

Hesston College Theatre presents Our Town. Show times: Oct 30 & 31 7:00 p.m.; Nov 1 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Nov 2, 3:00 p.m. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

Ally Training: Circles need your help to continue our efforts to end poverty and help people and our community thrive. Circle Allies are community members who want to be in a supportive, intentional, befriending relationship with an individual or family enrolled in the program. Training to become an Ally will be held three Thursday evenings: Oct 30, Nov 6 & 13 at First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Kansas, McPherson. The training will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us for our meal beginning at 5:15 in Hess Hall.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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For pastoral care needs during non-office hours, listen to the office voicemail greeting at 620-345-8320.





*“Choose life so that you and your
descendants may live.”*
Deuteronomy 30:19

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The Symphony of Scripture
Year of the Bible Week 9

Pre-Worship Music

Sondra Tolle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship HWB 663

Gift of Music

Open my eyes; Debi Lichti, soloist

Chancel Choir

Order my steps

Becky Clark, director; Robin Schrag, accompanist

Time with Children

Jill Zerger

Proverbs of Life

Youth

Songs

STJ 1

We sing to you O God

STJ 46

O breathe on me

Message

"Tipping the balance" Deut. 30:15-20

Pastor Dave

Song of Response

STS 16

Peace before us (add "Life")

Prayers of the People

Pastor Derek

Offering/ Offertory

***Blessing**

***Sending Song STJ 108**

Give thanks for life

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 to worship. Our gracious, all-forgiving God receives you with open arms. May his love strengthen you today.

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 Britney and DaWayne Stos for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

Tonight is the night! Our Biblical Character Costume Party will be this evening in the fellowship hall at 6-8 p.m. **There will be activities for the children.** Please bring a snack to share, hot drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to all of our wonderful Jr. Sunday School teachers, past and present. We need an individual to work with our 2 & 3 year olds as well as teachers for our 5th - 8th grade class. Can we sign you up? See Katie Gillmore or a member of the Education/Discipleship Commission.

Attention S.S. Classes with Mission Partners: Offerings for mission partners will be collected in your class on the 19th and 26th of October.

Thanks to those in the congregation who have offered their gifts to help with providing care at Eden. The Deacon Commission and Pastors are in discernment and will be working with these intentional caregivers over the next few months to determine how best to manage the provision of care during this time in Eden's church life.

Mary Martha Circle will meet for our regular all day meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Project – Cash Offering. Lunch – covered dish.

Everyone is invited to celebrate Pastor Dave and Carole's time at Eden which will draw to a close on Nov 9, 2014. Pastor Dave will present his final message as pastor that morning during worship. Following worship, a time of fellowship will be held with pie and beverages during which there will be opportunity for open sharing and mingling. A basket will be available in the fellowship hall for well wishes, cards and love offerings. There will be no Sunday school for all ages.

Harvest Mission Festival Sunday is November 2. Guest speaker will be Kevin King, Executive Director of MDS. There will be a fish fry/potluck following Sunday School. Bring side dishes and desserts to go with fried fish that will be prepared by Jerry Schrag, Bill Zerger and friends. Donations will be accepted for the Worship Commission.

Eden This Week

- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:40 a.m. Sunday school
6:00-8:00 p.m. Biblical Character Costume Party
- Wednesday** 6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Looking Ahead

- Nov 2** Harvest Mission Sunday with Kevin King Speaking
Noon – Fish fry/potluck
- Nov 4** Mary Martha all day meeting
- Nov 5** 6:00 p.m. meal served
6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Nov 9** Pastor Dave and Carole's farewell (No S.S.)
- Nov 10** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. at church office
- Nov 12** 6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages
7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus
8:00 p.m. Mixed Chancel Choir
8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus
- Nov 15** Eden host WDC Reference Council at Eden

Last Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014

Worship: 207, S.S.: 135

Offering: \$13,681.29

Next Sunday, Nov 2, 2014

Harvest Mission Sunday

Children's Story: Marcy Schrag
Nursery: Rashelle and Matt Schrag
Music: Men's Chorus

Remember in Prayer

Dorothy Stucky in declining health at Heartland Haven, Inman
Les Thiessen recovering from surgery at Kansas Spine Hospital, Wichita
Western District Conference: Pray for the pastors of Western District Conference who will be meeting for a Pastors Day Apart on Thursday, Oct 30 – “Cultivating an Incarnational Church.”

Darrel Schrag has resigned as church janitor effective Jan 1. If you are interested in becoming the new janitor, talk to one of the trustees.

Our scripture passages for Year of the Bible will be making a slight change.

Please note: Ecclesiastes and Job will be switching places. The reading for 11/3-11/8 is Eccl. 11/10-11/15 is Job 1-21, and 11/17-11/22 is Job 22-42.

Attention all students attending Mennonite Church USA colleges or seminary:

Please stop by the church office to fill out a tuition scholarship form for the spring 2013 semester of college as soon as possible in order to receive an Eden scholarship. For those of you who cannot make it to the church office, e-mail Becky at edenmc@mtelco.net and request a form to fill in and return to her. Turn in forms as soon as possible and no later than **Nov 16**.

Needed: Christmas Eve Program Director. Please consider assisting the children in planning the Christmas Eve Program. This is always an exciting time for the children of the church. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, contact a member of the Education Commission: Katie Gillmore, Pat Stucky, Jenny Schrag, Shayna Smith, Dennis Wedel

The Moundridge Food Pantry is in need of Volunteers. Help serve your local families in need. For more information call Luene Flickinger 345-8572 or Marge Goering 345-2444.

Mary Martha Circle says thank you to all who donated School Supplies or Cash, so that we could pack 187 School Kits! These school kits were taken to the MCC Center, N. Newton, where they will send them to where needed. Thanks again!

The WDC Reference Council will be meeting at Eden On Saturday, Nov 15. We are needing cakes and salads from the congregation. There are signup sheets on the table in the fellowship hall. The instructions are there with the signup sheet.

The November *Eden Echoes* has been printed and is available on the literature table in the fellowship hall.

Congratulations to Virgil and Verna Goering, celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary on Oct 24.

It's not too late to sign up for the MCC Learning Tour to Kenya. On Feb 7-17, 2015, you will discover, first-hand, Sand Dams at work and see other MCC supported programs in the areas of health, education and peace. The estimate cost for this learning tour is \$1100 per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. For more information contact Anna Yoder by Monday Nov 3, at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Please bring your non-perishable grocery items and/or your monetary donation and place them in the containers provided in the library the first Sunday of the month. All will be split between the Moundridge Food Pantry and the McPherson County Food Bank.

Join us for our third concert of the 2014-15 Prairie Window Concert Series: Willie Watson on Sunday, Oct 26 at 4 p.m. at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Enjoy tenor folk singer Willie Watson's mastery of guitar, banjo and mouth harp. Concert tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. Appetizers will be available for purchase during intermission. Please call 620-327-8127 to reserve tickets.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) annual banquet will be held Tuesday, Nov 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Water's Edge Restaurant in Hesston. Jeff Koller, writer and historian from Moundridge will be the speaker. His interest in history and his passion for the Peace position of the Anabaptist faith combined, lead him to write *The Eden Peace Witness* composed of interviews of many who shared their stories. Cost of the meal will be \$20. Reservations need to be sent to Barbara Stucky (620-345-8367) or bstucky39@mtelco.net by Tuesday, Nov 4. SMCHA membership tickets will be available for 2014 or 2015 for \$20/year or \$100/six years. The banquet is open to all. Bring your friends for an informative and fun evening.

The Western District Reference Council will meet on Saturday, Nov 15, at Eden Mennonite Church. The WDC Discernment Task Force will report the results of the recent WDC Survey regarding authority, polity and sexuality. Further discernment will focus on polity – the relationships and sphere of authority of congregation, conference, and denomination. **This Reference Council is open to members and participants of WDC congregations** in addition to WDC commissions and committees and pastors. Congregations are encouraged to appoint delegates for Kansas City 2015, June 30-July 5, and WDC Assembly 2015, October 30-31, and have these delegates attend. Register online at <http://mennowdc.org/wdc-reference-council/> or call [316-283-6300](tel:316-283-6300).

All are invited to attend the Jeremy Kempf Concert on Saturday, Nov 1 at 8:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S. Main St, Hesston 67062). He has composed many widely-used worship songs and is well-known and loved for his music leading at MCUSA youth conventions. This free concert is for people of all ages, and sponsored by MCUSA Convention Planning, Bethel College, and Hesston College.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) updates: Short-term and long-term volunteers are needed at all the MDS projects, including Jamestown, CO, Far Rockaway, NY, and High River Alberta, Canada from Oct 27 to Dec 12. There are also numerous needs for crew leaders, office managers and cooks. For more information on any of these projects go to <http://www.mds.mennonite.net>. If you can help out in any of these jobs please call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net. See pictures from each project on the MDS facebook page.

Starting today, Sun., Oct. 26 – Bethel College’s Menno Simons Lectures with Walter Sawatsky, professor emeritus of church history and mission at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana; today, 7 p.m., “Pluralities of Mennonite History – Why Russian Mennonites as Paradigm?”; Mon., Oct. 27, 11 a.m., “Reconciling Free Churches to Two Millennia of Global Christianity”; Mon., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE), “After 500 Years – Pressing Issues on Globalization of Mennonite Witness”; Tues., Oct. 28, 7 p.m., “Full-Orbed Integration of Worship, Ethics, Nonviolence and Public Theology for 21st Century”; all sessions in Krehbiel Auditorium, with opportunity for discussion following.

Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra presents "The Hollow Men" by Vincent Persichetti (for trumpet and orchestra) and *Symphony No. 2* by Johannes Brahms, **Mon., Oct. 27, 7 p.m.**, *Memorial Hall*; free with freewill offering taken.

KIPCOR 2014-15 film series continues with *How to Start a Revolution*, Sun., Nov. 2 at 3 p.m., Bethel College, *Krehbiel Auditorium*; free with donations accepted to support the work of KIPCOR. The film profiles Gene Sharp, the world’s leading expert on nonviolent revolution, author of *From Dictatorship to Democracy*. Talkback session with Duane Friesen follows the film.

Staley Lectures with John Haught at Bethel College, *Krehbiel Auditorium*, Mon., Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Haught is a Catholic theologian from Georgetown University and the author of *Science and Faith*, one of the senior capstone course textbooks at Bethel this year. Haught’s special interests are issues of science, cosmology, ecology and reconciling evolution and religion.

**Harvest Mission Sunday
with guest speaker Kevin King**



Eden will celebrate Harvest Mission Sunday on November 2, with Kevin King as our guest speaker. Kevin's topic will be "*Who is my neighbor?*" A special offering will go to Mennonite Central Committee meat canning and the Associated Churches of Moundridge.

During the Sunday school hour an informal time with Kevin King will be held in the sanctuary. A fish fry/potluck meal will be served at noon. Bring side dishes and desserts to go along with the fish.

Kevin King was born on a potato and dairy farm in southeastern Pennsylvania. He attended Eastern Mennonite College (now University), Harrisonburg, Virginia, and graduated in 1981 with a degree in International Agriculture Development. He also received an MBA in International Economic Development in 1987 from Eastern College, St. Davids, Pennsylvania.

Since February 2004 Kevin is the Executive Director of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) based in Lititz, Pennsylvania. He is an active board member of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD).

From 1992 to February 2004 Kevin was the Material Resources Manager in Mennonite Central Committee's office in Akron, Pennsylvania. He coordinated the collecting and shipping of the material aid overseas. He traveled extensively to Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America to follow up on many of the disasters.

Previously Kevin worked in Brazil 1981 - 1984 and in Jamaica 1987 - 1991 with Mennonite Central Committee as an International Agriculture Advisor.

Kevin and his wife, Karen, an elementary school teacher, have two children; Justin, 24 and Andrea 20. Kings attend Akron Mennonite Church, Akron, Pennsylvania.