

BETHESDA NEWS

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Bethesda Mennonite Church

February 5, 2012

TODAY the 2011 Annual Meeting will be held during the Sunday School hour. There will be a 10 minute break between worship and the beginning of the Annual Meeting. Additional Annual Report Booklets are in the literature rack. A Sunday school class will be available for K-8th grades. Parents are responsible for their children after Sunday school and during the meal. The youth will be serving the noon meal. An offering will be received to support the youth service projects. Please bring your Annual Report Booklet to the meeting.

Daphne Hall, Congregational Moderator

The Thailand service team left on Wednesday, February 1. \$1,000 is needed to complete the construction portion of the project. The service team and the church in Thailand thank you for your support. Please keep Dorothy, William, Gary and the projects they will be working on at Living Water Church in your prayers.

Bethesda Bible Series 2012 February 18th and 19th

David Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. David will be speaking on God's Mission and the Call of the Church using several passages from Ephesians, Luke 10, and John 20 to guide us. The weekend begins on Saturday at 7:00 P.M. and continues during the Worship Service and joint Adult and Youth Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. The weekend concludes with 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. sessions with David and an all church meal provided at 6:00 P.M. Childcare will be provided during all evening sessions. David's book, **Becoming Missional**, will be available for \$15 in the church office for all who are interested.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 5

8:50 A.M. Deacons
9:30 A.M. Worship
10:40 A.M. Sunday School K-8th only
10:40 A.M. Annual meeting
12:00 Noon – Meal served by Youth

TUESDAY, February 7

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Bethesda Women's Ministries

WEDNESDAY, February 8

12:00 P.M. Bulletin Announcements due
7:00 P.M. Living Inside Out
7:00 P.M. Adult Prayer & Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Cornerstone
7:00 P.M. Powerhouse
8:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, February 9

7:00 P.M. Preschool Committee

Please send your bulletin announcements to the office by noon on Wednesday to expedite the printing of the bulletin. If e-mailing, please send to Carrie Bergen at this address: bmcoffice@mainstaycomm.net

Adult Prayer & Bible Study Please read the 7th chapter of Mark.

Just as we bless and send people for missions, we would like to begin a new practice at Bethesda to bless and pray for those in our church who are making geographical moves. As Jesus sent his disciples into the world with the words, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21), so we wish to send one another as 21st century representatives of Jesus even as we go to other parts of our nation or world. Please inform the office of any upcoming changes so we may keep you in our prayers.

The Pastors

Last Sunday, January 29, 2012

Worship Attendance – 329
Sunday school – 150

Offering Total \$10,984.00

Local Church.....	4,720.00
MC – USA – Missions/Service.....	50.00
Central Plains Menn. Conf.....	2,982.00
MCC.....	100.00
MCC – Health Kits	10.00
Swan Lake Christian Camp.....	30.00
Dayspring Ministries.....	425.00
Ashland Fellowship.....	25.00
Radio Fund.....	142.00
Education Board.....	70.00
Sam/Sherri Evans – Support	150.00
Kitchen/Coffee Spot.....	100.00
Cemetery Directory.....	85.00
Thailand Service Trip.....	1,625.00
Benevolent Fund	30.00
Scholarship Fund.....	500.00

Church Operating Balance

(2/01/2012).....\$39,194.48

Next Sunday, February 12

Sermon – Pastor Jim Lapp
Offering – Local Church
Music – Powerhouse

February 27th at 6:30 there will be a meeting for chairs, vice chairs, secretaries and treasurers of ALL boards and committees. The meeting is to review the information needed by the office from each group. Please plan to attend.
Erin Sams

NOTICE

The book, **Becoming Missional**, by David Boshart is available at the church office. For those wanting to purchase and study the book before the February 18-19 Bible Studies, the cost is \$15.

Our Church Family

Birth

Michael and Jen Hiebner of Lincoln, are the parents of a daughter, Avery Elizabeth born January 30, 2012. Local grandparents are Brian and Mary Hiebner.

Sympathy

Kathryn Friesen, 88 died on January 27. Services were held on Tuesday, January 31. Sympathy is extended to her son Alan and Cindy Friesen; daughters Roma and Phil Epp, Susan and Homer Friesen, Kathy and Doug Kroeker, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all family members. The flowers in front were given in memory of Kathryn.

Mennonite Central Committee Sale on March 30-21. If you or someone you know is interested in helping in the quilt area either with set up on Friday or with the auction on Saturday, please contact Quilt Chairperson, Wendy Janzen at 402-723-5440 or email her at jdwanzen@mainstaycomm.net

Quilt cards are due by February 18 to be included in the Quilt Guide for the MCC Sale. Cards are located in the room across from the office and may be returned there as well.

Art work: We are again taking fine art pieces for the MCC Sale, e mail me at home carrie@mainstaycomm.net or at the Bethesda Church office at bmcoffice@mainstaycomm.net.

Carrie Bergen

Swan Lake Christian Camp

Registrations (to the camp) and medical/transportation forms (to the church office) are due two weeks prior to camp. Forms are in the Youth rack. Also, if someone is willing to take campers to SLCC, notify Carol Ott.

REMINDER

Winter Care Packages for college youth will be packed on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 P.M. Donations may be left in the Fellowship Hall.

Student Services & Camping Comm.

Bethesda Women's Ministries

NEXT EVENT:

1st Tuesday: February 7th at 7:00 pm

"Delight in Rich Food"

Bible Lesson – Connie Bechtel

Feature by Adam Friesen on

"Good eats"

In the Meantime

Check-out the BWM bulletin board for information on the Women In Conversation retreat coming in April to Hesston, KS! This retreat, sponsored by Mennonite Women USA, is a wonderful opportunity to worship/relax/'retreat' with our sisters in Kansas and other surrounding areas. Transportation will be available. Additional questions may be directed to Barb Voth.

Care Center Programs

There are five openings for Wednesday evening programs at the Care Center. Please contact Berdine Buller to check out open dates or sign-up at our next meeting. The residents greatly appreciate these programs. Many faithful Bethesda members would be among the recipients of this important ministry. ANY type of program is appreciated

Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings beginning at 9 A.M. The women's evening group will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Monday evenings. These Bible Studies meet in the Sunday School classroom across from the Preschool.

February Birthdays

The February birthday gathering, hosted by Iris Peters, will be celebrated on February 16th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a February birthday and are planning to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the East hallway.

Yearbook Address Changes are needed for the 2012 yearbook. If you or a family member have changed your address and/or phone number in the past year, please call the church office by February 20. 402-723-4562 or e-mail bmcoffice@mainstaycomm.net.

NOTICE: Would the person that mistakenly took Mike Friesen's Bible please return it to him or leave it at the church office. His name is in the Bible.

YOUTH NEWS!

Dragon breath, whisper campaigns, gossip. Check out the NEW DEVOZINE pages 19-24 to find out how to use your mouth to build others up rather than tear them down. Pick up your copy by the youth bulletin board near the church office.

High School: Today during the Sunday School hour we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to begin setting up for the Annual Meeting lunch fundraiser at noon.

Structure Review

The Structure Review Committee is ready to proceed with our proposed changes to the current Bethesda structure. The proposal is available for review on Bethesda's website, or by requesting a copy at the church office. Thank you for your patience and your input on this matter.

The Bethesda Music Committee would like to inform you that Chelsea Vaught will be presenting her final full-length doctoral organ recital on Tuesday, February 7. The program is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. at Bales Recital Hall, 1600 Stewart Drive, Lawrence, Kansas. She will be performing works by J.S. Bach, Georg Bohm, Franz Liszt, Ethel Smyth and Carl Nielsen. Chelsea will be completing her Doctorate of Musical Arts Degree with an emphasis on Organ Performance this spring at the University of Kansas. Your prayers and/or attendance would be a great support for Chelsea.

Notices for the **Visitor** are due on February 20th.

Please direct your items for publication to **Margaret Hiebner** at 402-723-5388 or e-mail armahiebner@mainstaycomm.net

THERE'S STILL ROOM!

Community Women's Retreat is at Lied Lodge on March 9-10! There is still space available! Please register with Lisa Kroeker at the MB Church office. Questions? Contact Kara Janzen, Lisa Tessman, or Nicole Quiring.

