



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

 The 10:30 am service is streamed on YouTube at: *Bethesda EC Church*.

During the 10:30 am service, Nursery is available for children ages 0 to 2 years old in Room 104, Li'l Church is available for children ages 3 to 5 years old in Room 107, and Jr. Church is available for children in Kindergarten through 4th Grade in Room 100. Jr. Church will provide a bible lesson in a fun, interactive way and a bible memory verse.

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THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE !!!!

We are very appreciative to the staff of Bethesda Campus. Their ability to work together has been very beneficial to Bethesda's work both inside and outside the church setting. I would like to give you the opportunity to encourage and thank staff members of Bethesda. From Sunday, October 4th, though Sunday, October 27th, there will be baskets located in the Welcome Area to drop a card or note of thanks to our staff members. These staff members include:

Lynn Ann Wiscount – Office Manager

Tiffany Rayle – Office Assistant
(resigned 9/19/26)

Maggie Arbushites – Office Assistant
(working temporarily to assist with the transition until a new assistant can be found)

Amanda Gossard – Facilities Manager

Jen Stoyer – Treasurer

Steve Svenson – Maintenance

Roxanne/Terry Seltzer – Custodian –
Church, 23 MBC, & The Corner

Rae Huneke – Custodian – JAM

Jim Munster – Praise Team Leader

Bill Mills – Organist

Kara Miske – Youth Ministry Director and
Custodian – The Greenhouse

Thank you for your encouragement and support to the individual members of our team!

*Blessings,
Pastor Mark*

Important Information/Events

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

For over 15 years, Bethesda EC Church has been involved with a service opportunity called **The Church Has Left The Building (TCHLTB)**. The Outreach Commission has made some changes for this year's opportunity.

One change, we will make service opportunities available on **Saturday, October 10th as well as Sunday, October 11th**.

Also, we have added more variety in service opportunities -- connecting with local agencies and ministries, as well as connecting with several care facilities.

Stay turned as job sites are being assigned.



Get Ready! Shoeboxes will be available to grab from the table in the upper hallway on **Sunday, October 4th**, with the deadline to return your shoebox filled with items for kids around the world, by **November 15th**. Visit the table or www.samaritanspurse.org for more information on this impactful ministry!



Indoor Soccer League

Where: JAM Rec Center

When: Sign-ups begin
October 1st, 2026 by visiting
<https://registration.upward.org/UPW91410>

Who: Students in 2nd - 5th grade

Skill Evaluations will take place December 12th & 15th, 2026

Season begins week of
January 4th, 2027

Financial Snapshot

August 2026

	Actual	Budget	Difference
General Income	\$361,574	\$286,666	\$74,908
Expenses	\$339,150	\$332,024	(\$7,126)
Net Difference	\$22,424	(\$45,358)	\$67,782

Additional Information/Events

Next Communion
Sunday, October 4th



J&C Shepherd's Tours

Stress-free bus trips you won't want to miss! Enjoy great fellowship, exciting destinations, delicious meals, and unforgettable experiences.

Upcoming Destination/Show:

- **Christian Life Assembly**
 - Christmas Wonderland
 - December 5th

Reserve your seat today - space is limited.

For more information, brochures are available at the Welcome Counter or call/text: Jessica H. at 208-318-6241 or Cherie A. at 570-292-6917.



Message from the Financial Secretary

If you have been attending Bethesda on a regular basis and you would like numbered offering envelopes, please connect with Cheryl Bender, the Financial Secretary, at 570-573-9539 or cherylbender@verizon.net.

Bachtober



Let's Celebrate the Works
of J.S. Bach this October

Main Preludes

Oct. 3: "Sheep May Safely Graze"

Oct. 11: Sonatina from "God's Time is the Best"

Oct. 18: "Sinfonia" from Cantata BWV 156

Oct. 25: Toccata in D Minor

Come join us for the prelude before the 8:00AM traditional service!

What's for Dinner Wednesday

October 7th
October 21st
November 4th

Dinner served from 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Come 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. Dessert, is appreciated!



Keeping Up with Our Leadership and Staff

We appreciate those who serve in a variety of ways at Bethesda. Mary McMahon has held the secretary position of our Ministry Council for 1.5 years. Effective August, 2026, Mary resigned due to personal reasons. We are grateful and thankful for your presence on the Ministry Council for the past period of time.

Beginning September 2026, Tim Sattazhan accepted the position as Director of the Church Life Commission. This position allows Tim to serve on our Ministry Council. Tim and his family, Melissa, Landon and Jackson, have been actively involved with Bethesda for the past 2.5 years. We welcome Tim into this leadership position.

After three years, Tiffany Rayle, Office Assistant, has resigned due to continuing health issues. Tiffany has been a blessing in the office, using her graphic design skills and sharing her personal skills. Even though she and her family (Jeremy and Julian) will continue to be involved at Bethesda, she will be missed in the office setting.

In the meantime, hats off to Maggie Arbushites as she has temporarily stepped into Bethesda's office setting to fill the void in Tiffany's absence. Continue to pray for a replacement for the Office Assistant position.



Adult Sunday School



9:15 to
10:15 am

The Greenhouse

"Biblical Foundations Class"

- Facilitated by Tom Wambach

The purpose of this study is to learn how to use your Bible and understand the key topics. It will also give practical training on praying and inspirational verses to encourage you in your daily walk. Questions welcomed as we grow in God together. (Topic Schedules can be found at the Welcome Counter.)

Room 200

"God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions"

- By Rick Warren

- Facilitated by Cindy Smith & Amanda Gossard

This study will apply biblical truths to everyday situations, personal relationships, families, and careers. Warren examines the lives of Biblical figures (like Moses, Paul, and Jesus) to show how ordinary people navigated hardship, failure, and crisis. Chapters focus on common struggles, including: coping with stress, rebounding from failure, defeating depression, fighting loneliness, and handling discouragement and crises.

Room 202

"Generations: From Canaan to Jerusalem"

- From the NIV Standard Lesson

- Facilitated by Steve Minnich

The topics in Room 202 will focus on the book of Joshua. Join us to learn from the past so that we don't make the same mistakes. After Moses' death, the Lord establishes Joshua as Israel's leader and assures Joshua of his presence (*Joshua 1:2-9; Lesson 1*). As the Israelites enter the promised land, Joshua encourages them to remember God's provision. Joshua compares their Jordan River crossing with the previous generation's crossing of the Red Sea (*4:19-24; Lesson 2*). Lesson 3 offers an opportunity to reexamine an account of a holy God fulfilling his promises in and through human history. Lesson 4 is the account of Rahab and how God can use an unexpected person to accomplish his will and expand his people (*Joshua 2:8-13; 6:16-17*).

Children & Youth Sunday School

9:15 - 10:15 am

Ages 0 to 2

Room 104

Ages 3 to 5

Room 108

Kindergarten to 3rd Grade

Room 102

Grades 4th to 7th

Room 103

Grades 8th to 12th

Room 101



HELP WANTED

There are many opportunities at Bethesda to worship, study, learn, grow, and be served and also to serve. Consider helping with the children or the youth. Consider starting or helping lead a Bible Study or Life Group. Consider being a buddy for a child who needs someone to come alongside them during Church or Sunday School, so they can get the most out of that opportunity. Consider helping on the safety team. Consider being a greeter or helping at the Welcome Counter. Don't be surprised if someone asks you to serve in some way. Also you don't have to just wait to be asked. Feel free to consider your interests and abilities and volunteer in a way that will benefit others, build your own faith and character, and ultimately serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks for your consideration!

Wednesday Night Ministries



Adult Bible Studies

6:30 pm
Sep. 16th -
Nov. 18th

"Adventurous Prayer"

Women's Bible Study - Room 200

Prayer is our path to the adventure of building a relationship with our Savior. So how do working women and housewives find the time and the place to commit themselves to daily prayer? How do we know what to pray and how to pray it? How can a faithful woman find comfort in daily talks with God? Join with other women to search the Scriptures for God's answers to these questions. Women of Faith "Adventurous Prayer" participant guides are available in Room 201 to pick up. Please sign the clipboard when you do. The cost is \$9.50 and can be given in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Women's Bible Study Book".

"Book of John"

Men's Bible Study - Room 202

All men are invited to join the Bible Study, on Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm, in Room 202. They are studying "John: For Everyone Bible Study Guides" by N.T. Wright. This study delves into the Gospel of John, offering practical insights, fresh perspectives, and thought-provoking questions for both seasoned Christians and new believers.

Kidz Klub & Deeper Roots



6:30 pm - Common Ground
September 16th - November 18th

Energize your week with a mid-week power surge! Children, ages 4 years of age through 4th grade, are invited to participate in age-appropriate activities within our Kidz Klub Ministry. Our volunteer staff will walk with your children through activities and Scriptures that will drive home nuggets of truth for daily living.



DEEPER ROOTS
FAMILY MINISTRY

**FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS
FROM 6:30-730 PM
AT THE GREENHOUSE**

**KIDS 4 YEARS - 4TH GRADE ATTEND
KIDS KLUB IN THE COMMON GROUND
@ BETHESDA EC CHURCH**

DEEPER ROOTS IS A GATHERING FOR FAMILIES WHO WANT TO GROW IN FAITH, BUILD LASTING RELATIONSHIPS, AND BE ENCOURAGED THROUGH PRAYER, CHURCH LEADERS, AND AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY.

We would love to see you there!

SPONSORED BY BETHESDA EC CHURCH
THROUGH BLESSINGS OF HOPE

Free Food Box Giveaway!!!

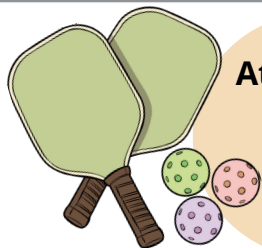
**-Bethesda EC Church-
155 Reedsville Road
Schuylkill Haven**

Boxes are first come, first serve, while supplies last!

We are offering 40 pound food boxes to the community. To keep this event free, we are asking for donations. Each box costs \$15. Donations can be given online, in the collection plate or delivered by mail or in person, to the church office.

9 AM - 11 AM

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2027
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2027
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2027**



Attention Bethesda Pickleball Players

For the month of October, Pickleball will be held at the JAM from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



We have been notified by the Red Cross that Bethesda EC Church is once again part of their Premier Blood Partners Program for 2026!

They will be providing an Impact Recognition Certificate in early 2027 for this achievement.

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Mailing Address - 23 Meadowbrook Drive - Schuylkill Haven - 17972
www.bethesdaec.org

Bethesda Children



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AGES 0-4TH GRADE

Children have importance and value to us!

In addition to our Sunday School and Child Care/Junior Church opportunities, stay tuned for additional activities as they develop over the next days, weeks, and months.

Bethesda Youth Ministries (BYM)



BETHESDA YOUTH MINISTRY 5TH-12TH GRADE

October 4th - 12 to 2 pm, Meet in Common Ground

October 11th - No youth due to TCHLTB

October 18th - No youth due to Bonfire and Blessings

October 25th - 12 to 2 pm, Holy-ween Party

The Mountain (YAM)



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AGES 18 TO 30-ISH

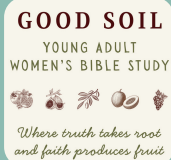
Where - Bethesda @ The Corner

When - Every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 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 today.

Contact - Dave Brezina (203-893-5636)

GOOD SOIL



YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S MINISTRY AGES 18 TO 30-ISH

Sunday Meetings - Meets every Sunday, from 3 to 4:30 pm, in **The Greenhouse**.

- This is a space for young women to grow, connect, and be encouraged in God's Word.
- Our mission is simple: to create a safe, grace-filled community where we listen deeply, love well, and walk through Scripture together.
- We're devoted to reading the Word, applying it to our everyday lives, and growing in faith side by side.

Deeper Roots



FAMILY MINISTRY

Programs/Activities - Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 pm in **The Greenhouse**.

- The purpose of this ministry is to encourage, equip, & strengthen families in our congregation and the community.
- Questions? Contact Jacqueline at 757-553-0712.

Family Ministries



Each week topics are chosen by the group for an open dialogue to occur, bringing a Biblical view point into the reality of today.

Every Tuesday
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Ages 18-30ish



1669 Long Run Road
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

BYM HOLY-WEEN PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:00-2:00 pm



Bonfire & Blessings WITH BETHESDA

18 OCT 2026 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
AT THE SOCIAL HALL

**FAMILY | GAMES |
FOOD | CRAFT | FUN**

SILENT RETREAT

at The Greenhouse

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHAT IS THIS?

A time of reflection and quiet to simply be and seek intimacy with God.

INFORMATION is at the Welcome Counter.

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Men of Bethesda (MOB)



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast - All men are welcome to attend on Saturday, October 10th, at 8 am, at the Friedensburg Country Restaurant. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark.

Men's Facebook Group - Join the "Men of Bethesda" Facebook Group to receive a daily devotional.

Men of Iron Study Group - The Men of Iron will begin helping men connect with God, becoming better husbands, fathers, and leaders. Men of Iron makes spiritual growth practical, doable, and transformative. All men are invited to join a group that will meet in The Greenhouse at 6:30 pm, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. If interested, please sign up at the Welcome Counter. For more information, please contact Pastor Mark.



Women of Bethesda (WOB)



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' Monthly Brunch - All ladies are welcome to join for fun and fellowship on Saturday, October 10th, at 12:30 pm, at the Haven Diner. No RSVP is needed.

WOB Planning Meeting - October 11th, at 11:45 am, in Room 202. Some topics to be discussed: date for BMEW service, discuss 10/24 event, and set-up schedule for Christmas glass jar craft.

WOB Ongoing Service - The Women of Bethesda will individually visit two women shut-ins from Bethesda. Questions? Contact Cherie at 570-292-6917.

Just Older Youth (JOY)



50+ MINISTRY

TBA - Stay tuned for more information. Have an idea? Let us know.

REAL GROWTH GOES DEEP.
LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

DIGGING DEEPER

GROWTH GROUP

- DIG INTO GOD'S WORD**
Build a strong foundation.
- GROW IN COMMUNITY**
Encourage. Challenge. Support.
- LIVE IT OUT TOGETHER**
Apply truth. Make an impact. Grow deeper.

DEEPER ROOTS. STRONGER FAITH. GREATER PURPOSE.

THURSDAYS
6:30 TO 8 PM
THE GREENHOUSE CAFE
149 REEDSVILLE ROAD
FOR WOMEN IN EVERY
SEASON OF LIFE

Walk through a Discovery Bible Study based on the weekly sermon Scripture.

No sign-up needed - just show up! Bring your Bible and a desire to grow, learn, and connect in community.

Family Ministries

Women of Bethesda
SAVE-THE-DATE for these upcoming events:

Watch for sign-ups at the Welcome Counter and online closer to each date!

WOB Service Opportunity

Fall 2026, Deliver Pretzel Nugget Tray to BMEW Staff
Paint or String Art & Potluck

October 24th, 4 to 6 pm,
at 23 MBC

Pre-Holiday Pause & Potluck

November 7th, 4 to 6 pm,
at 23 MBC

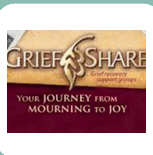
A NEW CONNECTION

With Ministry Council approval, a health food organization has begun utilizing the church parking lot as a monthly food drop site.

Malinda Peck, a representative of Azure Standard who recently moved to Deiberts Valley Road with her family, approached Bethesda to consider being a drop-site for this organization. By making this commitment, Bethesda receives a 2% commission, which will be applied to the costs associated with our food box distribution ministry.

If you pass Bethesda and there is an 18-wheeler in the parking lot unloading pallets of food to distribute to about 25 - 30 customers, welcome to Azure Standard.

GriefShare

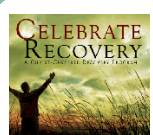


FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Sunday, October 11th & 25th at 1:30 pm in Room 200

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. For more information, call Paul at 570-294-0778 or Maggie at 570-573-0412.

Celebrate Recovery



FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH HURT, PAIN OR ADDICTION OF ANY KIND

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Rooms 200 & 202

Celebrate Recovery is designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits, and hang-ups 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! Questions? Contact Norma at 570-617-0931.

Prayer Meetings



IN-PERSON MEETINGS DEDICATED TO PRAYER

Wednesdays

- **7 am** - Morning Prayer in Room 202
- **6 pm** - Evening Prayer at the Heim Residence

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:

- **Home-cooked meal:** Are you or someone you know in need of a home cooked meal? If you know of someone who could benefit from a warm meal, call the Church Office at 570-739-2241 and we will arrange for pickup or delivery.
- **Information & resources about premature babies:**
 - Contact Cindy Smith at 570-640-5416.

God's Pantry



FOOD PANTRY IN ROOM 106 FOR THOSE IN NEED

The food pantry is an informal space at the Church for anyone to access if in need. Permission is not required. Anyone can take for themselves or for someone else.

Outreach

Did you, or are you, serving our nation?

MILITARY, VETERANS, EMT, FIREFIGHTERS & POLICE

Come join us every week or as often as you can, for **HERO HOUR**. Share your service stories, hear from others, and encourage one another as we journey together.

**Every Wednesday
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

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Common Threads

Thursdays - 5 pm to 6:30 pm

This group is centered around Knitting and Crocheting aimed at teens & young adults. Come to learn or already knowing. Use this time to make friends & projects!

1669 LONG RUN ROAD
SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA 17972

Bethesda @ The Corner Presents...

GAME NIGHT

Spend a few hours winding down from the week to relax playing games, laughing and chatting with others. This is a **"No Cost"** event, just come for the fun!

**Every Friday
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

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Coffee @ the Corner

To provide a safe space to have dialog and be heard

FREE

**Open Every Saturday
8 am till 12 pm**

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Schuylkill Haven

Crochet Circle

As some of you are aware, the crochet circle is not currently meeting, however, the prayer shawl ministry is still up and running. If you would like a shawl for yourself or to share, the bin with the completed prayer shawls is located in the Copy Room in the first black cabinet and clearly marked. When one is taken, please mark the book so that Cheryl can keep track of them. She is doing her best to keep the bin stocked, as she is the only one currently making them. If you are interested in helping, please connect with Cheryl Bender at 570-573-9539.

Missionary Corner

Rachel

Rachel, while working in an undisclosed area in Asia, injured a tendon in her foot. While recovering, she has learned her father has cancer. She is currently back in PA healing. We ask for prayers for her father to get completely healed. Pray that she won't lose the vision God has given her.

David and Conce Roof

Conce had surgery and is recuperating. David continues with his ministries when Conce has good days. David reports how faithful God is to them.

Mission Trip to Punta de Garza in the Dominican Republic

Bethesda EC Church has given Isaac Hart a gift of money for his mission trip to the Dominican Republic. He is traveling to Punta de Garza with "This Little Light Ministries" from October 24 - 31. Please continue to pray for Isaac and the other missionaries as they continue their work and for their safe trip home. We will follow up with him upon his return.



Great things continue to happen at Jewel Women's Center. Come hear about the latest victories, struggles, and everyday happenings at this year's fundraising banquet, "Known in the Battle".

Hear one incredible story of fear, uncertainty, and hope. This, along with other stories of impact, a delicious meal, and an opportunity to support Jewel, will make this an unforgettable evening. Whether you have never attended one of these banquets, or even if you have, please consider attending one of the following events. The cost for this sure to be powerful evening is only \$20 per person. Registration forms are at the Welcome Counter. Touch base with me with questions. I hope to see you there!

- Rae Huneke

KNOWN IN THE BATTLE



2026 Jewel Women's Center Fundraising Banquet

Registration is

\$20

per guest.

One pregnancy decision. One deeply personal battle.

One story that did not end as expected.

Join us for a powerful evening as we share an unforgettable story of fear, uncertainty, and hope—and the difference compassionate care can make in a woman's most vulnerable moments. Together, we will celebrate what God is doing through Jewel and the role each of us can play in helping women know they are seen, valued, and never alone.

Dinner • Stories of impact • Opportunity to support Jewel

Business casual • Adults only, please

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THURSDAY
OCTOBER 8, 6PM

LCBC

2

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 13, 6PM

FAITH CHURCH

3

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 15, 6PM

FAITH CHURCH

Local Ministries

Wayne Township Senior Group

23 Meadowbrook Center
October 2026 Events

Wednesday, October 7

12 pm Lunch: Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast

1 pm Activity: Stoneridge Presentation

Wednesday, October 14

12 pm Lunch: Chicken Patty & Cold Salad

1 pm Program: Aging Allies Medicare Presentation

Wednesday, October 21

12 pm Lunch: Chicken Salad Sandwich & Soup

1 pm Program: Yellow Dot Program Presentation

Wednesday, October 28

12 pm Lunch: Boo Barbeque & Terrorizing Tots

1 pm Activity: Halloween Fun

Suggested Donation: \$7.00

Registration is required by Thursday, the week before. **Call 570-739-2241 or visit www.23meadowbrook.org.**

Diakon's Exercise Programs

Soft Yoga takes place every Tuesday at 6 pm.

Zumba Gold takes place every Thursday at 6 pm.

Call Diakon at 570-624-3018.

Age Busters (exercise program for people 60+) takes place every Thursday at 10 am. **Call Sharon at 484-755-9439.**

Painting Class

Fridays: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Instructor will bring watercolor supplies. Acrylic & colored pencils also welcomed, but bring your own supplies. Please no oil paints. Bring whatever you would like to work on or we will get you started. No expertise needed & it is great fun! As long as there is interest, we will keep it going. **Cost is \$10 per class. Call Karen at 610-217-2973.**

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Who's Who at Bethesda:

Staff

Lead Pastor

Office Manager

Facilities Manager

Office Assistant

Treasurer

Youth Ministries Director

Maintenance
Church, 23 MBC, & Corner Custodians
JAM Custodian
Praise Team Director
Organist

*Officers

President
Vice President
Secretary
Lay Delegate
Alternate Lay Delegate
Treasurer
Financial Secretary

*Members at Large

*Outreach Commission "COME"

To be **PRESENT** in our Community

American Heritage Girls Liaison
Celebrate Recovery
Coffee @ the Corner
Fall Festival
Food Box Distribution
God's Pantry
GriefShare
Men of Bethesda Service Projects
The Church Has Left the Building
Upward Sports
Vacation Bible School

*Church Life Commission "FIND"

To be **CONNECTED** in our body.

Annual Church Picnic
Deeper Roots
Extended Hands
GOOD SOIL
Hospitality
Just Older Youth (JOY)
Kidz Klub
Men of Bethesda Activities
Seasonal Decorating
Twin Pines Coordinator
Welcoming Committee
What's for Dinner Wednesday
Women of Bethesda
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Jim Munster

Billy Mills Jr.

Maggie Arbushites

Shane Minnich

TBD

Curt Behler

Sue Killian

Jen Stoyer

Cheryl Bender

Leroy Bates & Kara Miske

Lynn Koch, Director

Jacqueline Canfield

Norma Minnich

Janet Stoyer

Pastor Mark Brooks

Kyle and Jill Beveridge

Tim & Lisa DeLay

Paul Moyer/Maggie Arbushites

Steve Minnich

Pastor Mark Brooks

Chris Brauer

Cindy Brooks/Michelle Canfield

Tim Sattazahn, Director

Jeri Stewart/Mary McMahon

Jacqueline Canfield

Various

Victoria Minnich

Rae Huneke

Lori Bechtel

Lynn Koch

Don Gossard

Cara Stine

Bette Jo Long

Rae Huneke

Linda Bollinger

Cherie Avezzano

Dave Brezina



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

Curt Behler

610-698-0759

Maggie Arbushites

570-573-0412

Amanda Gossard

570-527-0651

Janet Stoyer

570-573-9997

Next Ministry Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
23 Meadowbrook Center
6:00 pm

All articles and events held from **November 1st** through **November 30th** should be submitted by the **17th of October** to be included in our **November issue**. A copy of this newsletter can also be found online at **www.bethesdaec.org**.

Who's Who at Bethesda:

*Discipleship Commission "GROW"

To be **FORMED** as disciples.

Bethesda Training Institute &
Prison Ministry
All Church-Wide Bible Studies &
Sunday School Classes
Prayer Ministry
Life Groups & Spiritual Partners
Spiritual Gift Assessments

*Missions Commission "SERVE/GO"

To be **SENT** as disciples.

Adult & Youth Missions
Local, National & Global Field Missions

*Operations Commission

To **MAINTAIN** Property

Property & Vehicle Maintenance
Building Expansion Solutions Team (BEST)
Campus Design Team
Usage Committee
Safety Team

Administration

To **SUPPORT** the Body

Advertising, Insurance, Purchasing, and IT
Benevolence
Communications
Counseling
Facilities
Financial Giving Statements &
Memorial Gifts
First Aid /Safety
Website/Social Media

Committees Reporting to the Membership

Pastoral Relations Committee
Nominating Committee
Finance Committee
Auditing Committee

Children's Ministry Council (Reports to Church Life Commission)

Superintendent
Director
Volunteer Coordinator
Secretary
Members at Large

Youth Ministry Council (Reports to Church Life Commission)

Superintendent
President
Program Director
Secretary
Members at Large
Student Representatives

Tom Wambach, Director

Steve Minnich

Tom Wambach

Cindy Smith & Connie Wright
Norma Minnich
Curt Behler/Cherie Avezano

Marilyn Meyer, Director

Pastor Mark Brooks
Marilyn Meyer

Tom Lotz, Director

Steve Svenson
Chris Brauer
Jody Stine
Becky Hoover
LeRoy Bates

Lynn Ann Wiscount

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Shane Minnich
Tiffany Rayle
Pastor Mark Brooks
Amanda Gossard
Cheryl Bender

Curt Behler
Lynn Ann Wiscount/Tiffany Rayle

Ed Redding
TBD
Linda Bollinger
Carol Sleinkofer

Pastor Mark Brooks
TBD
Vanessa Minnich
Lynn Koch
Janet Stoyer, Jane Baudoin,
Jayme Cooper, Cindy Brooks,
& Kara Miske, Jody Stine, Danielle
Fisher

Pastor Mark Brooks
Michelle Canfield
Kara Miske
Maggie Arbushites
Jayme Cooper & Amanda Gossard
Lily Graver

*Ministry Council Members and Officers



October Worship Volunteer Schedule

Coffee Makers

October 4 - Norma M.
October 11 - Shane M.
October 18 - Deb S.
October 25 - Bob M. & Mary I.

Entrance Greeter - First Service

October 4 - Nancy & Ray B.
October 11 - Nate & Peg H.
October 18 - Yvonne D.
October 25 - Curt & Cindy B.

Entrance Greeter - Second Service

October 4 - Wayne B.
October 11 - Bob M. & Mary I.
October 18 - Javorka Family
October 25 - Hannah K.

Welcome Counter - First Service

October 4 - Norma M.
October 11 - Joan L.
October 18 - Marilyn M.
October 25 - Rae H.

Welcome Counter - Second Service

October 6 - Amanda G.
October 11 - Jeri S.
October 18 - Ellen M.
October 25 - Amy H.

Live Stream

October 4 - Tim S.
October 11 - Charlie K.
October 18 - TBD
October 25 - Tim D.

Offering Counters

October 4 - Sue K.
October 11 - Steve R.
October 18 - Mary Ann D.
October 25 - Steve M.

Church Lock-Up

October 4 - Austin B.
October 11 - Shane M.
October 18 - Jim C.
October 25 - Danny W.

Prayer Concerns

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Personal

Emily Babb (epilepsy)
Emma Bachman (relocate)
Rodney Ball (comfort)
Paul Berger (stroke)
Gary Bruen (transplant)
Anna Capelle (Seizure)
Linda Christman (recovery)
Tim Christman (treatment)
Irene Conway (back & heart)
Nathan Cooper (recovery)
Sara Costenbader (recovery)
Beth Croneberger (pain)
Rachel (Hain) Croyle (cancer)
Dale DeWald (cancer)
Merijo Dietrich (cancer)
Dave Earhart (hip)
Elaine Fetterolf (cancer)
William Flook (leukemia)
Connie Gossard (kidney)
Elaine Hafer (cancer)
James Harvey (cancer)
Beverly Heisler (cancer)
Adalyn Hertzog (cancer)
Isabell Hoffman (pneumonia)
Bob Holzer (cancer)
Nona Hudson (cancer)
Ivaan Ivanov (fear)
Gail Knauf (cancer)
Clara Kramer (leukemia)
Bill Leibensperger (cancer)
Richard Luckenbill (kidney)
Tom Luckenbill (infection)
Deb Meade (strength)
Hertha Moeller (eyes)
Kasey Newhouse (heart)
Jancarlo Orsini (transplant)

Charles Pearmon (cancer)
Ted Pliler (heart)
Lynn Quinn (tests)
Tiffany Rayle (pain)
Phyllis Redding (heart)
Conce' Roof (cancer)
Joe Simmons (leukemia)
Sam Slaseman (recovery)
Mary Spedding (cancer)
Joann Stokes (recovery)
Jen Stoyer (stroke)
Gail Strohl (shoulder/foot)
Dave Svenson (breathing)
Miriam Tirjan (parkinson's)
Darren Travis (cancer)
John Trevi (recovery)
Casey Watson (recovery)
Cassie Wolfe (heart)
Alan Woomert (heart)
Johanne Zamecnik (stability)

Family

Mary Bartolet Family (loss)
Christman Family (care)
Everly Clare Costenbader (birth)
Keenan Cryts Family (loss)
Sean Kelly Family (loss)
Chuck Lishman Family (cancer)
Paul & Marie Long (recovery)
Gene Maidenford Family (loss)
Maria Novak Family (loss)
Theo Klocko Szumlanski Family (cancer)
Cliff Walters Family (loss)
Margaret McHale Weinreich Family (loss)
Sherry Blankenhorn Wilson Family (loss)
Leane Zeiber Family (loss)

Local, National & Global

- EC Officers:
 - Bishop: Randy Sizemore
 - Exec Director: K. Henry
 - Associates: W. Houck, T. Rathman, M. Snedeker & M. Hill
 - District Facilitator: John Smith, DFD
- President: Donald Trump
- Vice President: JD Vance
- US Military Forces
- Conflict in Middle East & Ukraine
- Venezuela Earthquake

Congregational

- 23 Meadowbrook Center
- American Heritage Girls
- Bethesda @ the Corner
- Celebrate Recovery
- Coffee @ the Corner
- Deeper Roots Ministry
- GOOD SOIL Ministry
- GriefShare Ministry
- JAM Rec Center
- L.I.F.E. & TUMI Prison Ministries
- Ministry Council
- The Greenhouse

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

Rachel (Southeast Asia)
Dave & Conce Roof (Brazil)
EC Churches in Nepal
EC Churches in India
EC Churches in Liberia

Shut-ins

Nancy Berger
Eileen Blew
Greg Dorang (hospice)
Bill Dukmen
Doris Harig
Mary Ellen Hering
Sharon Kissinger
Mary Rhen
Karen Rountree
Tara Stoudt (recovery)
Maria Szumlanski (pain management)

Military

Alex Amaya (Navy)
Madden Brandstatter (Marines)
Shane Breidigan (Marines)
Megan Dull (Navy)
Sierra Mueller (Air Force)
Lane Noecker (Air Force)
Zehn Schropp (Air Force)
Matthew Sterner (Air Force)
Nate Stine (Air Force)

