

WELCOME

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – September 13, 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

Christian Formation Sunday, designated as the second Sunday in September, serves as a reminder of the importance of Christian nurture and education in raising followers of Christ. During the worship service today, teachers will be recognized and first graders Roddek Friesen, McKinley Hiebner, James Janzen, and Henry Peters will receive Bibles. Sunday School classes will resume today.

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.

Thank you to all who have recently agreed to serve on and be chairpersons of our five newly reorganized funeral meal committees. Jean Peters, Carol Janzen and JoAnn (Mike) Friesen will be our new funeral coordinator team. A special thanks also goes to Jill Weisheit for the years that she has served so well as coordinator.

We have resumed the normal schedule of having the church building open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As in the past, the only doors that will be unlocked will be the east and north doors. When preschool is in session, the west doors will be unlocked for the preschool students to enter through. Because there is the potential for many individuals to be in the building touching a variety of surfaces, we encourage you to use hand sanitizer when you come in the building and as you move around the building. There are sanitizer stations located throughout the church. The wearing of masks and social distancing are encouraged. The water fountains will remain turned off. If you have any questions or comments, please contact any Church Council member.

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

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

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 a.m. Worship
Message: Pastor Andrea
Offering: Bethel College
Pianist: Laura Steingard
10:40 a.m. Sunday School

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, Monty Regier, Milla Rae Schmucker, Byron Friesen, Becky Kliewer, Linda Goertzen

School Kits are still needed by MCC. We will again be packing 1,000 kits. Supplies have been ordered. The cost for this project will be approximately \$4,000. You may share in this project by donating in the Sunday morning offering and designating it for MCC School Kits. We will plan a work night again in early November. If you have any questions, please contact Lindy Siebert or Adeline Huebert.

Beginning Sunday, September 13, according to guidelines established by Church Council, the nursery will once again be open for your use. Care will be taken to ensure your child's safety. If you have questions, please contact Ron Goertzen or Joy Friesen.

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

FALL PROGRAMMING UPDATE

- As we begin Sunday School today, September 13, 2020, we ask that if you have a fever, cough, sore throat or other contagious symptoms to please stay home.
- Sunday School attendees will be asked to sanitize their hands with sanitizer provided at the classroom's entrance.
- We encourage teachers and children to wear face masks and social distance as much as possible.
- We are also offering digitally our Faith@Home series for families. You can view this summer's six week video series at www.bmcfaitformation.com/faithhome.
- More information will be coming about our Fall/Winter digital options.
- Midweek: A start date will be determined by the end of September.
- Parents and volunteers/teachers please fill out the required child protection forms by today. You can find them on our website at <http://bethesdamc.org/bulletinsresources/child-protection-forms>.

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.
- **All forms are due today, Sunday, September 13, 2020.**

FINANCIALS

Worship Offering: September 6, 2020

Worship Attendance: 145

Mennonite Church USA/Mission Network	\$2,037.00
Central Plains Mennonite Conference	\$50.00
MCC	\$134.00
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary	\$150.00
Dayspring Ministries	\$300.00
Ashland Fellowship	\$250.00
Facility Renovations/Parking Lot	\$70.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$6,915.00
Sunday School Projects	\$100.00
Total	\$10,006.00

ACROSS THE STREET, AROUND THE WORLD

The MCC Mobile Meat Canner will not be coming to Nebraska this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We will instead be heading to Newton. The canner is setting up at the MCC Warehouse during the Month of November. We are currently determining what days and how much meat we would like to commit to can. It would be helpful to know how many volunteers are interested, and whether you would just be willing to come for a day trip or find overnight lodging. It would also be helpful to know if you are someone who would normally help with the canner, but are choosing not to travel out of state during the pandemic, and would therefore, not be planning to attend. We do not want to be in a situation where we have signed up a for a certain amount of meat and are unable to process it for lack of volunteers. Please contact Brent Swartzendruber 402-366-0885.

Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, October 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Register NOW for the MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride! Due to COVID-19, the ride is a “virtual” event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. [Register online at Bikereg.com](https://www.bikereg.com). Join us in raising money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. With these improvements, students will have safe water to drink and wash their hands. In this global pandemic, access to clean water is more essential than ever. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to MCC Flatlander Bike Ride may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Canner Operator: MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out <https://mcc.org/get-involved/canning> for details!

Seed Program: MCC is looking for young adults for its Seed programs in Colombia and Guatemala/El Salvador which offer experiential learning and formation focused on Reflection, Service and Peacebuilding. Application deadline is October 19, 2020. For more information or to apply, please visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings>.

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choirs | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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

My age range:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | |

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

Please pray for...