

# WELCOME

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – APRIL 5, 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 7

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Zoom Board of  
Deacons  
NO Prayer Meeting

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

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

### THURSDAY APRIL 9

7:00 p.m. Zoom Maundy  
Thursday Service

### SUNDAY APRIL 12

9:30 a.m. Worship Via  
Livestream  
Message: Pastor Seth  
Offering: Local Church  
Organist: Laura Steingard  
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

**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).

**Maundy Thursday Zoom service** will be held Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. The link can be found on the website [www.bmcfaitthformation.com](http://www.bmcfaitthformation.com).

**Pastor Seth will be 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 website [www.bmcfaitthformation.com](http://www.bmcfaitthformation.com).

**The 2020 Yearbooks are in!** Stop by the east entrance to pick up a copy from the plastic tote bins.

## 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.

**VBS June 1-5, 2020:** Got a package or a gift wrapped in brown craft paper? Don't throw it away! The VBS Committee will be using it for Bible School this year! Collect it over the next few months and watch for another announcement. Thank you!

**School kits 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.

## YOUTH

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

**High School Youth** will meet via Zoom Wednesday's 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.bmcfaitform.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

**The Nebraska MCC Sale Board** recently met via Zoom to discuss the cancellation of this year's sale. While we hope to hold an alternative event later, nothing will be decided until there is a clearer picture of what is to come. We recognize that MCC is still working and relief efforts are needed now more than ever across the globe. If you feel compelled to donate to help with the goals and efforts of MCC, please do so by sending a check to your local church or directly to Tom Swartzendruber (MCC Sale Treasurer), PO Box 71, Shickley, Nebraska 68436.

We also have a few loose ends we would like to address:

- T-shirts that were ordered will be sent to your home congregation and each church will oversee their distribution.
- If you made/donated a quilt, your church contact or someone from the sale will contact you with options.
- We have some dried nectarines available for purchase at \$10 a bag. Please let your church contact know if you are interested.
- My Coins Count money will be sent to Tom Swartzendruber at the address listed above by each church.
- We also cancelled our order with Equal Exchange which is typically fairly large if you need any **coffee, hot chocolate, etc.** to get you through these days of survival schooling, telecommuting, and working. As usual, feel free to place an order with them (no human interaction necessary).

Finally, friends, we ask as you read this announcement this "sale weekend" that you find a picture from a past MCC sale, golf tournament, trip, or activity and post it on the MCC Nebraska Relief Facebook page. Share a memory with that photo and maybe what MCC means to you. We may not be able to gather at the sale this weekend, but we would love to connect with each one of you and hear what MCC has done/meant for the last 100 years.

Praying we can see you all in person soon.  
The Nebraska MCC Relief Sale Board

Dear Prayer Partners,

In these uncertain times, Mennonite Mission Network and our partners around the world need your prayers more than ever. The April prayer materials were printed before COVID-19 became a global pandemic. Therefore, most of the specific events mentioned have been postponed.

Mennonite Mission Network personnel are complying with all government directives to avoid spreading disease in whatever country they find themselves. For example, when you pray for Youth Venture applicants (April 1), or for the Service Adventure work camp (April 4), know that young people are not gathering. Pray for God to bless them as they live with the disappointment of not being able to participate in the anticipated event, and that they would discern what experience God desires for them in its place.

From Paris, France, Janie Blough shared this encouragement from Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

In gratitude for your prayer ministry  
Lynda Hollinger-Janzen

# FINANCIALS

## Donations received from March 16 – April 2, 2020

Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$250.00
Ashland Christian Fellowship	\$25.00
Bethesda Women's Ministry	\$100.00
Bethesda Preschool Scholarships	\$432.50
MC USA Scholarships	\$412.50
General Operating Fund/Local Church	\$11,584.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,804.00</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.