

## How Religion Tries to Steal What it Did Not – and Cannot – Earn for Itself

John 9:35 – 10:2

March 17, 2024  
Pastor Cliff



**In-house services at 8:45 & 10:30am!**  
**Watch our service LIVE at 8:45am**  
**[www.bmcc.cc](http://www.bmcc.cc) or**  
**[@bmccpalmerton](https://www.facebook.com/bmccpalmerton) Facebook page**

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## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 17th - Missions Sunday

Worship Services - 8:45 & 10:30am

Children's Ministry Classes - 8:45 & 10:30am

Adult Sunday School - 8:45am in Outback Room

<https://bit.ly/49tWIBC> - online folder

### Monday, March 18th

Men's Breakfast at Bert's in Palmerton - 7:00am

### Tuesday, March 19th

Ladies' Prayer Group at Bunny Michael's home -  
10:00am

Celebrate Recovery - 6:30pm

### Wednesday, March 20th

ELEVATE Teen Ministry - 6:30pm

### Thursday, March 21st

Prayer Nights Together - 6:30pm

### Saturday, March 23rd

Women's Breakfast at Bert's in Palmerton - 8:00am

Saturday  
**March 30**  
at 6:00 PM

# EASTER

*Service*

@ Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe, PA

## *Easter 2024*



Easter Posters and Invite cards are available  
at the Get Connected Table.

Please take some and invite your  
friends and family!

## 27TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT!

**May 17-19, 2024**

Deadline to register: April 14th

Topic: *"Loving With Strength and Dignity"*

**Brochures available in Lobby!**

Pick one up at the Get Connected table or register here:

<https://bmcc.breezechms.com/form/47833f>

## EASTER SERVICE HELP

We are seeking some help with costumes for our Easter drama. If you are interested in serving Jesus in this ministry, please reach out to Pastor Jen.

**Mark your calendars for our Easter service-- Saturday, March 30 at 6:00 at Penn's Peak!**

## EASTER SERVICE - REFRESHMENTS

We cannot express our gratitude enough to all of you who take the time to bake cookies & purchase beverages for our special services.

We would love to bless our community with refreshments at our Easter Service again this year.

If you would like to help in this way, please complete the sign up sheet by using this link:

<https://bmcc.breezechms.com/form/cafa5774>

**Please reach out to Alicia Klotz if you have any questions.**

## BENEVOLENCE FOOD PANTRY

Our Benevolence food pantry is overflowing with canned veggies, so we are not in need of any at this point. If you would like to donate to the food pantry, we could use the following non-perishable items:  
**Boxed cereal, oatmeal, cream of wheat, canned tuna and meat, canned soups, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti sauce & noodles!**

**Thank you so much for your amazing generosity!**



## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Overseers: Wes & Jessica Neal

**Tuesday, March 19th**

SPEAKER: SETH SHUMAKER TOPIC: LESSON 9 - "INVENTORY"

Questions about Celebrate Recovery?

Email: celebraterecoveryatbmcc@gmail.com

## YOUNG ADULT EVENT

**April 14 - Taco Bar at Rose's residence**

**1:00-5:00pm**

Contact: Rose Hickman at [rosehickman@live.com](mailto:rosehickman@live.com)  
to RSVP for this event and for her address!

*Find us on Facebook!*

*Blue Mountain Community Church page > Groups >  
BMCC Young Adults*

## COUPLES TIME OUT

For married & engaged couples

**Saturday, April 13th at 3pm**

**Archery Addictions**

***Please sign-up at the Get Connected Table!***

\$50 per couple - space limited to 10 couples  
email Lori at [devonshirelori@gmail.com](mailto:devonshirelori@gmail.com)

## - *Ladies' Prayer Group* -

at: Bunny Michael's Home located in  
Palmerton

**Tuesday, March 19th  
from 10:00-Noon**

***Focus: Praying for our loved ones,  
especially our children***

Additional dates will be discussed soon!

Please text Louise Zercie for more details,  
address, and to RSVP! \*\*When texting, please  
include your name in the text. 860-716-9834

# ELEVATE

## TEEN MINISTRY

For students entering 7th-12th grade!

Wednesday, March 20th  
ELEVATE meeting - 6:30pm

NO ELEVATE - March 27th

### *Save the Date*

April 10th - Pizza Night

Join us on Facebook:

ELEVATE Student Ministries

Instagram: [elevate\\_ministries7](#)

## *Prayer Nights Together*

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.

**Next gathering: Thursday, March 21st  
from 6:30-8:00pm at BMCC**

Led by: Larry Wetzel

## Connection Groups

### Trachsville Connection Group

Tuesdays - 6:30-8:30pm

Location: 210 Spruce Hollow Rd., Palmerton

Call Larry Wetzel at 610-462-0477

### Lehighton Connection Group

Tuesdays - 6:30-8:30pm

Locations vary.

Call Shawn Rudalavage at 484-560-3965

### Danielsville Connection Group

Wednesdays - 6:30-8:30pm

Location:

3365 Buckskin Ln., Danielsville

Call Patti Argondizzo at 908-601-0598

*Connection groups engage in fellowship & praise  
as well as discuss "Going Deeper" questions  
pertaining to the previous Sunday's message. We  
hope you can join us!*



## Upcoming Couples Events 2024

- Archery Addictions
- Bonfire/Potluck/Cornhole
- IronPigs Baseball game
- Couples' Retreat
- Mini Golf
- Game Night at "Jokers are Wild"

**\*Please watch for upcoming dates for these activities! More information coming soon.**

## MORE UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

### **April 14 - Taco Bar Potluck - 1-5pm**

- Time and Location is TBA

### **May 19 - Hike or Trail Walk**

- Time and Location is TBA

### **June 16 - Bear Rock Junction, Mini Golf - 2pm**

- \$9.75/ per person
- 8181 Route 309, New Tripoli, PA 18066

### **July 14 - Indoor Movie Night**

- Location TBA

**Contact: Rose Hickman at [rosehickman@live.com](mailto:rosehickman@live.com)**

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*Save the dates!*

### **Easter Service at Penn's Peak**

Saturday, March 30th at 6pm  
(No service on Sunday, March 31st)

### **Girlfriends' Night Out**

Friday, April 26th at 6:30pm

### **Impact Ministry - Family Fun Day Fundraiser**

Saturday, August 10th

### **10th Annual Men's Retreat**

October 11-13, 2024  
Refreshing Mountain Camp  
"No Excuses"

## **American Cancer Society Telethon**

**LIVE from Penn's Peak**

**Saturday, April 6th at (time TBD)**

*Watch Live on YouTube or come up to the Peak!*

If you would like to make a pledge to the ACS, please stop by the Get Connected table in the lobby on Sundays, March 17th or 24th. Any amount is appreciated!

## ***From Lori's Desk***

**Newest Devotion:  
"Are You Praying?"  
by Lori Schaffer**

**Go to: [bmcc.cc](http://bmcc.cc), ministries, devotionals**



**1st Thursday  
of each month  
at 7am!**

**See you April 4th!  
Watch LIVE on Facebook  
"@bmccpalmerton" or at  
[www.bmcc.cc](http://www.bmcc.cc)**

**Giving totals for the week of March 10th:**

**Total Giving: \$11,639.11      Tithe: \$9,407.50**

**Benevolence: \$715.00      Building Fund: \$25.00**

**ELEVATE: \$20.00      Go Ye Missions: \$445.00**

**"The Mission" BMCC Weissport: \$50.00**

**Celebrate Recovery: \$20.61      Children's Min.: \$10.00**

**Women's Min. Evt: \$876.00      Special Services: \$50.00**

**ACS Telethon: \$20.00**

### **Giving Options**

- We offer online giving through our website: [www.bmcc.cc](http://www.bmcc.cc) => GIVE
- Mail in giving to BMCC: 25 Oak St. Palmerton, PA 18071