Camp Mennoscah will take out the dam on Sunday, Oct 4, at approximately 2pm. Spectators and helpers welcome! We suggest wearing clothing appropriate to the task, be that spectating or helping. Anyone in fancy costumes should expect to have their picture taken and posted on Facebook. Want to make sure that you know if something changes? Email <a href="mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org">olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org</a> or call <a href="mailto:620-297-3290">620-297-3290</a> to let us know you plan to be there.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista-IBA BENEFIT dinner will take place Friday, October 16 at 6:30 pm in the First Mennonite Church of Newton fellowship hall. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. A short program will follow featuring a hymn by IBA student Javier Rodriquez, a dance performed by the children of Iglesia Mennonita Casa Betania, and video presentation by Ervin Stutzman. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity for a Sunday School, Small Group or individuals to come and hear how this program is equipping Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education Program. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour 2015 - you are invited to participate in a learning tour designed to bring awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization and effects on sister communities by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. Borderlands. Participants will increase their understanding of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities. The tour is Oct. 28-Nov. 4, leaving from Tucson, AZ. For more information contact Saulo Padilla, MCC U.S. Immigration Education Coordinator at <a href="mailto:saulopadilla@mcc.org">saulopadilla@mcc.org</a>, or go online to learn more and register mcc.org/borderlands-tour.

#### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

Phone: 345-8320; Email: edenmc@mtelco.net;

Check out our website at www.edenmennonite.org

Friend us on Facebook

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

Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, suffering, and hard times, or hunger and nakedness, or danger and death? **Romans 8:35** 

# Eden Mennonite Church Moundridge, Kansas

Website: www.edenmennonite.org

Lee Suderman, Interim Lead Pastor Derek King, Associate Pastor

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**The Twelve Scriptures** 

**Prelude** Karen Kaufman

Welcome Pastor Lee

**Introduction of guests** 

**Opportunities for Discipleship** 

Call to Worship HWB 660

\*Opening Hymn HWB 36 God of our strength

Children come forward during last verse

Time with Children Danielle Goering

Worship Music Ladies Chorus

Prayer from "Haensel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck
And God Gave Music by Darla Eshelman
Becky Clark, director; Candy Unrau, accompanist

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-39

Message "Where hope and despair meet" Pastor Derek

**Song of Response STS 121**Nothing is lost on the breath of God

**Prayers of the People** 

Offering/Offertory

\*Sending Song HWB 585 In your sickness

\*Benediction

Postlude

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

\*Please stand if able.

All sermons and Scripture can be viewed at www.edenmennonite.org



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 brothers and sisters in Jesus to this time set aside to focus on the Holy Spirit working among us. May our hearts be open and eager to receive God's Word!

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 Kathy and Al Neufeld for caring for children in the nursery this morning.

**School Kit Time:** Have you seen the empty school kit bags in the fellowship hall? Everyone is invited to take one or more, fill them with school supplies for Mennonite Central Committee and bring them back to church. Or you may just bring supplies and someone will fill the bags. Each kit needs the following items. 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 sheets), 8 unsharpened # 2 pencils, 1 ruler, (flexible plastic; indicating 30 cm and 12"),12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large pencil eraser.

**Proposal regarding membership:** Full members who have not responded to the annual church records update letter after two years will be moved to associate membership. Please provide your feedback to this proposal no later than September 30, 2015. Responses may be shared with one of the deacons in person, by phone or by email: Bonita Howard - <a href="mailto:crazyhows@hotmail.com">crazyhows@hotmail.com</a>, 620-345-7154; Brandon Kaufman - 620-386-0986; Carol Zerger - 620-345-2943 <a href="mailto:bczerger@mtelco.net">bczerger@mtelco.net</a>; Laurie Schrag - <a href="mailto:wlschrag@mtelco.net">wlschrag@mtelco.net</a>, 620-345-8393 <a href="mailto:Laurie-Schrag">Laurie Schrag@mtelco.net</a>, 620-345-8393

**Sunday school is for all ages - from little children through older adults.** Here are some of our fall quarter teachers and the groups they are leading: Fred and Bev Goering are leading the high school class. Al Neufeld is facilitating a discussion with college age young people around a table in the fellowship hall. Family therapist Jason Byler from Hesston is leading a discussion on mental health in the North Fellowship Hall Room (Sept 20 and 27).

**Offerings collected in the Junior SS Classes during fall quarter** will go toward to MCC and GOATS FOR NEPAL. The money will provide loans for people to purchase animals such as goats and receive agriculture training.

### **Eden This Week**

9:30 a.m. Worship service Sunday

> 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:40 a.m. Sunday school

Bike to Church Sunday

7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship meeting at church office Monday 6:00 p.m. Meal served (call the office or sign up at church) Wednesday

> 6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets at Eden 6:45 p.m. Bible study for all ages

7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

## **Looking Ahead**

Sep 30: 6:00 p.m. meal served

> 6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets at Eden 6:45 p.m. Bible study for all ages

7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

6:15 a.m. Pastors/Deacon Commission mtg. Sep 23: 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Comm. mtg. Oct 5: 9:00 a.m. Mary Martha meeting at Angels' Attic Oct 6: 7:00 p.m. Eden Leadership Team mtg. at Eden Oct 15:

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission Oct 19:

# **Last Sunday, Sep 13, 2015**

Worship Attendance: 210 Sunday School: 107 Offering: \$8,411.00

Next Sunday, Sep 27, 2015

**Nursery:** Pat & Bruce Stucky Children's Story: Kathy Neufeld

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12, Exodus 31:1-11; Psalm 36-5-10;

John 15:1-8:Galations 5:22 & 23

## **Budget (August 31, 2015)**

**Income:** \$255,546.52 Expenses: \$296,905.40 **Difference:** \$41,358.88 **Budget:** \$296,540.67

# Remember in Prayer

Alan Thomas: Dismissed from Kansas Heart Hospital

WDC: Pray for God's blessing on Rachel Ringenberg Miller at her installation

as pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, KS, today.

Pastoral Search Process: Jerry Schrag, Samantha Doane, Cindy Bartell,

Larry Temple, Jenny Schrag, Future Eden Pastor

**In October and November during Sunday school,** Jill Zerger will lead an elective on **Health and Healing: In the Bible and Today**. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend. The class will explore the topics of health and healing through a study of Old/New Testament scriptures and history, including the use of essential oils. What knowledge can we apply today as we address issues of healthy living, wellness, and healing in our lives?

**Please remember the love offering for our new arrival Britton Eli**, born to Zach and Kali Graber on September 8. The piggy bank is on the library table and will be given to the parents. We would also like to provide suppers for the family over the next couple of weeks, so please consider signing up to take them a meal using this link <a href="http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/meals.php?t=XMVB4563.">http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/meals.php?t=XMVB4563.</a>

The Christian Education/Discipleship Commission is serving the Wednesday evening meal, Sept. 23. We have asked Gib Burgan to grill hamburgers to help us celebrate the FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall or contact the church office by Tuesday noon if you plan to eat.

Wednesday night Bible studies for all ages have begun and continue every week through Nov. 18. Kids are enjoying *Power Up! Living in the Spirit*. Katie Gillmore is leading adult women in studying *Spark: Igniting Your God-given Creativity*. Pastor Lee is leading men in a book study of Gareth Brandt's *Under Construction: Reframing Men's Spirituality*. Books are available for \$5. Join us each week for fellowship and learning, and invite your friends and neighbors too.

The WDC Annual Assembly is a gathering of Western District folks from near and far, this year at historic Bethel College in North Newton, KS. One way that you can support WDC is through serving as a host home for those who will be traveling from a distance. Those who can make their guest room available on Oct 30 and 31 are invited to either sign up on the registration form (if you are attending), or contact WDC at <a href="mailto:316-283-6300">316-283-6300</a> or <a href="mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org">wdc@mennowdc.org</a> (if you are not attending). Thank you! Let someone from ELT know if you are willing to go as a delegate.

**Spruce beetles have moved into trees at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.** Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) youth camp worked throughout the summer to address the issue and removed 80 trees containing beetles. Eighteen more trees containing beetles need to be removed. MDS will be working at this project Oct 2-10. All skill levels are needed. During the MDS youth camp, some of the most productive volunteers were teens who had never done this kind of work before. If you can help that week, or even a day or two, please call Paul Unruh 316-772-6308 or Gordon Unruh 620-747-0835. Food and lodging and tools will be provided by RMMC.

**Pine Village's Benefit Day Walk-a-Thon** will be Thursday, Sep 24 at 6 p.m. The community is invited to attend; the walk will kick-off at the Wellness Center. Participants are encouraged to get sponsors for your walk. For more information contact Becki Yoder at the Wellness Center at 620.345.2900.

**The Benefit Day Garage & Bake Sales** will be Friday, Sep 25 & Saturday, Sep 26. On Friday the sales will be from 4-7 p.m. and will include a Sloppy Joe Supper. Saturday, a cinnamon roll breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the Sales will open at 8 a.m. and close at Noon. The sales will be at the Wellness Center.

**Be sure to mark your calendar for the final Benefit Day Event** – Dinner & Auction on Oct 22. All proceeds from all the Benefit Day events go towards a new phone system. Your continued support is always greatly appreciated!

"Where is the Good News for Rural Folk?" AMBS-Kansas Center will be hosting this S. Roy Kaufman webinar on Wed., Sep 30 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. It will be held AMBS-Kansas Center classroom at 2517 N Main in North Newton. The webinar will explore how a ministry of community formation might take place in the lives of declining rural congregations, enabling these congregations to become missional agents of change in their communities. Cost is \$10 per participant. Please contact Katherine Goerzen at <a href="mailto:kgoerzen@ambs.edu">kgoerzen@ambs.edu</a> to register. Registration deadline is **Sep 23**.

**Sun., Sept. 20 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, 3 p.m.**, Kauffman Museum. Ben Chappell, a professor of American studies at the University of Kansas, will speak on softball as a cultural resource, using the example of Mexican-American fast-pitch softball and Newton's annual summer tournament, the oldest in the country (part of the "Root for the Home Team" special exhibit programming).

**Leave or stay?** Many Syrian families face that question as international humanitarian assistance dwindles and the patchwork of resources they used to rely on wears thin. Your gift of money helps Mennonite Central Committee continue to provide food, water, rent assistance and winter supplies so families that decide to stay in the region can survive the cold weather ahead. Please vie online at mcc.org/Syria-Iraq; by phone at 1-888-563-4676; or by check, sent to MCC U.S., P.O. Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. Thank you!

**Several Leadership Transformation Grant scholarships** are still available for pastors or other congregational leaders to attend the three-day *You.Lead.Now* seminar at Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita! To apply for a scholarship through WDC, see application form at <a href="http://mennowdc.org/grants/">http://mennowdc.org/grants/</a>. After your scholarship application is submitted and approved, information will be sent to you to complete your registration directly with KLC. The registration deadline for the Oct 12-14 seminar is **Sept 21**, and registration deadline for the Nov. 16-18 program is Oct 26.

Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting and Work & Play Camp are back to back-come to both! The Annual Meeting will start at 3:30pm on Sunday, Sep 20th, with disc golf (new baskets and course!), bath house tours, and a scavenger hunt. We'll have a short meeting and a simple meal following these activities. Work & Play Camp will start registering at 3pm, jump in with the Annual Meeting fun times, and then continue on through Wednesday, Sep 23, with projects and coffee breaks. Tasks are available for all skill and ability levels. Let us know you're coming for a day or for all of it! Registrations accepted until full. Call us at 620-297-3290.

**AMBS Church Leadership Center:** Please join us for a Webinar by Greg Boyd on Anabaptism, Thursday, Sep 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT. Hear Dr. Boyd reflect on his journey toward Anabaptism, how his Anabaptist commitments are reflected in his life, ministry and theological understandings, and what difference it makes. Get details and register. Your first webinar is free! If you've participated in AMBS webinars previously, attend 5 to earn a free one. Get details and register.

**All are invited to the Gospel Echoes Team Annual Kansas Banquet** Tuesday, Oct 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Journey @ Yoder Building. For Complimentary tickets call Norman & Rhoda Yutzy 620-728-9913/9917. See bulletin board for more information.