

# BETHESDA NEWS

## Welcome to Worship!

### November 9, 2025

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#### 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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## MINISTRY TEAM

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## CONTACT US

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## 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

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| <i>Sunday, November 9</i>     | 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet<br>9:30 a.m. Worship<br>10:40 a.m. Sunday School<br>12:00 p.m. Potluck<br>5:45 p.m. Youth Fundraiser Meal<br>7:00 p.m. School Kit Night                                                     |
| <i>Monday, November 10</i>    | 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Tuesday, November 11</i>   | 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. Sunday School Committee                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Wednesday, November 12</i> | 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due<br>6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Cornerstone<br>7:00 p.m. Midweek<br>8:00 p.m. Messiah Rehearsal<br>9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir<br>Church Offices Closed        |
| <i>Friday, November 14</i>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Sunday, November 16</i>    | 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet<br>9:30 a.m. Worship<br>Message: Pastor J Epp<br>Music: Laura Steingard, Organist; Chancel Choir<br>Offering to God<br>10:40 a.m. Sunday School<br>12:00 p.m. Church Wide Thanksgiving Meal |

## CHURCHFAMILY

**Please keep in prayer those with health concerns, grief, or family needs:**  
Rachelle Schweitzer, Lisa Friesen, Bryan Bechtel, Wyona Friesen, Jan Friesen, Kathy Epp and the Family of Adeline Huebert.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Eve Choir

**Wednesday, December 24:** Looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in a choir on Christmas Eve. Practices began on Wednesday November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room but you are still welcome to join. If you love Caroling or haven't for a while, this will be a warm experience (i.e. indoors). Thank you!  
The Christmas Eve Committee

### Krispy Kreme Fundraiser!!

The Bethesda Preschool is putting on a fundraiser and we need your help! Preschoolers and preschool committee members are selling Krispy Kreme donuts of all different flavors, coffee, and gift certificates. The funds will be going towards a new shade canopy to replace the torn one on the playground, and new toys for the playground and classroom. There are forms located outside the church office on the table but you can also find your favorite Bethesda preschooler or committee member as well. Orders are due November 21st. We will have orders available for pickup at the Spirit of Christmas in the Fellowship hall from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Don't worry if you don't get your order in on time we will also have extras available to purchase that night. Thank you all for your support of the preschool. We appreciate you all so very much!



### Parent Child Dedication

**Sunday, December 7:** If you would like to have your child dedicated, please contact Pastor Andrea at 402.710.3195 or at [andrea@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:andrea@mainstaycomm.net) or the church office at 402.723.4562 or at [bethesda@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:bethesda@mainstaycomm.net). Parent Child Dedication will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

### Women's Bible Study

**Monday, November 10:** Women's Bible Study will meet for the final time at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 10 in the old choir room. All are welcome!



# SCHOOL KIT NIGHT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9



### School Kit Night

**Sunday, November 9:** People of all ages are invited to come pack over 1,000 school kits TONIGHT (Sunday, November 9). Over the last 20 years we have packed over 20,000 kits for kids around the world in need of school supplies. Come at 5:45 p.m. when we will begin serving the taco meal and at 7:00 p.m. we will have a 20 year celebration and then start packing the kits. Volunteers

are needed at 2:00 p.m. for set up. If you have any questions, please call Lindy Siebert at 402-723-4376.



### **Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal**

**Sunday, November 16:** Sunday, November 16 will be a church wide Thanksgiving meal following Sunday school. It will include turkey and all the fixings. This will take the place of our Thanksgiving Day Service. Mark your calendars to join the Bethesda family for this meal.

### **Potluck Sunday**

**Sunday, November 9:** It's Potluck Sunday! Remember how we moved the potluck to the second Sunday of the month? Well stick around today following the Sunday School Hour and have lunch on us, well actually, on everyone that brought a dish.



### **MCC Meat Canner Volunteers Needed**

**November 21, 22, 24 & 25:** Every year MCC's Mobile Meat Canner travels across the United States and Canada meeting volunteers who prepare cans of turkey, beef, chicken, and pork to be sent around the world. Over 30,000 people a year volunteer to fill, weigh, wash and label every can. This year, the canner will be coming to Bethesda Mennonite Church November 21, 22, 24 and 25, 2025.

Set up for the canner is scheduled for Thursday, November 20 time TBD, and we could use some assistance with set up.

Workers for the canner truck will be needed starting Friday at 6 a.m. and then throughout the day for Friday and Saturday, Sunday we will be off, and then Monday and Tuesday. The plan this year is to can four rounds of meat per day, compared to the five rounds we usually do, so we should be finished earlier in the day compared to previous years. We also need people to grind meat, make boxes, dry cans, and move cans to the truck. We have jobs for people of all ages, and you can come and go as you please. Please join us for this rewarding and fun project.

Information is posted on the Bethesda Mennonite MCC Meat Canning Facebook page (@BethesdaCanning), on Twitter (@BethesdaMcc) including the work to be done, truck start times, and when assistance is needed. Please follow, and share. Questions to Jay Dee Janzen, 402-362-0512 or Jason Lewis 402-363-9745.



### **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.

### **Piano Night at the Lake**

**Sunday, November 23:** Join us at Swan Lake Christian Camp for dinner and music on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. when we host Piano Night at the Lake. A free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going toward progress on the camp Worship Center/Dining Hall. For reservations contact [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com) or call 605.326.5690.



### **AMBS Online Short Courses**

Have you ever considered taking a course at AMBS but enrolling and learning on campus was not an option for you? Did you know that AMBS offers online short courses. This is just one available for 2026. "Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?" taught by Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD.

In the 16th century, Anabaptists approached Scripture in ways that were both similar to and different from Catholics and other Protestants. This course will seek to understand those similarities and differences in light of today. What historical and theological developments in the centuries since the 16th century have influenced today's Mennonites more profoundly than did the Reformation?

Students read assigned materials and complete short assignments, writing in an online discussion forum on their own time to meet assignment deadlines. Includes an optional video conference meeting with professors each week of the course, also recorded for participants to watch at their convenience.

The course will be offered January 28 through March 10, 2026. The early registration deadline is January 7, 2026 and the cost is \$300. The final registration deadline is January 21, 2026 and the cost is \$350. Participants should expect to pay for one or two textbooks.

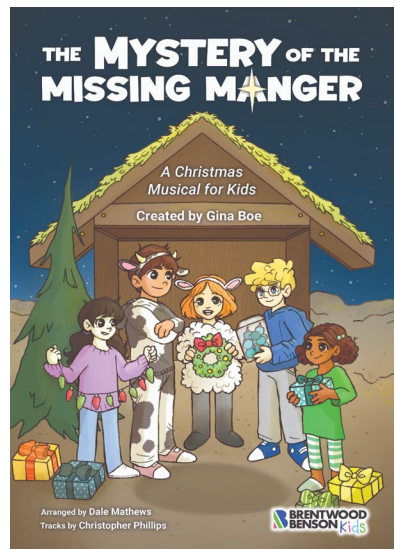
If you want to know more, contact AMBS or Carol Janzen your AMBS Advocate 402-366-7984.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### 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 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](http://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.



There will also be two program practices in the church sanctuary for all participants on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 29 – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, December 6 – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Project Offering will once again be Hygiene Kits and kids will be given letters to bring home today with all the details, so inspect your children following Sunday School.



### **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.

## **MISSIONS**LOCAL/GLOBAL

### **Hurricane Melissa Relief**

You can help make a difference for those impacted by Hurricane Melissa!

Hurricane Melissa struck Cuba, bringing heavy rain and strong winds, causing severe flooding and damage to the province of Santiago de Cuba. MCC is responding with emergency food assistance and distribution of other emergency supplies, such as MCC relief kits and canned meat.

Every donation helps provide vital supplies to people in crisis. Make a donation today at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/giving/designations/hurricane-melissa-response>

### **2025 Hope Gospel Rescue Mission Celebration Banquet**

**Monday, November 10:** Hope Gospel Rescue Mission in York will be holding their 2025 Celebration Banquet on Monday, November 10 at the Holthus Convention Center in York. Join us for an inspiring evening to celebrate the amazing work God is doing through the Hope Gospel Rescue Mission. Hear powerful testimonies and enjoy a message from Marcellus Casey, Chaplain, Kansas City Chiefs. Seating will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be provided by Kerry's Restaurant & Catering. This event is free to attend but reservations are needed in order to ensure they have adequate amounts of food. Call 402.362.0127 or visit [hopegospel.org](http://hopegospel.org) to make a reservation.

## **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](mailto:joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org)).

## **Volunteer Needed**

The MC USA Archives is seeking a volunteer to manage and update MennObits, the online searchable public database of Anabaptist/Mennonite related obituaries. The primary task is entering information into the database. The volunteer would also review newspapers and funeral home websites in regions of concentrated Anabaptist/Mennonite populations to find related obituaries to enter. Managing MennObits requires your own computer and about 12 to 16 hours of time per month working from your own home. An Archives staff person will provide training and orientation. If interested, please contact Devon Miller at [DevonM@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:DevonM@MennoniteUSA.org).

## **Orienting With the Word**

Is your congregation eager for a new way to walk with Scripture? This free five-month program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative builds community and biblical competency through Bible study. Each participating congregation designates a small group to join with others in a Bible study practice that involves wrestling, wondering and worship with the biblical text. The next cohort runs Jan. 1 – May 17, and the program is free to participating congregations. Apply by Nov. 15! [ams.edu/orienting-with-the-word](https://ams.edu/orienting-with-the-word)

# GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 2, Worship Attendance: 232

Sunday, November 2, Sunday School Attendance: 96

Worship Offering: November 2, 2025

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| Bethesda General Operating Receipts | \$8,916.00        |
| Sunday School Offering              | \$160.00          |
| <b>Total Sunday Offering</b>        | <b>\$9,076.00</b> |

## Adeline Huebert Memorials

Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park: \$2,685

Bethesda Mennonite Church School Kits: 3,395

## Rick Vaught Memorials

Zastrow Cemetery: \$3,790

Bethesda Mennonite Church: \$5,055

## Leanna Kroeker Memorials

Bethesda Mennonite Church: \$580

# Psalm 96

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CREATION  
STRENGTH  
MAJESTY  
PRAISE  
SONG

JUBILANT  
PROCLAIM  
HEAVENS  
GLORY  
SING

# 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.

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| 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

## **"A New Song"**

**Pastor Chelsea Vaught**

**Psalm 98 (NRSV)**