

WELCOME

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – June 14, 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

Facility Announcement

Church Council met to review the new State Directed Health Measures and their impact to the church office and facilities. Throughout these past couple of months, our offices have remained open even while we limited access to the facilities. As we resume Sunday morning worship, Church Council has decided to continue limiting access to the facility during the week in order to minimize the amount of disinfecting, especially while supplies are limited. While the doors will remain locked, the pastors and staff are still available. Please call the office with your needs as the staff are eager to help. You are encouraged to call the office to set up an appointment with a pastor. This also means that boards, committees and other groups will continue to meet by Zoom and phone. Church Council will continue to meet regularly to review any changes to the directed health measures. Thank you for your patience as we balance our desire to get back to normal and to stay safe and healthy. You are invited to contact any of the Church Council members with questions or comments.

2020 Annual MCC Golf Tournament

The Annual MCC Golf Tournament will take place Saturday, June 27, with tee times beginning at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$120/team with lunch included at Indian Trails Country Club Beemer, Nebraska. For more information and to register call 402-560-7818, email nebraskamccgolf@gmail.com or give Lee Thiessen a call.

Some of you may have recently received a letter regarding subscriptions to *The Mennonite* and *The Mennonite World Review*. Those publications are merging to a new publication called *Anabaptist World* with a September issue. Currently Bethesda pays for a group subscription to *The Mennonite* which will change into a group subscription to *Anabaptist World*. You may check the box for Option 2: continuing the group subscription.

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAY JUNE 16

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Board of Business
8:00 p.m. Board of Education
8:00 p.m. Board of Service & Outreach

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

12:00 p.m. Bulletin
Announcements Due
(Email or call)

SATURDAY JUNE 20

9:30 a.m. Central Plains
Annual Meeting via Zoom

SUNDAY June 21

9:30 a.m. Worship
Message: Pastor Gene Thiesen
Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference
Organist: Laura Steingard
3:30 p.m. Zoom Mom's Support Group
June 21-26 Swan Lake Christian Camp 4th-5th Grade

CHURCH FAMILY

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

Jean Siebert, Jane Brehm, JoAnn Epp, Leo Duerksen, Rachele Schweitzer, Charlie Quiring, Harlan Braun

Central Plains Mennonite Conference

It is not too late! Register for Central Plains Annual Meeting today! This year, we're meeting for our delegate sessions on Saturday, June 20 via Zoom. Find out more and register on our website:

www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2020. Extra packet information is available on the table outside the church office. Please keep the following delegates in your prayers: Pastor Andrea Wall, Carol Janzen, Arlin Hiebner.

Please join MCC on June 16 at 1:00 p.m. for a webinar: MCC's migration work in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala/El Salvador to discuss questions such as: How are MCC workers and partners in Latin America being affected by COVID-19? How are U.S. policies and protocols affecting the spread of the virus? How are organizations and faith communities responding? And how can each of us get involved and support their work during this time? Learn how to join this conversation at mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series.

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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

YOUTH

All Zoom links can be found @ www.bmcfaitform.com.

High School Youth will not meet this week and have decided to regather again via Zoom, Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Catechism 2020 will meet via Zoom at 11:00 a.m. today.

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.

FINANCIALS

Worship Offering: June 7, 2020

Worship Attendance: 94

Mennonite Church USA/Mission Network	\$1,042.00
Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$100.00
MCC	\$600.00
Dayspring Ministries	\$100.00
Ashland Fellowship	\$150.00
Benevolent Fund	\$600.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$8,098.15
Sunday School	\$50.00
Total Worship Offering	\$10,740.15

SWAN LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Greetings from Swan Lake Christian Camp!

Your child/children are invited to attend camp at NO CHARGE through a gift from Bethesda's South Fellowship Hall Sunday School class! When registering your child for camp online, check the appropriate church scholarship amount. Bethesda will be billed at the end of the summer for those who attended.

Go online to register your child at www.myslcc.com. Also, please fill out the Permission for Medical Treatment and Transportation Form online at www.bethesdamc.org. Go to "Ministries," then "Swan Lake Christian Camp." Please submit these forms online as this is the only way the office has of knowing if your child will be attending camp and need transportation.

Cottontail Camp (Pre-K & Kindergarten) July 1 (\$25)
Chipmunk Camp (First & Second Grade) July 2 (\$25)
Third & Fourth Grade Camp June 28-30 (\$130)
Fourth & Fifth Grade Camp June 21-26 (\$260)
Sixth Grade Camp July 5-10 (\$260)
Junior High Camp July 12-17 (\$260)
Senior High Camp July 19-24 (\$260)
(All grades based on 2019-2020 school year.)

Your campers' safety is, as always, a top priority and the development of Covid-19 added a unique level of safety concerns. We have made a few changes to the way we are planning to do some of our activities this summer. A letter outlining these steps is available on the Bethesda website, but here is a shortened version:

- We will spend more time outdoors - morning chapel and eating.
- As kids arrive, we will be taking temperatures with an infrared thermometer.
- Water fountains will be shut down.
- Frequent hand washing is encouraged as well as the use of hand sanitizer.
- Enhanced sanitation practices in restrooms and the dining hall.

Please let us know if you have thoughts or questions as we move forward for this summer.

Jerry & Judi Kroeker
Swan Lake Christian Camp
605-326-5690