

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

BETHESDA BIBLE SERIES

WITH DAVID BOSHART

WHO ARE WE?
HOW DO WE LIVE TOGETHER?
WHEN LIVING TOGETHER IS HARD

In every season of the church's life, we are invited to return to first things: who we are in Christ, how we belong to one another, and how we remain faithful when the path feels uncertain. In this moment — when questions of discernment and unity feel especially close to home — Bethesda Mennonite Church will set aside a day for worship, learning, and prayerful conversation. Together we will reflect on our identity as a covenant people, the practices that sustain our common life, and the grace required to remain in relationship amid difference. This gathering is not about making decisions, but about seeking wisdom—listening to Scripture, to one another, and to the Holy Spirit, who continues to guide the church in truth and love. All are invited to come with open hearts as we seek God's direction for our life together.

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WHO ARE WE?
(SUNDAY WORSHIP)

Together we will explore the scriptural story of God forming a covenant people—from Israel to the church in Christ. The church is not a voluntary association of like-minded individuals but a people “taken up” into God's promise. Unity is therefore not something we create through agreement or manage through structure, but a gift given in Christ and sustained by the Spirit.

In a time when the congregation feels the tension of conference decisions, the sermon will invite members to anchor their identity first in God's covenantal initiative rather than in institutional outcomes or contested issues.

HOW DO WE LIVE TOGETHER?
(SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR)

We will explore how congregations, conferences, and denominations order their common life and how covenant differs from contract and how spiritual practices, discernment processes, and mutual accountability enable the church to live faithfully amid disagreement.

CATERED LUNCH

All are welcome to attend the lunch – we strongly encourage RSVPs to the church office or by using the QR Code.

WHEN LIVING TOGETHER IS HARD
(AFTER LUNCH WITH CHILD CARE)

We will gather in table groups to seek wisdom together as a covenanted people to listen to Scripture, one another and the Holy Spirit and offer thoughtful counsel to our leaders.

Sign up for the catered meal and child care by scanning the QR Code below.

