

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, September 27, 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 27

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

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, October 2

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, October 4

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor Andrea Wall

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL COLLEGE

**FALL
FEST**

OCTOBER 14 - 18

Bethel College's 2026 Fall Fest is Oct. 14-18, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 17, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Tabor), the musical *The Spitfire Grill* by James Valcq and Fred Alley, an artist and exhibit reception for Professor Emeritus of Art Bob Regier, and a 75th-anniversary celebration of the Bethel-Wuppertal student exchange.

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.

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.



'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.

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



BWM Birthdays Celebration

Tuesday, October 6: Bethesda Women's Ministries will be celebrating the birthdays of the women of Bethesda on Tuesday, October 6. Come and join us at 7:00 p.m. as we enjoy Kathy Redman and her collection of broaches. Please wear or bring a broach/pin that is meaningful to you.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Fall Midweek

Wednesday, September 30:

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.

F A L L
MID
WEEK

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

Preschool – 6th Grade Midweek: Will meet in the “Music Room” (in the upstairs Grade 2-3 classroom) at 7:00 p.m. The kids will again this year be broken into age groups for conversations and activities following our “Sing the Bible” time and 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.

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

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 20 Worship Attendance: 205

Sunday, September 20, Sunday School Attendance: 71

Worship Offering: September 20, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$6,643.20
Sunday School Offering	\$173.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$6,816.20

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.



Volunteer Opportunity in Anchorage, Alaska

Prince of Peace Mennonite Church is inviting interested adults to spend a month or more volunteering in Anchorage Alaska between October 2026 and April 2027 while we await the next Service Adventure unit. Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to: work at a soup kitchen, doing house remodeling, work at food banks and helping with our worship services. We are a congregation led church of about 20-25 people on a Sunday, meeting in each other's homes. Housing and utilities are provided for volunteers and we ask for a minimum of a month's commitment. We invite you to use your

gifts and skills to work alongside others in our wider community. Please contact us with questions! aidan.yoder21@gmail.com

Conscientious Objection: Understanding the Legacy and What it Means Today

Sign up to participate in the **Conscientious Objection: understanding the legacy and what it means today** webinar, **Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. CDT/6 p.m. MDT**. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register at mcc.org/co-today and contact beckyteiwes@mcc.org for more information.

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!

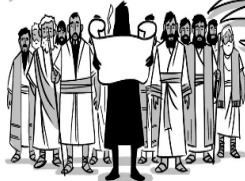
Mennonite Central Committee

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

AUTHOR:



30-40 YEARS
OF
ORAL TRADITION



Matthew

SEE 9: 9-10:3



1.



MESSIAH
FROM THE LINE OF
DAVID

2.



1-3

ABRAHAM

DAVID

JESUS



CONNECT JESUS TO OLD TESTAMENT



FULFILL

4-7

ANNOUNCE
GOD'S
KINGDOM



GOD'S RESCUE OPERATION FOR THE WORLD



- CONFRONT EVIL
- RESTORE GOD'S REIGN
- CREATE A NEW FAMILY



HOW TO LIVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

FULLFILL THE
TORAH

TRANSFORM
HEARTS TO LOVE

8-10

JESUS BRINGS
KINGDOM INTO
PEOPLE'S LIVES



EXPECT ACCEPTANCE
AND REJECTION



11-13

RESPONSES
TO JESUS



PARABLES ABOUT
THE KINGDOM
(ch 13)

POSITIVE: PEOPLE



JESUS IS THE
MESSIAH!

NEUTRAL: JOIN THE
BATTLES



IS HE THE
MESSIAH?

NEGATIVE: PARABLES



HE IS NOT
THE MESSIAH

26-28



PASSOVER MEAL

NEW MEANING

RETURNS THE STORY OF...

RESCUE FROM...

- RESCUE FROM SLAVERY
- DEATH OF PASSOVER LAMB

- EVIL & SIN
- DEATH OF JESUS



YOU'RE NOT
THE MESSIAH!

YOU HAVE
BLASPHEMED
GOD!



SANHEDRIN
(JEWISH LEADERS)



PILATE

HE'S
INNOCENT
BUT...

LET HIM BE
CRUCIFIED!

MOSES | JESUS

- OUT OF EGYPT
- CROSS THE RED SEA
- WILDERNESS FOR 40 YEARS
- RECEIVES LAW FROM MOUNTAIN

- OUT OF EGYPT
- BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN RIVER
- WILDERNESS FOR 40 DAYS
- GIVES LAW FROM MOUNTAIN

JESUS > MOSES

DELIVER FROM SLAVERY

GIVE NEW DIVINE TEACHING

SAVE FROM SIN

INITIATE A NEW COVENANT

ACCORDING TO THE W

Things to look for

#1

LOOK UP OLD TESTAMENT
QUOTATIONS
(THERE ARE A LOT)

#2

LOOK CLOSELY AT THE
PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT JESUS

IRRELIGIOUS & UNIMPORTANT + FAITH = TRANSFORMATION

3.



GOD
-WITH-
US

NEW
MOSES

FILL OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC PROMISES



ISAIAH 40:3



MICHAH 5:2

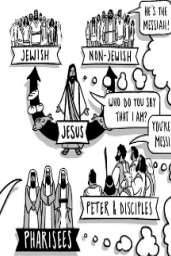


ISAIAH 7:14

Immanuel
= GOD WITH US

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DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS
ABOUT THE MESSIAH



THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

• HONOR BY SERVING
• REVENGE VS. FORGIVENESS
• GAIN TRUE WEALTH BY GIVING IT AWAY
(ISAIAH 48:18 & 19-20)



21-25

CLASH OF KINGDOMS



CRITIQUE OF PHARISEES • YOU HYPOCRITES!



• ASSERTING AUTHORITY
• SAID TEMPLE AS COMPROMISED BECAUSE OF HYPOCRISY
• OFFENDED
• DECIDE TO KILL JESUS

PARABLES THE COMMENTARY

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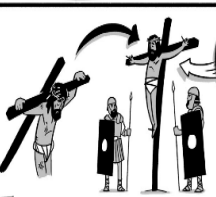
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BOOKS
OF
MOSES
(TORAH)



FOULFILLED OLD TESTAMENT
PROPHETIC PROMISES
SUFFERING SERVANT
ISAIAH 53
INSTEAD OF JUDGING THEM
HE IS JUDGED ON THEIR BEHALF



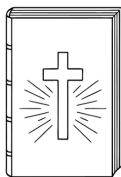
JESUS IS KING OF THE WORLD
TELL ALL NATIONS THE GOOD NEWS
ALL PEOPLE CAN JOIN THE KINGDOM
FOLLOW JESUS TEACHINGS
I WILL BE WITH YOU - Immanuel -
GREAT COMMISSION

created by the Bible Project



GOD IS LOVE

— BIBLE WORD SEARCH —



G U I D E V V W H O P E D C E
H E A M M X R M N Y N H T L Y
S I O J B S B T R Y J G M T M
B F B E L I E F J E N M I S N
C L T R U T H K O I Y N Z E E
F H G I K F M T S J U A K O J
A O U S Q W O S L M E M R B H
M G W R W B E R M Z P S E P E
I O P T C L V O G V P V U S L
L D H I B H C N T I O E L S B
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WORD LIST

BELIEF

BIBLE

BLESSING

CHURCH

COMMUNITY

FAITH

FAMILY

FORGIVE

GOD

GRACE

GUIDE

HEAVEN

HOPE

JESUS

LOVE

MERCY

PEACE

PRAYER

SPIRIT

TRUTH

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

"The Way Back to One Another: Rooted In Grace"

Pastor J Epp

Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSV)