

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

September 21, 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

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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

<i>Sunday, September 21</i>	Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg, S.D. 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, September 22</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Church Council
<i>Tuesday, September 23</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
<i>Wednesday, September 24</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 2:30 p.m. Legacy Square 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Midweek 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Church Offices Closed
<i>Friday, September 26</i>	
<i>Sunday, September 28</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Marilyn Kroecker, Pianist; 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, Bryan Bechtel, Tim Bergen and the family of Norris Kramer.

Full Time Ministry Connection: Heidi Quiring, (Wife of Collin Quiring and daughter-in-law of Gary and Bev Quiring) Missions Mobilizer for "Multiply" a Mennonite Brethren Missions Agency

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Affirmation

The terms of Kara Janzen and Norm Yoder as members on the Board of Deacons will expire in February. Both Kara and Norm have indicated that they are willing to serve another term. On Sunday, October 5, 2025, the Deacon Affirmation Vote will take place for both Kara Janzen and Norm Yoder. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office during office hours

(Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) beginning Monday, September 22, 2025, and must be returned by Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Potlucks Are Back!

Sunday Potlucks are coming back! But there's a bit of a change of schedule. Potlucks will now be held on the second Sunday of each month, still at 12:00 p.m. The next one will take place on Sunday, October 12 so start your recipe hunt now!



Women's Bible Study

Ladies, are you looking for a small group Bible Study to join this fall?

If so, all ladies are invited to a Monday morning Bible Study for 7 weeks led by Linda Goertzen.

We will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. through October 27 in the Youth Department to the south of the East door entry.

We'll be studying Acts 9; Acts 11-15, exciting chapters of Saul's conversion, his long preparation for ministry, and his first Missionary Journey!

Our purpose is to see how God used Paul in the Great Commission!

Please sign up on the sheet located on the east bulletin board so I'll know how many hand-outs to have ready.

There is no workbook or cost. Bring your Bible and something to write with.

Messiah Chorus Rehearsals

Wednesday, October 1: Messiah Chorus rehearsals will begin Wednesday, October 1. All rehearsals will be from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. each Wednesday until the performance. Chancel Choir rehearsal will follow from 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. The Messiah performance will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us!



It's almost time for Fall Fest

October 3 & 4: It's almost time for Fall Fest at Bethel College October 3-4, 2025. For more than 50 years, Bethel College has celebrated education, diverse cultural traditions, special foods, fine arts, crafts, and friendship at its annual Fall Festival! Join us on the Bethel College Campus in North Newton where more than 5,000 people come to enjoy an array of activities. Go to <https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/> for more details.

Bethel College Fall Fest donations wanted

The Bethel College Women's Association is looking forward to Fall Festival, our biggest money-raising event. We will have our usual New Year's cookies, borscht and zwiebach and pie by the slice all outside Luyken Fine Arts Center and Market-in-the-Round inside. We again welcome your donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, cookies, jams and jellies and other goodies. We'd love to have you donate your craft items as well! Please bring baked goods and craft donations to the Luyken Fine Arts Center Music Library between 1-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, or 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. If you have questions, contact us at bcwa@bethelks.edu. Volunteers are needed as well to staff the booths. To sign up, click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall>

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!



YOUTHMINISTRIES

Wednesday Night Meals

The new year of high school youth group is underway. For those interested in helping provide a meal to the youth on Wednesday nights please contact Ashley Buller at 402-710-2434.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Child Protection Forms

IMPORTANT REMINDER To all parents of youth participating in Midweek, Cornerstone, High School Bible Study, Sunday School... basically everyone. Make sure to go on bethesdamc.org and fill out the Child/Youth Trip & Permission Waiver Form (which can be found under the CHILD PROTECTION tab). Midweek parents have until September 10 to fill theirs out in order for us to have your child, or children's, most up to date information on file.

If you are a volunteer/teacher fill out the Volunteer for Children/Youth form. This includes all teachers, nursery workers, youth leaders, etc.

If you will be driving children/youth to any type of event fill out the Driving History Record Release form.

If you are a parent of a child please fill out the Trip Permission - Youth Permission/Waiver form. This is for any child/youth attending any Bethesda Mennonite Church activity. One per child please.



Volunteer Forms

FRIENDLY REMINDER: 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).



New Library Books

'Women Who Risk', by Tom and JoAnn Doyle, "Women Who Risk" is a collection of riveting real-life stories that takes you deep in the heart of the Muslim world. Despite enormous risks to themselves, these former Muslim women are new followers of Jesus and are influencing their families and bringing others to faith in Christ.

'The Prince of Egypt', for children explores the story of Moses and helps answer questions children may have regarding God and faith such as what makes Moses a great hero, what miracles happen in the story and how did Moses find out he was not born to Egyptian royalty but rather to Hebrew slaves. The questions in the back of the book help lead a family discussion and invites children to ask their own.

Both books can be found in the "New Arrival" section located in the North hallway outside the Fellowship Hall

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 14, Worship Attendance: 219

Sunday, September 14, Sunday School Attendance: 96

Worship Offering: September 14, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$8,815.00
Sunday School Offering	\$175.26
Total Sunday Offering	\$8,990.26

MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL



We're already a month into our 4th school year!

We were excited to come back to Thailand during rainy season, our favorite! Our July routine was: daily morning walk and quiet times, Thai lesson, lunch, work on school prep/random errands that have been put off until summer, then some sort of activity with community...lots of tennis, meals, and games nights!

Our school is on a different schedule than Thai schools so the girls were in school sadly during our break... but we were able to see them when we went on weekends and had them over to our house for a movie night! Pray for this season of the girls getting older, that we would be bold and intentional to share with them (and that Katelyn can figure out a set time with the oldest daughter).

At the end of July, our friends came to visit which was such good time together sharing our world with them here in Thailand. Callie was able to stay into the school year a bit which was a really sweet time to live life together again and such a huge help for Katelyn in deep cleaning her moldy, messy classroom and getting organized for the new year!

This school year, Jaden is teaching 9th and 10th world history, an optional (elective) world history for combined 11th and 12th grade, as well as one class to guide a group of students in homework.

Katelyn is teaching elementary and secondary art classes, and this year started helping 2 elementary band classes and trumpet lessons!

Both of us, together, teach 2 classes of volleyball elective to boys 7th-12th grade as well.

It was a great start to the year...we loved getting to see students again and start to settle into our new schedules.

We will explain a bit of how we do discipleship here to help give you a picture of what this time looks like so you can better know how to pray for us,

these students, and this time.

Katelyn will meet in her classroom during this quarter with two girls Wednesday lunches, 1 girl Thursday after school, and 2 other girls Friday lunches. Katelyn teaches a lesson from scripture to the girls that she's prepared before-hand. After reading the scripture, praying, expositing the word and teaching, then praying again...Katelyn asks the girls what they took away from the scripture-they talk more about it and about their spiritual lives as remaining time allows!

For the friend who she disciples from church, they do the same process at our house on Fridays after school while Jaden plays with her nephew who she is taking care of. After, we all eat together, play games and sometimes invite other church friends over for games altogether.

Jaden uses the same process but teaches one (new disciplee) on Fridays at lunch and then meets with a Thai student (the same one we met through our old Thai teacher) usually Saturday mornings.

He plans to ask a non-believing Thai student from our school to meet and learn Bible-please pray for this opportunity!

For photos and the remainder of Jaden and Katelyn's latest update please go to <https://mailchi.mp/b6a13e9ede80/support-update-10342631?e=c4c25bd203>

Recycling Opportunities

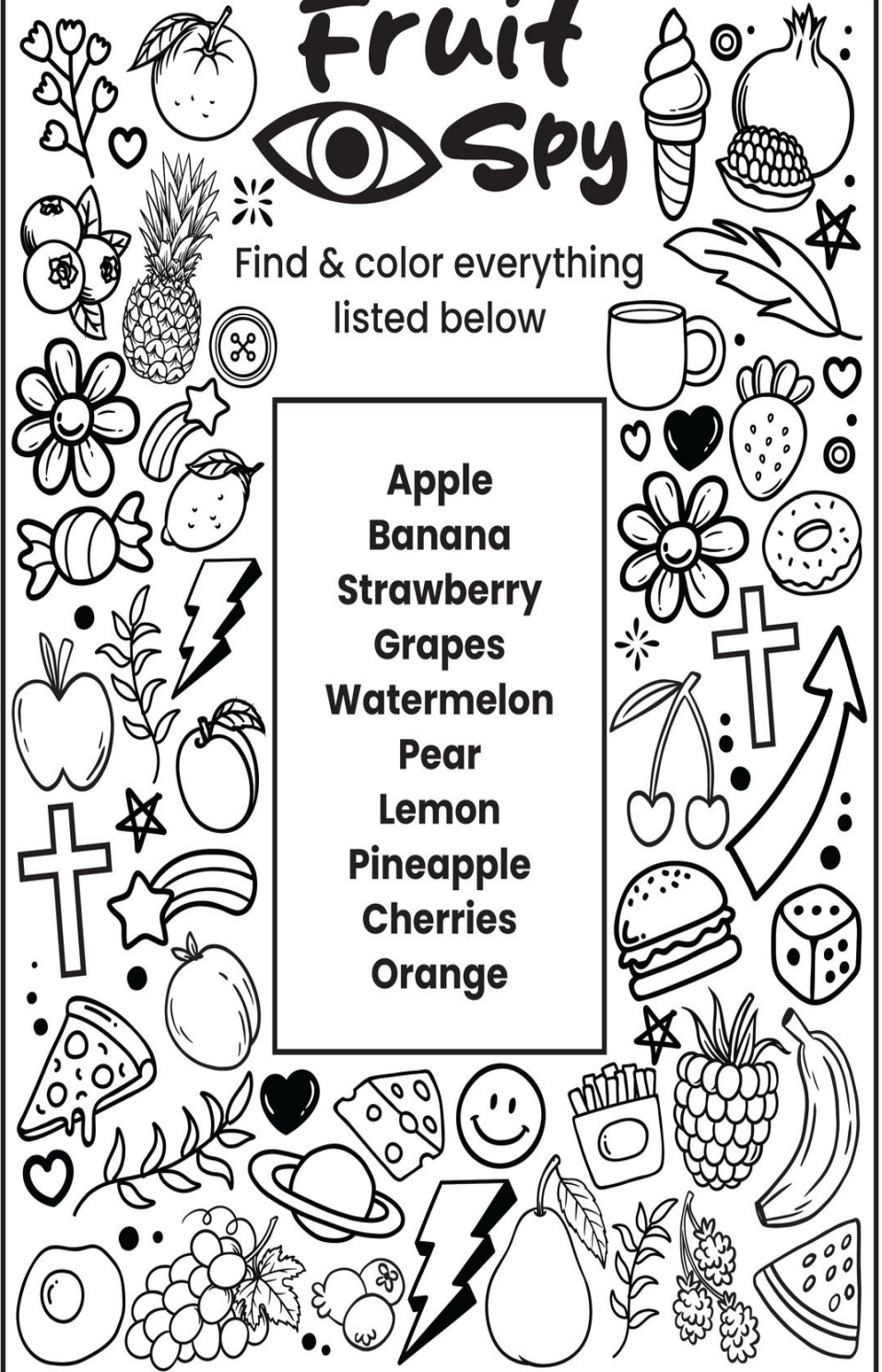
Recycling opportunities at MCC in North Newton, KS! MCC accepts the following materials for recycling, cardboard, books, and paper. We also recycle soft plastics (any plastic packaging that you can stretch with your finger, including Amazon mailers and bubble wrap). We also accept and process wearable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

Fruit Spy

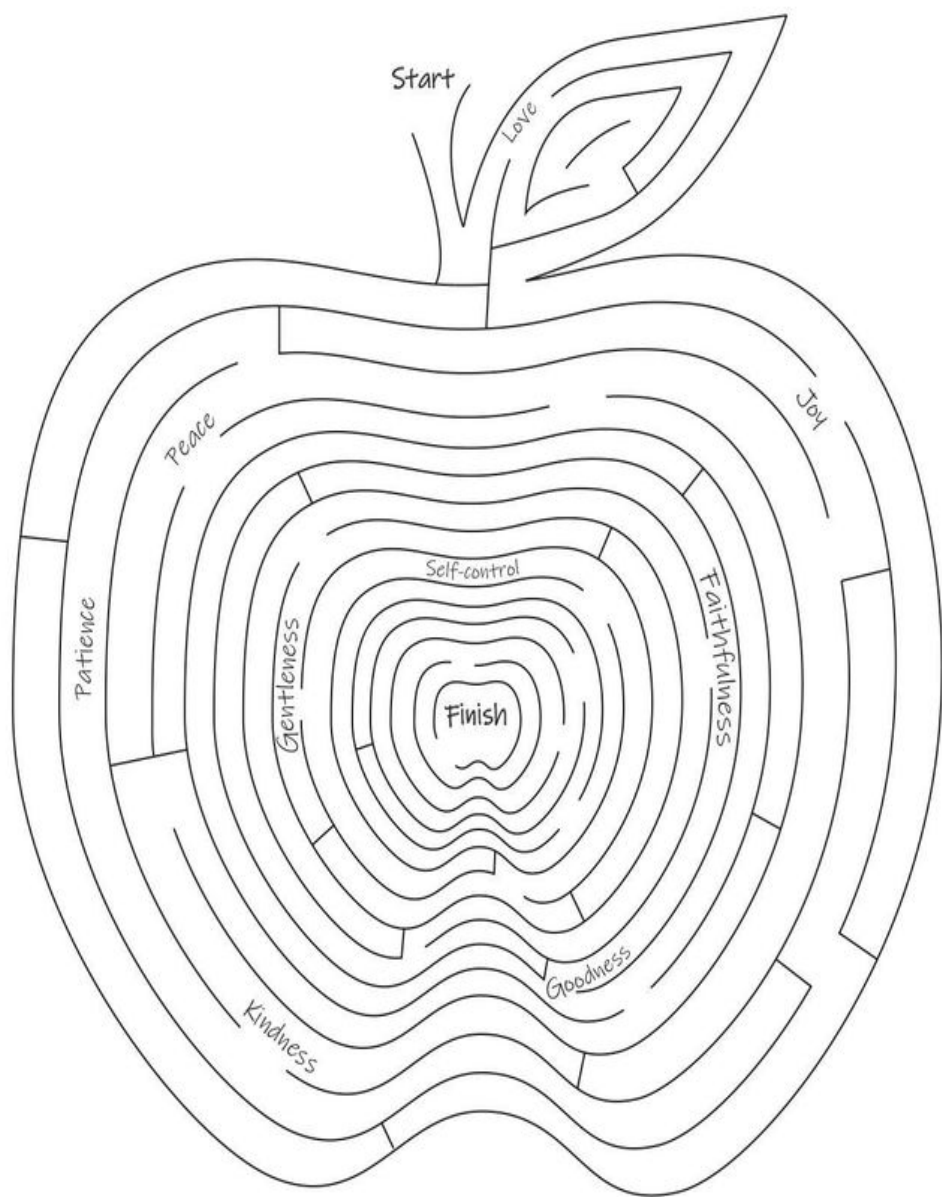


Find & color everything
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Banana
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Fruit of the Spirit Maze



Bible Pathway Adventures

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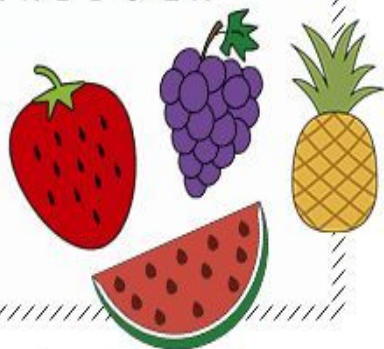


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PATIENCE
FAITHFULNESS
SELF-CONTROL
KINDNESS
GENTLENESS

PEACE
JOY
GOODNESS
LOVE



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

"A River Runs Through It - Peace"

Pastor J Epp

Romans 5:1, Colossians 1:20,

Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV)