W E L C O M E

We are happy you could join us today!
Please feel free to have a cup of coffee from the Coffee Spot!
“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.”
Bethesda Mennonite Church
www.bethesdamc.org
September 17, 2017

Sanctuary Update
Midwest Sound and Lighting has been working this past week to install the sound system in the sanctuary. Painting in the narthex and outside the office has begun and carpeting has begun as well. A portion of the organ pipes have been reinstalled. Good progress is being made!

Adult Bible Study
Adult Bible study during September and October will center around peace as a way of life. We will consider the biblical roots of peace and how that impacts our life choices. We will meet each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the northeast Sunday school room!

Pastor Jim

The MDS Region 3 annual meeting will be held Friday-Saturday, November 10 & 11. Friday evening’s meal and program will be held in Pilger, Nebraska in their new community center. MDS assisted there following a devastating tornado in 2014. Keynote speaker will be LaRayne Topp author of Eighty- One Seconds: The Attack and Aftermath as tornadoes hit Pilger, Stanton Wakefield and Wisner, Nebraska. Saturday’s business meetings will take place at Beemer Mennonite Church, Beemer, Nebraska. Contact Roy Smith for information.
Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, September 17
8:45 a.m. Deacon Prayer Time
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:40 a.m. Sunday School
7:30 p.m. High school Bible Study at Jeff & Tami Peters’ house

TUESDAY, September 19
8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. Board of Business
8:00 p.m. Board of Education
8:00 p.m. Board of Service & Outreach

WEDNESDAY, September 20
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Midweek
7:00 p.m. CORNERSTONE
7:00 p.m. Powerhouse
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:00 p.m. Messiah Rehearsal

SATURDAY, September 23
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study at Perks

Next SUNDAY, September 24, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship
Message – Pastor Seth Miller
Offering – Local Church
Pianist – Marilyn Kroeker
Special Music – Powerhouse
12:00 – Potluck

Garage Parties: If you are interested in hosting a garage party for community children October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. please contact Pastor Andrea.
Church Family

Please pray for those with health concerns, grief or family needs.

Prayer Requests
Caleb Friesen (son of Rick/Brittany Friesen)  Children’s Hospital, Omaha
Bryan Bechtel
LaVonne Thiessen

Thank you
Harold and Marie Epp wish to thank you for all the cards, flowers and food that were brought to their home. The visits from you and the pastors were so appreciated and prayers were felt.

Immediate Need for Sunday School!
An Assistant Sunday School Superintendent is needed immediately. Contact the office (402-723-4562) or Connie Bechtel (402-723-5250 / 402-363-9973).

All women with September birthdays are invited to the September birthday party on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the east bulletin board. Linda Yoder is hostess to the event.

Women’s Retreat
Please keep the women attending the Central Plains Women’s Retreat this weekend in your prayers as they hear the message of Pastor Ruth Harder of Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, Kansas, “Meeting Women in the Bible Again for the First Time.” Those attending are: Carrie Bergen, Shar Doell, Elizabeth Goertzen, Carol Janzen, Christa Janzen, Arlyce Friesen, Virginia Peters, Lela Regier, and Barb Voth.

The first Central Plains Bible Study Webinar is coming soon! Join us at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, for Don’t Mourn or Weep: Goals and problems. We’ll start with how leaders can contribute to a good study and move on to addressing the biggest challenges leaders encounter. These free webinars are especially for Sunday School teachers of youth and adults or facilitators of small groups, but anyone is welcome. RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars 2017 page at www.centralplainsmc.org by Thursday, September 21.
Across the Street & Around the World

Action Alert from MCC - All Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Centers in the U.S. need a combined total of 7,000 comforters by November to fulfill requests from MCC partner organizations in Iraq, North Korea and Syria! You can join the effort at the MCC Mini Comforter Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton, Kansas on September 29 and 30. Check mcc.org/comforter-blitz for details, or contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720.

MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. www.mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief. Mark your offering envelopes for MCC Flood Relief.

Mennonite Disaster Service
Please pray for those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and the severe flooding as well as wildfires throughout the western US. MDS is accepting financial donations for its hurricane recovery efforts. Mark your envelopes for MDS – Hurricane Relief. To volunteer, please fill out the online volunteer registration form at https://mds.mennonite.net.

School Kits
Schools kits continue to be the most asked for item from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). A work night at Bethesda is planned for Sunday, November 12 to put together school kits. All items have been purchased. The cost of each kit is $2.50. Donations totaling $2,500 are needed to cover the cost of the kits. Please mark your envelope “MCC School Kit Supplies.” Questions: contact Lindy Siebert or Adeline Huebert.

Golf Tournament for Swan Lake Christian Camp
Swan Lake Christian Camp will be hosting a golf tournament fundraiser at Valley View Golf Course in Freeman, South Dakota on September 23, 2017. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. with shotgun start at 12:00 noon. Format is 4-person best ball. For more information, contact the camp at 605-326-5690.
Youth

For junior high and high school calendars visit the Bethesda Faith Formation page at www.bmcfaithformation.com.

Stay in the Loup: Parents and youth, if you would like to be on the junior high/senior high text list, contact the office with your cell phone number.

High School Parents: You and your youth are invited to two Sunday school classes – this morning and next Sunday, September 17 and 24, to go deeper in discussions about what Jesus meant by peacemaking and what it means for our daily lives? We will spend time in scripture studying Jesus’s call to love our enemies. We will be watching a video called “Ben’s Story” about his experiences in the military and you will have an opportunity to consider what it would mean to become a conscientious objector. The goal of this Sunday school class is to help parents and youth begin discussions at home, to resource parents and youth for making decisions (especially for boys registering at age 18), and to grow deeper in our understanding of the Bible. For questions, text Pastor Andrea at 402-710-3195. We will meet in the Crossroads Coffeehouse.

Catechism will meet with the rest of the youth group during the Sunday School hour throughout September for conversations about peace. Parents are also invited to attend Sunday School with their youth this week and next week.

All high school students... Bible study will begin again on THIS EVENING at 7:30 p.m. at Jeff and Tami Peters' home. We will try to meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, but will remain flexible. All 9th—12th graders are welcome. If you have any questions or need directions, feel free to call Jeff at 402-366-0143. Hope to see you tonight!

CORNERSTONE (junior high): This week the Amazing Race takes us on a journey to literally find the light. Come to The Upper Room at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 20 for your challenge. Remember to bring your Bibles.

POWERHOUSE: This Wednesday, September 20, we will meet for a time of worship at 7:00 p.m. in the Powerhouse room.
Financials

Worship Offering Sunday, September 10, 2017
Worship Attendance – 254
Sunday School Attendance – 136
Mennonite Church USA/Mennonite Mission Network .................. $750.00
Central Plains Mennonite Conference ........................................... $400.00
MCC – Hurricane Relief ................................................................. $250.00
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary ........................................ $50.00
Bethel College .............................................................................. $50.00
Swan Lake Christian Camp ............................................................. $50.00
Dayspring – Thailand ..................................................................... $220.00
Mennonite Disaster Service – Hurricane Relief ................................. $875.00
Ashland Fellowship ........................................................................ $200.00
Benevolent Fund ........................................................................... $250.00
Technology Improvement Fund/Sound .............................................. $20.00
Facility Renovation Fund ................................................................. $150.00
MCC School Kits ............................................................................ $50.00
Preschool Scholarship .................................................................... $25.00
MC USA School Scholarships ......................................................... $25.00
Bethesda General Operating Receipts .............................................. $10,875.25
Total Worship Offering ................................................................ $14,240.25
Sunday School Offering ................................................................. $193.52
Total Sunday Morning Offering ..................................................... $14,433.77

Bethesda Farm Ground for Rent
Bids are now being accepted for 78 acres of farm ground. The agreement
is cash rent with a three-year commitment. Bids are due November 21,
2017 by 4:00 p.m. Bids should be submitted in writing to:

Bethesda Mennonite Church
ATTN: Board of Business
PO Box 130
Henderson, NE 68371

Proceeds from cash rent go to support the Ministry Inquiry and Emissary
program for service and mission work. If you have any questions, please
contact Carey Friesen, 402-694-9162.
Sunday, September 17, 2017
Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

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