

WELCOME!

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – October 25, 2020

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.

REACH, GROW, SERVE



Time Change

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday, October 31, 2020!

From Church Council...

The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 is increasing locally, statewide, and nationwide. Because of this, Church Council believes it is important to resume closing off every other pew in the sanctuary so we can be respectful of each other by practicing social distancing. We are fortunate to have a spacious sanctuary, so social distancing is easily accomplished. In addition, we will remain seated during hymns.

While wearing a mask is a choice, we do encourage you to consider taking this step as well, if you are able. COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected. A mask is another method to help reduce the spread of this virus.

Some might think that these steps are not necessary and even feel a sense of frustration. We ask for your grace. There are still many unknowns surrounding the coronavirus and specifically the COVID-19 strain. What we do know is it is an aggressive virus that can be life-threatening to some individuals. There are some in our congregation who are struggling, or have struggled, with illness and disease. They could be at greater risk if they contract the virus. There are those in our congregation who have compromised immune systems. They could be at greater risk if they contract the virus. We know that anyone can contract the virus, including children. The virus has affected members of our community. We ask that you think of social distancing and mask wearing as not only a way to protect yourself, but as your way of helping to protect the health of those around you.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY OCTOBER 26

8:00 p.m. Church Council

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

12:00 p.m. Bulletin

Announcements Due

7:00 p.m. Midweek

7:00 p.m. CORNERSTONE

7:00 p.m. High School Bible Study

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

Set your clocks back one hour!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor Gene

Offering: MC USA

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS, GRIEF OR FAMILY NEEDS...

Jean Siebert, Jane Brehm, Rachelle Schweitzer, Charlie Quiring, Ms. Dianne R. Buller, Fred Weisheit, John E. Friesen, Harris Peters, Diane Harrison

Faith@Home Activities

Throughout the Exodus sermon series, family activities are available online at <http://www.bmcfaithformation.com/children-and-families.html>.

Check out the October update from Dan and Sylvia Rogers and Mission Aviation Fellowship on the east bulletin board.

CONTACT US

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Faith Formation Website: www.bmcfaithformation.com

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Worship services are available via:

- Livestream @ <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
- Facebook
- Radio @ KOOL 103.5 FM
- Cobalt Cable Channel 3207

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

2020 has been unpredictable, unstable, and unlike any other year in recent history. Churches were forced to pivot overnight and build new ministry strategies to reach their communities. In the same way, church attendees were compelled to change the way they attend a worship service, engage with other members, and participate in Christian community. However, one thing that does not have to change is the way we show pastors our appreciation for all they do. So, what can you do? Here are a few suggestions that can make a difference in your pastors' lives:

- A handwritten thank you note.
- An encouraging text message or funny video.
- A gift basket with snacks or home-baked goodies.
- A gift card.
- A simple word of encouragement.

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 9, 2020, and should be submitted in writing to:

Bethesda Mennonite Church

ATTN: Board of Business

PO Box 130

Henderson, Nebraska 68371

If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Peters at (402)-525-8398

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

The Sunday School Committee is looking for a junior high Sunday school teacher. If you are interested, please contact Daphne Hall at 402-562-0811.

MCC SCHOOL KITS NOVEMBER 8

School kit bags are ready, and supplies have arrived! We are planning to assemble school kits on Sunday, November 8. Plans are in the works to determine how to make this event possible with social distancing. Thank you to all who helped sew and string bags to help us get ready for this special day. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

FALL PROGRAMMING UPDATE

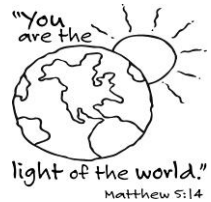
- As we begin Sunday School we ask that you have a fever, cough, sore throat or other contagious symptoms to please stay home.
- Sunday School attendees will be asked to sanitize their hands with sanitizer provided at the classroom's entrance.

CHILD PROTECTION FORMS

- **Parents and volunteers/teachers please fill out the required child protection forms by today.** You can find them on our website at <http://bethesdamc.org/bulletinsresources/child-protection-forms>.
- **If you are a volunteer/teacher,** fill out the **Volunteer for Children/Youth** (teachers, nursery workers, youth leaders etc.) and the **Driving History Record Release** form if you will be transporting children to any event.
- **If you are a parent,** fill out the **Trip Permission** form and the **Youth Permission/Waiver** form (one per child please) for children attending any BMC activity (Sunday School, Midweek, etc.).

ACROSS THE STREET & AROUND THE WORLD

Mask Ask! MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines:



- Adult sized
- Use at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred)
- Elastic ear loops
- Nose wire/filter pockets optional

Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off at the 24-hour donation room at MCC by **November 15**. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. Questions? Contact katemast@mcc.org.

For the first time in 68 years, the annual Menno Simons Lecture series at Bethel College will be delivered virtually -- making it accessible to anyone, anywhere. The speaker is César García, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, Kitchener, Ontario. The series title is "Towards an Anabaptist Catholicity." Lectures are...

- Sunday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. (live online with Q&A to follow) "Anabaptist Catholicity: A Definition"
- Monday, October 26, 11:00 a.m. (pre-recorded) "Anabaptist Catholicity as Centripetal Force" available at <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/convocation>
- Monday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. (live online with Q&A to follow) "Anabaptist Catholicity as Centrifugal Force"

To register, go to <https://forms.gle/t55EqQirttWn4md8A> All registered participants will receive the Zoom link a day or so before the series begins.

The MCC Mobile Meat Canner will not be coming to Nebraska this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We have determined that as a congregation, we will not be making the trip to Newton. Please continue to consider giving to the canner project and to MCC in general as they have experienced shortfalls this year. If you have questions, please contact by phone or text Brent Swartzendruber at 402-366-0885 or Jay Dee Janzen at 402-362-0512.

Canner Operator: MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two-year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out <https://mcc.org/get-involved/canning> for details!

FINANCIALS

Worship Offering: October 18, 2020

Worship Attendance: 134

Sunday School Attendance: 49

Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$2,635.00
Dayspring Ministries	\$50.00
Bethesda Canner Project	\$389.00
Facility Renovations & Parking Lot	\$100.00
MCC School Kits	\$185.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$3,085.00
Offering Total	\$6,444.00
Sunday School Offering	\$45.00
Total Sunday Morning Offering	\$6,489.00
Additional Walter Ott Memorials	\$350.00

CONNECT

For more information, complete the form below and drop this tear-off in the offering or at the church office.

I would like more information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choirs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I would like to receive the weekly e-Bethesda News. Please enter your email address:

I'm 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | |

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

Please pray for...