

WELCOME!

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – November 22, 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

Deacon Nominee Preference Vote

The following individuals have accepted the nomination to serve on the Board of Deacons: Bryan Bechtel, Kara Janzen, Mark Janzen, and Steve Michel. The Deacon Nominee Preference vote will take place today, immediately following the worship service. Each member is eligible to vote for two names.

Join us Thursday, November 26 @ 10:00 a.m. for a unique Thanksgiving Day service!

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary during the week of Christmas, December 20-27. Displaying the poinsettias this week will keep the fragile plants looking healthier for you to enjoy following the season. The church welcomes red poinsettias wrapped in gold foil with a red ribbon. If you wish to donate in honor of a loved one, please notify the church office. Poinsettias should be delivered to the church on Thursday, December 17, and may be picked up following the December 27 Sunday morning worship service.

The Angel Tree will soon be set up in the Fellowship Hall in the coming weeks. Incarceration can strain family ties. Angel Tree shares the love of Christ in a tangible way and strengthens family bonds, delivering personalized gifts and the Gospel to children on behalf of their incarcerated parents at Christmas. Connie Bechtel has faithfully served in this position for 12 years and will be stepping down next year, so if you are interested in this volunteer position or have questions please contact Connie at 402-723-5250 or 402-363-9973.

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Bulletin
Announcements Due

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
Day Service
Church Offices Closed

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

9:30 a.m. Worship
First Sunday of Advent
Message: Pastor Seth Miller
Offering: Local Church
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. & Nancy Friesen, Harris Peters, Diane Harrison, Jim Epp

Please remember Tim Detweiler (former Conference Minister) in your prayers as he begins treatment for recurring cancer. The lung cancer has metastasized to his lymph nodes. Tim appreciates your ongoing prayer support.

Death

John W. Gaeddert, age 96, passed away November 12, 2020. The family deeply regrets that they will not be able to celebrate John's life with the people of the congregations he so loved. A private memorial and burial service is being planned. Thank you for the many ways in which the people of Bethesda have loved and cared for Dad. Pastor Gaeddert served at Bethesda from 1955-1965. A memorial video made by the family is posted on our website at www.bethesdamc.org.

John W, Gaeddert Family

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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

Sign up today to be a part of the Virtual Christmas Pageant. Go to www.bmcfaitform.com/advent-2020 and let us know how you would like to participate.

No Midweek, Cornerstone or Powerhouse this week – Happy Thanksgiving! Powerhouse will meet again in December. Midweek and Cornerstone will meet again starting January 6, 2021.

Fresh wreath orders may be picked up Sunday, November 29 following the worship service. If you have any questions, please call Tammy (Justin) Ott at 402-366-6917.

Thank You

Thank you to those individuals who picked up tree branches and leaves at our home after the ice storm!

LeRoy & Geraldine Peters

Thank You

We want to thank all who in some way had a part in sending 1,000 school kits to MCC! Approximately 40 people were able to attend, although we really missed our youth! They have always played such a special part in the evening. A special thank you goes to all who helped tape pencils together, get the erasers and pencil sharpeners packed, and to those who sewed and strung bags ahead of time. Thank you to those who will be delivering the bags to Newton.

Lindy Siebert & Adeline Huebert

Bethesda Women's Ministries. Our Bible Study theme for this year was entitled "Every Time I Feel the Spirit." We were not able to meet together and delve into that study. We missed opportunities for fellowship, as well as sharing of offerings. The BWM Executive Committee typically disburses funds at the end of the year that are not used for our meetings and sewing day expenses. You have been so generous in your giving in past years, and we have been able to share that generosity with the ministries of MC USA, Bethesda, the community, and the broader church. There is much thought given by the committee and joy in being stewards of your offerings. Our expenses have certainly been low this year, and there currently are some funds that can be disbursed. If you would like to give an offering to Bethesda Women's Ministries before the end of the year, you may do so by marking it for BWM in the memo line of your check. Much thanks.

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit...reach out to a Sister-in-Christ."

Carol Janzen, Bethesda Women's Ministries Chair

Address Update MCC Kansas

MCC lately discovered that some of their mail, particularly facemasks, were not being delivered to their physical address. If you mail any items

to MCC please use the following address: PO Box 235 North Newton, Kansas, 67117.

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.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

As we are into a season of Thanksgiving, we at the Living Water churches in Thailand would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Bethesda for your faithful partnership and support of growing God's kingdom in Thailand. The churches continue to grow as more are seeking and accepting God as their Lord and Savior. Praise God for His blessings!

We love you all ❤️🙏

Pat & Rad Houmphan & Your Thailand Family



Anabaptist World Subscription (formerly *The Mennonite*)

As a ministry of outreach, Bethesda provides a subscription to *Anabaptist World* magazine as a gift from the church. It is time to renew our group subscription. If you do not receive *Anabaptist World* and would like to start receiving it please contact the church office by November 30, 2020. (The same deadline applies to anyone wishing to discontinue their subscription.)



ACROSS THE STREET & AROUND THE WORLD

A memorable, meaningful, and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas! Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern-day Mennonite feeding station - your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining

room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at <https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>.



Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term. Two units are still accepting applications for *this year!* Serve, learn, and grow in faith with a community of your peers! Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more!

Youth Venture is accepting applications for summer 2021! Discover and experience the work that God is doing in the world with a team of other young people as you serve, learn, worship, and build relationships. Visit MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture to learn more!

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!

!Explore helps youth test ministry gifts. Through AMBS's !Explore program, students in grades 10–12 explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience (at AMBS in 2021 and Mennonite World Conference in 2022). Participants can participate in both summers and receive a \$1,000 stipend each year. Taking applications now — tap a shoulder! amb.edu/explore

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program

Now's the time to nudge someone to grow into a new ministry. This AMBS program supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry through online study and meetings with a dedicated mentor. Apply for Winter 2021 by December 15 and save \$100! Go to amb.edu/journey for additional information.

FINANCIALS

Worship Offering: November 15, 2020

Worship Attendance: 132

Sunday School Attendance: 76

Mennonite Church USA/Mission Network	\$90.00
Mennonite Mission Network	\$150.00
Swan Lake Christian Camp	\$220.00
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary	\$2,295.00
Dayspring Ministries	\$150.00
MCC School Kits	\$120.00
Angel Tree	\$116.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$9,210.00
Offering Total	\$12,351.00
Sunday School Offering	\$100.80
Total Sunday Morning Offering	\$12,451.80

The MCC School Kit project has been fully funded. Thank you for your donations!

Bethesda Operating Fund January 1 – November 18, 2020	
2020 approved Annual Operating Budget	\$646,232
Bethesda Income: We have received 66.37% of our approved budget.	\$428,925
Operating Expenses: We have spent 72.69% of our approved budget.	\$469,739
Year to Date Income Minus Expenses	(\$40,814)

Thanksgiving Day Offering Reminder:

All checks must be written to Bethesda Mennonite Church if you want it recorded on your envelope number. (You may make a designation in the memo of your check.)

Undesignated offering will be divided as follows:

- 40% Mennonite Church USA (*see further information below)
- 30% Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- 30% MCC Meat Canner Project at Bethesda

*MC USA offerings are divided as follows:

- Bethesda retains funds to cover subscription costs for *Anabaptist World* which is sent directly to members.
- The balance is sent to MC USA and is divided by them according to their policy as follows:
 - 66% Mennonite Mission Network
 - 15% MC USA Administrative Agency Costs
 - 14% Mennonite Education Agency
 - 3% Menno Media
 - 2% Racial/Ethnic Constituency Groups

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...