

WELCOME

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – August 2, 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

In July, the Deacons conducted Pastor Seth's annual review. During this time, we discussed the joys and challenges of his ministry, and his gratitude and love for you as a congregation. July also marks the conclusion of 5 years of ministry for him at Bethesda. According to policy, a congregational vote is required to call Pastor Seth for another 5-year term. We as the Board of Deacons unanimously affirm the calling of Pastor Seth to another 5-year term, therefore notice is given of a Congregational Meeting to take place Sunday, August 9, 2020, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of affirming Pastor Seth to another 5-year term as Pastor of Preaching and Outreach at Bethesda Mennonite Church.

Absentee ballots are available and must be requested by members in writing, in person, or by phone. If you wish to vote by absentee, please call the church office or knock on the east door and a ballot will be delivered to you. Please feel free to leave a message if no one answers. There is typically only one person in the office and they may have stepped away from the office, are on the line with another person, or assisting pastors.

Board of Deacons

Jill Weisheit has made the decision to step down as Funeral Coordinator. Jill has faithfully served the congregation in this role for 10 years. She has graciously given countless hours of organizing, calling, and volunteering preparing food. Most of us, if not all of us, have experienced her humor, joy, kindness, and compassion in emotionally difficult times. As a congregation, we are indebted to Jill for her dedicated service.

Funeral Coordinator Position

Church Council is looking for someone to fill the role of Interim Funeral Coordinator. Providing funeral luncheons has a long and meaningful history at Bethesda. Unfortunately, while this position is vacant, we are unsure of our ability to continue to provide meals during this period of review.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY AUGUST 3

8:00 p.m. Church
Council/Deacons/Pastor
Meeting via Zoom

TUESDAY AUGUST 4

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:00 p.m. Preschool Comm.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

12:00 p.m. Bulletin
Announcements Due
7:00 p.m. Youth via Zoom

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

9:30 a.m. Worship/Baptism
Message: Pastor Andrea
Offering: Local Church
Pianist: Marilyn Kroeker
Faith@Home VBS

CHURCH FAMILY

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

Jean Siebert, Jane Brehm, Rachele Schweitzer, Charlie Quiring, Alton Friesen, Miss Dianne R. Buller, Fred Weisheit, Walt Ott, Kenny Epp, Steve Michel Family, Martha Hiebner Family, JoAnn Epp Family

Death

JoAnn Epp, age 77, of Henderson, Nebraska, died Friday, July 24, 2020, at Henderson after a nine-year battle with cancer. Memorial services were held Friday, July 31, 2020. JoAnn is survived by her husband, Myron; sons, Michael (Glenda) Epp of Lincoln and Jim (Kim) Epp of Henderson; grandchildren Paige Marie Bose of Henderson and Levi and Caleb Epp both of Lincoln. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Ardith Epp, Pam Epp, Elvera Epp, and Shirley (Dennis) Reis; several nieces, nephews, friends; and of course, grand puppy Ruby. Please keep this family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of JoAnn.

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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

NEBRASKA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE
ONLINE AUCTION
AUGUST 23-30 2020

Items can be donated by contacting auctioneer Kelly Kliewer
colkliewer@hamilton.net
Send him a picture, item description, your name and congregation.

The auction will be held on HiBid.com

The sale auction will be run through Kliewer Auction on HiBid.
www.kliewerauction.com click on the HiBid logo

AUCTION GUIDELINES

You will have to register (all info including a credit card) on HiBid to bid
The Sale will be listed as Nebraska Mennonite Quilt and Craft Auction
You can then view the quilts and crafts listed there.

Items can be viewed online beginning August 1, 2020
The bidding will begin August 23, and end August 30, 7:00pm.
Bidders can pay with PayPal, credit card, with a 4% charge on credit
cards, or a check sent to sale treasurer Tom Swartzendruber
PO Box 71 Shickley NE 68436.

A receipt will be sent to the buyer before items can be picked up
Craft items will have to be picked up by the buyer from the seller.
Quilts can be picked up in Henderson by contacting Wendy Janzen,
wendyjanzen@icloud.com Quilts can also be mailed to the buyer
for a flat fee of \$50.00 paid with your bill.

A proxy can be used for bidding if the buyer is not comfortable with
bidding on line. A high max bid (unseen) can be placed on an item
online so that your bid will be there until you are out bid.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE NEBRASKA SALE and MCC
Check out our Facebook page **Nebraska Mennonite Relief Sale** and
share to spread the news. Plan to be a part of this auction for MCC.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS, TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS!!!

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) These well-known words of Jesus give us a picture of God's love for children. For this welcome to be truly extended to children in the context of our congregation, our church must be place of refuge and safety. May the process of protecting the children in the care of our congregation be marked with healthy relationships as we travel together on this journey toward growth in caring, trust, and wholeness.

Yearly Safe Child Protection Forms will be filled out online by all who work with children/youth. Go to www.bethesdamc.org. Click Bulletins & Resources, then Child Protection & Forms.

- **If you are a volunteer/teacher**, fill out the Volunteer for Children/Youth (teachers, nursery workers, youth leaders etc.).
- **If you are a parent**, fill out the Trip Permission form and the Youth Permission/Waiver form (one per child please) for children attending any BMC activity (Sunday School, Midweek, etc.).
- **If you will drive children/youth** to any event, fill out the Driving History Record Release form.
- **Forms are due Sunday, September 13, 2020.**

“VBS 2020: FAITH@HOME!”

Theme: Don't Be Afraid

Throughout the Bible God's people are told over and over again, "Do not be afraid." But when we go through a time of crisis and change, it is natural to feel afraid and uncertain. So where do we turn? Over the next 6 weeks, we will learn from Jesus how to follow him beyond our fears.

Every Sunday through August 16, check the Faith Formation website in the afternoon for the weekly video, discussion questions and suggested activities: <http://www.bmcfaithformation.com/faithhome>.

If you haven't registered your family, you are still welcome to join us! However, if you want a printed packet you will need to contact the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Christa Janzen (574-304-7948) or Pastor Andrea.

MCC is hosting virtual alumni gatherings for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. And you are invited! Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates, times and register at mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings. Questions? Please contact heidihuber@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720.

FINANCIALS

Worship Offering: July 26, 2020

Worship Attendance: 99

Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$1,690.00
Dayspring Ministries	\$1,600.00
Ashland Fellowship	\$25.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$4,118.00
Henderson Ministerial Association	\$350.00
Total	\$7,783.00

**Please Note: Regular Sunday School offering is part of the General Operating Budget. You are encouraged to give an extra amount in your local church offering rather than write a separate check or designation for Sunday School. Thank you.

YOUTH

All Zoom links and resources can be found @

www.bmcfaitformation.com.

High School Youth will regather again via Zoom, Wednesday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Catechism 2020 WILL meet today, August 2, 2020 via Zoom.

Bethesda Women's Ministries.

Bethesda Women's Ministries Executive Committee met to discern whether to begin to meet together again. We have come to the decision to NOT resume meetings this year. We know, we are disappointed too, but feel this is the right decision for right now. Taking into consideration the DHHS guidelines for faith communities, we envisioned what our time together might look like, the risk factors for our age group, the barriers it presents to the fellowship and community that brings us joy and binds us together, creative options for meeting, weighing pros and cons. We will keep you informed if anything changes. Questions or thoughts, contact Chair, Carol Janzen 402-723-4675.

But be not dismayed, for God is at work in our midst! God continues to inhabit the ordinary and challenging spaces of our lives and every moment lies within the circle of God's care. God's care is seen through each of you: in small groups of women gathered and distanced on porches for coffee, in neighborly curbside chats, in walks and bike rides with a friend, in checking on neighbors, sharing of gardens and baked goodies, in cards, phone calls and prayers. God invites us to creatively participate in God's transformative work in the world and to reach out with sisterly love and care.

A prayer by author and speaker, Sarah Bessey, as we dwell in these times:

God of ripe raspberries and slow Sundays, the same God in the midst of suffering and inspiring revolution, here we are. I pray for courage. No one ever told us how much courage it takes to live whole-heartedly, did they? No one told us how brave we would have to be. And yet here we are. I pray for courage to rise up in us so that we can get up out of our beds for another day and do what we need to do to carry on, to move with you towards justice and shalom and feasts. I pray for an appetite to eat good food and I pray we will go to bed on time and sleep well. I pray we will be good to our own selves in the midst of all this. I pray for our hands to find work that has meaning and goodness and for respite. May we remember to pause and give thanks for even the smallest of graces, knowing You are singing in the midst of them. Amen.

Swan Lake Women's Retreat has been CANCELLED for this year. Dates for next year are September 18-19, 2021.

Now thank we all our God 86

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1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us safe in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

God is here among us

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1 God is here a - mong us; let us all a - dore him, and with
 2 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry, be thine
 3 Glad - ly we sur - ren - der earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of



awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with - in us; soul, in
 earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing Spir - it, with trans -
 life, and sin - ful plea - sures. Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to



si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent - ly draw near him. Now his own
 fig - ured splen - dor; love and hon - or will I ren - der. Where I go
 be for - ev - er, soul and life and each en - deav - or. Thou a - lone

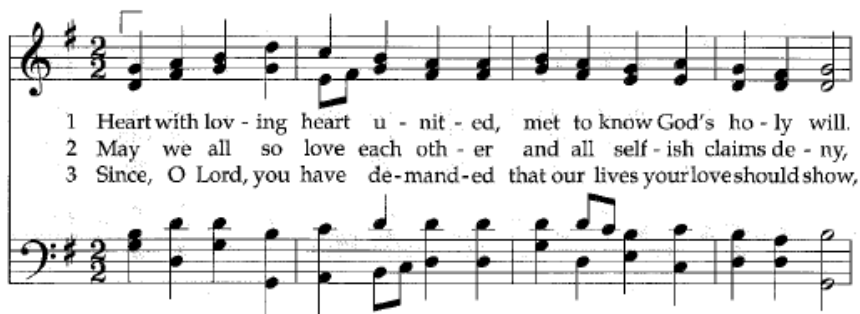


who have known God in wor - ship low - ly yield their spir - its whol - ly.
 here be - low, let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.
 shalt be known Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.

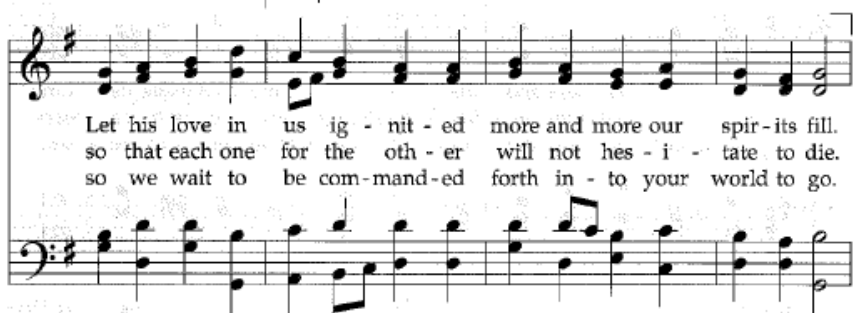


420 Heart with loving heart united

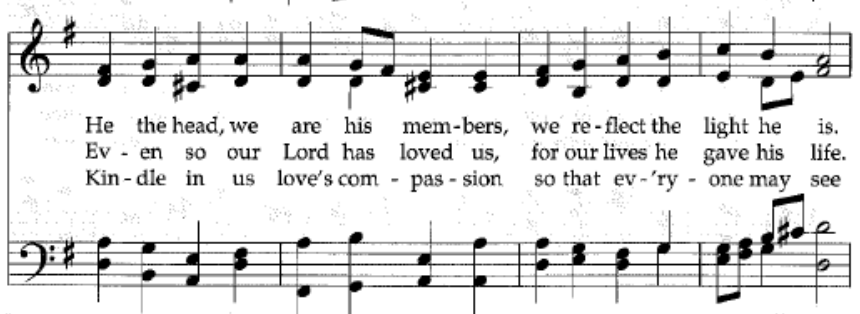
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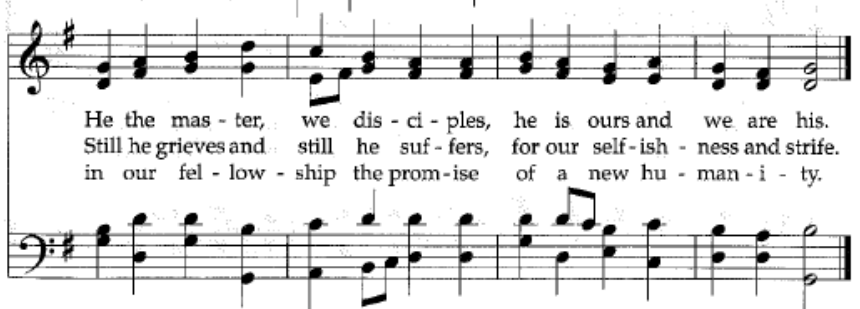
1 Heart with lov - ing heart u - nit - ed, met to know God's ho - ly will.
2 May we all so love each oth - er and all self - ish claims de - ny,
3 Since, O Lord, you have de - mand - ed that our lives your loveshould show,



Let his love in us ig - nit - ed more and more our spir - its fill.
so that each one for the oth - er will not hes - i - tate to die.
so we wait to be com - mand - ed forth in - to your world to go.



He the head, we are his mem - bers, we re - flect the light he is.
Ev - en so our Lord has loved us, for our lives he gave his life.
Kin - dle in us love's com - pas - sion so that ev - 'ry - one may see



He the mas - ter, we dis - ci - ples, he is ours and we are his.
Still he grieves and still he suf - fers, for our self - ish - ness and strife.
in our fel - low - ship the prom - ise of a new hu - man - i - ty.

344 I will sing of my Redeemer

MY REDEEMER 87, 87 with refrain

1 I will sing of my Re - deem - er and his
 2 I will tell the won - drous sto - ry, how, my
 3 I will praise my dear Re - deem - er, his tri -
 4 I will sing of my Re - deem - er, and his

won - drous love to me. On the cru - el cross he
 lost es - tate to save, in his bound - less love and
 um - phant pow'r I'll tell, how the vic - to - ry he
 heav'n - ly love to me. He from death to life hath

suf - fered from the curse to set me free.
 mer - cy, he the ran - som free - ly gave.
 giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.
 brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

Text: Philip P. Bliss, *Welcome Tidings*, 1877Music: James McGranahan, *Welcome Tidings*, 1877

Refrain

Sing, oh sing of my Re - deem - er, with his
Sing, oh sing of my Re-deem-er, sing, oh sing of my Re-deem-er, with his

blood he pur - chased me, on the
blood he pur-chased me, with his blood he pur-chased me, on the

cross he sealed my par - don, paid the
cross he sealed my par-don, on the cross he sealed my par-don, paid the

debt and made me free.
debt and made me free, and made me free.

