

WELCOME

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – August 9, 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

A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship today for the purpose of affirming Pastor Seth to another 5-year term as Pastor of Preaching and Outreach at Bethesda Mennonite Church. You may detach and use the ballot on the final page of this insert.

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.

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.

Support MCC and celebrate MCC's centennial with a new shirt, hoodie, tea towel, bag, or hat! Check out this online store set up by the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to place your order today (pssst, it's never too early to start Christmas shopping!). Visit wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/ and start shopping to support MCC!

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!

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

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

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

12:00 p.m. Bulletin
Announcements Due
7:00 p.m. Sunday School
Committee

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

9:30 a.m. Worship
Message: Pastor Seth
Offering: CPMC
Pianist: Sandra Quiring
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, Elroy Bergen, Burton & Jean Peters

Do you have skills with a sewing machine? If so, you can help provide a safer campus for our Bethel College students, faculty, and staff by making masks. You may drop masks off at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center or send them to:

Masks for Threshers
Bethel College Advancement Office
300 E 27th Street
North Newton, KS 67117

Service Adventure has open spots for the 2020-2021 term beginning in fall. If you are interested in taking a gap year to serve, live in community, and grow spiritually, contact SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or apply online at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

CONTACT US

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Faith Formation Website: www.bmcfithformation.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.

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.bmcfithformation.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: August 2, 2020

Worship Attendance: 100

Mennonite Church USA/Mission Network	\$1,914.00
Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$425.00
Dayspring Ministries	\$25.00
Ashland Fellowship	\$50.00
Bethesda General Operating	\$7,624.65
Sunday School Projects	\$100.00
Total	\$10,138.65

****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.

Bethesda Operating Fund January 1 – August 4, 2020	
2020 Approved Annual Operating Budget	\$646,232
Bethesda Income	\$285,725
**We have received 44.21% of our Approved Budget.	
Operating Expenses	\$330,905
**We have spent 51.21% of our Approved Budget.	
Year to Date Income Minus Expenses	(\$45,180)

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.

Christ is our cornerstone 43

DARWALL'S 148th 66, 66, 88

1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, on him a - lone we
 2 Oh, then with hymns of praise these hal - low'd courts shall
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do thou for - ev - er - more draw
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we im -

build. With his true saints a - lone the courts of
 ring. Our voic - es we will raise, the Three - in -
 nigh. Ac - cept each faith - ful prayer, and mark each
 plore, and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us

heav'n are filled. On his great love our
 One to sing, and thus pro - claim in
 sup - pliant sigh. In co - pious shower on
 ev - er - more, un - til that day when

hopes we place of pres - ent grace and joys a - - - - - above.
 joy - ful song both loud and long that glo - rious name.
 all who pray each ho - ly day thy bless - ings pour!
 all the bless'd to end - less rest are called a - way!

Christ be with me

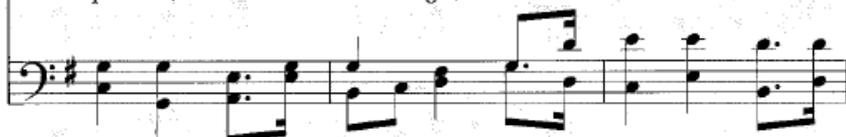
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5 Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be -
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in



hind me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
qui - et, Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that



After repeat return to previous hymn



win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me;
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

Text: attributed to St. Patrick, *Irish Liber Hymnorum*, 1097; tr. Cecil F. Alexander, 1889, *Writings of St. Patrick*, 1889Music: Traditional Irish melody, *Ancient Music of Ireland*, 1840; adapted for *English Hymnal*, 1906

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106 Just a closer walk with thee

CLOSER WALK Irregular

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it
 1 I am weak but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea; dal - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee, let it be, dear... Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 shares? None but thee, dear... Lord, none but thee.
 o'er to thy king - dom... shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
 Music: North American traditional

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you
(Repeat 2 times)

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BALLOT

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2020

The Board of Deacons unanimously affirms the calling of Pastor Seth Miller, Pastor of Preaching and Outreach for another 5-year term.

I AFFIRM

I DO NOT AFFIRM

(Please tear off this page and give to ushers.)