

# WELCOME

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – APRIL 12, 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

**As we all continue to navigate** the uncharted waters of COVID-19 we want to continue to serve and help our church family and community members as best we can, while following best practices per the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC). If you, or someone you know, is in need of help (traveling to get groceries, medications, and or other essentials) please call the office or go to our website at [www.bethesdamc.org](http://www.bethesdamc.org). Under the Home tab, click COVID-19 Updates and sign up online to get help or give help. There are also some helpful resources from Everence and MC USA for how to care for yourself and one another.

Although the building is closed, pastors and staff are still working and available to assist you. If you have questions or concerns you may call:

- Bethesda Mennonite Church: 402-723-4562
- Pastor Seth: 717-824-5998
- Pastor Andrea: 402-710-3195
- Pastor Gene: 580-660-5796

**Please be attentive to the website** and your email for further announcements and information.

**Worship services are available via:**

- Livestream @ <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
- Radio @ KOOL 103.5 FM
- Cobalt Cable Channel 3207

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### TUESDAY APRIL 14

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Zoom Prayer Time

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

Bulletin Announcements  
Due (Please email or call)  
7:00 p.m. Zoom High School  
Youth  
7:00 p.m. Zoom  
CORNERSTONE

### SUNDAY APRIL 19

9:30 a.m. Worship Via  
Livestream  
Message: Pastor Gene  
Offering: Swan Lake  
Christian Camp  
Organist: Laura Steingard  
11:00 am Zoom Catechism  
2020  
3:30 p.m. Zoom Mom's  
Support Group  
7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

## CHURCH FAMILY

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS, GRIEF OR FAMILY NEEDS...

Jean Siebert, Jane Brehm

#### Death

Phyllis Friesen passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 in Henderson. Graveside services are pending, but will be for immediate family only.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference** will hold their Annual Meeting in the Twin Cities this year, June 18-21, 2020. If you are interested in being a delegate, please call the church office at 402-723-4562 and we will sign you up.

**Mom's Support Group** will meet via Zoom, Sundays @ 3:30 p.m. The link can be found on the website [www.bmcfaitthformation.com](http://www.bmcfaitthformation.com).

**Children's Sunday school** is available online at [www.bmcfaitthformation.com](http://www.bmcfaitthformation.com).

**Pastor Seth is leading an eight-week Bible study** on the book of Philippians via Zoom, Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The link can be found on the Bethesda website [www.bmcfaitthformation.com](http://www.bmcfaitthformation.com).

## CONTACT US

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Website: [www.bethesdamc.org](http://www.bethesdamc.org)

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## YOUTH

All Zoom links can be found @ [www.bmcfaitthformation.com](http://www.bmcfaitthformation.com)

**High School Youth** will meet via Zoom Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Look for a text with the link and ID # to join our digital youth group. Any youth are welcome to join if they are looking for a place to connect with other youth, pray and study the Bible.

**CORNERSTONE** will meet via Zoom Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. Meeting ID number is 256 248 871. Look for an email for the password.

**Catechism 2020** will meet via Zoom Sundays following worship at 11:00 a.m. Look for a text with the link and ID # to join.

Visit <http://www.bmcfaitthformation.com/covid-19-resources.html> for the following resources:

- Coloring Prayers
- How to talk to children/youth about COVID-19
- Books offered for free – Adult Bible study and children's book (age 9-12)
- How to navigate the stress of uncertain times
- Ideas for all ages: How grow in our relationship with God during this time of social distancing.

## FINANCIALS

### Donations received from April 3 – April 7, 2020

Nebraska MCC Sale	\$ 300.00
General Operating Fund/Local Church	<u>\$ 3,110.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,410.00</b>

### Giving Options:

Thank you for thinking about how to continue to make regular donations to Bethesda Mennonite Church during this time of social distancing. You have several options to select from:

- Mail your check to Bethesda Mennonite Church.
- Send a donation using your bank's online bill pay service.
- Use the secure Easy Tithe option on Bethesda's website. Click the Give tab, then "Make a Donation."
- Any donations received online or in the mail that are undesignated will be deposited to the General Fund for the Local Church.

## **ACROSS THE STREET/AROUND THE WORLD**

**Due to the increased spread of COVID-19**, Church Council made the decision to stop printing bulletins/Bethesda News and stop the distribution of yearbooks. In addition, no bulletins/Bethesda News will be delivered to Henderson Health Care, mailed to members or put in the mailbox outside the east church doors. The uncertainty regarding how long the virus can survive on surfaces and the increased spread of the virus prompted this decision. In the interim you can access the bulletin and Bethesda News online at [bethesdamc.org](http://bethesdamc.org).

Once the threat of the virus has diminished or ended, we will resume printing the bulletins and the Bethesda News and you will be able to pick up a yearbook.

**As we celebrate the new life given to us through Jesus' resurrection** this Easter morning, we can't escape the realities of COVID-19. In a time of uncertainty and social distancing, we offer you a selection of online resources that MCC has prepared over the years for congregations, families and individuals. We pray for the many who are dealing with COVID directly and the many others who are impacted by our collective attempt to stop the spread of this virus. From prayers to recipes and cooking videos, from coloring pages to videos that give you a glimpse of life across the world, we hope we are able to offer something that may encourage or nourish you in an extraordinary time. [mcc.org/covid-19-resources](http://mcc.org/covid-19-resources)

Mennonite Central Committee

**An Easter greeting** from MCC Executive Director, Ron Byler, can be found online by following the link below.

<https://mcc.org/stories/rons-easter-message-video>

### **Scattered Seeds**

Because of COVID-19 and the fact that people won't be visiting their church buildings, this month's issue of Scattered Seeds will be online only at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/scattered-seeds.html>.

**School kit bags** are cut, ready to be sewn and can be picked up and returned to the box in the room across from the office. Directions are also available. If you have questions call Lindy Siebert or Adeline Huebert or if you would like to pick up bags, please call the church office.