

W E L C O M E

We are happy you could join us today!
Please feel free to have a cup of coffee from the Coffee Spot!

*"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."*

Bethesda Mennonite Church

www.bethesdamc.org

January 28, 2018

Annual Meeting – February 4, 2018

Bethesda's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 4, 2018, immediately following the worship service. There will be no adult, junior high or high school Sunday school. Preschool through grade 6 will have Sunday School as usual. The noon meal will serve as a fundraiser for this year's youth service trips or conference attendance in future years. **Absentee ballots** are available during office hours and must be requested by the member in writing (email permissible), in person, or by phone. Absentee ballots must be picked up and signed for by someone representing the member doing the requesting. Ballots must be returned by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 1. Extra annual meeting booklets are available on the table outside the church office.

Church Email List

Are you interested in being on an email list to receive important updates, news, or prayer requests from Bethesda? If so, go to our website at www.bethesdamc.org to sign up. Go to the HOME tab and click EMAIL SIGN-UP. Fill in your name and email address and click SUBMIT to be added. If you have any questions or need help filling out the form, please call the church office.

Mennonite Central Committee Annual Meeting

Everyone is invited to join the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee Central States for our annual meeting on Friday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the MCC Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117.

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, January 28

- 8:45 a.m. Deacon Prayer Time
- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:40 a.m. Sunday School / Bethesda Bible Series
- 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Catechism
- 12:00 p.m. Potluck
- 12:30 p.m. Bethesda Bible Series

TUESDAY, January 30

- 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 31

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Midweek
- 7:00 p.m. CORNERSTONE
- 7:00 p.m. Powerhouse
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, February 3

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Perks
- 9:00 a.m. Leadership Retreat Aurora Leadership Center

Next SUNDAY, February 4, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- Message – Pastor Seth Miller
- Offering – Local Church
- Organist – Laura Steingard
- Special Music – Chancel Choir

Church Membership Class

For anyone interested in church membership at Bethesda, a membership class is being planned to meet during the Sunday School hour beginning mid-February. If you are interested, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

– Pastor Jim

Church Family

Please pray for those with health concerns, grief or family needs.

Prayer Requests

Caleb Friesen (son of Rick/Brittany Friesen) Children's Hospital, Omaha

Bryan Bechtel

Effie Kroeker

Henderson Care Center

Etta Jean Janzen

Henderson Hospital

Hospital Dismissal

Jeremiah Duerksen

Lena Friesen

Birth

Congratulations to Nick and Taylor Heinrichs on the birth of their daughter, Piper Quinn, January 17, 2018. Brother Dawson welcomes her home. Local grandparents are Joel and Connie Heinrichs and great-grandparents Lee and (the late) LaVonne Thiesen.

Sympathy

LaVonne Thiessen, age 76, died January 24, 2018. Memorial services were held Saturday, January 27 at Bethesda Mennonite Church.

Sympathy is extended to husband, Leland; children: Wade (Lisa) Thiessen, Connie (Joel) Heinrichs, Jac (Sugar) Thiessen, and Tammy (Glen) Riedel; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family members.

Sympathy

Agnes Kliewer, age 100, died January 24, 2018. Sympathy is extended to her son, Delmar (Fay) Kliewer. Services are pending at Stockham Community Church.

Please keep these families in your prayers during this time of remembering and grieving.

Address Update – Albert Epp: 804 W 8th Rd, Giltner, NE 68841

Library Books

Tons of new books in the library!!!! Well actually, just A ton. Well, ok, it's right around 1,800 pounds. Come check 'em out!

~ Brent Swartzendruber, Librarian

Across the Street & Around the World

Nebraska MCC Sale
March 23-24, 2018

The Nebraska MCC Sale Board is in urgent need of someone to fill the Publicity position for the upcoming 2018 sale. If you can help please contact Brent Buller, 402-366-7730.

Donations for the Quilt Auction should be entered online via www.nebraskamccsale.org before March 1. If you need assistance with registration or delivery of your quilt auction donations please contact Wendy Janzen at 402-723-5440 or 402-366-2927.

NEW THIS YEAR: ALL donations need to be delivered to Bethesda by March 10. We plan to organize and photograph all entries prior to the sale so photos can be put on the website.

Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series – February 23-25, 2018

“Before the Unthinkable Happens: Confronting our Role in Injustice.”

Hesston College will host this year’s AVDS with Dr. Drew G.I. Hart, theology professor at Messiah College and author of *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. For more information and to register, visit www.hesston.edu/avds.

Valentine’s Banquet

Swan Lake Christian Camp is hosting a Valentine’s Banquet on February 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with music and a home cooked meal. There is no cost, but a free will donation will be taken. All proceeds support of our youth camping program. Reservations are required by February 9 and can be made by calling 605-326-5690 or by email at campoffice@myslcc.com.

Annual Study Series Beatrice, Nebraska

The Mennonite Churches of Beatrice invite you to join them, March 18-19, 2018 for their Annual Study Series featuring Brad Roth, author of *God’s Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*.

Check the east bulletin board for a flier on the times and locations for each session.

Youth

For junior high and high school calendars visit the Bethesda Faith Formation page at www.bmcfaitthformation.com.

Love in Action Blog: Check out the blog that offers activities for the month to help us grow in love: www.bmcfaitthformation.com/love-in-action.

The youth will be serving the Annual Meeting meal next Sunday, February 4. Youth are needed to help set up during Sunday School, serve and clean up. Please sign up for a shift in the Powerhouse room.

We are also in need of donations of grapes, 9x13 cakes and 14 pounds of hamburger. Sign-up sheets for food donations are in the Powerhouse room. Grapes and cakes need to be brought to the church kitchen before 9:30 a.m. next Sunday. If you would be willing to donate ground beef, please call Tammy (Justin) Ott at 402-366-6917 as beef will need to be prepared prior to Sunday.

CORNERSTONE will meet Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. for a time of worship in the Powerhouse room.

Powerhouse will meet Wednesday, January 31 for small groups at 7:00 p.m. Bring your Bibles! Our Love in Action project that was scheduled for the 31st will be moved to Wednesday, February 14 since the ideas developed are related to Valentine's Day.

2017 Catechism class will meet today from 11:00 to 1:00 for our final session during the Sunday school hour and for potluck. We will plan a party for February.

2018 Youth Catechism class will begin February 11 with a parent/student meeting in the Powerhouse room during the Sunday school hour. All high schoolers are invited to join the year-long class to explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus and to be baptized into the membership of the church. Contact Pastor Andrea with any questions.

Financials

Worship Offering Sunday, January 21, 2018

Worship Attendance – 269

Sunday School Attendance – 131

Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$2,490.00
Dayspring – Menno Village, Japan	\$100.00
Dayspring – Thailand.....	\$100.00
Dayspring – Undesignated	\$100.00
Benevolent Fund	\$100.00
Facility Renovation Fund.....	\$350.00
Living Water Rescue Mission	\$100.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts.....	\$4,660.00
Total Worship Offering.....	\$8,000.00
Sunday School Offering	\$206.50
Total Sunday Morning Offering	\$8,206.50

Bethesda Women’s Ministries

All women with birthdays in January or February are invited to the Bethesda Women’s Ministries January/February birthday party on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Coffee House. Hosts for the evenings are Florence Friesen and Cindy Quiring. Please sign up on the east bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Save the Date – Nebraska Mennonite Women Retreat

The Nebraska Mennonite Women/Mennonite Church USA women’s retreat at the Leadership Center, Aurora, Nebraska, will take place March 3-4. The retreat will feature a *Sister Care* Seminar, “Equipping Women for Caring Ministry” with speakers Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener. Check the Bethesda Women’s Ministries board for more information about Sister Care and registration forms. Registrations are due by February 15.

The background is a vibrant watercolor illustration. It features several dandelions with bright yellow and orange heads and long, thin, radiating seeds. The colors transition from deep purple and blue on the left to bright green and yellow on the right, with a soft, painterly texture.

February 6

7:00 p.m.

“Live Your Call”

Lesson: Jenice Epp

Feature: Called to
Bolivia

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