

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, October 4, 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

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, October 4

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Andrew Regier Visitation
in the Sanctuary

Monday, October 5

2:00 p.m. Andrew Regier Funeral Services

8:00 p.m. Preschool Committee

Tuesday, October 6

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. BWM October Meeting

Wednesday, October 7

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 9

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, October 11

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Music: Laura Steingard/Chancel Choir

Offering to God

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Potluck

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), Vickie Friesen, Robert Hiebner and the family of Andrew Regier.

Death

Andrew Regier, age 54, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at his home in Henderson, Nebraska. He is survived by his wife, Valerie; children, Mason Regier of Henderson, Reese Regier of Lincoln and Maddox Regier of Henderson; parents, Cal and Lela Regier of Henderson; brother, Joel Regier of Lincoln; parents-in-law, Earl and Evonne Ediger of Henderson; brother and sister-in-law, Luke and Dawn Ediger of Omaha and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2026, at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson. Interment will follow in the

Bethesda Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 4 from 1-4 p.m. at Metz Mortuary in Henderson, with the family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m. at the Bethesda Mennonite Church in the Sanctuary. Please remember to keep Andrew's family in your prayers.

Birth

A son, Gus Alan Peters, was born on August 28, 2026 to Austin and Samantha Peters at Bryan East Hospital in Lincoln. Big sister Frankie Louise welcomed him home. Local grandfather is Steve Peters and great-grandparents are Myron and Janet Peters.



Births

Twins, son Keith Morgan and daughter Kali Rae Maltsberger were born to Merrick Maltsberger and Anessa Croxton on September 14, 2026 in Kansas. Local grandparents are Matt and Tara Maltsberger. Great-grandparents are Byron and Teresa 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 (highlighting the Golden Thresher Class of 1976), football vs. Tabor, volleyball vs. Friends, the musical The Spitfire Grill by James Valcq and Fred Alley (buy tickets online), a reception for Bob Regier's career-spanning exhibit "This is Bob: Student, Teacher, Artist," 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.

'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.

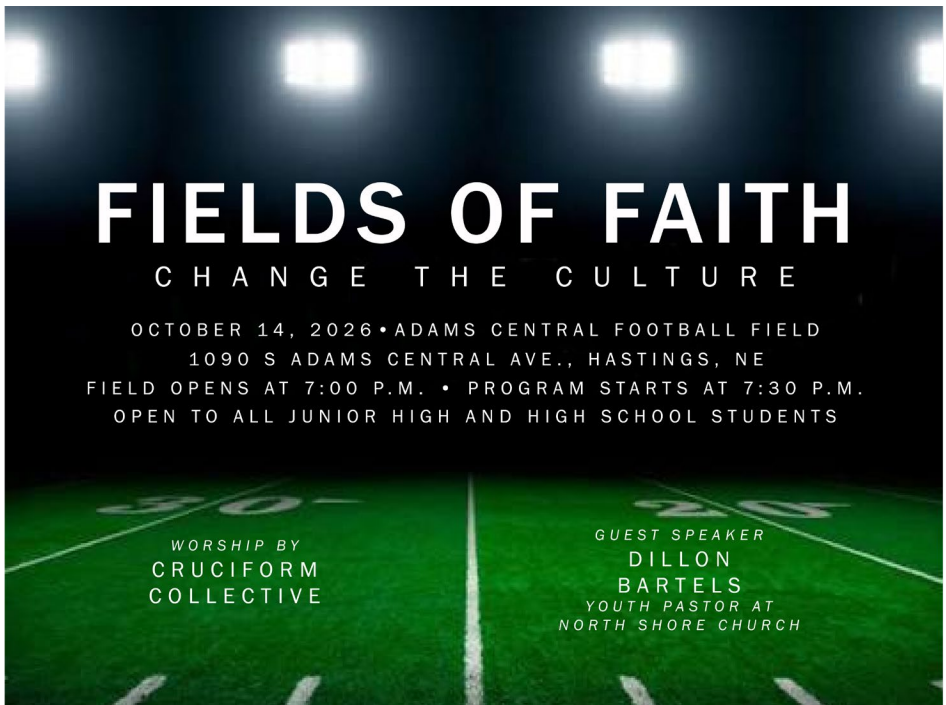
BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



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



FIELDS OF FAITH
CHANGE THE CULTURE

OCTOBER 14, 2026 • ADAMS CENTRAL FOOTBALL FIELD
1090 S ADAMS CENTRAL AVE., HASTINGS, NE
FIELD OPENS AT 7:00 P.M. • PROGRAM STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.
OPEN TO ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WORSHIP BY CRUCIFORM COLLECTIVE	GUEST SPEAKER DILLON BARTELS YOUTH PASTOR AT NORTH SHORE CHURCH
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Fields of Faith Transportation

Wednesday, October 14: Transportation will be provided for junior high and high school youth. Please be sure your Trip Permission Form is filled out. Scan the Child/Youth Trip Permission Waiver QR code to fill out the form.

Fall Midweek

Wednesday, October 7:

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.



NURSERY CARE

AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 & UNDER
DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR



GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 27 Worship Attendance: 212
Sunday, September 27, Sunday School Attendance: 87

Worship Offering: September 27, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$8,378.00
Sunday School Offering	\$240.30
Total Sunday Offering	\$8,618.30

Elva Janzen Memorials

MCC Meat Canner	\$50.00
MCC	\$1,060.00
Bethesda Mennonite Church	\$1,435.00

MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL

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

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.



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. **A viewing of the recording will also be shared at Bethesda at a later date.**

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



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.



Rooted in FORGIVENESS

F O R G I V E N E S S X H O P E
G R A C E H E A L I N G K I N D
R E S T O R A T I O N P E A C E
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WORD LIST

FORGIVENESS
GRACE
MERCY
LOVE
KINDNESS
PATIENCE
COMPASSION
HEALING
RESTORATION
RECONCILE
FREEDOM
SECOND CHANCE
HUMILITY
UNDERSTANDING
TRUTH
HOPE
PEACE
JOY
ACCEPTANCE
JESUS
FAMILY

Rooted in FORGIVENESS

BE KIND AND
COMPASSIONATE
TO ONE ANOTHER,
FORGIVING EACH OTHER,
JUST AS IN CHRIST
GOD FORGAVE YOU.

EPHESIANS 4:32

WORD SEARCH

Find the words from the list below.

F	O	R	G	I	V	E	N	E	S	S
K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S	P	E	A
M	E	R	C	Y	L	O	V	E	C	H
C	O	M	P	A	S	S	I	O	N	O
P	A	T	I	E	N	C	E	G	R	P
T	R	U	T	H	J	E	S	U	S	E
R	E	S	T	O	R	A	T	I	O	N
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P	E	A	C	E	J	O	Y	G	R	A

FORGIVENESS

GRACE

MERCY

LOVE

KINDNESS

PATIENCE

COMPASSION

HEALING

RESTORATION

RECONCILE

FREEDOM

HUMILITY

UNDERSTANDING

TRUTH

HOPE

PEACE

JOY

JESUS

FAMILY

HELP THE SEED GROW

Follow the path to help the seed grow strong roots.



COLOR THE HEART

Color the picture and remember that
forgiveness helps hearts grow!



FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use the word bank to complete the sentences.

forgive love kind peace Jesus

1. God _____ us.
2. We can _____ others, just like God forgives us.
3. Forgiveness helps us have _____ in our hearts.
4. We can be _____ to others, even when it's hard.
5. _____ shows us how to forgive.

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

"Rooted In Forgiveness"

Pastor Andrea Wall

Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)