

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, September 13, 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 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, September 13

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship – First Graders Receive Bibles

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Meal –

No Potluck this month

Tuesday, September 15

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. BWM Monthly Meeting

8:00 p.m. Board of Education

8:00 p.m. Board of Service & Outreach

Wednesday, September 16

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due

6:30 p.m. High School Small Groups

7:00 p.m. Cornerstone – Jr. High Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Midweek – PreK & Grade School

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 18

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, September 19

Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp

Sunday, September 20

Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor J Epp

Music: Sandra Quiring/A*Men

Offering to God

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCHFAMILY

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

Rachelle Schweitzer, Bryan Bechtel, Alton Friesen, Lisa Friesen, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), Nora Aycock (Lisa Friesen's sister), Ronda Duerksen, Lynn Wilcox (Heather Peters' mother) and the Family of Elva Janzen and the Family of Phil Epp.

Death

Phil Epp of Lincoln, passed away on September 7, 2026. He is the husband of the late Roma Epp and brother-in-law of Susan and Homer Friesen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Business September Meeting

The September Board of Business meeting has been moved from Tuesday, September 15 until Tuesday, September 22

New Air Conditioner Unit

The new air conditioner unit for the Fellowship Hall will be installed next week. The old unit will be shut down starting on Monday, September 14 for installation to begin. The hope is that the new unit will be up and running by the end of the week. Fans will be made available to any groups using the Fellowship Hall in the meantime.

Conference Room Chairs

The Conference Room is now home to 12 long awaited, brand new shiny chairs. Which means we now have ten old chairs to give away FOR FREE if anyone is interested. They can be found in the Powerhouse Room, take as many as you'd like.



West Church 80 Ground for Rent

The Business Board is accepting bids for the 76 acres of ground located west of Henderson. Bids will be for a three year term starting in 2027. Bids should be in total dollar amount per year and must be submitted to the church office no later than Tuesday, September 22 at 12:00 p.m. For questions please contact Brad Epp at 402.366.6532.

Service and Outreach Interest Form



In an effort to identify interest in current or future service and mission projects, the Board of Service & Outreach is requesting that those who have ever had an interest or a pull to serve on projects to please scan the QR code at left to complete our Service and Outreach Interest Form. This will help us share future projects with you directly as well as continuing communication on future projects church-wide.

Please scan and complete this form at your earliest convenience or contact Hillary Bechtel at 309.569.0471 with questions.

'Mennonite Life' Magazines

Ken Alley, owner of The Alley – Irresistible Used Books located at 420 Grant Avenue in York, has recently acquire over 100 copies of "MENNONITE LIFE" magazine. They date from the 40's through the 70's. He offers that if any of "our flock" would be interested in purchasing them he will be selling them for \$1.00

each. He can be contacted at 402.362.4775 or at alleykat51@hotmail.com. He is in and out of the bookstore seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Cash or local checks accepted.

CENTRAL PLAINS MENNONITE CONFERENCE



2026

WOMEN'S RETREAT

“My Beautiful Journey of Spiritual Transformation”

Memee Yang, Presenter

HIGHLIGHTS of RETREAT

- Presentations by Memee, worship and singing, and interest sessions
- Delicious meals and hotel-like lodgings (linens provided)
- Free time for nature walks, kayaking, reading, visiting, napping, board games, naps, etc
- Shopping Ten Thousand Villages and Faith & Life books



September 19-20, 2026

Registration: \$120

Online: myslcc.com/register

Call: (605) 326-5690

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



BWM Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 15: Attention Ladies! Our BWM evening program for September is being moved to Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us to learn about the remarkable life of Fanny Crosby. Frances Jane van Alstyne, more commonly known as Fanny J. Crosby, was an American mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer. A prolific hymnist, she wrote more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, with more than 100 million copies printed. She is also known for her teaching and rescue mission work.

We will also be singing several of the hymns she wrote which are in our hymnal. Refreshments will be served.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Parent and Volunteer Forms Due September 13

For the safety of our children, it is very important that parents and any volunteers fill out our child protection forms that are available online. There are three separate forms to be filled out: Child/Youth Trip Permission Waiver Form; Volunteer For Children/Youth; Driving History/Record Release Form. Please scan the QR codes below to get to the forms in order to fill them out online. Or go to the church website at bethesdamc.org and click on "Child Protection" in the menu. The final day to complete these forms will be today, Sunday, September 13.



Child/Youth Trip
Permission Waiver



Volunteer for
Children/Youth



Driving History/
Record Release

Fall Midweek

Wednesday, September 16

High School Small Groups: We will meet this Week starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Coffeehouse. If you would like to join the text list please contact the office.



Junior High Midweek: Will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at the church in the Upper Room at 7:00 p.m. Come for food, fun, games, and to find out about our Bible study for the Fall.

Preschool – 6th Grade Midweek: Meets on Wednesday, September 16 in the “Music Room” (in the upstairs southwest classroom). The kids will again this year be broken into age groups for conversations and activities following our “Sing the Bible” time. We will have a preschool class, K-3rd and a 4th-6th grade class. They will conclude with games in the Fellowship Hall where they can be picked up.

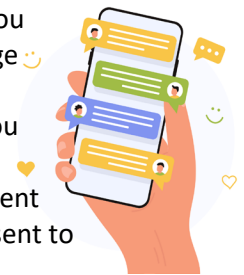
Join the Text List: If you or your youth would like to be on the contact list to be notified each week about when, where and what we are doing for Midweek please contact Kerri in the office with your cell phone number and email to join the list.

Wednesday Night Meals

The new year of high school youth group has begun. For those interested in helping provide a meal for 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 which can be found on the church website bethesdamc.org where you can scroll down until you find "Quick Links" and then click on the "College Student Contact Form" button. It will help us to have your most current contact information and you might even get some goodies sent to you during finals week.



Medicare Mondays

Join us for an informational webinars



Let Everence help make Medicare an easy step through our educational webinars.

We'll cover the following:

- Enrollment details and deadlines.
- Social Security – when do I start?
- Prescription drug coverage.
- Plans that supplement Medicare.

Bring any additional questions and we will be happy to answer them!

Webinars are Mondays starting at 2:00 & 8:00 p.m. eastern.

(Please note the Oct. 12 webinar will only be at 8 p.m.)

Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
14	12	2	14

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NURSERY CARE

AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 & UNDER
DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR



GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 6 Worship Attendance: 176

Sunday, September 6, Sunday School Attendance: 61

Worship Offering: September 6, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$6,935.00
Sunday School Offering	\$244.57
Total Sunday Offering	\$7,179.57

MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

Bethesda School Kit Night

Sunday, November 15: Mark your calendars for this year's School Kit Night. We will gather for a fundraiser meal for the high school youth 2017 service project. Then together we will pack school kit bags with pencils, notebooks and more. More details to follow.

Greetings from the Wigginton-Bravo Family

Dearest friends and family:

"Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

This is one of the Bible verses we learned during the Vacation Bible School in the Jardines del Inca neighborhood.

In mid-August, together with Alba Silva, who lives in the neighborhood, we were able to organize a wonderful week with the kids while Peter toiled away with some exciting report writing.

We explored values from different Bible stories that we used for learning together. The different stories were based on themes of responsibility, gratitude, solidarity, and honesty. We also had lots of fun with different crafts, games and delicious, nutritious snacks. One of the stories that was memorable for the children was of the Good Samaritan.

We learned together about sharing, empathy, and the reality that many times we can struggle with being indifferent.

We had two girls from the neighborhood who attended the program when they were younger and now they were helping us with the different activities. Aliyah was in charge of one of the activities the last day of the VBS, and we had a lot of fun with her teaching us how to make friendship bracelets. It is great being able to see how the children enjoyed spending time together and sharing moments of learning and playing.

I(Delicia) feel blessed that I have had the privilege of learning together with all of the kids that were part of the Vacation Bible School. Please keep our family and the Jardines Neighborhood in your prayers as we work on our next initiative of donations of schools supplies for children in the neighborhood since the school year starts at the beginning of September. We thank you all for your prayers and continued support to make these different activities possible here in Ecuador.

Delicia, Peter, Ariana and Aliyah

Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central Committee is evaluating, working with local partners, and responding to recent disasters, please join us in supporting:

Nepal flooding response: MCC is responding to the impact of deadly flooding in Nepal. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, supplies and trauma support to those in need. We welcome your donations. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/nepal-flooding

Colombia earthquake: MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/colombia-earthquake

Gator Bites

The Summer 2026 Gator Bites newsletter is in and can be found on the bulletin board in the east hallway.

Matthew the disciple

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Sinners
Guest

Relationship
scripture
Banquet
Matthew
Jesus

sacrifices
Pharisee
Apostle
mercy
God

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

"Rooted in Love"

Pastor Andrea Wall

Matthew 7:7-12 (NRSV)