**Catechism 2021-2022**

**Bethesda Mennonite Church**

*Updated January 11, 2022*

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| **Date** | **Class** | **At Home**  **(See bmcfaithformation.com)** |
| October 10 | Parent/Student Gathering |  |
| October 17 | God’s Story Our Story Introduction | Read God Story, Our Story (GSOS) Ch. 1 |
| October 24 | HS Sunday School | Watch/Discuss Video (The Power of Story) |
| October 31 | GSOS Chapter 1 |  |
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| Nov 7 | HS Sunday School |  |
| Nov 14 | ~~GSOS Chapter 1~~ |  |
| Nov 21 | ~~GSOS Chapter 2~~ |  |
| Nov 28 | HS Sunday School |  |
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| Dec 5 | HS Sunday School |  |
| Dec 12 | ~~GSOS Chapter 2~~ |  |
| Dec 19 | HS Sunday School |  |
| Dec 26 | HS Sunday School |  |
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| Jan 2 | ~~HS Sunday School~~ Dec. Make Up Session | Read GSOS Chapter 2 |
| Jan 9 | GSOS Chapter 2 | Read GSOS Chapter 3  Watch/Discuss Video (God Loves the World) |
| Jan 16 | GSOS Chapter 3 | Watch/Discuss Video (We Wander Far...) |
| Jan 23 | HS Sunday School |  |
| Jan 30 | HS Sunday School |  |
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| Feb 6 | ~~Discuss GSOS Chapter 4~~ Annual Meeting – No Sunday School | Read GSOS Chapter 4  Watch/Discuss Video (God Chooses a Family) |
| Feb 13 | Discuss GSOS Chapter 4 | Read GSOS Chapter 5  Watch/Discuss Video (Jesus is the Way to God) |
| Feb 20 | HS Sunday School | Watch/Discuss Video (The Spirit Helps Us Live God’s Love) |
| Feb 27 | ~~HS Sunday School –~~ Switch with Feb. 6  Discuss GSOS Chapter 5 | Read GSOS Chapter 6 |
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| March 6 | Discuss GSOS Chapter 6 | Read GSOS Chapter 7 |
| March 13 | **Testimony Retreat/GSOS Chapter 7** | **Testimony Draft Due (Wed. March 23)** |
| March 20 | HS Sunday School | **Final Draft Due (Wed. March 30)** |
| March 27 | **Meet with Deacons during SS** |  |
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| April 3 | **Baptism / Welcome Social during SS** |  |
| April 10 | Palm Sunday – HS Sunday School |  |
| April 17 | Easter – HS Sunday School |  |
| April 24 | Parent/Student Celebration (SS hour) and Family Meal Following | Read GSOS Chapter 8 |
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| May 1 | GSOS Chapter 8 | Family Faith Practice |
| May 8 | HS Sunday School | Family Faith Practice |
| May 15 | GSOS Chapter 8 | Family Faith Practice |
| May 22 | GSOS Chapter 8 | Family Faith Practice |
| May 29 | HS Sunday School | Read GSOS Chapter 9 & Family Faith Practice |
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| June 5 | GSOS Chapter 9 | Family Faith Practice |
| June 12 | VBS Open House | Family Faith Practice |
| June 19 | HS Sunday School | Read Living the Anabaptist Story &  Family Faith Practice |
| June 26 | Living the Anabaptist Story | Family Faith Practice |
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| July 3 | HS Sunday School | Family Faith Practice |
| July 10 | Living the Anabaptist Story | Family Faith Practice |
| July 17 | HS Sunday School and  **Church History Night** | Family Faith Practice |
| July 24 | HS Sunday School | Family Faith Practice |
| July 31 | Living the Anabaptist Story | Family Faith Practice |
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|  | **Fall Schedule TBD.** |  |

**Catechism Covenant**

As a youth in Catechism, I will…

1. Take ownership for growing in my faith by participating in the Catechism gatherings and events, Wednesday night activities, Sunday school and Sunday morning worship.
2. I will be accountable for attending Catechism classes, retreats and events (see calendar) with the help of my parents and Pastor Andrea.
3. I will inform Pastor Andrea if I will not be in attendance.
4. I have checked my calendar for the possible dates and will communicate to Pastor Andrea if they work.
5. I will be accountable for keeping up on catechism readings and assignments.
6. I will engage my parents on the weekly assignments/discussions.
7. I will bring my journal, Bible, notebook, pen or pencil and the book being studied to each class session.
8. I will attend Sunday morning worship at Bethesda Mennonite Church
9. Practice Christian community by:
   1. Speaking with honesty,
   2. Giving space for all to speak,
   3. Exhibiting patience,
   4. Listening with grace,
   5. Enjoying the diversity of personalities in the catechism class,
   6. Allowing myself to enjoy my further training as a follower of Christ at Bethesda Mennonite Church.
10. Respond to Christ and the body of believers through my faithful participation at Bethesda Mennonite Church both during and after catechism.

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| Catechumen Signature |  | Date |

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As parents, we commit to nurturing our catechumen’s decision to receive discipleship training as a follower of Christ for the purpose of baptism into the body of Bethesda Mennonite Church by modeling Godliness and earnestly supporting activities and assignments in catechism. We will participate in weekly assignments.

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| Parents Signature |  | Date |

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Texting [ ] Yes [ ] No

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Best way to communicate weekly: \_\_\_\_\_ Text \_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_