available during the
10:30 service for children ages 4-4th grade.

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



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Greetings!

It has been a joy to watch your ministry over the past several week through Facebook live. The VBS, youth trip as well as the last council meeting's vision has given me an understanding of the heart of



Bethesda Reedsville EC Church and I look forward to joining you August 28th. A special thanks to Pastor Stewart and Steven Minnich who have provided additional information in preparation for my arrival.

A little about myself: I'm the husband of Rosanne for 41 years, the father of 3 sons Aaron, Andrew, and Alex who are each married, invested in the church and living in the Oklahoma City area [as well as our four grandchildren].

My last TIPS assignment was in Vancouver, Washington but our last pastorate was in Severn, Maryland for nineteen years. Visiting the area around Lancaster was always a refreshing time away. Rosanne will join me in November and I'm looking forward to introducing you to her. We were both born into church parsonages so we bring an understanding of the season we will share.

A special thanks to Dave and Jeanine Root for their ministry and leadership during this transitional season. Stellar folks. I hope circumstances will allow you to join us August 28th.

Dr. Phillip Bolerjack-TIPS Interim

Financial Snapshot July 2022

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$231,090	\$331,995*	\$ 100,905
Expenses	\$284,228	\$252,473	\$ 31,755
From Reserves	\$ 45,550	\$ 65,000	\$ (19,450)
NET			\$ 113,210

***Includes \$154,620 Bequest**



Bethesda Children

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AGES 4-4TH GRADE

Sunday School - will return to separated age appropriate classes. Ages 3 - 1st grade will be in the Preschool room with Vanessa Minnich and Molly Steranko, Grades 2-4 will be in Common Ground with Rebecca Walser.

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 crafts and fun during this children's church service!



BYM

BETHESDA YOUTH MINISTRIES GRADES 5-12

Sunday School: Grades 5-7 will be with Michelle Canfield in the Log Cabin Room and Grades 8-12 will be with Lily Stoyer in the Cinema room

Fall Retreat - October 7-9 th at the Tabernacle in Ocean City, NJ. The cost is \$100 per person. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 4th. Any questions? Connect with Pastor Stewart or Lily Stoyer.



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

Discussion: Current hot topics are chosen by the group each week for an open dialogue to occur, bringing a Biblical view point into the reality of the 21st century.

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 will be taking a break for the summer. Stay tuned for more information as they pick back up in the Fall!

Ladies Brunch will not take place in September, instead join us at the Women's Fall Breakfast! Sign up online or at the Welcome Counter. More Details here! →



Men of Bethesda

MEN'S MINISTRY

If you are interested in helping to facilitate the Men of Bethesda Facebook, connect with Steve Minnich.



Family Ministries

Ministry Highlights



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



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Sunday School

ADULT ELECTIVES

Fall Sunday School Electives:

International Room: Taught by Steve Minnich, Ed Reading & Curt Behler. God's Exceptional Choice, a study of Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Judges, 1 Samuel & Ephesians.

Library: Taught by Steve Svenson. *The Parables of Jesus* by Matt Williams. Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the Kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners.



Wednesday Night Family Ministries

Starting September 14th

6:30 - 8:00 pm



Kids ages 4 through 4th grade in Common Ground

On Wednesday Nights at Kidz Klub, students will learn about the basics of prayer and having a personal relationship with God.



Students 5th through 12th grade in Cinema Room

BYM is moving to Wednesday Nights!

Now the whole family can come on out for Wednesday Night Ministries. BYM will run along side the regular Wednesday Night Ministries with two 9 week semesters, in the Fall and Winter.



Combined Men's and Women's Study In the Library

This eight-session video-based bible study, join pastor and bestselling author Andy Stanley as he examines the characteristics Jesus used to define those who follow him and the implications they have for believers today.

In Christian, you'll learn:

- What one word should be descriptive of every Christian
- How Jesus' followers should treat those who are outside the faith
- Why people love Jesus but can't stand his followers

What does it mean to be Christian? Curiously, the term is never used in Scripture. Instead, Christian was a label used by outsiders to define Jesus' followers. Jesus referenced 'disciple' as the key word he used to describe his supporters along with the fact that they would be known for their love – a novel concept for their time – and ours today.

Sunday School

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Ages 3 - 1st grade: Taught by Vanessa Minnich & Molly Steranko in the preschool room.

Grades 2-4: Taught by Rebecca Walser in Common Ground

Grades 5-7: Taught by Michelle Canfield in the Log Cabin Room

Grades 8-12: Taught by Lily Stoyer in the Cinema Room

Check-In
for
SERVANT KEEPER®



PARENTS

A New Drop Off Procedure for children

birth - 4th grade will begin on
Sunday, September 4th

You will need to walk your child downstairs and check them in at the kiosk at the bottom of the stairs outside of common ground.

Children will also need to be picked up after church from the same place.

We ask that all parents escort their children to Sunday School and Jr. Church starting Sunday, September 4th.



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GriefShare

FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Sunday, September 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 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 THE HOME OF NATE & PEG HEIM

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

Frozen Meals & Food Pantry - 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

Support Ministries

Ministry Highlights



The Church Has Left the Building

Get Ready!!! On **Sunday, October 9, 2022**, 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!!!**

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Missionary Corner International Church Conferences Liberia, India & Nepal

- **India** - Based in Northeast India and Manipur the EC Church has about 60,000 members. The leader is Rev. Dr. Kaltinkap Vaiphei. In addition to churches, ministries include Colleges of Theology & Bible as well as a seminary.
- **Liberia** - Over the years this country has experienced ethnic wars and ongoing poverty. The EC Church there has about 9,000 members and is led by Rev Abraham Powell.
- **Nepal** - Rev. Th Janga and his wife, Mercy, lead the church in this primarily Hindu nation. They focus on planting local churches, discipleship, leadership training and care of orphans and families.



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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, August 29, 2022
23 Meadowbrook Center
2pm - 7pm

Sign up online now at Redcross.org
or at the welcome counter
starting in August.

Communion

Sunday,
October
2nd



Local & Global Ministries

Wayne Township Senior Group

23 Meadowbrook Center
September 2022 Events

Wednesday, September 7th -

Lunch: Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes
Activity: BINGO! (bring \$2 item for prize table)

Wednesday, September 14th -

Lunch: Ham Salad Sandwich & Soup
Program: Senior Scam

Wednesday, September 21st -

Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese
Activity: Movin & Groovin with Barb

Wednesday, September 28th -

Lunch: CA Cheeseburger & Soup
Activity: Jeopardy by Diakon

*Please note the suggested donation
for lunch is now \$7 due to increased costs.*

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

Age Busters (exercise program for people
60+) takes place every Thursday at
10 am. Contact Sharon (570-739-2339)
for more information.

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: Curt Behler
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: Brian Stine
Member at Large: Tasha Humphrey



Ministry Point People Quick Reference Guide

Benevolence: Pastors
Celebrate Recovery: Norma Minnich
Childcare Coordinator:
Children's Ministries:
Coffee at the Corner: Janet Stoyer
Learning Opportunities: Steve Svenson
Counseling Reference: Pastors
Custodial Issues: Roxanne Seltzer
Decorating: Cara Stine
Denominational Relations: Connie Wright
Financial Giving Statements: Cheryl Bender
Food Pantry: DeLay Family
GriefShare: Paul Moyer
Hospitality/Welcome Counter: Rae Huneke
Information/Communications: Church Office
Memorial Gifts: Cheryl Bender
Men of Bethesda: 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: Brian Avezzano
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: Christine Morrison
Worship Related: Church Office
Young Adult Ministries: Lily Stoyer
Youth Ministry: Lily Stoyer

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. 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:

Ed Redding

570-915-6367

Connie Wright

570-573-1450

Steve Minnich

570-527-0298

Amanda Gossard

570-527-0651

Chris Morrison

570-640-1459

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Prayer Concerns

September 2022

Personal

Jim Berger (cancer)
Gary Bruen (kidneys)
Marie Canfield (cancer)
Linda Christman (recovery)
Dillon Dewire (recovery)
Candee Dysinger (heart)
Carol Endres (treatment)
Mary Jo Faust (pain)
Allison Greene (auto-immune)
Kevin Huneke (recovery)
Kay Keefer (cancer)
Theresa Kaylor (heart)
Jim Martin (dialysis)
Jen Matz (testing)
Cindy McDonald (surgery)
Jeff McNeil (pain management)
Anna Meade (recovery)
Sheree Minnich (treatment)
Paul Moyer (recovery)
Jenna Ogden (transition)
Brian Reading (cancer)
Riley Rejniak (recovery)

Clyde Rhen (transition)
Katie Sabol (recovery)
Emma Sabol (recovery)
Brittney Seigel (rehab)
Sam Slaseman (treatment)
Stella Soule (recovery)
Peggy Strouse (breathing)
Maria Szumlanski (recovery)
Erika Venzie (blood pressure)
Marie Wetzel (recovery)

Family

C. Emily Babb Family (stability)
Phillip Christman Family (transition)
Charles Fritz Family (loss)
Anna Marie Kantor Family (loss)
Joe Krasinsky Family (loss)
Brian Mullens Family (incarceration)
Charlotte Petlansky Family (loss)
Carol(schauers)Pliler Family (discernment)

Local, National & Global

EC Officers:

- Bishop Randy Sizemore
- Exec Director: K Henry
- Associates: L. Cool, G. Kuehner, & T. Rathman
- President Joe Biden
- Vice President Kamala Harris
- US Military Forces
- Coronavirus

Congregational

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

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

Local Missions

Jewel Women's Center
Servants to All
Jubilee Ministries
Child Evangelism Fellowship
LIFE Prison Ministry
Bethesda Training Institute

National Missions

Keith & Sarah Evans
Bob & Bettina Schaeffer
Joe & Wendy Toy
Dan & Mary Lynne Wills

Global Missions

Dave & Conce Roof (Brazil)
Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus (Africa)
EC Churches in Nepal
EC Churches in India
EC Churches in Liberia

Shut-ins

Eileen Blew
Mary Ellen Hering
Edith Houtz
Sharon Kissinger
Eleanor & Jacob Jamison
Sheree Minnich
Clyde Rhen

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)