# WELCOME

**BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – August 23, 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

## 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 <u>www.bethesdamc.org</u>. Click Bulletins & Resources, then Child Protection & Forms.**

- **<u>If you are a volunteer/teacher,</u>** fill out the **Volunteer for Children/Youth** (teachers, nursery workers, youth leaders etc.).
- **<u>If you are a parent</u>**, 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.).
- **<u>If you will drive children/youth</u>** to any event, fill out the **Driving History Record Release** form.
- **Forms are due Sunday, September 13, 2020.**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**MONDAY AUGUST 24**
8:00 p.m. Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

**TUESDAY AUGUST 25**
8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26**
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due
7:00 p.m. Midweek Teachers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**SUNDAY AUGUST 30**
9:30 a.m. Worship
Message: Pastor Seth
Offering: AMBS
Pianist: Sandra Quiring

## CHURCH FAMILY

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS, GRIEF OR FAMILY NEEDS…**
Jean Siebert, Jane Brehm, Rachelle Schweitzer, Charlie Quiring, Alton Friesen, Ms. Dianne R. Buller, Fred Weisheit, Kenny Epp, JoAnn Epp Family, Elroy Bergen, Burton & Jean Peters, Walt Ott Family

**Midweek Teachers Needed**
We are in need of several teachers for K-1st grade and 5th-6th grade. Please call Joy Friesen at 402-366-3848 if you would consider serving in this way.

**Sunday School Teacher Needed**
The Sunday School Committee is looking for a junior high Sunday school teacher. If you are interested, please contact Daphne Hall at 402-562-0811.

**College students,** please fill out the student contact form at www.bethesdamc.org so we can stay in touch with you while you are at college!

## CONTACT US

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Email: bethesda@mainstaycomm.net Website: www.bethesdamc.org

Faith Formation Website: www.bmcfaithformation.com

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.**

**Fall Programming Update**

The Board of Education, in partnership with the Church Council, has been creating a plan for resuming activities this fall. We hope to resume Sunday School sometime after Labor Day and Midweek beginning at a later date. Watch the bulletin for more information regarding start up dates. We will need parents and volunteers to fill out the Child Protection Forms before September 13. Forms can be found online at: http://bethesdamc.org/bulletinsresources/child-protection-forms

Sunday School Volunteers: Letters have been sent to Sunday School teachers and volunteers with protocols for beginning Sunday School. Please contact Lisa Tessman, Chair of the Sunday School Committee, with confirmation of your willingness to teach this fall.

PK-6th Grade Midweek Volunteers will meet on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a training in preparation for resuming Midweek this fall. Please direct any questions to Joy Friesen, Co-chair of the Midweek Committee.

**Reminder…**

If you are currently serving on a Funeral Committee, please respond to Kathryn Goertzen at 402-723-4931 or 402-694-8963 regarding your willingness to continue to serve on the committee.

**Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people in need of food and other assistance in Beirut, Lebanon.** A massive explosion on August 4 destroyed the country's main port and silos filled with grain and worsened an existing economic crisis. You can donate online at mcc.org/beirut-response, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked "Beirut response" to MCC 21 S. 12th St., Akron PA 17501.

**MCC is in need of school kits to fulfill requests from our partners around the world!** Complete kits and/or supplies (find a full list of items at mcc.org/kits) can be shipped to MCC Central States (121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117) or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room at MCC. If you would like help unloading, please contact Kate at (katemast@mcc.org, (316) 804-8432) to schedule a drop off time. Thank you for your continued support of MCC!

# FINANCIALS

**Worship Offering: August 16, 2020**
**Worship Attendance: 118**

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| Mennonite Church USA/Mission Network | $50.00 |
| Central Plains Mennonite Conference | $1,875.00 |
| Dayspring Ministries | $50.00 |
| Bethesda General Operating | $3,510.00 |
| **Total** | **$5,485.00** |
| **Martha Hiebner Memorial (MCC Canner)** | **$810.00** |

# Holy God, we praise thy name 121

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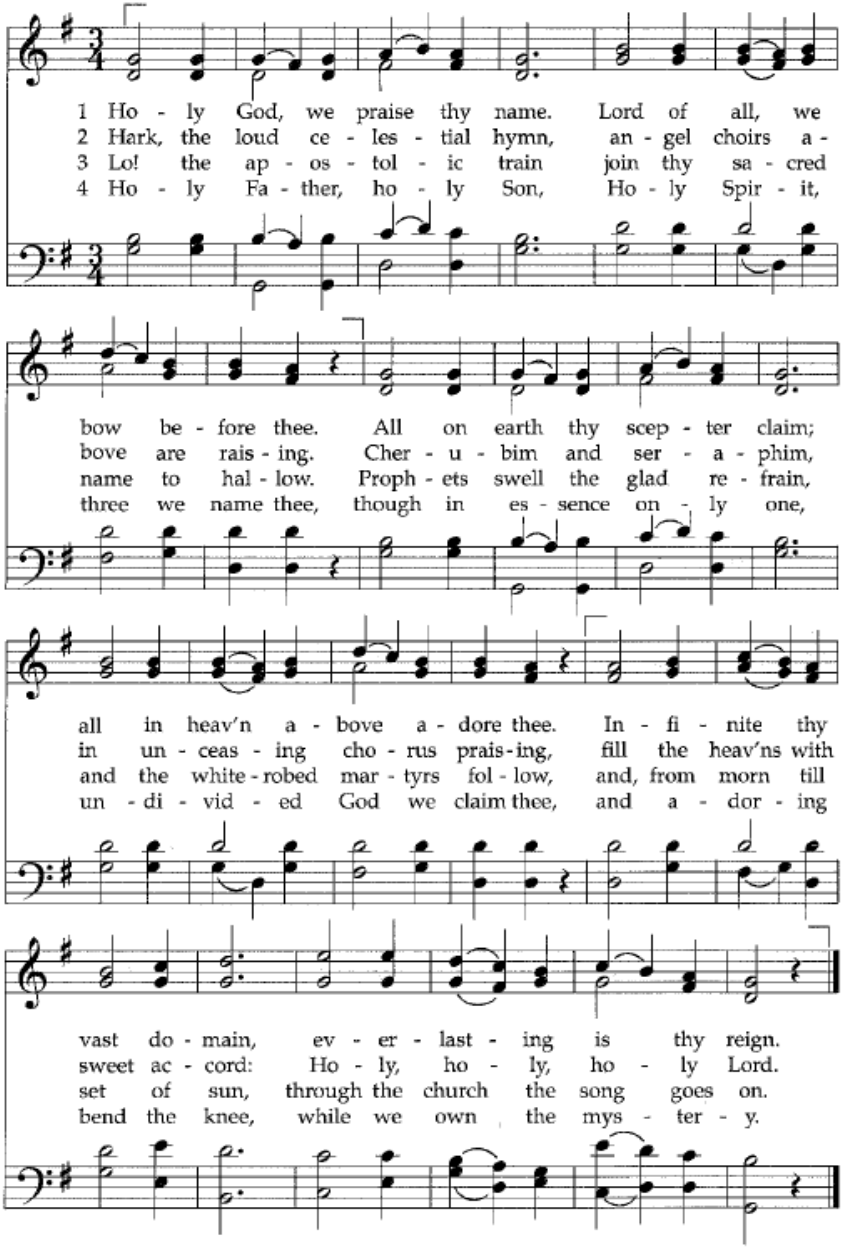


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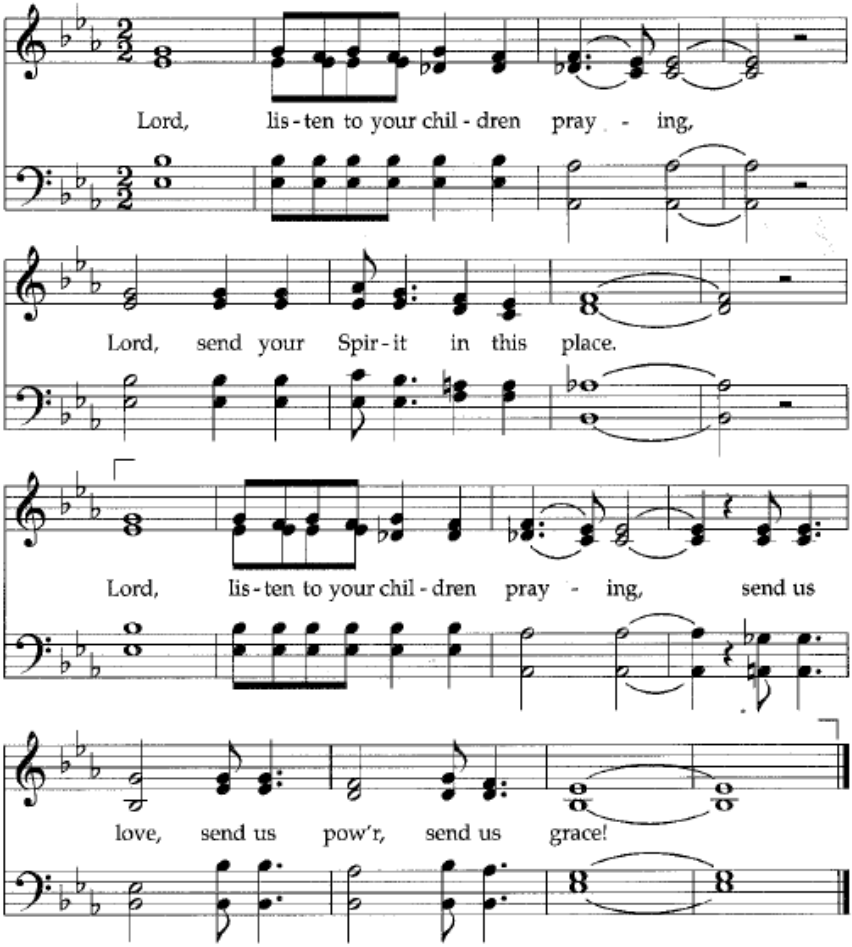
# Lord, listen to your children 353

CHILDREN PRAYING 98. 99

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FAITH JOURNEY: Doubt/Faith

# 571 'Tis not with eyes of flesh we see

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1 'Tis not with eyes of flesh we see that Christ is
God's a-noint-ed one. With eyes of faith we know that he
is God's be-lov-ed on-ly Son-e-ter-nal king en-
throned a-bove, re-veal-er of God's grace and love.

2 O Christ, you have the words of life-un-to no
oth-er can we go. None but your-self can calm our strife,
and none but you our hopes can know. Since you have walked this
way be-fore, you are to us the on-ly door.

3 Be-liev-ing thus, O Son of God, we walk with
you a-long life's way. We fol-low where your feet have trod
un-to the realms of glo-rious day. O fill our hearts with
joy-ous song! Sus-tain our faith and make us strong!

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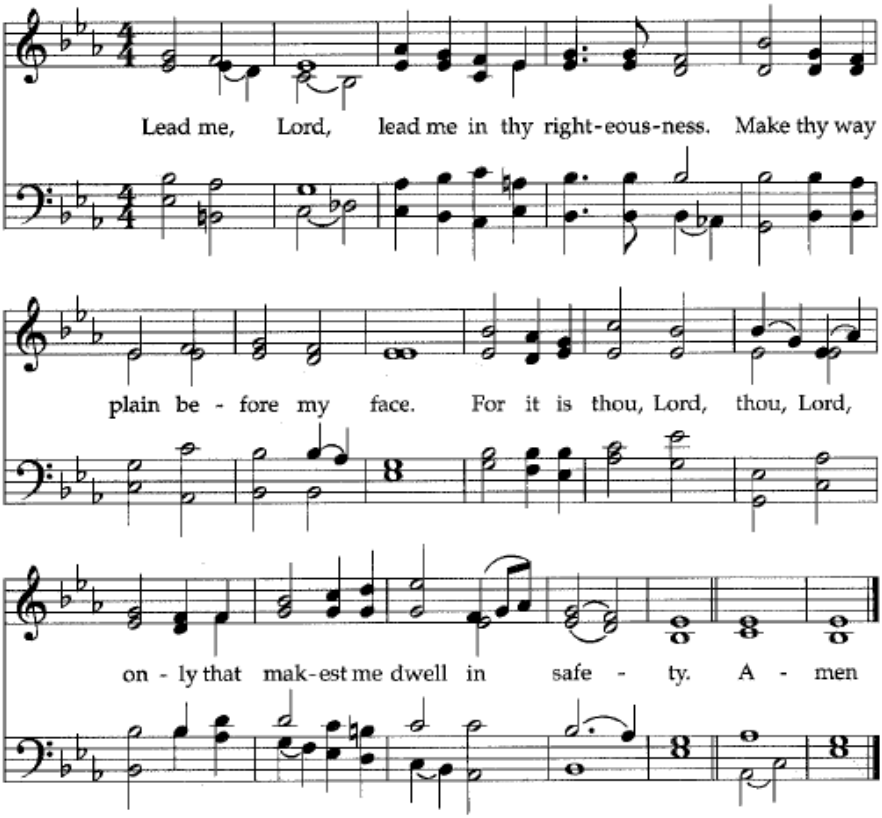
# Lead me, Lord 538

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Music: Samuel Wesley

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# MESSAGE NOTES: MATTHEW 16:13-20

# CONNECT

For more information, complete the form below and drop this tear-off in the offering or at the church office.

I would like more information about:

☐ Children's Programs
☐ Youth Programs
☐ Bible Studies
☐ Choirs
☐ Serving
☐ Baptism
☐ Membership
☐ Other _____

☐ I would like to receive the weekly e-Bethesda News. Please enter your email address:

_____

☐ I'm new to Bethesda Mennonite Church.

☐ Please update/add my contact information to the Bethesda yearbook.

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| Name | |
| Address | |
| City, State, Zip | |
| Email | |
| Home Phone | |
| Cell Phone | |

My age range:

☐ Elementary School
☐ High School
☐ Adult
☐ Junior High
☐ College

Comments/Bulletin Announcement…

Please pray for…