

#### CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

##### *March*

- 10 Manic Monday Meal  
Fellowship Hall, 5:00-7:00 PM
- 21 Church Clean-Up Day, 9:00 AM

##### *April*

- 3 Seder Observance  
Fellowship Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 5 Easter Services  
•Sunrise Service, Choptank Marina, 6:15 AM  
•Traditional Service, Sanctuary, 10:00 AM

##### *May*

- 2 Mother's Day Tea & Brunch  
Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 11 Manic Monday Meal  
Fellowship Hall, 5:00-7:00 PM

##### *July*

- 6-9 VBS: Snowball Mountain Challenge  
Fellowship Hall, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

##### *Official Board*

Third Wednesday of each month  
Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Greetings! Now that Lent has started, we have entered into a time of fasting, prayer, and devotion: a season of self-reflection and sacrifice that leads to Christ's death on the cross. Then, on Easter, we will see the resurrected Jesus raised from the tomb to new life – new life that we share through him.



**NATE'S NOTES**

Preparing for new life is what we are all about at Bethesda these days, and there are many, many ways for you to serve Christ, assist your church family, and make those preparations. Right now, there are a few crucial things our congregation needs: (1) We need volunteers to help with events. We can do ministry, but we can't do it by ourselves. Please consider serving with us. Every person who helps is helping us to bring one more person to Jesus. Take a look at the "At a Glance" box to the left, and see where your *talents* are best suited. If you have any questions, get in touch with me, or with the officers of the Board. We are all in this together. (2) We need *greater* financial support from our members. Remember, anything that is given or donated we can and will use for ministry. (3) We need you to be *intentional*, to stand up and be counted as members of Jesus' Army, so that we can push back against what society has come to see as normal. I am asking that you *recommit* to our cause of sharing Jesus, so that *all* can experience the Good News.

And speaking of preparations: as we approach Easter, we need to get more than our spiritual houses in order. If we are to share the Gospel with our community, we need to have a clean, well-organized building for the community to visit. Over the next few months we will be cleaning out classrooms and the church's internal spaces, getting them ready so that ministry can replace our clutter! Our spaces *and* our hearts need to be cleaned out, reorganized, and ready to be used for and by Christ. God promised the Israelites in Ezekiel 36 that following him would restore them to new life. "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols," writes the prophet. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God." Peace be with you, brothers and sisters, and be prepared for new life!

Pastor Nate



Troop #461 helped lead service on Scout  
Sunday, February 8.



## OFFERING • JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

Service Date	Attendance		Weekly Total
	9:00	11:00	
1/4	13	23	\$2,295.00
1/11	10	29	\$2,637.00
1/18	8	29	\$1,362.00
1/25	snow		\$170.00
2/1	8	14	\$1,448.00
2/8	5	66	\$1,782.00
2/15	6	30	\$1,195.00
2/22	8	15	\$1,013.00
Weekly required income:		Average weekly income:	
\$2,088		\$1,487.75	

### MANIC MONDAY MEAL

*Homemade Chicken Tenders: \$10.00*  
*March 9, 5:00 – 7:00 PM*  
*Price includes sides and dessert.*

### CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

*Saturday, March 21*  
*9:00 AM – until*

## EXPERIENCE THE PASSOVER DISCOVER THE MESSIAH

- Enjoy this unique, fun and educational experience.
- Uncover deep and meaningful connections between this ancient celebration and its prophetic fulfillment in Jesus.
- Meal included.



There is no charge,  
 but please reserve a seat by  
 March 25 so we can prepare.

Email or text:  
 kari21632@yahoo.com  
 410-200-5815

Join us Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bethesda Methodist Church  
 155 Main St, Preston, MD

Everyone is welcome (age 12 and older)



Preston Lions Club  
 Soup & Sandwich Sale  
 Friday, March 6, 2026  
 11 AM - 2 PM  
 (or until sold out)



**PICK UP - LOCAL DELIVERY - EAT IN**

Soup & Sandwich Meal \$15  
 includes your choice:

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP or VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP  
 AND

HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH or CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH  
 Water and Dessert Included!

**Pre-Orders by March 4th are appreciated**

**For information or order form:**

Email: gquidas@gmail.com

Phone: Gloria @ 443-786-0324

### Bethesda in a Winter Wonderland on February 22





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## SERVICE & CLASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday Services

Contemporary Worship  
9:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship  
11:00 PM  
Sanctuary

### Sunday Classes

Bethesda Bible  
Adventures  
9:00 AM

