

WELCOME! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – December 27, 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

Poinsettia Donations

Donated by...	In Memory of...
Elroy & Carrie Bergen	Henry M. & Bertha Bergen, John A. & Elisabeth Bergen, Darrell Epp, Ken Bergen, Kermit Peters, Fred & Betty Regier, Cora Kay Friesen
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Ardith Epp & Family	Darrell Epp
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Elva Janzen & Family	Walter Janzen, Gary Janzen
Royce & Carol Janzen & Family	Walter & Arlene Rempel
Corbin & Lisa Tessman & Family	Olene Tessman
Doug & Karen Tessman	Olene Tessman
Doug & Karen Tessman	Gary Joyce

Poinsettias may be picked up following the worship service today.

New Year's Eve Communion

Join us for a New Year's Eve Communion service Thursday, December 31, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Service will be held in-person and livestreamed.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY DECEMBER 28

7:00 p.m. Church Council

TUESDAY DECEMBER 29

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Bulletin Announcements
Due

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31

Church Offices Closed
6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve
Communion

SUNDAY JANUARY 3

8:45 a.m. Deacon/Pastor
Prayer Time
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, Ms. Dianne R. Buller, Fred Weisheit, Harris Peters, Diane Harrison, Jim Epp, Tim Detweiler, Nancy Friesen, Dianne Kliewer, Thayne Sparke, Harlan Peters, Paul Buller Family

Anabaptist World Subscriptions

It appears that individuals have been mailed bills for the Anabaptist World even though Bethesda has a group subscription. You may ignore the bill you received in the mail. Your subscription will be paid by Bethesda's group subscription.

Bethesda Women's Ministries

It has been a long time since we have gathered! January is the time for Sewing & Project Days to begin and we are going to give it a try, with a few modifications. Comforters will be set up on **January 12 at 1:00 p.m.** No meal will be served. Please wear a mask. Social distancing will be encouraged. Plans are to meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. All are welcome!

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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

Coming this Week Children's Virtual Christmas Pageant!

This year we are offering a pre-recorded virtual children's Christmas pageant. Children, youth, and families are busy preparing videos, visuals, and music to share with you and your family at home during this Christmas season. You will be able to find the link for this video on our bmcfaithformation.com page.

The Revelation Blessed Peace Church Matlapana congregation has requested funding assistance with facility and ministry needs for their rapidly growing congregation. When Pastor Gene served in Botswana with COM/AIMM in the Maun area, he worked in prayer and Bible-teaching ministry with a number of congregations of this small denomination. Church Council has approved a short term six month giving opportunity for this project and offerings may be designated "Botswana."

The Gifts Discernment Form for 2021 is included in your bulletin. Please consider how you can use your gifts and talents to volunteer for an open board or committee positions. Completed forms may be dropped off at the church office or left in the box outside the office.

Annual Reports Needed

The 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held February 7, 2021. Chairpersons please submit your 2020 reports to the church office no later than January 4, 2021. You may email reports to bethesda@mainstaycomm.net. Thank you!

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.

ACROSS THE STREET & AROUND THE WORLD

Area Director for Central Southern Asia

MCC is seeking applicants for the position of Area Director for Central Southern Asia. The Area Director will be responsible to coordinate MCC's resources in impactful and mutually transformative programming. For more information and/or to apply, please visit serve.mcc.org.

MCC Representative for Haiti

Are you looking for opportunities to use your leadership skills? The MCC Representative for Haiti provides programmatic direction to the work of MCC in Haiti within the MCC Latin America/Caribbean region. This position provides team leadership and support for all MCC workers in Haiti. For more information and/or to apply, please visit service.mcc.org.

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 mcc.org/canning for details!

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is partnering with Humanities Kansas

to host the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" through January 17. Accompanying it is a local companion exhibit, "Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads," created from the museum's permanent exhibit "Of Land and People." The museum is open 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; 1:30-4:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday; and closed Mondays and major holidays (Friday, December 25, Friday, January 1). Admission to the "Crossroads" exhibit is free on Saturdays.

Are you anticipating a Long Cold Winter? Then join us for a series of warm webinars for a cold season! Each month of this season, the Christian Formation Committee from CPMC is putting together a series of webinars to help us connect, learn, play, and pray together. First up, "Building Anticipation: Praying the Anabaptist Prayerbook in Advent," on Mondays during December. For more information about this and the rest of the webinars in the series (and for the Zoom link), visit our website, centralplainsmc.org.

Swan Lake Christian Camp Winter Retreat

Winter retreats are just around the corner. Make plans now to attend. Family camp is February 26-28. Families with children, grandparents, singles and young married couples are all invited to attend this fun filled weekend. Don't forget to sign you kids up for Winter Youth retreats. Dates are as follows: 5th-6th grade retreat January 8-10, Junior High retreat January 15-27 and Senior High retreat is January 22-24. Sign up online at www.myslcc.com.

Join MCC for a series of "MCC and Me" webinars to hear more about service opportunities. Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ?

MCC is working to adapt our programming as the situation with COVID-19 develops. All sessions relate to anticipated service needs, though timing and some other details may be subject to change.

- January 13 at 3 p.m. EST: Summer Service leadership program
- February 25 at 10 a.m. EST: Sharing with Appalachian People (SWAP) summer staff
- February 25 at 8 p.m. EST: International service worker

- March 6 at 12 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March TBD: Mobile Meat Canner

For more information and to register: mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities.

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!

FINANCIALS

Worship Offering: December 20, 2020

Worship Attendance:

Sunday School Attendance: 76

Mennonite Church USA/Mission Network	\$235.00
Mennonite Mission Network	\$200.00
Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$2,379.00
Mennonite Central Committee	\$300.00
Swan Lake Christian Camp	\$500.00
Dayspring Ministries	\$350.00
Botswana	\$1,200.00
Ashland Fellowship	\$200.00
Bethesda Canner Project	\$300.00
Facility Renovations & Parking Lot	\$50.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$16,886.50
Offering Total	\$22,600.50
Sunday School Offering	\$108.00
Total Sunday Morning Offering	\$22,708.50

Bethesda Operating Fund January 1 – December 21, 2020

2020 Approved Annual Operating Budget	\$646,232
Bethesda Income: We have received 82.02% of our Approved Budget	\$530,071
Operating Expenses: We have spent 81.58% of our Approved Budget.	\$527,210
Expected expenses for December.	\$5,300
Year to Date income minus expenses projected shortage.	(\$2,439)

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...