

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, October 11, 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

MINISTRY TEAM

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BMC Treasurer Email: treasurer@bethesdamc.org

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 11

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:40 a.m. Sunday School
12:00 p.m. Potluck

Monday, October 12

8:00 p.m. Board of Deacons and Pastors

Tuesday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:00 p.m. Sunday School Committee

Wednesday, October 14

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due
7:00 p.m. Fields of Faith at Adams Central
High School in Hastings – High School and Junior
High Youth to attend
7:00 p.m. Midweek – PreK & Grade School
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 15

Fall Fest at Bethel College

Friday, October 16

Fall Fest at Bethel College
Church Offices Closed

Saturday, October 17

Fall Fest at Bethel College

Sunday, October 18

Fall Fest at Bethel College
8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet
9:30 a.m. Worship
Message: Pastor J Epp
Music: Marilyn Kroeker/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, Bryan Bechtel, Alton Friesen, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), Ronda Duerksen, Lynn Wilcox (Heather Peters' mother), Vickie Friesen, Bernard Anderson 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-in-law Luke (Dawn) Ediger of Omaha and nieces and nephews.

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 Maltzberger were born to Merrick Maltzberger and Anessa Croxton on September 14, 2026 in Kansas. Local grandparents are Matt and Tara Maltzberger. Great-grandparents are Byron and Teresa Friesen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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.

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.

'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.



It's Potluck Sunday!

Sunday, October 11: Sunday Potlucks have been few and far in between so as a reminder, Potlucks are held on the second Sunday of each month, at 12:00 p.m. One will be held today, Sunday, October 11, so please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday School Hour.

YOUTHMINISTRIES

FIELDS OF FAITH

C H A N G E T H E C U L T U R E

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



Fields of Faith Transportation

Wednesday, October 14: Junior high and high school youth are invited to join Heartland Community School in attending Fields of Faith at Adams Central High School on Wednesday, October 14. In order to attend you need to fill out the form below for transportation on the charter bus provided by the school. We will meet at the

Heartland parking lot at 6:30 and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Worship will be provided by Cruciform Collective and the guest speaker will be Dillon Bartels, youth pastor at North Shore Church. If you would like to have a sack lunch provided by Bethesda (thanks Hillary Bechtel) please contact the office by this Tuesday. Please sign up for a transportation with the above QR code.

Fall Midweek

Wednesday, October 14:

High School & Junior High: We will be attending Fields Of Faith at Adams Central High School in Hastings.

Preschool – 6th Grade Midweek: Will meet in the

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“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, October 4, 2026 Worship Attendance: 197

Sunday, October 4, 2026, Sunday School Attendance: 76

Worship Offering: October 4, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$9,057.00
Sunday School Offering	\$136.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$9,193.00

Elva Janzen Memorials

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

MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL

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.



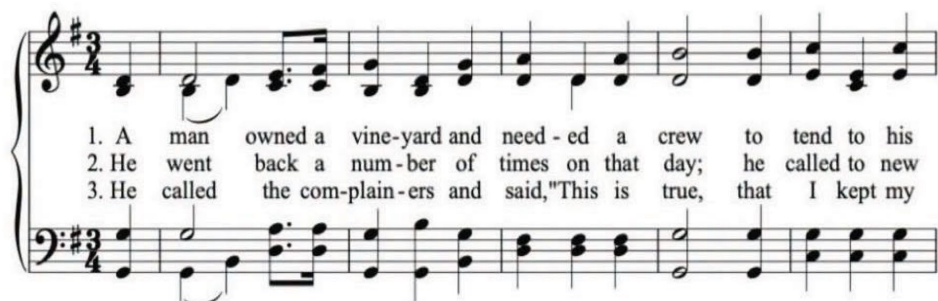
Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central Committee is evaluating, working with local partners, and responding to recent disasters, please join us in supporting:

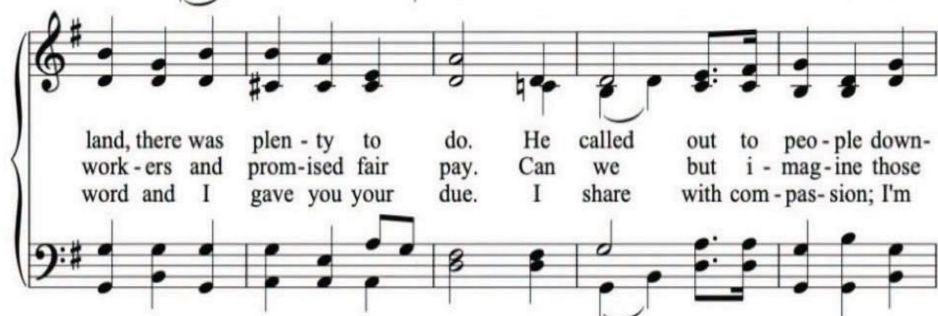
Nepal flooding response: MCC is responding to the impact of deadly flooding in Nepal. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, supplies and trauma support to those in need. We welcome your donations. Donate to MCC's response 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

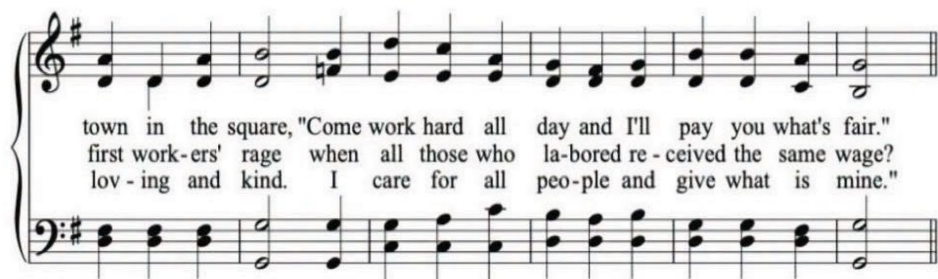
A Man Owned a Vineyard



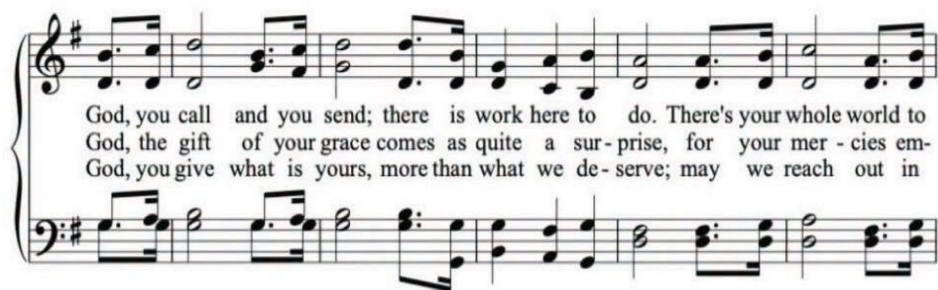
1. A man owned a vine-yard and need - ed a crew to tend to his
2. He went back a num-ber of times on that day; he called to new
3. He called the com-plain-ers and said, "This is true, that I kept my



land, there was plen - ty to do. He called out to peo - ple down -
work - ers and prom-ised fair pay. Can we but i - mag - ine those
word and I gave you your due. I share with com - pas - sion; I'm



town in the square, "Come work hard all day and I'll pay you what's fair."
first work-ers' rage when all those who la-bored re - ceived the same wage?
lov - ing and kind. I care for all peo - ple and give what is mine."



God, you call and you send; there is work here to do. There's your whole world to
God, the gift of your grace comes as quite a sur - prise, for your mer - cies em -
God, you give what is yours, more than what we de - serve; may we reach out in

tend; may we gar-den for you! O Lord, in your vine - yard may
 brace e - ven late-com-ers' lives. May all who have worked long and
 love where you call us to serve. May we who have wit - nessed your

we seek to be the work-ers who tend to your jus - tice and peace.
 hard hum-bly learn: your grace is a gift and not some-thing we earn.
 grace glad-ly share your jus - tice and love with your world eve - ry - where.

(Higher key at *United Methodist Hymnal* no. 98.)

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2011 (Matthew 20:1-16)

MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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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.

The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



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MONEY

HOOR

EQUAL

WORKERS

VINEYARD

LANDOWNER

HEAVEN

GRUMBLE

KINGDOM

GENEROUS

WAGES

HIRED

UNFAIR

RIGHT

RECEIVED

From the Secretary: Apologies for last week's Word Search... I used AI. Lesson learned.

BIBLE EMOJI STORY SHEET

Decode each row of picture icons and write the Bible story name on the blank line!

1.    Story: _____

2.    Story: _____

3.     Story: _____

4.    Story: _____

5.    Story: _____

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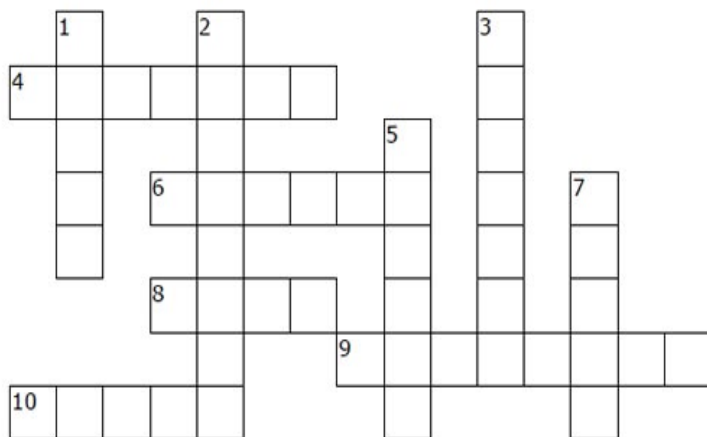
14.    Story: _____

15.     Story: _____

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ACROSS

4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
6. The place where God lives
8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
9. A place where grapes are grown
10. Pay received for working

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
2. To give or share freely with others
3. To gripe or complain
5. Not playing by the rules
7. Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL



In all
things
give
thanks.

1Thessalonians 5:18

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 Generosity"

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)