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It has been said that “familiarity breeds contempt.” If that wording feels a bit harsh, perhaps we might say that familiarity can certainly foster complacency or carelessness. It’s like assuming that all of the controls on my new car should work just like they did on the old car. And forgetting that things have changed since my last car purchase. Or backing out of my driveway so often the same way that I forget to look each time. And suddenly realizing that I’ve backed into a car that has never been parked there before.

Perhaps seeing something one way for so long that we fail to notice important details that help define that place or person in other important ways. I once lived near an intersection that had a stop sign from the north side-street but not on the south side. This meant that I always drove through that intersection looking south to make sure that that direction was clear. I had driven there for several years when I clearly remember my first close look at what was on the *other* side of that corner—a unique white, two-story house with red shutters and front door that I had never really “seen” before.

The same can be true of reading the Bible. A new context or experience can bring a whole new meaning to a certain verse or passage. Reading it from a different translation or listening to other people explain that scripture can shed new light on what this passage might mean to me in the days ahead. I suspect, also, that our recent Bible reading has brought new understandings even to some of our favorite texts. And will continue to do so as we make our way through the New Testament. This is all part of the joy of discovery as we explore the eternal self-revelation of God to us, his children.

This is why the leadership of our church has decided to follow up with a study this fall called “The Twelve Scriptures Project.” It was introduced at one of our annual assemblies and has become very popular especially during “The Year of the Bible.” It begins with a survey of everyone in the congregation of the verses or scripture passages that has been most meaningful or formative in their life. The 12 passages that are mentioned the most often are then covered in sermons, small group discussions or other ways to better understand what scriptures have most helped shape our particular congregation.

I encourage you to identify your most influential scriptures and submit the book, chapter, verse(s), and even the translation if you wish, into a special box on the table in the fellowship hall. Our Worship Commission isn’t asking for your name, just your most formative passages. No one knows which 12 passages will come out on top, but even if mine aren’t selected, just reflecting on why they have been so important to me will be an opportunity for gratitude, growth and new insights into God’s living Word.

The deadline for submitting your selections will be Sunday, July 19, so that our pastors, teachers, visual artists and worship planners can prepare to launch this on the first Sunday of September. Watch for the reminders and turn in your selections before you go on vacation or this slips your mind. I look forward to this lead up to Advent, and pray that you will have a safe, enjoyable summer. Shalom!

Pastor Lee Suderman



Eden Leadership Team

The ELT met Thursday, June 4.

Bret Gillmore called the meeting to order.

Jay Goering led in devotions and prayer.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Revenue - \$168,378.48

Expenses - \$181,579.42

Difference - (\$12,200.34)

At the end of June there will be a third mission giving.

Eden endowment expenditures :

Becky King - \$900.00

PET - \$5,000.00

Mennonite Men - \$5,300.00 transfer from Trustees

Angel's Attic - \$1,800.00

Playground - \$1,000.00

Deacons will fund half of camper scholarships again this year.

Worship Commission is working on some new visual aids for the fellowship hall walls. They are also working on YOB finale celebration in August.

The Trustees had a request to fund a second projector for the back wall of sanctuary. This will allow choirs, Pastors and worship leaders to view what is on the screen. They are going ahead with it. The money is available.

Baptism Sunday is June 21.

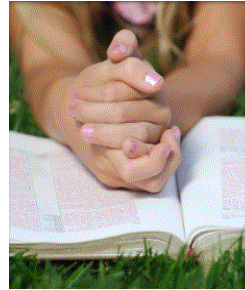
Camp Retreat weekend is July 11 and 12. The retreat center is reserved as well as the camp.

The church office will be closed during conference. Deacons will make the on call schedule available to the congregation.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 at the church.

Meeting adjourned.

JoLene Kaufman, secretary



What scripture passages are the Most meaningful to you?

The Worship Commission would like your participation in the fall quarter sermon series. Please help us determine the 12 scriptures that are most formational to our church by writing down your favorite scripture passages. You may write up to 10 scriptures that are most meaningful to you. Either place it in the box on the information table in the fellowship hall, or reply to the church office. Please include your name along with the passages. All responses should be turned in by July 19 to continue the planning process.



Pastoral Search Update

On 5/27/15 we met with Clarence Rempel, WDC Minister to receive guidance on "interviewing" pastoral candidates and on the process that follows the interviews. He shared 4 MLI's (Ministerial Leadership Information packets) with us. We were each able to review the presented material on the four candidates. We have had subsequent meetings to rank candidates, and we have had discussions and "discernment time" to finally meet two of the four candidate options in person.

Currently, we are in a "discernment mode" between all parties involved. We, as a committee representing Eden Mennonite Church are discerning which candidate would be best suited for our situation and therefore would proceed forward in the process. And each candidate must discern whether or not Eden Mennonite Church is a "fit" for him/her. We hope to resolve those questions in the near future realizing we don't want to rush into hasty decisions.

We appreciate the prayerful support of you as a congregation as we continue this process.

Pastoral Search Committee

Adult Sunday School
Summer Film Series 2015
10:45 a.m., Eden Church Sanctuary

June 14: Mark

FILM 1: **“Feeding 5,000”** from *Good God Theater*, performed by Ted Swartz and Jason Hildebrand of Ted & Company Theater Works. This is a humorous look at Mark 6:30-44. (11 minutes)

FILM 2: *The History of the Bible in English* by James A. Walther, Sr. A look at early and more recent translations/versions of the English Bible. Yes, there really was a Vinegar Bible! (35 min.)

June 21: Luke. No Sunday school. Baptism Service at Fred and Bev Goerings’ place.

June 28: Acts

FILM 1: **“Larry the Lame Guy,”** from *Good God Theater* by Ted & Company. Actors Ted Swartz and Michael Stauffer bring humor to the story of a miraculous healing, Acts 3–4. (4 min.)

FILM 2: *PAX Service: An Alternative to War* (Mennonite Media, 2008). PAX ran from 1951 to 1975 as an alternative service for conscientious objectors. This DVD features PAX work in Germany, Austria, Greece, Paraguay and the Congo. (43 min.) Prior to watching, you may want to read the book *The PAX Story: Service in the Name of Christ, 1951-1976* by Calvin Redekop.

July 5: Romans

Part II of From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (PBS, 2003) We see the early years of Christianity through the eyes of 12 scholars from various faiths as they explain historical evidence and archaeological finds and may even challenge our understandings of the church. Chapters: The First Followers, The Spread of Christianity, Jews and Gentiles, Peter and Paul, Building the Church, The First Revolt. (51 min.)

July 12: 1-2 Corinthians. Camp Mennoscah Retreat. No Sunday school at church.

July 19: Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians
Peter Dyck: Storyteller. 6 stories told by Peter J. Dyck, who served our church as pastor from 1950-57. Stories include “Expect a Miracle” which describes Peter J. and Elfrieda’s efforts to get post-WWII refugees out of war-torn Germany. Check out his bio on Wikipedia and read their book *Up from the Rubble* (Herald Press, 1991). (1 hr.)

July 26: 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
“The Apostle Paul” from *The Christian Traveler*. We will visit places where Paul traveled to spread the Gospel of Christ, including Jerusalem, Antioch, Philippi, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus and Rome. (Reader’s Digest, 2011) (1 hr.)

Aug. 2: Hebrew, James, 1-2 Peter, Jude
The best of 2015 Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, June 30-July 5

Aug. 9: John

Cotton Patch Gospel, Act II. An entertaining musical by Tom Key and Russell Treyz with music and lyrics written by Harry Chapin. Based on the book *The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John* by Clarence Jordan, the stories of Jesus are told in present-day Southern vernacular. Director: Tom Chapin (46 min.)

Aug. 16: 1-2-3 John

Weaving Life: The Life and Death of Peacemaker Dan Terry. The film, made by Eastern Mennonite University students and produced by MennoMedia in 2012, tells about the life and legacy of United Methodist missionary Dan Terry in Afghanistan. Terry was among 10 humanitarian aid workers assassinated in Afghanistan in 2010. Prior to viewing, you may want to read Jonathan Larson’s book *Making Friends among the Taliban: A Peacemaker’s Journey in Afghanistan* (Herald Press, 2012). (58 min.)

Aug. 23: Revelation

FILM 1: **“Don’t Be Afraid”** from *Good God Theater* by Ted & Company TheaterWorks.

A homeless man today (Ted Swartz) discovers the message of Revelation. (8 min.) AND

FILM 2: **Painting Revelation.** Michigan artist and teacher Debby Topliff tells the story of the entire book of Revelation through colorful, painted scenes. (2006) (44 min.)

Invitation to Share



The “invitation to share” project for the month of July is NEW bars of soap (all sizes and kinds of soap, w/wrappers).

If you want to support this project financially you may write a check to Eden with “invitation to share” in the memo line. Please mail checks to the church office, P.O. Box 406, Moundridge, KS 67107.



Eden Family's Visual Art Gallery

Mark your calendars for August 2, as the beginning of Eden's very own visual

art gallery. The gallery will provide opportunities to share and worship God through visual expressions and talents of our church family.

We are welcoming visual arts from all ages and ability levels from our church family. Everyone is invited to share, as we will have space for hanging paintings, sketches and drawings, photography, batiks, poetry, pressed flowers, quilting and other wall hangings. We will have a display case for pottery and ceramics, sculptures, smaller woodworking, jewelry, wheat weaving and other crafts.

We are hoping that children will display projects in which they are proud of that they have made in school, in Sunday School, in 4-H, scouts or at home.

Our gallery will begin on the north side of the fellowship hall with the display case and then continue through the north hallways of the children's classrooms. The displays will be marked with the name of artist, art medium or description, and title (if titled).

If you would like to display your art or would like to help us hang art and organize our gallery, please give a call to Kathy Waltner, 386-4629 or Carol Temple at 241-7435 or email Kathy at gkwaltner@hotmail.com. We will also take suggestions for a name for our church gallery.

Retreat Weekend Update

Eden's Retreat is July 11 and 12 at Camp Mennoscah. Here are some details to help you plan:

Schedule

Saturday

2-5pm Registration
3-5 Afternoon Swim
6:00 Potluck Supper
7:00 Group Activities
9:00 Popcorn
9:30 Campfire
10-11 Late Swim

Sunday

7:30 Morning Devotions
8:00 Breakfast
9:30 Worship
12:00 Lunch
1-2 Clean Up and Head Home

Please consider being with us for both days. Here are the



Eden Retreat (continued)

per-person rates for overnight arrangements:

Adult/Child

\$14.00/6.50 Tent/RV

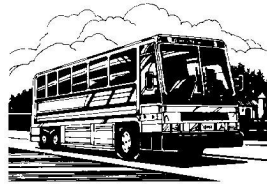
\$16.00/7.50 Cabin

\$21.50/10.50 Bunk House

A room in the Retreat Center is \$65 per night for 2 people. You may add others to a room for \$15.00 per person. Limit 4 people per room.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Derek.

Tour invitation 2015



Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is planning a Local **Sites Tour** for Saturday August 29, 2015 through parts of Marion, Harvey and

McPherson Counties. Included will be sites significance to Mennonites as well as sites of historical importance. Brian Stucky will be the tour guide. The cost of the all-day tour including lunch, refreshments, and transportation will be \$50 per individual. To reserve a seat on the bus call LaVern Stucky at 620-983-2348 or email lav-ern@powwwwer.net.

Mennonite Disaster Service Brewster, WA, project opens



Region IV began project in Brewster, Washington, following last summer's devastating wildfires that consumed over 256,108 acres (nearly 400 square miles).

The first fire was started on July 8 by lightning. Another lightning storm moved through the Methow Valley on July 14 and started more fires. Four fires grew into one larger fire on July 20, 2014, the Carlton Complex Fire. Hot weather and high winds pushed the fire over the ridge tops and into the towns of Pateros and Brewster, resulting in a large number of evacuations.

By July 18 the fire had consumed over 300 homes and outbuildings. Many people lost their homes, all their personal possessions, orchards, livestock, fencing and their hope.

Region IV has begun restoration efforts beginning in Brewster and Malott, Washington. The first two houses are being completed by MDS Washington Unit. In the fall this project will be continued as a binational project.

Week one (June 1-5) was a busy week getting work started. Both homes have had foundations, framing and dry-in completed by Amish partners. Region IV will be completing the homes from siding through interior finishing. We are hopeful that both of these homes will be completed by the end of July.

THANK YOU!!
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Thank you to all who supported me in the 2015 Run For Relief for MCC. The number of entrants this year was 324. The oldest one was 80 years and the youngest were two 4 year olds. A total of \$21,815 was raised by participants.

Elaine Krehbiel

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and concern during my recent stay in the hospital. It's comforting to be part of a caring church family. Bless you all.

Norm Wedel

I want to express my appreciation for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and words of encouragement during my stay at St. Francis hospital and many weeks at Family Health and Rehab in Wichita and Rehab at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. Special thanks to Pastors Lee and Derek for your visits and prayers.

Richard Regier

Dear Church Family,

Thanks to those who took the time to say a prayer, send a card, pay a visit, or make a phone call while I was hospitalized. A special thanks to Pastor Lee and Pastor Derek for your hospital visits. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Verlene Kaufman

Dear Friends at Eden Mennonite,

Thank you, once again, for another wonderful gift to MCC! Thank you for supporting our partners in Nepal, as, together, we work to meet the food and shelter needs to families in rural communities that were devastated by the earthquakes.

We really appreciate your support!

All the best,

Anna Yoder

Donor Relations Coordinator

MCC Central States

Thank you for your quarterly contribution given to MennoMedia for use where needed most. It is very much appreciated. I hope you are well and living into the resurrection.

Steve Carpenter

MennoMedia Director of Development



(Virgil).

Neva Schrag (85) passed away at Mercy Hospital on Saturday, June 20. Services were held at Eden on Thursday, June 25. We extend our sympathy to her children Steve, Carol Zerger, (Danny), Pat Reimer, (Gordon), and her siblings Harold Kaufman and Verna Goering



New Address for
Your Yearbook

We choose not to print our members' addresses on line. If you would like an address of one of our members, please contact the church office at 620.345.8320.



Save the Date

On 4 Sunday evenings,
Sept. 13, 20, 27 and October 4, from 6:00-7:30

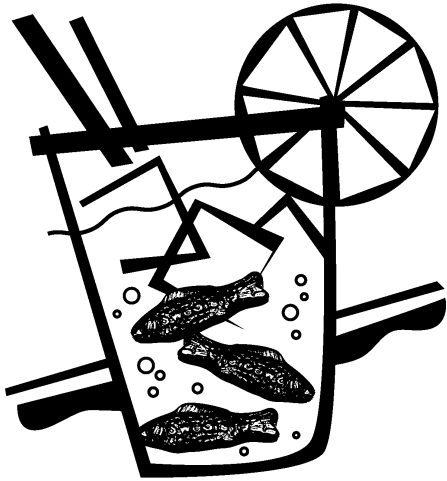
p.m., KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) will be presenting a series of workshops on healthy communication/healthy relationships and discernment/consensus for Eden at Eden. Anyone 14 years and older, is invited and encouraged to attend. Watch the bulletin and August Echoes for more information.

Mennonite Life

The 2015 issue of Mennonite Life is now online, with articles on Vincent Harding, John Howard Yoder and a variety of other topics, as well as reviews of 10 Mennonite-authored and/or Mennonite-related books (both fiction and nonfiction) and a call for papers for the 2017 conference "Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries." Go to ml.bethelks.edu.

OCEAN WATER

After a busy summer day, relax in the shade with this cool drink.



What you need:

- 3 Tablespoons water
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 drops blue food coloring
- 24 oz. (2 cans) lemon-lime soda
- Clear cup or glass
- Ice
- Swedish Fish candy

What you do:

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the water and sugar. Heat for 1 minute. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture into a pitcher. Add coconut extract, food coloring and soda. Stir.
3. Pour into cup. Add ice and fish. Enjoy!



UNDER THE SEA

This summer, consider God's marvelous creation under the sea.



Directions: Write the animal names on the blanks. Then use the circled letters (they may not be in the right order) to create a new word from Psalm 148:7, NIV. Finally, match the words to their numbered blanks below.



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PSALM 148:7, NIV

Answers: lobster > Lord, sea horse > earth, hermit crab > stingray > praise, jellyfish > you, clownfish > from, sea star > creatures
Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures. Psalm 148:7, NIV



July Birthdays



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| 1- Sheryl Krehbiel | 20- Neva Schrag |
| 2- Nile Burge (Rondell & Rachel)
Lane Graber (Darren & DeeAnn)
Aspyn Stos (DaWayne & Britney)
Carol Temple | 21- Haley Neufeld (James & Terri)
Glen Toews |
| 3- Myron Flickner
Randall Wedel | 22- Eugene C. Goering
Dennis Graber
Cody Krehbiel (Brian & Colleen)
Ken Krehbiel
Clinton Stucky
Tyler Stucky |
| 4- Katrina Zerger | 23- Theron Goering
Nicholas Krehbiel |
| 5- Dean Schrag
Clair Stucky
Charmaine Clayton | 24- Jerry Schrag
Kim Snyder
Lynnette Suderman |
| 6- Kaia Stucky (David & Shelley) | 25- Aaron Goering (Larry & Sarah)
Homer Goering
Peter Graber (Nathan & Krista)
Marvin Stucky
Bill Zerger |
| 7- Camden Dalke (Jerrod)
Neva Kaufman | 26- Larry Krehbiel
Derrick Law |
| 9- Shelly Arnold (Todd & Sandy)
Brent Knight
Denise (Huber) Krehbiel
Lesli Earlston | 27- Ross Gehring (Dick & Kaylene)
Robert Joe Schrag
Mary Ellen Stucky
Aayden Wedel (Tenise Wedel) |
| 10- Debra Whitaker | 28- Austin Goering
Dawn Johnson
Linda Stucky
Nadine Wedel |
| 11- Gary Janzen | 29- Brenda Childs
Abby Flickner
Emma Krehbiel (Clint & Shelly) |
| 12- Glen Goering
Randall Goering
Greg A. Krehbiel (Glenda)
Meghan Schrag | 30- Frank Schrag |
| 13- Jonathan Cutting (Brad & Kim)
Sharon Harris
Rachel Parsons (Rob & Lori) | 31- Cindy Anderson
Connor Childs (Jeff & Brenda)
Vernell Kaufman
Kristen Schrag
Evan Stucky
Greg Stucky |
| 14- Paul Crabb
Geordan Schrag (Jeremy & Jaci) | |
| 15- Terri Gehring
Dayton Goering (Patrick & Jennifer)
Jim Kaufman | |
| 16- Patricia Goering
Myron V. Goering | |
| 17- Stewart Gehring
Paul McGinness
Florene Wedel
Di Rempel Suderman | |
| 18- Virgil Kaufman
Alan Waltner | |

July Anniversaries

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| 6- Lee & Di Rempel Suderman | 25- Dustin & Amy Krehbiel |
| 8- Joshua & Sarah Erb
Derek & Becky King
Joe & Janice Yoder | 26- Mike & Terri Gehring
Vernon & Marna Goering
Ernest & Judy Krehbiel
T.J. & Annie Wyssmann |
| 10- John & Marcia Stucky | 27- Don & Robin Gehring
Kenneth & Paula Goering |
| 11- Jim Gaeddert & Leda Kaufman | 28- Larry & Carol Temple |
| 14- Brian & Tenae Alfaro | 29- David & Shelly Stucky
John & Betty Heritage |
| 15- Brad & Kim Cutting | 30- Kenneth & Marilyn Preheim |
| 18- Joe & Heather Krehbiel | 31- Matt & Rashelle Schrag |
| 21- Nathan & Krista Graber
Robert & Jenny Schrag | |
| 22- Raymond & Susan Flickner | |
| 23- Lynn & Karen Kaufman | |
| 24- Mark & Gail Stucky
Mike & Suzette Deboard | |

If there has been an omission
or mistaken date please contact the

Up-Coming Events

June 29-July 4: MC USA Conference in Kansas City
July 6: 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Commission mtg. at Eden Church Office
July 11 & 12: Eden Retreat Weekend at Camp Mennoscah
July 23: 7:00 p.m. Eden Leadership Team (ELT) meets at Eden Church Office
Aug 3: 7:00 Education/Discipleship Commission meets at Eden Church Office
Aug 9: 6:00 p.m. Camp Mennoscah Sing at Grace Hill Mennonite Church
Aug 13: 7:00 p.m. Eden Leadership Team (ELT) meet at Eden Church Office
Aug 30: Back Pack Blessing during the worship service



July 2015						
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