

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

February 8, 2026

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"A community caring for all God's people, being transformed by Christ's love,
serving others as a witness of God's grace and peace."

CONNECT, EQUIP, SEND

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BMC Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BMC Office Manager Email: bethesda@mainstaycomm.net

BMC Treasurer Email: treasurer@bethesdamc.org

BMC Website: www.bethesdamc.org

WORSHIP SERVICES

Can be viewed/listened to live...

† Livestream @ <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>

† Facebook

† KOOL Radio 103.5 FM

† Local Cobalt Cable Channel 3207

Reminder...

† The east doors will remain open during office hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Thursday. If you drop off items in the Et Cetera room and
need to have the north door unlocked, please call the office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<i>Sunday, February 8</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Potluck
<i>Monday, February 9</i>	2:00 p.m. Myra (Friesen) Heegle Funeral
<i>Tuesday, February 10</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. BWM Winter Sewing 8:00 p.m. Sunday School Committee
<i>Wednesday, February 11</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Midweek 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
<i>Friday, February 13</i>	Church Offices Closed
<i>Sunday, February 15</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion Message: Pastor Andrea Wall Music: Sandra Quiring, Pianist/Chancel Choir Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCH FAMILY

Please keep in prayer those with health concerns, grief, or family needs:

Rachelle Schweitzer, Lisa Friesen, Bryan Bechtel, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), the family of Chriss Epp, the family of Nyla Friesen and the family of Myra (Friesen) Heegle.

Full Time Ministry Connection

Scott Janzen, the son of Royce and Carol Janzen, who serves as Registrar at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and has received his degree through AMBS.

Death

Myra (Friesen) Heegle, age 83, of Woodstock, Ga., formerly of Henderson, died Wednesday, January 28, 2026 in Canton, Ga. Funeral services will be on Monday, February 9, 2026 with burial taking place at the Bethesda Cemetery at 1:15 p.m. and services will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Bethesda Mennonite Church with lunch to follow. Please remember to keep Myra's family in your prayers as they mourn her loss.

Death

Johanna Christine "Chriss" (Seaton) Epp, age 82, of Henderson passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2026. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 7, 2026 at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton. Left to cherish Chriss' memory are her husband of 61 years, Maynard; sons, Bryan Epp and Shawn Epp and his wife Heather; daughter, Jodie Williams, her husband, Wayne Trudeau, and children, Aubrey, Chandler and Makenna Williams; and sister, Monica Seaton. Please keep the family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Death

Nyla D. Friesen, age 73, of Newton, KS., died Thursday, January 29, 2026 at Newton Presbyterian Manor. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 21, 2026, at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Newton. She will be buried in a private service at Bethesda Cemetery in Henderson. Left to cherish her memory are her sisters, Twila "Twiz" and Lloyd Nickels and Dianne Wall and brother, Wallace Friesen. Please keep Nyla's family in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Bible Study

There will be no Women's Bible Study on Monday, February 9 due to a funeral. We will resume on Wednesday, February 16 covering Mark 4 and 5. See you then.

Ash Wednesday Service

Everyone is invited to the Intergenerational Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The children's midweek will join us as we walk through stations to learn about Ash Wednesday and prepare for Easter.

MDS Project

On February 20-21, the Nebraska MDS Unit will be hosting a project in rural Gretna. Volunteers will be putting insulation into a new home owned by a family who lost their home in the 2024 Arbor Day Tornado. The more volunteers, the quicker it gets done! If you are interested, please reach out to Hillary Bechtel at 309-569-0471 or to Wes Reil at 402-641-1198 if you would like to participate.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**



New Address or Phone Number

If your address or phone number has changed please email the church office at bethesda@mainstaycomm.net or call 402.723.4562 with the information.

New Addresses: **E. James & Joan Friesen**, 12 Lakewood Circle, N. Newton, KS, 67117; **Shar Doell**, 1010 12th Street, P.O. Box 36, Henderson, NE, 68371; **Stan Ratzlaff**, 2201 Milrose Branch Rd., Lincoln, NE, 68520; **Jenice Epp**, P.O. Box 232, Superior, NE, 68978.

Found

A pair of silver, wire-framed glasses were recently found in a pew in the sanctuary so if you haven't been able to see for a few weeks please stop by the office and pick up your glasses.

School Kit Bags

School kit fabric for bags has been cut at this time. They are available to be picked up in the office across from the church office. Thank you!

Bethesda Women's Bible Study

The Bethesda Women's Bible Study led by Linda Goertzen is currently studying Mark's Gospel. The Bible Study takes place each Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

There will be 11 sessions during which the group will explore further the first Gospel ever written. Please bring your Bible and something to write with. We will meet in the Powerhouse Room (old choir room) just east of the sanctuary. All are welcome!



2026 MCC Sale News and Updates

The 2026 Nebraska MCC Sale is set for March 27 and 28 at the Holthus Convention Center in York. The annual fundraiser for Mennonite Central

Committee (MCC) is a two day event that is free to attend and features a variety of food offerings as well as an auction of quilts, furniture, tools, handmade items, gift baskets, toys, and more. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to fellowship with you! For more information check out www.nebraskamccsale.org.

Updates for the 2026 sale are as follows:

Registration

- Donation registration for this year's sale is now open!
 - Important deadlines:
 - Quilt Deadline - March 1
 - All other donations - March 22
- Quilts registered by the deadline (March 1) will be sold on Saturday and featured on the website and in the quilt guide. Quilts registered after the deadline will not be included in the guide and will be sold at the Friday evening auction.
 - Reminders when registering:
 - We've added a size field. Indicate if it is a king, queen, full, etc.
 - In the description, include the name of the pattern and the author's name if it is not your original design.
 - If submitting a project for the fat quarter color challenge, include that in your description.
 - Pictures should be uploaded during the registration process (at least 250 KB in size). Preferred pictures:
 - One picture of the full quilt
 - One with a corner folded back
 - One with up close details
 - Print the final registration page and pin it to the quilt so it can be identified at the sale.

Quilts and More

- We will also have a "Quilts and More" booth this year. You may donate clean fabric (please indicate how many yards or dimensions of each piece), sewing notions, sewing/embroidery/quilting kits, patterns and unfinished projects.

Meals

- There have been some slight changes in when meals will be served:
 - Friday Night Meal - Windsor Loin and BBQ Chicken Meal
 - Saturday Lunch Meals - Taco Bar or Verenika
 - The Pork Sandwich Meal will be available both days

Relief Kits

- MCC collects various different Relief Kits. Examples include but are not limited to Hygiene Kits, School Kits, Infant Care Kits and more. If you would like

to donate, you can bring a variety of items or choose a specific kit as a church. Check out the website for the list of items accepted.

My Coins Count

• Don't wait to start collecting coins! There are links for resources on the MCC "My Coins Count" page on their website. We ask for churches to bring a check for the coins collected instead of the coins themselves.

MCC Golf Tournament

• The MCC Golf Tournament will be located at Centura Hills Golf Club in Cairo, NE on May 16th.

Help Needed for Verenike Meal

Help is needed for the annual MCC Sale verenike meal on Saturday, March 28 at the Holthus Center in York. Areas of need include helping with set-up, serving food, waiting tables, and cleaning up. Donations of zwieback and jelly are also needed. If you are able to help, please sign up on the east bulletin board or contact Evan & Kristen Friesen at 402-710-8586.

BETHESDAWOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Bethesda Women's Ministries Winter Sewing Days

"A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible reminder to people in vulnerable situations that their needs are not forgotten." Join Bethesda Women's Ministries at Winter Sewing Days, tie some knots in a comforter, put a few stitches in a quilt or tea towels, crochet/knit a prayer shawl, or just come for the Fellowship. Projects benefit MCC Winter Warm Up and NE MCC Relief Sale. February sewing days will be held on **Tuesday, February 10 and February 24**. Come as your schedule allows. Lunch served at Noon. You are welcome to come just for Lunch and Fellowship. Winter Sewing days are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of January, February and March.

Last year, MCC shipped 39,616 comforters to communities in Canada, Malawi, Palestine (Gaza), Ukraine, the U.S. (including Puerto Rico) and Zambia.



New Library Books!

Adult Fiction

- **As Sure as the Sea by Jamie Ogle**: The turbulent Roman Empire comes alive through the story of Demi and Nikolas in this moving book in the saga of the early church. Demi and Nikolas are willing to risk their own lives to obtain provisions for fellow believers to make sure they are safe and fed. But will they have the courage to trust that the faith they call their own is sure enough to carry them as the violence against Christians increases.

YOUTHMINISTRIES

College Care Packages

We are trying something new this year! Due to the high costs of shipping, instead of sending an actual physical Care Package to each of our college age students we are planning to send them Care Packages in the form of Gift Cards. So please consider donating to a gift card fund. Just designate your offering check to the effort by writing "College Care Packages" in the memo line. Let's show the kids we're thinking of them and help brighten up at least one of these dreary, cold, winter days.



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MCC's Great Winter Warm-up

The chill of winter is settling in and that means it's time for **MCC's Great Winter Warm-up!** From January to March, the goal is 10,000 comforters to help spread warmth, joy and comfort to people around the world. Start plans now to gather with friends and family to make comforters for MCC this winter! Find inspiring stories and instructions at mcc.org/gww.

MCC Central States annual meeting

You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117.

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25th OR until position is filled. Apply online at mcc.org/careers. For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email marilypeters@mcc.org.

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 1, Worship Attendance: 158

Sunday, February 1, Sunday School Attendance: 20

Worship Offering: February 1, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$8,733.00
Sunday School Offering	\$27.25
Total Sunday Offering	\$8,760.25

Blanche Franz Memorials

- Gideon Bibles: \$70
- Bethesda Livestream: \$200
- Dayspring Ministries – Congo: \$1,420

John 4:43-54 (NIV)

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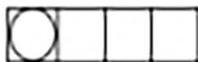
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Jesus Healed a Royal Official's Son Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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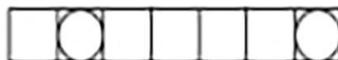
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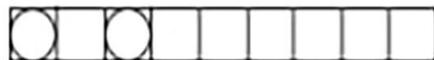
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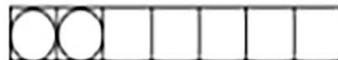
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Jesus has the power to:



CONNECT

For more information, complete the form below and drop this tear-off in the offering or the church office.

I would like more information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choirs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I would like to receive the weekly e-Bethesda News and bulletin. Please enter your email address: _____

I am new to Bethesda Mennonite Church.

Please update/add my contact information to the Bethesda yearbook.

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
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Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

My age range:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | |

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

MESSAGENOTES

"Believing On The Way Home"

David Boshart

John 4:46-54 (NRSV)