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
October 22, 2017

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Seth Ordination
The Board of Deacons and Tim Detweiler, Central Plains Mennonite Conference Minister for Ministerial Leadership, have begun the ordination process for Pastor Seth Miller at Bethesda. The board supports the ministry call and readiness of Pastor Seth to move forward. The ordination of Pastor Seth symbolizes God’s call for him to ministry, dedication to that call, and our congregation’s affirmation. An ordination service will be planned for the future.
Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, October 22
8:45 a.m. Deacon Prayer Time
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:40 a.m. Sunday School

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23
7:00 p.m. Bethesda Women’s Ministries October Birthdays

TUESDAY, October 24
8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Bethesda Women’s Ministries – Marlene Bogard
7:30 p.m. Central Plains Mennonite Church Webinar

WEDNESDAY, October 25
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due
7:00 p.m. Midweek
7:00 p.m. Powerhouse
7:00 p.m. CORNERSTONE
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. Messiah Rehearsal (sanctuary)

Next SUNDAY, October 29, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship
Message – Pastor Jim Voth
Offering – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Special Music – Chancel Choir
Pianist – Laura Steingard
Noon - Potluck

Immediate Need for Sunday School!
An Assistant Sunday School Superintendent is needed immediately. Contact the office (402-723-4562) or Connie Bechtel (402-723-5250 / 402-363-9973).
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
LaVonne Thiessen

Deacon Nomination
The terms of Blaine Friesen and Carol Janzen as members of the Board of Deacons expire in December. Both Blaine and Carol have served two terms. This morning a congregational meeting will be held immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of nominating individuals to fill the terms vacated by Blaine and Carol. Each congregational member may list four congregational members (two for each vacant position) as nominees for a three-year term. When identifying members, please give consideration to their spiritual gifts and how they may share them on the Board of Deacons and with the congregation as a whole.

Deacon Nominee Meeting
There will be a meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Powerhouse Room on Sunday, October 29 for those congregational members who were nominated through the Deacon Nomination Process. The purpose of the gathering is to invite the deacon nominees to meet with current deacons to answer questions, review the roles and responsibilities of the position, etc. This meeting was made a formal part of the Deacon selection process when selection changes were approved several years ago. The goal is to provide an opportunity for dialogue with church leaders and assist those individuals in discerning their decision to continue through the deacon process by allowing their name to remain on the Deacon selection list.

Central Plains Webinar
The second Central Plains Bible Study will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24. In Listen Closely: Facilitating Good Discussion, we will cover what leaders do to make a discussion go well. RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars page at www.centralplainsmc.org by Monday, October 23.
Across the Street & Around the World

**Huskie Power Packs**
All information pertaining to the Huskie Power Packs (sign up sheet, recipes and instructions) are located on the table outside the office. If you are unable to fill and deliver the Power Packs, but would like to donate food, a list of needed food items is also on the table. Food items may put in the basket by the office.

**MCC Meat Canner**
The MCC Canner project will be at Bethesda November 27-29. Donations may be made at this time.
*We are in need of housing for the canner guys and a few meal invites. Contact Brent Swartzendruber at 402-366-0885.*

**Faith and Life Bookstore** from Newton, Kansas will be set up at Bethesda during the Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canner, November 27-29. If you would like to pre-order a book or item and have them bring it along in November, send an email to info@faithandlifebookstore.com. You may browse their selection at [www.faithandlifebookstore.com](http://www.faithandlifebookstore.com).

**School Kits – November 12**
We will be packing school kits for Mennonite Central Committee on Sunday November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Come at 6:00 p.m. for a supper served by our youth as a fund raiser for their projects. You may come early to string kits and prepare the pencils for packing. We will again be packing 1,000 kits. Approximately $1000.00 is still needed to complete this project. We appreciate the help you give by donating to the school kit project. Questions: Contact Lindy Siebert or Adeline Huebert.

**Disaster Relief**
Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) are on the ground and/or sending much needed aid to victims of hurricanes, wildfires and many other natural or man-made disasters. Consider giving generously to their efforts. You may mark your envelopes either “MDS Relief” or “MCC Relief.”
MCC is responding to disasters taking place around the world. Mennonite Central Committee is running extremely low on comforters and relief kits. Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018 and we need 7,000 comforters by November. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117.

Youth

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

Stay in the Loup: Parents and youth, if you would like to be on the junior high/senior high text list, contact the office with your cell phone number.


Powerhouse (high school): This week, Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. we will have our “Love in Action” small groups. Contact your small group leader for additional information.

CORNERSTONE (junior high): This week, Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. we will meet with the Powerhouse band for a time of worship. We will meet in the Powerhouse Room.

Youth Fundraiser Meal, November 12
The youth will be serving a taco meal the evening of school kit assembly, November 12. Youth are needed to help serve and clean up. Donations of ground beef and bars are also needed. Sign-up sheets are located in the Powerhouse room. Donations of bars and all youth who sign up to help serve, need to be in the church kitchen by 5:15 p.m. If you are willing to donate ground beef or have questions, please call Tammy (Justin) Ott, 402-366-6917.
Christmas Wreath Fundraiser
The youth are selling fresh wreaths for the upcoming Christmas season. Wreaths are $25.00 and all orders are due Sunday, November 5. You may order from any high school youth. Additional order forms will be available outside the church office and the coffee spot. Wreaths can be picked up following the worship service on November 26. Questions: Please call Tammy (Justin) Ott, 402-366-6917.

Garage Parties: A couple of volunteers are needed for October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for games, handing out treats and decorating. If you are interested in helping with one of these areas please, contact Pastor Andrea.

Bethesda Women’s Ministries

Bethesda Women’s Ministries
Join us Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Marlene Bogard, Executive Director for Mennonite Women USA, will be our guest speaker.

Bethesda Women’s Ministries
October Birthdays
A birthday celebration for all women in the church with October birthdays will take place on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to Velma Friesen’s home at 1229 12th Street, Henderson. Please sign up on the east bulletin board if you are able to attend.
FINANCIALS

Worship Offering Sunday, October 15, 2017
Worship Attendance – 261
Sunday School Attendance – 97

Central Plains Mennonite Conference .......................... $2,437.00
Mennonite Disaster Service – Hurricane Relief ................ $100.00
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary ....................... $50.00
Dayspring – Undesignated ........................................... $150.00
Bethesda Canner Project .............................................. $400.00
Facility Renovation Fund ........................................... $1,180.00
Mennonite Central Committee School Kits ................... $175.00

Bethesda General Operating Receipts ......................... $6,280.00
Total Worship Offering ............................................. $10,772.00
Sunday School Offering ............................................ $153.50
Total Sunday Morning Offering ................................. $10,925.50

Bethesda Farm Ground for Rent
Bids are now being accepted for 78 acres of farm ground. The agreement is cash rent with a three-year commitment. Bids are due November 21, 2017 by 4:00 p.m. Bids should be submitted in writing to:

Bethesda Mennonite Church
ATTN: Board of Business
PO Box 130
Henderson, NE 68371

Proceeds from cash rent go to support the Ministry Inquiry and Emissary program for service and mission work. If you have any questions, please contact Carey Friesen, 402-694-9162.