

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, September 20, 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 Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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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, September 20

Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, September 21

8:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

8:00 p.m. Board of Business

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

2:30 p.m. Legacy Square

Friday, September 25

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, September 27

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor J Epp

Music: Sandra Quiring/Chancel Choir

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, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), Ronda Duerksen, Lynn Wilcox (Heather Peters' mother), Vickie Friesen, 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.

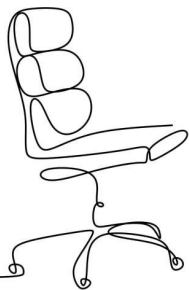
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Business September Meeting

The September Board of Business meeting has been moved from Tuesday, September 15 until **Monday, September 21.**

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.

YOUTHMINISTRIES

Parent and Volunteer Forms

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.



Child/Youth Trip
Permission Waiver



Volunteer for
Children/Youth



Driving History/
Record Release

Fall Midweek

Wednesday, September 23

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



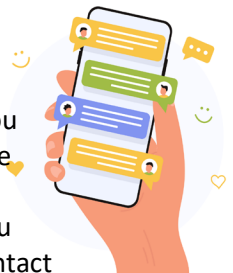
Junior High Midweek: Will meet in the Upper Room at 7:00 p.m.

Preschool – 6th Grade Midweek: Meets on Wednesday, September 23 in the "Music Room" (in the upstairs Grade 2-3 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.

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.





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 2027 service project. Then together we will pack school kit bags with pencils, notebooks and more. More details to follow.

NURSERY CARE

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



GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 13 Worship Attendance: 214

Sunday, September 13, Sunday School Attendance: 88

Worship Offering: September 13, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$6,382.00
Sunday School Offering	\$128.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$6,510.00

MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

Service Adventure

Can a gap year shape your life? Only if you're up for adventure! In Service Adventure, you shape what's next. Explore your faith and get real-world experience through placements with grassroots agencies and church ministries.

Live in community with other young adults and engage in what God is doing in cities across the country.

Are you planning on going to college? A gap year with Service Adventure can make you a stand-out student. Find out how at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.



MCC School Kit Challenge

Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge!

Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed **46,481 school kits!** Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright

future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

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.

Medicare Mondays

Join us for an informational webinar



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

Register or learn more at everence.com/national.



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The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



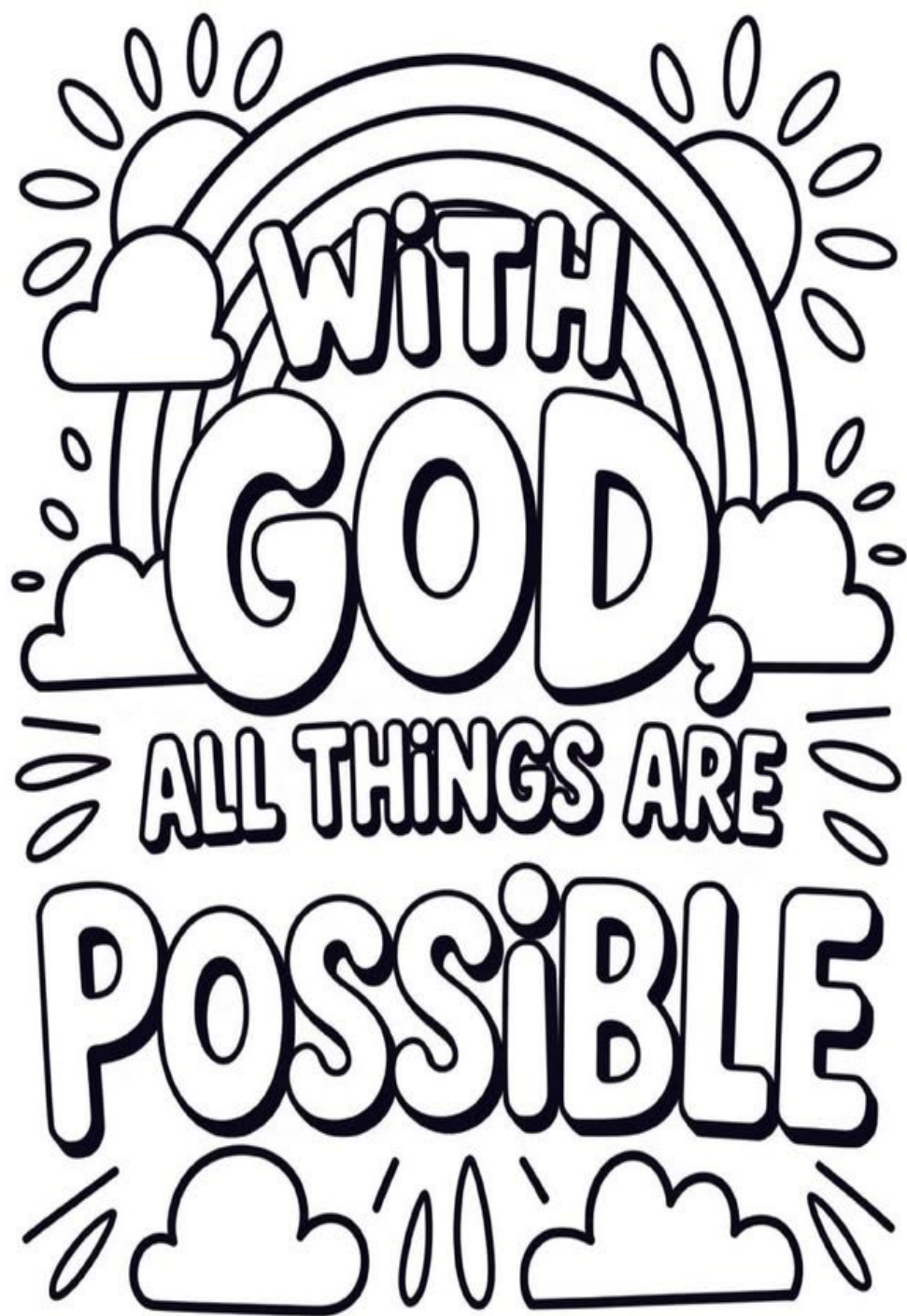
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CONNECT

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...

MESSAGE NOTES

"Practicing Mercy"

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSV)