

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

October 19, 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, October 19</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, October 20</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - CANCELLED 10:30 a.m. Doris Kroeker Funeral
<i>Tuesday, October 21</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 8:00 p.m. Board of Business - CANCELLED 8:00 p.m. Board of Service & Outreach
<i>Wednesday, October 22</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 2:00 p.m. Shirley Buller Funeral 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Midweek 8:00 p.m. Messiah Rehearsal 9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Church Offices Closed
<i>Friday, October 24</i>	
<i>Sunday, October 26</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Marilyn Kroeker, 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, Adeline Huebert, Wyona Friesen, the Family of Rick Vaught, the Family of Doris Kroeker, the Family of Shirley Buller and the Family of Leanna Kroeker.

Full Time Ministry Connection: Jenice Epp – Pastor at Bassett United Methodist Church and Springview United Methodist Church.

Death

Kenneth L. Friesen, age 77, passed away on Friday, October 10, 2025, in Henderson, Nebraska. He is survived by his son, Brian (Cori) Friesen of York and his daughter, Stacy (Lonnie) Nickels of Geneva; grandchildren, Hadley Wiemer of Grand Island, Dillon Eaton of Geneva and Wyatt, Jax and Brixlee Friesen all of York; brother, Ed (Wyona) Friesen of Aurora; sisters, Carolyn Friesen of Kansas

City, Kan. and Janet (Ed) Turner of Kingfisher, Okla. Please remember to keep Kenny's family in your prayers.

Death

Doris Kroeker, age 91, passed away on Friday, October 10, 2025, in Henderson, Nebraska. She is survived by her sons, David (Kim) Kroeker of Hillsboro, Kan., Jay (Marilyn) Kroeker of Henderson, John (Michelle) Kroeker of Roca and Paul (Dannielle) of Henderson; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; siblings, Leanna Penner of Aurora, Beverly (Pal) Wright of Olathe, Kan., Phyllis Nickel of Wichita, Kan. and LeRoy (Judy) Dick of Hampton; siblings-in-law, Philip (Velma) Kroeker of Upland, Ind. and Sandra Schmidt of Wichita, Kan. Graveside services are scheduled for 9:45 a.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025 at the Bethesda Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sunday, October 19 with her family greeting friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Metz Mortuary in Henderson. Please remember to keep the Kroeker family in your prayers.

Death

Shirley Buller, age 89, passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2025, in Henderson, Nebraska. She is survived by her daughters and their spouses, Teresa (Dale) Regier of Abbotsford, British Columbia, Libby (Scott) Brettmann of Fremont and Karen (Mark) Dick of Henderson; eight grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; siblings, Lauren Penner, JoAnne (Dale) Buller and Berdine Buller; sister and brothers-in-law, Carolyn Buller, Donna (Randy) Ratzlaff and Leroy and Connie Trautman. Graveside services are scheduled for 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at the Bethesda Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21 with her family greeting friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Metz Mortuary in Henderson. Please remember to keep Shirley's family in your prayers.

Death

Leanna Kroeker, age 88, passed away on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, in Henderson, Nebraska. Services are currently pending. Please remember keep the Leanna's family in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Affirmation Vote

At the congregational meeting held Sunday, October 5, 2025, both Kara Janzen and Norm Yoder were affirmed to each serve another three-year term as Deacons.

Christmas Eve Choir

Wednesday, December 24: Looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in a choir on Christmas Eve. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings starting November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you love Caroling or haven't for a while, this will be a warm experience (AKA indoors). Thank you!

The Christmas Eve Committee



Postpartum & Dragons Story Concert

Sunday, October 26: Join Erin Sams on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m. , as she presents her Master's level Biblical Storytelling Showcase! After the 90 minute concert, there will be an optional talk-back session to ask questions, share experiences and explore the themes further. Due to the themes, this concert is for mature audiences. NO childcare will be provided. The concert will take place at Aurora United Methodist Church and will also be Live Streamed at "Aurora UMC-Nebraska" YouTube Channel. Light refreshments will be served.

School Kit Night

Sunday, November 9: School kit bags are sewn and the supplies are ready so mark your calendars now, School Kit Assembly Night will take place on Sunday, November 9. Stay tuned for more details.

Women's Bible Study

Monday, October 20: Due to the funeral service of Doris Kroeker the Women's Bible Study will not meet on Monday, October 20. We will meet again at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 27 in the old choir room and will be discussing Acts 14. The final Bible Study will now be held on Monday, November 3. All are welcome!

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Appreciation Month is a time set aside each year to honor and give thanks for our pastors who give, care, and serve us and our community in remarkable ways! If you need a few pastor appreciation ideas we're here to help!

- Invite your pastor to your home for a meal.
- Gift cards for coffee, restaurants, grocery store, sporting events, bookstore, hobbies, or pastimes.
- Share your season tickets.
- Treat the pastor's spouse.
- Write a personal thank you letter or card.
- Offer to babysit while the pastor and spouse have date night.
- Drop off a homemade dessert.
- Pray for your pastor daily.



THE BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR
AND THE NEBRASKA SYMPHONY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
TO PRESENT

Handel's MESSIAH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Messiah Chorus Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.: Messiah Chorus rehearsals are currently underway but it's not too late to join! 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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner

Wednesday, November 19: Do you like cooking, hosting, and youth? The high school youth are having their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to host a dessert at their house OR contribute a side dish for their main meal held at church. If you are interested or have questions, contact Hillary Lee at 309-569-0471.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 7: It's time to start practicing for the Children's Christmas Program planned for Sunday, December 7 at Bethesda. This year the kids will be presenting "The Mystery of the Missing Manger". Sunday School classes started rehearsing their music last week during Sunday School but it's very important that you rehearse with your children at home. All of the music can be found on the Bethesda Mennonite Church website, bethesdamc.org, just click on the Menu bars in the upper right corner and then click on "MINISTRIES" and then "Children" and all of the songs will be there.

Thank You

Dear Tara and Bethesda Youth,
Thank you for helping harvest and cleaning out plants at the Community Garden the past two Wednesdays. Your time and energy is appreciated! "Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Sincerely, Nichole Wetjen



BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women in Mission

Tuesday, November 4: Our November first Tuesday meeting of Women in Mission will be a celebration, the blessing of the bowl. We would like each of you to bring your favorite soup bowl and it will be filled. Filled with blessings, love from Jesus, love from your fellow women in mission, and with soup. Soup is the universal language of comfort and love. It has stood the test of time, and it has a history. May you be filled with blessings as we meet on first Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



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.

MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

MCC is hiring a Transformative Justice Program Coordinator

MCC is hiring a Transformative Justice Program Coordinator to advance MCC Central States's work on transformative and restorative justice, addressing mass incarceration, supporting justice-impacted people, and promoting change through education, capacity building, program development, and advocacy. This full-time position is offered in these locations: the MCC office in North Newton, KS or remotely in: Kansas, Texas,

Colorado, Montana, Minnesota, New Mexico, or Oklahoma. View the full job description and apply online at mcc.org/cs-tjp-coordinator by October 17. Questions? Contact roxyreyes@mcc.org.

Save the Date!

Central Plains Mennonite Conference and the Ecuador Partnership will host an 11-day service trip and learning tour to Riobamba and Quito, Ecuador, from March 13 - March 23, 2026. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers. The group will assist the Anabaptist Mennonite Christian Church of Ecuador (ICME) churches in Riobamba with building projects for their respective facilities. More details will be coming soon. If you have any interest, please complete the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/N1HEzfSxKjs5Msb98> **by November 23**, so we can add you to the list and ensure you receive all future communications regarding the trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joel Beachy (joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org).

GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 12, Worship Attendance: 225
Sunday, October 12, Sunday School Attendance: 82

Worship Offering: October 12, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$9,632.00
Sunday School Offering	\$147.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$9,779.00

Rick Vaught Memorials - \$4,695

Parable of the Good Samaritan

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27

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LEVITE

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ROBBERS

SAMARITAN

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BEAT

NEIGHBOR

The Good Samaritan

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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

"Go and do likewise"

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)