

# BETHESDA NEWS

## Welcome to Worship!

### August 24, 2025

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#### 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."

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## MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor Andrea Wall:

Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004

Pastor J Epp: 402-366-7475

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## CONTACT US

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BMC Treasurer Email: [treasurer@bethesdamc.org](mailto:treasurer@bethesdamc.org)

BMC Website: [www.bethesdamc.org](http://www.bethesdamc.org)

BMC Faith Formation Website: [www.bmcfaithformation.com](http://www.bmcfaithformation.com)

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## 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

<i>Sunday, August 24</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, August 25</i>	8:00 p.m. Church Council
<i>Tuesday, August 26</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
<i>Wednesday, August 27</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 2:30 p.m. Legacy Square 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study – Pizza & Bowling 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Women's Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday, August 29</i>	Church Offices Closed
<i>Sunday, August 31</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Sandra Quiring, Pianist 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 and Hester and Rafael Heide.

### Thank You

I want to thank the music committee, Pastor Chelsea and Pastor J for planning such a glorious service on Sunday and to Kerri P. for her great bulletin cover and extra inserts. I am honored to have played the organ for fifty years. I also was joyful about Psalm 100 and having worship focused on how we praise and glorify God through music. So many of you spoke or wrote words of appreciation to me and I thank you. I love serving this congregation!

Laura Steingard

### Thank You

We would like to thank you for all the kindness shown to our family during the loss of our sister and aunt, Beverly Wall. We also would like to thank Pastor Chelsea for being such a comfort to the family with her care and the message she shared at the service. We feel blessed to be a part of a caring church family. Your kindness has touched our hearts.

Sincerely, The family of Beverly Wall

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Women's Choir

Women of all ages who enjoy singing are once again invited to be part of a Women's Choir led by Pastor Chelsea. We will sing during worship on Sunday, September 7. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. September 3 at 7:00 p.m. we will rehearse in the sanctuary. Feel free to contact Pastor Chelsea at [chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org](mailto:chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org) or 402-363-7004. Hope you can join us!



## Garden Produce Sharing Table

If you have extra garden produce you would like to share, there is a table located outside of the Fellowship Hall where you are welcome to either give or take!



## Wednesday Nights Are All Right

It's time to get back into the swing of things. High School Youth Group and Cornerstone will begin meeting on Wednesday, August 27, Chancel Choir will start up on Wednesday, September 3 and Midweek classes will kick off on Wednesday, September 10. So dig out your choir folders, find a friend to bring along and come join in on the fun!

## 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!



## Potlucks

The Sunday School class that has been organizing the end of the month potlucks has decided to take a short break and then resume potlucks at a later

date with it no longer being the last Sunday of the month. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for when we will begin potlucks again!

## WEEKDAYCHRISTIANEDUCATION

### Midweek Teachers Needed

The Weekday Christian Education Committee is in need of a Midweek teacher for the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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).

## BETHESDAWOMEN'SMINISTRIES

### 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!

### 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](http://myslcc.com). More info and sign-up sheet on the BWM Bulletin Board. Questions? Contact Carol Janzen 402-366-7984.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Pizza & Bowling

**Wednesday, August 27:** High School Bible Study will kick off with pizza and bowling on Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see everyone there!

### Wednesday Night Meals

The new year of high school youth group isn't too far away. For those interested in helping provide a meal to the youth on Wednesday nights please contact Ashley Buller at 402-710-2434.

### 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!



amazon.com  
Check out my list on Amazon

## GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 17, Worship Attendance: 242

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Worship Offering: August 17, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$11,033.00
Sunday School Offering	\$36.01
<b>Total Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$11,069.01</b>

## 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. 30<sup>th</sup> Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto: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](https://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.



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**SPIRIT** is  
Love, Joy, peace,  
patience, kindness,  
goodness,  
**FAITHFULNESS,**  
gentleness,  
self-control;  
against such  
things there is no law.  
-Galatians 5:22-23  
(NIV)



# Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23

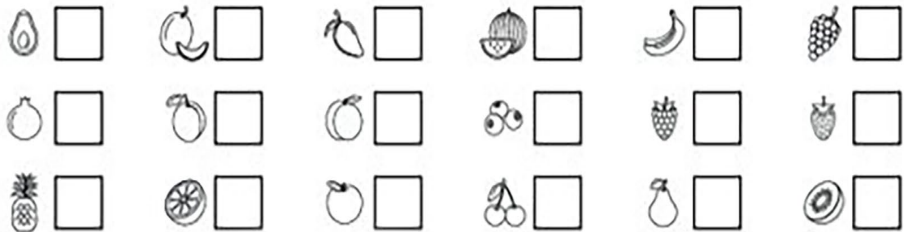
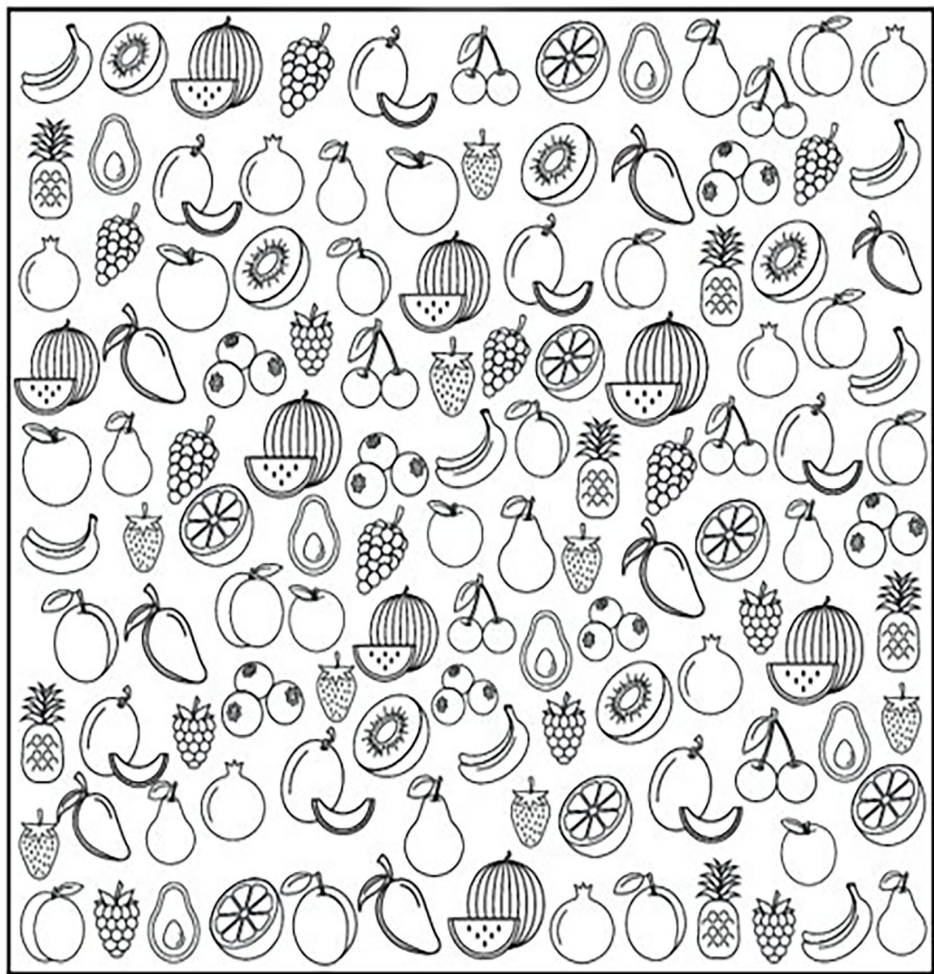
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Self control  
 Goodness  
 Spirit  
 Love

Faithfulness  
 Kindness  
 Peace  
 Holy

Gentleness  
 Patience  
 Fruit  
 Joy

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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.

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

My age range:

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

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

# **MESSAGENOTES**

## **"Fruitful Living"**

**Pastor Chelsea Vaught**

**Galatians 5:1,13-26 (NRSV)**