

# WELCOME

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – June 7, 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.

**The Zoom Mom's Support Group will not meet today.**

**The Zoom Prayer Gathering will not be meeting** during June, July and August. We will review Directed Health Measures later in the summer and consider resuming in September.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held online this year. Watch the bulletin for dates and additional information coming soon.

**Consider being an MVS** participant for the 2020-2021 MVS year! The application deadline has been extended until the end of July. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/MVS](http://MennoniteMission.net/MVS) to learn more and apply!

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### TUESDAY JUNE 9

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

### WEDNESDAY June 10

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

### SUNDAY June 14

9:30 a.m. Worship  
Message: Pastor Gene Thieszen  
Offering: Local Church  
Organist: Laura Steingard  
3:30 p.m. Zoom Mom's Support Group

## CHURCH FAMILY

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

Jean Siebert, Jane Brehm, JoAnn Epp, Lelan Thieszen, Leo Duerksen, Michael Vaught Family

### Central Plains Mennonite Conference

So many things are different this year—but one thing that is not different is that YOU are invited to Central Plains Annual Meeting! We will be meeting virtually on Saturday, June 20, via Zoom. Find out more information and register on our website at [www.centralplainsmce.org/annual-meeting-2020](http://www.centralplainsmce.org/annual-meeting-2020).

**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 among the vulnerable population? 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](http://mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series).

## CONTACT US

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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](http://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: May 31, 2020**

**Worship Attendance: 99**

Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$300.00
MCC	\$400.00
Dayspring Ministries	\$500.00
Ashland Fellowship	\$50.00
Facility Renovations & Parking Lot	\$500.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$10,666.00
Sunday School	\$25.00
<b>Total Worship Offering</b>	<b>\$12,441.00</b>

# 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](http://www.myslcc.com). Also, please fill out the Permission for Medical Treatment and Transportation Form online at [www.bethesdamc.org](http://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  
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