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Wondering What Will Be Next!



As I write what will be my last article for the *Eden Echoes* I'm trusting that this is simply the close of another chapter of my life and ministry, rather than the final summary of my productive career. While I've often said that I'd probably "die with my boots on," I also trust that those boots will still be "made for walking" as expressed by Nancy Sinatra some years ago. One of my values or life goals has always been "to make a difference." At this point I must admit to a certain feeling of fatigue and a need for a change from leadership roles to more of a "consumer" posture. To allow me to absorb nourishment for my own rejuvenation and help care for personal and family needs for a season.

This brings to mind Tony Bennet's signature song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," and the fact that in each chapter of my life, I've left part of my heart and energy with those people and in those places. Some of those roles include as a teacher at Freeman Academy in South Dakota, Wichita State University, Tabor College, Trinity University and at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School as their Director of Graduate Admission. The list also includes the many different congregations and denominations I've served in resourcing and leadership development for four major publishers for twenty two years, and also the churches I've pastored in Cambridge, MN, Mt. Prospect, IL, and here in the Western District at Alexanderwohl, Hoffnungsau, West Zion, Buhler and here at Eden. And along the way, in the nineteen other congregations of which I've been a participant, stretching from Anderson, IN to Irvine, CA. It has certainly been a rich mosaic of involvement with the mission of the church!

Di and I are considering how we can restructure our time to better share domestic chores when I stop earning, and to find time to write our memoirs for our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. We want to travel as finances allow, and hopefully connect with and follow our grandchildren more closely wherever they may go. We look forward to setting our own schedule, putting our emphasis more on "being" rather than "doing," and having more time for friends and neighbors. I'm sure Di will always have flowers to tend; I'd like to do as much as possible at the farm, and perhaps we can do a bit more music together. I'll continue reading as long as I can and maybe someday we'll even have a cat again! I intend to keep observing and following the emerging church that I've come to appreciate so much. But always, as the Apostle Paul says in Phil. 3:13, 14, to "continue pressing forward toward the high calling of Christ and all that lies ahead." Whatever contribution that may involve in our local church setting.

I don't rule out doing some supply preaching or Bible teaching later on if the opportunity arises. But for now, I hope to follow the advice of someone who said recently that the most important part of making a contribution is, first of all, "to just show up." To follow the Spirit and my instincts, and to draw on the overflow of learning and experience that these last 50 plus years of life have provided me. Always remembering that change is what the gospel is all about; that we live in an ever changing world, and "being confident that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus," Phil. 1:6. Paul says "he has not arrived yet," and I, too, want to conclude as a "life-long learner." Meanwhile, my final message is currently scheduled for Sunday, June 26, which will also include the customary official litany of release. We'll watch Eden with interest from a distance and look forward to meeting friends from here at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or wherever in the days to come. Also remembering fondly that Eden is another of the many places where we left a part of our hearts and lives in 2015 and 2016.

Lee Suderman

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Eden Leadership Team

The Eden Leadership Team met Thursday, May 19 at the church at 7:00 p.m.
Present were: Bret Gillmore, Bill Zerger, Jerry Schrag, JoLene Kaufman, Jay Goering, Perry Krehbiel, Jean Regier, Jerri Kaufman, Brandon Kaufman, Morgan Kaufman, Pastor Lee, Brenda Dalke and Kyle Neufeld.

Absent were: Pastor Derek and Marcy Schrag.

Bret lit the candle to remind us of the Holy Spirit's presence. Kyle led in devotions. He referred to Luke 2. "Everything we do should point everyone to God." He led in prayer.

There was one correction to the minutes. It should have read ordination instead of ordained. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Report:

Revenue \$134,203.31

Expenses \$169,017.10

Difference (\$34,813.79)

The expenses listed here do not include the \$26,000.00. We have made two of the six mission payments so far. The Peace/Witness t-shirt sales went into the Stewardship Commission but will be available and earmarked for Peace/Witness.

Commission Reports

Worship Commission: The date for the church service at Pine Village will be August 7. The Education Commission approved this date.

Trustee Commission: The foundation project has been put on hold until they decide if this would solve the problem. The Hopefield Monument has been fixed. Bill asked if there were any problems that anyone has noticed. It was mentioned that the heating and cooling has not been consistent. Three Sunday's ago it was really stuffy in the church and classrooms. There is a large crack in the SEEDS classroom. The Trustees will check it out.

Deacons Commission: July 3 is Communion. Camp weekend is July 9 and 10. Pastor Lee's last Sunday is June 26. **Bret moved and Jean seconded that we have a potluck meal for his farewell. Motion carried.** Visitation team is doing their job but there are some people that still want to see the Pastors. Maybe we need to tell the congregation that they are visiting on behalf of Pastors. Also let them know that we have staffing issues at this point and maybe that will help them understand. It would be appropriate for the Deacons to bring a recommendation to the ELT to be approved. The Deacons already have that thought on their schedule. Could the Pastors meet with a group together? What happens when Pastor Lee leaves? Do we need some guest speakers?

Education/Discipleship Commission:

For Camp weekend we need a committee to plan it. Pastor Derek did it all alone last year.

Children's Day is June 5. Playground Committee and others will serve meal.

Pastor Derek will have only 5 youth this next year, so if someone would help with them, then he would be free to maybe do more visitation. Pastor Derek will be leading an elective.

August 21 is an appreciation meal for the teachers at church.

Vacation Bible School will be held at West Zion on July 11 -18. They will need helpers.

Stewardship Commission: Nothing to report.

Peace/Witness Commission:

Rena Stucky will be going to Rwanda. Her fees amount to \$5,800.00. The Peace/Witness doesn't have that amount of funding in their budget. There is some money coming in and maybe they will have her share about her service and possibly ask for funding.

Welcome baskets will include the Moundridge brochure and the Eden brochure along with some baked goods.

Pastor Lee: There are 6 Sundays left until he completes his term of Interim Pastor. He will be preaching 3 times. Next Thursday is the Pine Village lunch with the Eden members. Next Thursday he will meet with SCRT. There hasn't been any feedback concerning the Vision/Mission statement.

Interim Pastor: Heidi isn't ready to give Bret names. What are we looking for in an interim Pastor? Are we looking for a Supply or Transitional Interim Pastor?

Unanimous agreement that we want a Supply Pastor. They would be available for the transition to a new Pastor. We also need to be aware of Pastor Derek's needs and wants.

Pastor Derek's Ordination will be June 12 around 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. Heidi and Pastor Derek have the service planned and the food will be taken care of by the ELT.

Question: How does our church usage policy relate to our being a missional church? Discussion followed. Bill will take it to the Trustees to see what they think.

New Business: There was a nice response for Kirby's evening with PET.

Next Meeting: June 16 at the Church Office at 7:00 p.m. Note: Change of location. June, July and August will be at the Church Office.

No volunteer for devotions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

JoLene Kaufman, secretary



Congratulations Graduates

Bethel College

Renae Stucky

Wichita State University

Jacob Stucky

Church kitchen undergoing updating



The door fronts have been replaced with solid wood doors on the two islands in the kitchen. The plan is to do this on all the cupboards, but currently we do not have the funds to complete the project. If you are interested in contributing to this, please make the check out to Eden and put Kitchen Project in the memo. These checks may be given to the church office or to JoLene Kaufman.



Pastoral Search Committee Update

The Search Committee continues to work. We've met several times in the month of May, including meeting with Heidi Regier-Kreider, WDC Minister. We appreciate the continued prayers of the congregation as we move forward in this process. Larry Temple, Cindy Bartell, Sami Doane, Jenny Schrag, Jerry Schrag.



Dean Schrag (65) passed away on Tuesday, May 10. Services were held at Eden on Saturday, May 14. We extend our sympathy to all of Dean's family and friends.



Verlene Kaufman (83) passed away on Saturday, May 28. Services were held at Eden on Wednesday, June 1. We extend our sincere sympathy to all of her family and friends.



Renae Stucky is going to Rwanda!

Serving and Learning Together, SALT, has placed Renae in Rwanda for 11 months. The Peace and Witness Commission will provide a portion of the funding needed for this volunteer position. If you would like to help make this service possible for Renae you may drop off a donation at the church office or contact any of the Peace and Witness commission members. Members are Pat Rupp, Jerri Kaufman, Keith Schrag, Kirby Goering and Jean Regier.

Secretarial Opportunity

Western District Conference is seeking candidates for the Executive Board Secretary. For more details, contact Brian Stucky at 620-367-2610.

Mennonite Church USA Announcements

Youth Venture is still accepting applications for the July 15-25 Los Angeles team! Partner with Mountain View Mennonite Church and ReconciliAsian as they minister to their community through vacation Bible school, a peace center, and other various services. Ages 14-22 can apply by June 15 at MennoniteMission.net/Serve, or contact ArlaB@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 year!

Opportunities to serve and live in community with others are still open in a variety of placements and locations, including teaching in Puerto Rico. Ages 20+ can apply at MennoniteMission.net/Serve, or contact NeilR@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

Movie Screening

No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story A brief discussion of issues related to refugee resettlement to follow.

When: Sunday, June 12, 4:00 p.m. **Where:** Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main St., Hesston. **Cost:** A free will offering will be received. All money will be given to the Refugee Refollow. All money received will be given to the Refugee Resettlement Fund established at Hesston Mennonite Church to support receiving refugees in the Hesston community with Episcopal Migration Ministry—Wichita.



Are you a student preparing for the ministry or other full-time Christian service? The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is again offering scholarships in the amount of \$500 to students preparing for the ministry or other full-time Christian service. Part-time students may be awarded \$250 scholarships. Scholarships are for the 2016-17 school year. The application deadline is **July 1**. Applicants must have membership in one of the six Swiss-Volhynian churches, or be of Swiss-Volhynian descent. For further information call Roger Juhnke at 316-283-0452, Helen Nachtigal at 316-283-8077, or Kerwin Graber at 605-660-3382, or consult our website at www.swissmennonite.org.

Blessings bestowed

When author Gary Smalley asked 100 people to share how they knew they'd received their parents' blessing, they offered these memories of fatherly love:

- ♥ My father put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder.
- ♥ When my father faced a transfer at work, he purposely took another job so I could finish my senior year in high school.
- ♥ When I wrecked my parents' car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me.
- ♥ My father went with me to the store when I had to return a purchase I regretted.
- ♥ My father let me practice pitching to him for a long time after work.
- ♥ My father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me being at home.

"How we walk with the broken speaks louder than how we sit with the great." ~ Zig Ziglar



What is a dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall
but instead picks you up, brushes you off,
and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes
but instead lets you find your own way,
even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry,
scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed,
and has faith in you even when you fail.

~Unknown

Bible Quiz

Which books of the Bible include an account of Jesus' ascension?

- A. Luke and Acts
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four gospels



Answer: A (see Luke 24:15 and Acts 1:9)

Father's Day is June 19

Don't forget to let your father know he's loved and appreciated.



THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Because of God's enduring grace, along with an abundance of prayers, I have been given a second chance to serve Him!! I am so very grateful for your prayers, visits, cards and expressions of concern for me as well as my family. My prayer is that I will prove worthy of the blessings I have received. I had wonderful doctors, but the Great Physician was definitely in control of everything. One of my favorite Bible verses became real: Isaiah 41:10 – Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Shari Durst

Dear Friends at Eden Mennonite Church,

Thank you so much for your wonderful gift to MCC! As always, we really appreciate your generosity.

You all are helping to make a difference in places like Nepal where MCC and our partners support displaced families who are still living in temporary shelters after last year's devastating earthquake. MCC continues to distribute blankets, mattresses, plastic sheeting, tarps and jackets to these families.

Thank you for being an important part of MCC!

Blessings,

Anna Yoder

Donor Relations Coordinator

MCC Central States

In over thirty years as AMBS Librarian, I've had the privilege of serving three generations of faculty and hundreds of students. I've seen the change from catalog cards to online databases and from reserve books to digitized course readings.

I am grateful every day to work in a beautiful and functional library building made possible by generous donors who support the mission of AMBS. Students who years ago arrived in Elkhart unsure of their call and potential for ministry now return for Pastor's Week as effective leaders.

Your gifts to AMBS make a difference in the church and in the world.

Thank you,

Eileen K. Saner

Director of Library Services

Thank you for sharing your gift to help restore the homes of those affected by disaster. Your support recognizes that Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) brings hope where there is despair.

As a people of God, we belong to one another in this world. We hear the cry of those who suffer.

"When we came home, everything was floating...all the shoes, clocks, the TV, appliances, clothes, and beds. Everything—we lost everything." (Donna, Detroit, Michigan)

"About 5:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning, I came down and water was gushing through both doors. Before we knew it, the water was at our knees. It was just devastating! (Loretta, Andrews, South Carolina)

So we share God's love by restoring houses damaged by disaster. This month we are working in five locations to provide places that can be called "home" once again.

Thanks for your support to the mission of MDS.

With Gratitude,

Kevin King

Executive Director

Invitation to Share



The "invitation to share" project for the month of June is Children's Clothing - NEW clothing (original tags attached).

If you would like to support this project 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.



"Tears of joy are like the summer raindrops pierced by sunbeams." ~ Hosea Ballou

In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



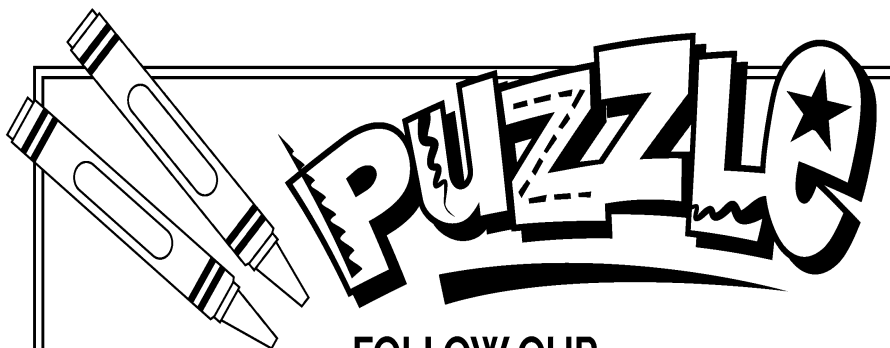
Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

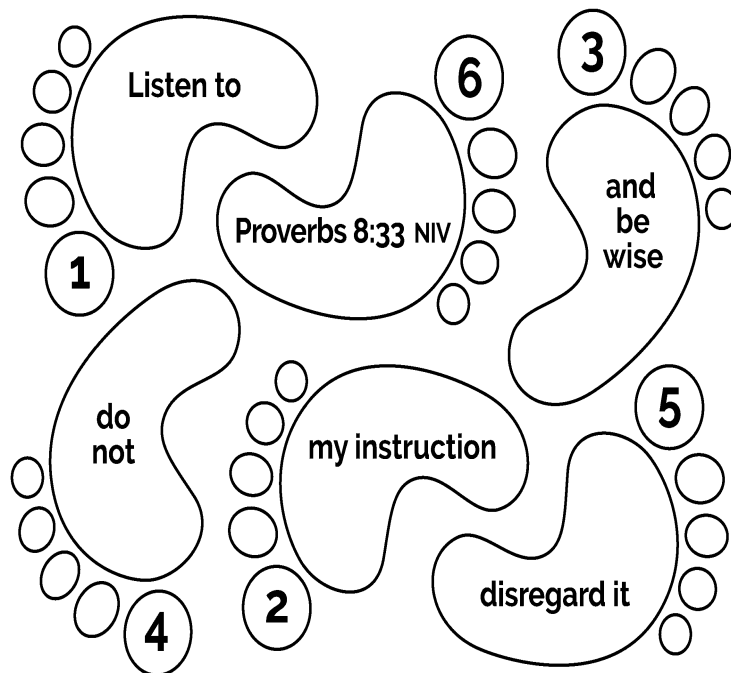
1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____

_____”

Answer: “Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it.”
Proverbs 8:33, NIV

June Birthdays

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| <p>1- Barbara Stucky (Mrs. Ken)
 3- Rod Gehring
 4- Krystle Dalke
 Merlin Goering
 Allison Johnson (Daryl & Dawn)
 Ashlyn Johnson (Daryl & Dawn)
 Perry Kaufman
 Derek Schrag
 Morris Stucky
 Kimberley Kaschke
 5- Mabel Goering
 Kate Juhnke (Berneil)
 9- Suzette DeBoard
 10- Michael Graber
 Vaughn Juhnke
 Mervin Krehbiel
 11- Brice Starks (Chris & Tori)
 Shelese Stucky
 12- Damon Krehbiel
 13- Joyce Anderson
 Ampton Stos (DaWayne & Britney)
 Kason Stos (DaWayne & Britney)
 17- Devin Clark (Becky)
 Dennis Gehring
 18- Julaine Goering
 Jean Regier
 19- Christopher Gehring</p> | <p>20- Mary Graber (Mrs. Ralph)
 Christy Shirack
 Marie Wedel
 21- Nicole Modellmog
 Wyatt Schrag (Brian & Amy Schrag)
 22- Joan Goering
 Leah Graber (Tim & Tammy)
 Ann Kaufman
 Jakob Schrag (Steve & Margaret)
 23- Gary Howard
 24- Janet Neufeld
 Hannah Schrag (Darrell & Bobbi)
 25- Brenda Dalke
 Raymond Flickner
 Mark Rupp
 Mary Ann Waltner
 26- Blair Stucky
 Murray Stucky
 27- Jeff Masonhall
 28- Kathy Krehbiel Perkins
 Fred Schrag
 James Schrag
 Jonathan Schrag
 Miranda Snyder
 29- Laura Law
 Suzanne Miller
 Rex Harrison (Cory & Amanda)
 30- Samantha Schrag (Gale & Lisa)
 Marlene Waltner</p> |
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June Anniversaries



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| <p>1- Wayne & Kathy Ensz
 Bill, Jr. & Carita Juhnke
 Brent & Carina Knight
 Vance & Candy Unrau
 2- Jan & Anne Groves
 Walt & Frieda Neufeld
 Richard & Betty Stucky
 3- Robert & Cheryl Stucky
 4- Curtis & Janine Addis
 Marvin & Mary Beth Goering
 Perry & June Krehbiel
 5- Neal & Cindy Anderson
 Trent & Angela Preheim
 Jacob & Esther Schrag
 Blaine & Teresa Stucky</p> | <p>8- Vaughn & Dee Juhnke
 9- Travis & Penny Graber
 Irvin & Evelyn Harms
 10- Herb & Denise Stucky
 John & Brenda White
 11- Victor & Elizabeth Goering
 Douglas & Margaret Waltner
 12- Eugene & Waneta Goering
 13- Marvin & Marjorie Stucky
 15- Brian & Colleen Krehbiel
 Jason Miller & Melanie Krehbiel
 17- Galen & Kathy Waltner
 24- Peter & Debra Schrag
 27- Jerry & Patsy Lankford
 Gale & Lisa Schrag</p> |
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If there has been an omission or mistaken date please notify the church office.

Up-Coming Events

- June 2:** 7:00 p.m. Practice for Children's day at church
June 5: 10:00 a.m. Children's Day and S.S. picnic at Eden
 Noon meal by Playground Committee
 Games led by Bret and Marla Gillmore after the meal
June 7: Mary Martha Circle mtg.
June 12: 3:00 p.m. Pastor Derek's ordination service
June 13: 8:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship Comm. Mtg. at church office
June 16: 7:00 p.m. ELT at Eden Church Office
June 19: Father's Day
June 20: First day of summer
June 22: 8:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg. at church office
June 27: 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission mtg.
June 29: Pastor Lee's last Sunday
 Noon potluck meal
July 3: Communion Served at Eden during the worship service
July 9 & 10: Eden Retreat weekend at Camp Mennoscah
 Communion served at Camp Mennoscah
July 11-15: Associated Churches Vacation Bible School
August 21: Noon meal to honor SS teachers at church

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