

On Saturday, March 1, 2014, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston, will host its annual Spring Symposium on the theme of "Gardening with Insects." Participants will become more informed about insects, how to diminish the effects of crop pests, increase the presence of beneficial insects, and reduce chemical dependence in your food gardens. The cost of registration, \$35 for arboretum members \$45 for non-members, includes a full day of presentations, as well as breakfast and lunch. To register for this event, contact the Dyck Arboretum office at 620-327-8127 or arboretum@hesston.edu. For more information visit dyckarboretum.org.

The 2014 Winter Lecture Series at the Dyck Arboretum will continue on Tuesday, Feb 25, featuring Great Plains Nature Center naturalist, Jim Mason. Mason will present on "The Flying Flowers of Kansas: Kansas Butterflies." Come for soup supper at 6:00 p.m. or just the lecture at 6:30 p.m. (\$2 for lecture, \$7 for supper and lecture). Call 620-327-8127 by noon on Monday before the Tuesday lecture for supper reservations.

The 6th concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring gifted guitar player, bluesman and storyteller Guy Davis, joined by world-renowned harmonica player Fabrizio Poggi, will be Sunday Feb 23 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/ \$10 kids. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount Call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon

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***Taking off
the blinders***

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Pre-service Music

Karen Kaufman

Welcome and Announcements

Linda Goering

Call to Worship HWB 670

Worship in Song

***STJ 67**

Let there be light

***STJ 96**

I'm pressing on the upward way

***Greet one Another**

Children's Time

Jill Zerger

Worship in Song

***STS 65**

Open my eyes

Scripture

Mark 10:46-52

Message

"Taking off the blinders"

Pastor Derek

Song of Response

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus... No turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me.....No turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow.....No turning back.

Offering/ Offertory/ MCC Penny Collection The children will collect coins for MCC

Prayers of the People

***Blessing**

***Sending Songs**

***STS 40**

We will follow

Postlude

HWB – Hymnal a *Worship Book* (blue book); STS - *Sing the Story* (purple book);

STJ - *Sing the Journey* (green book)

*Please stand if able.



The peace lamp is lit as a reminder that we should be in prayer for an end to violence in the world. We trust in the power of prayer, as we know that through prayer, all things are possible.

Welcome. We're delighted you're here this morning. Please turn and greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

If you are a visitor, we encourage you to fill out a visitor card found next to the hymnals and drop it in the offering plate.



A nursery is available for small children. Please ask an usher to direct you. Thank you to Pat and Bruce Stucky for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

The Mennonite Men have agreed to pay the rental of the buildings for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale again this year. Mennonite Men are asked to pay their \$100 membership to Keith Goering or to take them directly to the church office. Please make your checks to Eden with Mennonite Men in the memo line.

The Eden Endowment Fund Committee (Perry Krehbiel, Dick Gehring, Brandon Kaufman, Eugene Goering and Fred Schrag), will be accepting grant applications until March 16, 2014. Grant applications should follow the Endowment Policy guidelines. A copy of the policy and grant applications are on the literature table in the fellowship hall and also on the Member Information page on our website www.edenmennonite.org. The committee has decided to grant up to \$14,000 this year. Grants will be awarded by May 1, 2014.



The Song of Mark is coming! Between March 16 and Easter the Chancel Choir will be performing selected music from Marty Haugen's, "The Song of Mark," a musical portrayal of Jesus' life and ministry. Please lend your prayers and support to the choirs as they prepare for this special ministry.

The Eden Mennonite Church painting that is hanging in the southwest hall was given to the church by Marlo Gehring. Jane M. Gehring painted this picture.

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items or your monetary donation the first Sunday of the month and place them in the containers provided in the library. All will be divided between the Moundridge Food Panty and the McPherson County Food Bank.

Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, March 4 for our workday meeting. Project is Health Kits. Lunch is a covered dish.

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school
- Monday** 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission mtg.
7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
- Wednesday** 6:00 p.m. Supper
6:45 p.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Ladies chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Looking Ahead

- Mar 3** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg.
8:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg.
- Mar 5** 6:00 p.m. Supper
6:45 p.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Ladies chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Mar 6** 4:30 p.m. Staff/Congregation Relations Committee
7:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg.
- Mar 8** 9:00 a.m. Eden Leadership Team mtg.
- Mar 11** 11:30 a.m. Associated Churches Pastors mtg. at FMCC
- Mar 12** Noon – All Staff mtg. at Eden Church Office
6:00 p.m. Supper
6:45 p.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Ladies chorus
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Last Sunday, Feb 16, 2014

Worship: 205; S.S.:163

Offering: \$6,155.00

Next Sunday, Mar 2, 2014

Music: Men's Chorus

Children's Story: Britney Stos

Nursery: Carol & Larry Temple

Remember in Prayer

Marilyn Decker (sister to Keith Albrecht & Becky Koller) beginning chemo treatments on Monday, Feb 24.

Don Kaufman: Dismissed from Newton Medical Center

Western District Conference: Pray for Byron Pellecer, who will be installed as church planter for Iglesia, Menonita Aposento Alto (Upper Room) in Wichita.

Sharon Durst has requested the transfer of her membership to Grace Crossing, Moundridge. She will remain as an associate member at Eden.

May Juhnke will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Mar 1, 2014. Her family suggests showering her with birthday cards for her celebration. She is at Kidron Bethel, 3001 Ivy Dr., Room 30 N, North Newton, Kansas 67117. She does not hear well over the phone and does not read much beyond a card. She still welcomes visitors.

The deacons are looking for additional copies of the 1987 edition of the book entitled *Called to Caregiving: A resource for Equipping Deacons in the Believers Church* edited by June A. Gible and Fred Swartz. It is believed this book may have been used by former deacons as several copies have been handed down to present deacons. If you have knowledge of where additional copies may be found or possess a copy of this book and are willing to loan or give it away, you may contact Bonita Howard (620-345-7154) or drop your copy by the church office.

Virginia Kaufman will turn 90 on Sunday, March 2, 2014. Her family will host a birthday open house from 1:30 to 3:30 at the First Mennonite Church Fellowship Room, 1198 E Avenue A, McPherson. Friends and family are encouraged to come by to share memories, laughs and hugs. Your presence is your gift.

The yearbooks are completed!!! You may pick up your yearbook from the boxes at either the east or west entrance. If you would like to recycle your old yearbook please place it in the church mailbox, (last one on the bottom right side) or bring them to the church office. One addition since the books were printed: please add Berni Kaufman to Vacation Bible School Rep. on page 20.

Old bikes and bike parts wanted no matter what shape or condition. These will be rebuilt and given to the homeless shelter in Newton or sold at the Etc. Shop. Drop them off at the PET shop (320 W. Ruth) in Moundridge. If unable to deliver to the PET shop or for questions call Tim Goering 620-345-8443.

If you are planning on making a quilt or donating a quilt for the MCC Quilt Auction, your item needs to be at the MCC Center by March 17th.

Western District Basketball tournaments are Mar 24, 25 and 27-29. Interested in playing on a team? Contact Brandon Kaufman 620-386-0986.

The Western District Conference Resource Library is OPEN the first Saturday of every month from 10 to noon. Mark your calendars: March 1, April 5, May 3.

2014 MCC Comforter Blitz sponsored by Kansas Friends of MCC, March 10, noon to 9:00 p.m.; March 11, 9-5:00 at Journey at Yoder Church Campus, (same as previous years). Questions? Contact Marlene Krehbiel.

Quilter's Corner is preparing for the 2014 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. The committee welcomes all quilt related items. The used, unused or unfinished items in your sewing or linen closets can be used toward the goals of MCC for the 2014 Sale. Last year's donations totaled over \$16,000 for MCC. A detailed list of items is available on the MCC table in the Fellowship Hall. Donations may be left in the Quilter's Corner box located by the coat racks at both church entrances, or delivered to the MCC Center in North Newton. Please make sure your items are marked for the Quilters Corner.

WDC Annual Assembly will be held July 4-6 at Lakeview Camp & Retreat Center in Waxahachie, TX. Resolutions must be submitted by March 3 to the WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67114. See the resolution policy at: <http://mennowdc.org/conference-life/annual-assembly/>.

Mennonite Friendship Community, S. Hutchinson invites you to their liverwurst and fried mush meal on Friday Feb. 28. The meal will be served at Journey at Yoder Activity Center from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. For more info call 620-663-7175.

All are invited to a Benefit Concert for Haiti Medical Clinics Sunday, Feb 23, 4:00 p.m. at the McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main, McPherson. Performers include McPherson Community Brass Choir, Angela Ringer, Resonance, Delores and the Pickin' Fretter, Church of the Brethren Choir and Women's Sextet and Nick and Miriam Griggs.

All are invited, Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. to Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, KS to join the MCC Central States staff and board of directors for: *Building Beloved Community: MCC Central States and the Work of Decolonization*. Lunch will follow to allow for further conversation. Please RSVP for this event to Tina Schrag at tinascrag@mcc.org or by calling 316-283-2720 by Monday, Feb. 24.

Women, mark your calendars for an evening of fellowship and inspiration planned for Thursday, Mar 20, at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Karen Dalke, pastor from Des Moines, IA, will be the guest speaker. The annual SPRING SUPPER which is a joint effort by South Central Conference and Western District Conference will begin at 6:00 p.m. (Cost is \$6.00 per person). There will be special music and an offering will be taken for Mennonite Women USA. **Reservations are required by Mar 1st.** You may contact Marlene Krehbiel at 345-2922 or add your name to the signup sheet on the literature table.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association will be held at First Mennonite Church of Halstead, located at 427 W. Fourth Street, Halstead, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Mar 9, 2014. **Four recipients of scholarships awarded by the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** will share about their lives since those awards. Bernie Kaufman, who works with Mennonite Women as well as part time library assistant in Moundridge and has served as assistant pastor. Alan Stucky is pastor of the Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church in Harper, Kansas. David Roth is pastor of the Kingman Mennonite Church. Jim Ostlund is pastor at McPherson campus of Journey Mennonite Church.

Last Call for Summer Staff! Hey, all you campy folks! Camp Mennoscah is sending out one last reminder that if you are interested in applying for the 2014 summer staff positions, now is the time to do so. We're nearing the point of making decisions about positions, so get your foot in the door—send in that application form! Forms can be found online at www.campmennoscah.org or by calling 620-297-3290.

Retreat! Retreat! Camp Mennoscah has two retreats this spring that are just waiting for you. The first retreat is our March 14-16 Scrapbooking Retreat and the second is our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat, April 21-23. Information on both retreats can be found on our website at www.compennoscah.org under Retreats or by calling 620-297-3290. Welcome! Welcome!

Presidential Brunch - You are invited to join Sara Wenger Shenk, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, for brunch and conversation on Saturday, Mar 22, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Requires RSVP by Mar 8 to Marlene Faul at AMBS-Great Plains, mfaul@amb.edu or 316-283-7098, ext. 215.