We want to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Sherm and Betty Kauffman this morning!

Encountering God
Where does God come to us? In our temptations, in our blessings, in providing for us, in calling and healing us, in renewal, in praise and worship, in the living Christ? Each Sunday during the Lenten season we’d like to hear how you have encountered God. Would you be willing to share a personal story or experience during the morning worship service? If so, please contact the church office at 402-723-4562 to let them know of your interest. Topics include:

- Encountering God in our temptations.
- Encountering God in our blessings.
- Encountering God in our need or in providing for us.
- Encountering God through healing.
- Encountering God in our renewal.
- Encountering God in praise and worship.
- Encountering the living Christ!

The Board of Deacons unanimously recommends to the congregation that we continue the call of Pastor Andrea Wall as Pastor of Faith Formation for an additional five (5) year term. The congregational vote will take place on Sunday, March 9, 2014, following the worship service. Absentee ballots will be available beginning Monday, February 24, and must be returned by Thursday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m. Absentee ballots must be requested by the member in writing (email permissible), in person or by phone during office hours. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the deacons or the church office.
WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 23
8:30 A.M. Deacons
8:55-9:15 A.M. Prayer Time
9:30 A.M. Worship Service
10:40 A.M. No Adult Sunday School/Congregational Conversation
12:00 P.M. Potluck
1:00 P.M. Joint Board of Deacons/Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, February 25
8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Bethesda Women’s Ministries Sewing Day
8:30 P.M. Church Council (Note change of time!)

WEDNESDAY, February 26
9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study – Henderson MB Church
12:00 P.M. Bulletin Announcements Due
6:30 P.M. CORNERSTONE – B Strong Ministries (Aurora)
7:00 P.M. Adult Prayer & Bible Study – Cancelled this week!
7:00 P.M. Midweek (Mission:Possible)
7:00 P.M. Powerhouse
8:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, February 27
9:00 A.M. Mom’s-Time-Out

Next Sunday, March 2, 2014
Sermon – Pastor Jim Voth
Offering – Mennonite Church USA
Music – Chancel Choir
Organist – Laura Steingard

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

Shane Claiborne videos are now available online at bethesdamc.org. Click on the media tab.
OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Prayer:
Spencer Prentice
Chris (Maynard) Epp
Dinah Siebert
Carol Detweiler (Tim)
Ed Peters
Lorene Friesen
Shane Siebert

Hospitalized:
Betty Braun  Aurora Memorial Hospital, Aurora, Nebraska
Dinah Siebert  Bryan LGH East, Lincoln, Nebraska
Bryan Bechtel  Bryan LGH West, Lincoln, Nebraska

Birth:
A boy, Landon Wayne, was born to Steve and Molly Thieszen of Henderson. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents, Dennis and Diane Thieszen and great grandparents, Clara Thieszen and Leo and Elaine Duerksen, all of Henderson, Nebraska.

Wedding:
The marriage of Katie Thiesen and David Hueftle will be celebrated on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Parents of the couple are Rick and Sherry Thiesen of Henderson and Vernon and Janet Hueftle of Eustis, Nebraska.

Death:
Don Buller, 81, died on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 22 at Bethesda Mennonite Church with burial at Bethesda Cemetery at 1:15 p.m. and memorial services at 2:00 p.m. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Shirley of Henderson; daughters, Teresa (Dale) Regier of Abbotsford, British Columbia, Libby (Scott) Brettmann of Fremont, Nebraska, and Karen (Mark) Dick of Henderson; two brothers, Dale (JoAnne) Buller of Henderson and Leroy (Connie) Trautman of Hastings, Nebraska; one sister, Donna (Randy) Ratzlaff of Henderson; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters-in-laws, Berdine Buller of Henderson and Carolyn Buller of Fremont, California. We extend sympathy to Shirley and the family.
Bill Graham, 68, husband of Barbara Friesen died on February 14, at the age of 68 years. We extend sympathy to his wife, Barbara of Aurora, Nebraska; two sons, Paul (Shelly) and Tim (Becky) all of Aurora. Bill was a brother-in-law to Berdine and Roy Swanson of Lincoln, Nebraska, Brenda and LaRoy Hiebner, Byron and Teresa Friesen and Jean and Burton Peters all of Henderson.

From the Nominating Committee:
We are still in need of one person to fill a position on the Weekday Christian Education Committee, and one person to fill the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent spot. If you are willing to serve in this way, please let the church office or Jeff Peters know as soon as possible.

Offering Envelopes:
While we are waiting for offering envelopes to arrive, please place your offering in the plain envelopes (provided in the racks) with your information. Thank you!

Pastoral Search Prayer Support
Please join us for prayer each Sunday morning as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our search for a new lead pastor. We gather in the northwest adult classroom, across from the Preschool, at 8:55 a.m. and dismiss by 9:15 a.m. We need your prayer support as we continue our search.

~Pastoral Search Committee

The Prayer Board, located near the church office, is a place to post prayers that come to the office. If you wish to have a prayer matter posted, please call the church office, Pastor Jim Voth, or email him at jim@mainstaycomm.net. These may be prayers of praise, thanksgiving or intercession. If you wish to post a prayer for someone other than yourself, please request their permission. Thank you!

Mission:Possible (preschool through 6th grade Midweek) is in need of CIA (Christians in Action) speakers for the month of March. If you have completed service of any kind, at home or far away, you are just what we need! The presenter will give a short 5-10 minute talk about the service work that was done. It can be a recent service opportunity or one from years ago. We’d love to hear your stories! If you are interested and willing to be a guest speaker, please contact Kara Janzen at 402-723-5683 or email her at karae4@hotmail.com.
Prayer request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for the conference board meeting in Omaha on Saturday. The agenda includes planning for Annual Meeting and forming the spending blue print for next year.

**Coming Events…**

An appreciation dinner and annual meeting of Swan Lake Christian Camp Association will be held at the camp on March 1, 2014. All are invited to attend. Tours of the new, under construction, retreat center will begin at 5:30 p.m., with an evening meal served at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Judi by calling her at 605-326-5690 or send an email to campoffice@myslcc.com.

All are invited, Saturday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. to Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N Maize Road, Wichita, Kansas, to join the MCC Central States staff and board of directors for: “Building Beloved Community: MCC Central States and the Work of Decolonization.” Please RSVP for this event to Tina Schrag at tinaschrag@mcc.org or by calling 316-283-2720 by Monday, February 24, 2014.

The Tabor College Concert Choir will be holding the first concert of its spring tour at the Henderson MB Church on Friday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Brad Vogel, will perform its concert series with the theme “I Lift My Voice.” All are welcome to attend this sermon in choral music. Admission is free, however a free will offering will be taken.

**35TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA MCC SALE, APRIL 4-5, 2014**

Needed for the MCC Sale:
If you would like to help in the auction ring, please contact Kelly Kliewer at colkliewer@Hamilton.net.

Donations of quilts, comforters, afghans, wall hangings, and baby blankets are needed. Please fill out a card located across from the church office and return by March 1, or go to www.nebraskamccsale.org and register your item online. Please follow the directions closely and print a copy of your registration! The more information you include, the more helpful to the buyer. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Janzen at 402-723-5440 or jdwjanzen@mainstaycomm.net. 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 Wendy Janzen.
MCC Sale information is being gathered. If you know of anything unique or of special interest, please contact our publicity chairperson, Vicki Hinz-Ensz at vicki@diodecom.net.

T-SHIRT DESIGNS NEEDED FOR THE 2014 MCC SALE!
We will be voting for t-shirt designs on the Nebraska MCC Relief Sale Facebook link again this year!! Everyone is welcome to submit a design. Please email your designs (save in pdf or image file) to Vickie at vicki@diodecom.net and are due by March 7. The overall theme for 2014 is "Sharing God's Love and Compassion." Our Nebraska sale theme will be "Striving for Peace-Piece by Piece." Generic and themed submissions are welcome. The top designs for both will be used for our t-shirts this year!

The MCC Friday night music program is looking for groups and individuals who would be interested in performing for this year’s sale on Friday evening, April 4. Contact David Wiebe at davidw@adalincoln.com or 402-423-8270 if you have questions.

Bethesda is responsible for providing 125 boxes of colored pencils for school kits that the kids will assemble at the sale. Pencils need to be 12 per box and can be placed in the box outside the church office.

Would someone be willing to supervise putting together School Kits during the MCC Sale on Friday and Saturday? Junior or senior high youth or adults are welcome! Contact Dee Goertzen at jgoertz@windstream.net.

The MCC art booth is looking for fine art items for the 2014 sale. Please contact Carrie Bergen at carrie@mainstaycomm.net or bmcoffice@mainstaycomm.net. Art will be accepted up until sale day. If you have a photo of your piece, it can be placed on the MCC Sale website and also on MCC’s Facebook. If notified by March 1, pieces will be listed in the quilt guide.

MCC Board Member Needed
This is the sixth and final year of my term on the MCC Sale Board and I am looking for a person who has interest in the sale to take my place. It would be beneficial for this individual to shadow me at the sale this year so they get a feel for the responsibilities. This position requires 3 meetings per year and the ability to be at the sale for Thursday setup through Monday cleanup. If you have any interest in this position, please contact Jeff Peters at 402-723-5273.
YOUTH

**Wednesday, February 26,** Powerhouse (high school) will meet at 7:00 p.m. for worship. CORNERSTONE will meet at the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to go to Aurora for pizza and B Strong Ministries. We will return by 9:00 p.m.

**New Devozines** (youth devotionals) are available in the Crossroads Coffee House in the brochure racks.

**Learn Outside of the Box:**
Service Adventure is a one-year opportunity to learn about God, life and yourself while serving others. Information and applications can be found at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

**The high school and junior high calendars** are available on our new Faith Formation website at www.bmcfaithformation.com. Go to Bethesda’s website at www.bethesdamc.org and click on the Faith Formation link on the home page.

FINANCIALS

**Worship Offering Last Sunday, February 16, 2014**
Worship Attendance – 266
Sunday School Attendance – 139

**Temporary Holding Accounts**
Mennonite Church USA .......................................................... $25.00
Central Plains Mennonite Conference ..................................... $3,722.25
Swan Lake Christian Camp ....................................................... 100.00
Dayspring Ministries – Congo .................................................. 150.00
Dayspring Ministries – Thailand ............................................... 100.00
Reach International – Sam/Sherri Evans .................................... 150.00
Campus Crusade Service Workers .......................................... 100.00
Benevolent Fund ..................................................................... 15.00
Facility Renovation Fund ........................................................... 80.00
Preschool Scholarship .............................................................. 100.00
Sunday School Offering ........................................................... 430.25
General Operating Receipts ..................................................... 4,125.01

**Total Worship Offering** .......................................................... $9,097.51

Pauline Friesen Memorial ........................................................ $405.00
Looking ahead:

February 25 – Sewing & Project Days
- Come all day (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- Or just for lunch (noon)
- Hands-on projects, reconnect with old friends and make new ones!

March 4 – “Disobeying Pharaoh – Shiphrah & Puah”
- Bible Lesson – Marlene Thieszen
- Feature: “When is Conflict OK?”

CHANGE of date on the March schedule:
The sewing and project day scheduled for March 11 has been changed to March 18. Rhoda Keener, co-executive of Mennonite Women USA, will be in our area the week of the March 18 and is interested in seeing what our group is doing. She will be sharing some denominational information with us at our noon meal as well. Please mark this change of date on your calendars.
Women’s Bible Studies:
Attention moms with young (infant through preschool) children!!! Are you in need of a break, a chance to get away for a while and spend some time connecting with other moms? Moms-Time-Out is just for you! We continue to meet in the Crossroads Coffee House the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, February through March, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Childcare is provided in the nursery so you can have a break! If you have any questions or know of someone who needs a personal invite, please contact Kara Janzen at 402-723-5683 or email her at karae4@hotmail.com.

All women are invited to a community women's Bible study led by Kristen Friesen, Wednesdays, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The group will meet weekly at the Henderson MB Church in the north conference room and will be doing a study by Jennie Allen called "Chase: Chasing after the Heart of God." It’s an eight session Bible study for women, that explores the life of David and the Psalms that flowed out of his experiences. Like Jennie's other studies, you'll find the lessons to be engaging, offering Bible study, stories and projects as we connect with one another and are challenged to chase after God in our everyday lives. Childcare will be available. For more information, please contact Kristen at 402-723-5826.

The March BWM birthdays will be celebrated on Monday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Elsie Friesen will serve as hostess. All women that have a March birthday are invited to attend. Please sign-up on the sheet located on the east bulletin board.
“What do you have there in your hand?”
the Lord asked him.
And he replied, “A shepherd’s rod.”
Exodus 4:2