

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

August 17, 2025

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

MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor Andrea Wall:

Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004

Pastor J Epp: 402-366-7475

Currently on sabbatical.

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CONTACT US

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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

BMC Faith Formation Website: www.bmcfaithformation.com

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.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet
9:15 a.m. Special organ prelude by Pastor Chelsea Vaught
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:40 a.m. Reception in the Fellowship Hall for Laura Steingard celebrating 50 years of service at the organ
10:40 a.m. Sunday School
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Community Cookout

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:00 p.m. Board of Business
8:00 p.m. Board of Education

Wednesday, August 20

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due
7:00 p.m. Women's Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 22

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, August 24

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet
9:30 a.m. Worship
Message: Pastor Chelsea Vaught
Music: Marilyn Kroeker, Worship Band
Offering to God
10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCHFAMILY

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

Rachelle Schweitzer, Shirley Thayer, Lisa Friesen, Hester and Rafael Heide, the family of Beverly Wall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating 50 Years of God's Gifts at the Organ

Today, Sunday, August 17, 2025, the Music Committee is hosting a reception during the Sunday School hour to thank Laura Steingard for 50 years of service at the organ using her God-given gifts. You are welcome to bring Laura cards or notes of thanks or share special memories. Did Laura play for your wedding? Did she provide special music in a time you were grieving? We encourage you to share these memories with her and the church!



Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, September 3: Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 3 at 8:00 p.m. followed by root beer floats in the Fellowship Hall. The choir will be directed by Lynn Hall, and Sandra Quiring will be accompanying. Any one high school age and older is invited to come and join the Chancel Choir! And just a quick reminder, it's a Messiah year with the performance scheduled for Sunday, December 14. Just think on that for a minute... performing the Messiah with a professional orchestra should be added to your bucket list and then checked off on December 14. May we join together to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



WEEKDAYCHRISTIANEDUCATION

Midweek Teachers Needed

The Weekday Christian Education Committee is in need of a Midweek teacher for the 4th – 6th Grade Class and would like to thank Larry Roberts for teaching that class for the past 47 years. Midweek classes are every Wednesday night during the school year from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We are also looking for someone to assist Carol Janzen with the Kindergarten – 1st Grade Midweek Class this year as well.

If you're willing to volunteer your time please contact Kerri at the church office (bethesda@mainstaycomm.net or 402.723.4562) or visit with committee members: Taylor Chrisman, Joy Friesen, Lisa Peters or Brie Steingard.

BOARDOFEDUCATION

New Sunday School Classes

Sunday, September 7: New Sunday School classes will begin September 7. Instilling a deeper understanding and love for God and His teachings in our children and youth is a rewarding task. If you are feeling called to teach, contact Tara Maltsberger (620-205-9463) or Connie Bechtel (402-363-9973).



Volunteer Forms

FRIENDLY REMINDER to teachers: please fill out volunteer forms online. Scan this code or go to the website and select all the appropriate forms (children/youth for each child in your household, volunteer if you teach, driver if you transport).

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Central Plains Women's Retreat

September 20-21: Ladies, just picture this get-away: serene lake views, nature walks, bible study and reflection with guest speaker, fellowship and laughter, inspirational singing, home-cooked meals, hotel-style rooms, interest sessions, Faith & Life Bookstore, stargazing and campfire.... Experience these and so much more at the **Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp, September 20-21.** Guest speaker will be Pastor Heidi K. Greenwood Doell from Wichita, KS, speaking on "Seeking Holiness." All sessions, lodging, and meals at Swan Lake's Still Waters Retreat Center – \$100 for the weekend. Register to attend at myslcc.com. More info and sign-up sheet on the BWM Bulletin Board. Questions? Contact Carol Janzen 402-366-7984.

BWM Tuesday Night's

Tuesday, September 2: Join us for a powerful and heartfelt talk on Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall featuring the story of a mother (Misty Brouillette) who lost her daughter Cessna to suicide. Through sharing her personal journey, she sheds light on the realities of mental health struggles, the importance of suicide awareness, and the urgent need for prevention.

The event will also highlight the mission of the *Soaring For C!* Foundation, created in her daughter's memory to offer hope and resources to those in need. A Q&A session will follow, offering attendees the opportunity for open, honest discussion. Refreshments will follow the program. Please join us and bring a friend!



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Calling All College Students

Your Bethesda family wants to stay in contact with you as you head off to college. You are encouraged to fill out the College Student Contact Form at <https://formbuilder.cloversites.com/bethesdamennonitechurch#!/dashboard> so we can have your most current information.



BETHESDA PRESCHOOL



Amazon Wishlist

With the start of a brand new school year right around the corner (Tuesday, September 2, specifically) Bethesda Preschool is looking for a few new items to add to their classroom. If any of you empty nesters or even grandparents out there long for the days of buying school supplies look no further! You can go to the following link:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/TOGZ2D04DE2B...> and purchase much needed items for the kiddos from the comfort of your own home. You'll fulfill your Back to School Shopping desires without the pain of actual Back to School Shopping. It's a win-win for all involved!



GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 10, Worship Attendance: 228
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Worship Offering: August 10, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$8,523.71
Sunday School Offering	\$271.51
Total Sunday Offering	\$8,795.22

MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

Recycling Opportunities

Recycling opportunities at MCC in North Newton, KS! MCC accepts the following materials for recycling, cardboard, books, and paper. We also recycle soft plastics (any plastic packaging that you can stretch with your finger, including Amazon mailers and bubble wrap). We also accept and process

wearable clothing, shoes and purses/bags. However, it is best to donate those items to an Et Cetera Shop first, if possible. When you arrive at MCC, follow the signs toward the warehouse and you'll find bins outside under the covered roof for each recyclable item. MCC is located at 121 E. 30th Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to duaneunruh@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back!

The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. **To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge**



MCC Peace Camp

How can we live out God's call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you are a young adult (18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application.

This MCC Peace Camp will work on building a deeper understanding of trauma healing, restorative justice, identity and power, among other topics that impact our communities. We will explore these ideas from a Jesus-centered lens and consider how they can be applied in our world to build God's Kingdom here on Earth. All learning will be collective and participatory, building off the experiences and insight that each participant brings to the camp.

Bethesda will pay the registration fee for those interested in attending.

Celebrating 50 Years of God's Gifts at the Organ

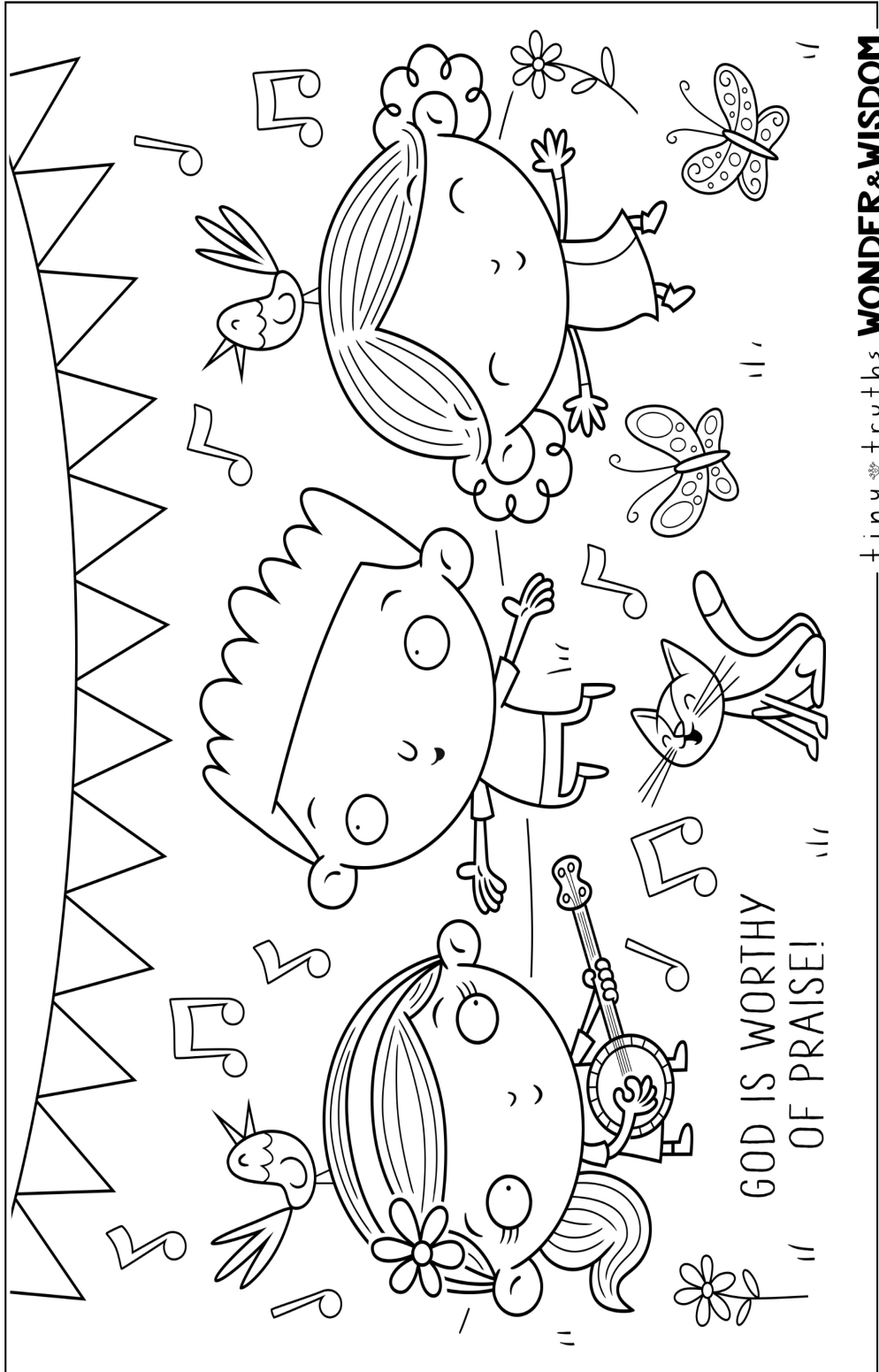
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CONNECT

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:

- ☐ Children’s Programs
- ☐ Youth Programs
- ☐ Bible Studies
- ☐ Choirs
- ☐ Serving
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ 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.

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Email	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

My age range:

- ☐ Elementary School
- ☐ High School
- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Junior High
- ☐ College

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

MESSAGENOTES

"Making a Joyful Noise"

Pastor J Epp

Psalm 100 (NRSV)