

WELCOME

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – APRIL 19, 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. Under the Home tab, click COVID-19 and sign up online to get help or give help. There are also helpful resources from Everence, MC USA, Dove's Nest, CDC and Nebraska Department of Health 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 21

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Zoom Prayer Time
8:00 p.m. Zoom Bd of
Business
8:00 p.m. Zoom Bd of
Education

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

Bulletin Announcements
Due (Please email or call)
7:00 p.m. Zoom High School
Youth
7:30 p.m. Zoom
CORNERSTONE

SUNDAY APRIL 26

9:30 a.m. Worship Via
Livestream
Message: Pastor Andrea
Offering: Anabaptism
Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Pianist: Marilyn Kroeker
11:00 a.m. Zoom Catechism
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, Phyllis Friesen Family

Death

Linda Yoder's father, Dorvin Fortner, age 100, of Shreveport, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Please keep Norm, Linda and family in your prayers.

Bethesda Women's Ministries has cancelled the Celebrate Women banquet in May.

MCC Sale Dried Nectarines

The special order for dried nectarines for the priced food booth at the MCC Sale could not be returned. We have packets to sell for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase, please contact Orië Friesen at 402-723-4206.

MCC Sale T-Shirts Arrived

If you ordered a MCC t-shirt, please call the office, and we will bring it out to your vehicle. Thank you!

Central Plains Mennonite Conference made the difficult decision to cancel the Annual Meeting in the Twin Cities. Plans are to have a condensed delegate session via Zoom on June 22. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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

YOUTH

All Zoom links can be found @ www.bmcfaitformation.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 7:30 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.bmcfaitformation.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.

ACROSS THE STREET/AROUND THE WORLD

Prairie View in Newton, Kansas Needs Your Help!

If you sew, we need you! We are asking for donations of cloth face masks to help supply staff and clients so they can still provide care and keep everyone safe and healthy. Please send donations to Prairie View, Inc. at 1901 E First Street, Newton, Kansas 67114. If you have questions, call 1-800-992-6292.

Living Water Rescue Mission

During this time of social distancing and other Coronavirus mitigation efforts, we are doing our part to keep the men, women and children coming to us for help safe here at Columbus and Living Water Rescue Mission. In an effort to limit exposure to our guests and kitchen workers, we are going to use paper plates and plastic ware for our in-house food services. If you could help us with some supplies, we need to use firm, microwavable plates and plastic ware. For your protection, if you call us from your car (402-362-0127), we can come out to you and get your donations. If you would rather send or drop off a financial gift for the special items we are needing, just add a note that you are supporting our Coronavirus mitigation efforts.

Due to the increased spread of COVID-19, Church Council made the decision to discontinue printing bulletins/Bethesda News and the distribution of yearbooks. In addition, bulletins and Bethesda News will not be delivered to Legacy Square, 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.

Scattered Seeds

This month's issue of Scattered Seeds will be online at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/scattered-seeds.html>. If you are interested in being on Bethesda's email list, sign up online and we will send it to you directly.

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.

Greetings to you all from Thailand,

We trust that all of you are keeping well and remain strong physically and spiritually in this time of being [in] quarantine. It is also good for us to take this opportunity to lock ourselves and quiet our hearts and minds to the presence of the Lord and kneel down to pray and to restore and be refreshed in Him.

We are keeping well and try to do our best in this uncertain situation. We try to be active and share God's love and proclaim His Almighty God in any circumstances. Thailand [is] also affected by coronavirus – 1,875 people got affected; 505 [were] healed and 15 deaths but the numbers increase every day so the government [is] encouraging all people to stay home and do no traveling if it is not necessary. We are not allowed to have any social gatherings or any kind of meetings. The supermarkets, banks, post offices, hospitals and other important businesses are still open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m. nobody [is] allowed to go out till 5 a.m. In the day times we still go out [to] buy groceries.

We do not have Sunday worship with our believers for now till the end of April, which is very sad, but we still do a little service with our team workers so that we can pray together. The children's ministry is also not being active now so what can we do to serve God. We prepare care packages that include all foods and [we] bring it to their houses and [have a] short prayer for them.

We don't know how long this going to last but we continue to pray and trust in God's guidance for our lives and future plans. This virus can affect our moving back home in June.

Thanks again for all your love and support in many ways. Our prayers are with you all and we believe that we are going to make it through by God's grace and His protection.

Take care of yourself and we love you all.
Rad and Pat





FINANCIALS

Donations received from April 8 – April 14, 2020

Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$120.00
Nebraska MCC Relief Sale	\$1,000.00
Benevolent Fund	\$20.00
Bethesda Preschool Scholarships	\$50.00
MC USA College Scholarships	\$50.00
Bethesda General Operating	\$10,789.00
Total	\$12,029.00

Giving Options:

Thank you for thinking about how to continue to make regular donations to Bethesda Mennonite Church. You have several options:

- 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.

BETHESDA OPERATING FUND

January 1 – April 14, 2020

2020 Approved Annual Operating Budget \$646,232

Bethesda Income: \$144,358

We have received 22.34% of our Approved Budget.

Operating Expenses: \$197,718

We have spent 30.60% of our Approved Budget.

Year to Date Income Minus Expenses (\$53,360)

(Annual insurance premium was paid in March.)