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*From the
Pastor*



One Body, Many Parts

I've heard it said that there are two types of Christians: the Right kind and the Wrong kind. I'm pretty sure I know what this means. It's obvious to me who are the right kind of Christians and the wrong kind. I can tell by what church they go to, what kind of car they drive, and how they voted in the last presidential election. I sure you know these types as well. It's fairly easy to tell the difference between the right and wrong Christians. It's probably better that we keep our distance, lest we tragically become associated with the wrong kind of Christian.

It's at this point that I hope you are starting to note the sarcasm. If you just said "Amen!" to the opening paragraph, then please keep reading.

The eye cannot say to the hand "I have no need of you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." -1 Corinthians 12:21

When Paul writes to the church in Corinth, he urges them to understand themselves as one body, and each integral members of it. I believe this is a truth of the church today, and not just our church, but the global Christian church. Unfortunately, the reality is that while we are meant to be unified as the body of Christ, we often find our strongest disagreements and divisions between members of the same body.

In her book *Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the hidden forces that keep us apart*, Christena Cleveland addresses the dynamic in which we as Christians often have the hardest time getting along with other types of Christians. Her book is based on a broad spectrum of research in human behavior, highlighting our tendencies to identify with particular groups and distance ourselves from others.

One of the most disheartening parts of Cleveland's research is the finding that exposure to Christian concepts leads people towards positive behavior, but only towards members of their congregation. At the same time, exposure to those concepts leads to increased aggression and support of violence against anyone else. Cleveland writes: "One would hope that Christians who are reminded of their Christian identity would love *all* others more. However, that is not the case." This happens for various reasons, which Cleveland covers in her wonderful book.

I can't summarize everything here, so please read her book, but on a basic level, it is easier and more desirable for us to be around those who are similar to us. This can be helpful because it gives us a sense of identity and belonging and it reaffirms our own concept of ourselves. It keeps us safe and secure. The problem is that it reinforces a very limited view of the world. It maintains assumptions about "us" and "them" and usually leads to hostility against "them."

The good news is that when "they" become "we" in our minds and in practice, "we" start treating each other better. This is why it is crucial that we reinforce in our own minds that for those who are in Christ, there is no "they." "They" may be different *parts* of the Body of Christ, as the metaphor goes, but "we" are *all* members of the same body. It's also important to do the hard work of making meaningful connections with those who are outside of our predictable, comfortable groups. We can talk about being more open to others, but research shows that we have to go through the difficult steps of actually spending time with and getting to know others to make significant changes. Unity is hard work, but it was embodied by Jesus' life and completed by his death on the cross. May we cross the boundaries of liberal/conservative, Democrat/Republican, new member/lifetime member, Eden/Grace, etc. to find and embrace the other parts that make up the whole body of Christ.

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Eden Leadership Team Minutes

The Eden Leadership Team met Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Present were: Tim Regehr, Kyle Neufeld, Becky Koller, JoLene Kaufman, Carina Knight, Pastor Dianne Schmidt, Austin Goering, Jerry Schrag, Pastor Derek King, Gary Regier, Jean Regier, Pat Stucky, and Keith Schrag.

Absent was: Brenda Dalke.

Vision

A people transformed by the Holy Spirit in worship and service, so that through us God's grace, love and peace are made known to the world.

Mission

To be a community that follows Jesus in all we say and do.

Kyle called the meeting to order and read the Vision/ Mission Statement. He lit the candle to represent the Holy Spirit's presence.

The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer Report

Budget: \$132,000.00

Income (includes \$10,000.00 from fundraising for office renovation).

Expenses \$189,000.00 (Includes Office renovation expenses so far)

Difference (\$57,000.00)

Budgeted amount was \$178,000.00.

The Church Office renovation was not in the budget.

\$25,000.00 has been spent so far and \$10,000.00 has been brought in through donations.

Trustee Commission

The church office renovations are going well. They touched up paint today and will be grouting tile. The counter tops should be here Wednesday or Thursday.

Appliances are still needed.

The meal on June 4 will be a fundraiser for the office renovation. The trustees will cook the brats and hamburgers, congregation members will bring side dishes to accompany the meat, and the Potluck Committee will host the meal.

Stewardship Commission

Nothing to report. They will meet next month.

Christian Education/ Discipleship Commission

Bible School will be July 7 - 9. This will be for the community. Morgan Kaufman is the representative for Eden.

The offering for the summer Sunday school will be for the Whale Playground project at Camp Mennoscah.

Deacon Commission

Deacons will be giving Camp scholarships of \$100.00 for each camper.

Communion will be served on June 11.

Deacons have been working on the Constitution review.

Berni Kaufman has volunteered to drive a Pine Village resident to church once a month.

Worship Commission

The Worship Commission discussed the schedule for the summer services. They had the organ tuned and have been put on a schedule to have it tuned every spring.

Peace/Witness Commission

The Peace/Witness Commission helped someone in the community with a utility bill.

They are also working with the Refugee Resettlement Committee from Hesston and will be meeting with Kendra Alison and another person from that committee on June 4 and hope to come up with a plan to present to Eden during the S.S. hour later in the summer.

Pastor Dianne

Nothing to report.

Pastor Derek

Pastor Derek has been working with the Associated Ministries of Moundridge. They have begun the job search for Associated Ministries of Moundridge Executive Director.

All the reservations have been made for youth going to Convention except for the shuttle to Convention Center. They will be sharing a shuttle to Kansas City with Whitestone Mennonite for travel to the airport.

Vacation for Derek will be July 16 - 29. One week of his vacation he will be teaching at a summer camp and the next week will be spent with family.

Delegate Search

Kyle shared that delegates for the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Convention in Orlando will be Dennis and Dianne Schmidt. Some interest has been shown by one other potential delegate.

For Western District Conference (WDC) Annual Assembly six delegates have been named. They are Dennis and Dianne Schmidt, Jeff and Becky Koller and Jay and Linda Goering. We are allowed five delegates for MC USA and fifteen for WDC.

It was suggested we have someone share their experience about being a delegate to encourage some young couples to attend. Kyle will keep asking for volunteers.

Constitution Review

Derek explained the revisions proposed by the Deacons. Articles 1-5 have been approved by the Deacons and Pastors for potential adoption.

Kyle read Articles 1-5. Some major changes were made. The consensus was that we approve the proposal with the changes made.

The Deacons will continue discussing Article VI Membership and will bring it to the ELT. Kyle will review with SCRT Article VII Staff and Organizations. Deacons and Pastors will review Article IX Rites and Ordinances. Kyle will compile and revise a copy of all the changes made for the ELT.

Next Meeting: June 26 at 7:00 at the church.

Devotions will be provided by Tim Regehr.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

JoLene Kaufman, secretary



On June 11 during the Sunday school hour, youth and adults are invited to hear stories and ask questions about Civilian Public Service during the 1940s. We will hear stories from Elizabeth Goering, Lloyd Goering, and Roland Kaufman. To learn about CPS before that Sunday, see <http://civilianpublicservice.org/>.

**Here is the schedule for the rest
of the summer during the SS hour:**

July 16: Reports from Convention
 July 23: Worship at Camp Mennoscah. No SS or church at Eden.
 July 30, Aug. 6, Aug 13: Discussions on Stewardship.
 Aug. 20: Worship at Pine Village. No SS or worship at Eden.
 Aug. 27: Report from Renae Stucky, MCC-SALT program in Rwanda.



Hopeful Blues, a 5-piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, will be leading our worship service on Sunday, July 30. Their music includes a mix of gospel, traditional, and contemporary praise pieces based primarily on music from the Mennonite Worship songbooks and Hymnal. The group has played together for several years and have performed at various gatherings, including Western District Conference in 2016. They released a CD in 2015 with proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah for the purchase of musical instruments. Members of Hopeful Blues are: Eldon Chlumsky (djembe), Galen Fast (saxophone and other woodwinds), Leon Greaser (guitar), Rod Kremer (bass), and Laurie Regehr (piano).

Live it out

“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.”

—Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*



Congratulations to Lorita Regier and Herb Zook who were married on Saturday, May 20 at Lakeside apartments at Schowalter Villa.

Congratulations Graduates!



Adair Middle School, Columbia, Kentucky
 Brice Starks

Moundridge Middle School
 Sean Goering

Moundridge High School
 Jacob Ewy
 Chelsey Knight

Kansas State University
 Tiffany Stucky

McPherson College
 Monica Ewy

Newman University
 Rachel Knight

University of Colorado
 Haley Neufeld



The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a Donations Manager for 30-40 hours/week. The manager, in cooperation with the management team, receives and processes donations; trains and supervises volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619) N. Main in Newton) or via email at manager@newtonetceterashop.com Applications are due Monday, June 12, 2017, and can be submitted in person or by email.



Eden Church Office Renovation Update

The Eden Church Office renovation project is showing great progress! All of the tile and carpet has been installed in the back half of the building along with the kitchen and bathroom cabinets. We are still waiting on the countertop and sink in the kitchen, but we once again have a working bathroom. Hooray!!

It won't be long before the staff will move to the back of the building so the front office can undergo its transformation.

We are so grateful for the volunteers who have been faithful keeping this project moving ahead. We are also very grateful to church members who have donated the needed refrigerator and microwave oven. Thank you so much! We are still in need of a stove. If you, your Sunday school class, or organization would like to purchase a stove or donate money for that purpose, please contact the church office.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by the office any morning to see the progress.

A "financial thermometer" has been placed in the fellowship hall to track the on-going progress of the church office renovation. Updates will be made periodically. Please monitor your contributions, and Thank You for your continued support!



Eden Retreat Weekend Planned for July 22 and 23

Everyone needs to take a break. What fun it is to take a break with friends, family, and church family. The Eden Retreat Weekend is will take place at Camp Mennoscah on July 22 and 23. Below is the tentative schedule for the weekend. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Saturday

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

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Morning Devotions
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Worship
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Swim
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (Coordinated by CHB)
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Clean up and head home

Please consider being with us both days. Below are the per-person rates:

Adult/Child Overnight

\$15/\$7.50	Tent/RV
\$17.00/\$8.50	Cabin
\$22.50/\$11.25	Bunk House

A room in the Retreat Center is \$70 per night for 2 people. You may add others to a room for \$15.00 per person. Limit 4 people per room.

Adult/Child Day Rate

\$7:00/\$4:00

Don't let finances keep you from coming. If you need help, please contact the Worship Commission. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Stucky.

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

Thank you all for your prayers, phone calls, food, well wishes, sympathy cards, memorials and your love during this very difficult time. Thanks to Derek & Dianne and Mary Martha and all who helped.

The family of Carter Krehbiel

Dustin, Amy & Kennedy

Ernie and Judy

Ashley, Wes & Lizzie

A huge thank you to your congregation's generous sharing of your endowment fund. We are so grateful for your support. With the \$2500.00 we received from you, we were able to complete our project. Thursday, April 27 we received our new reach in freezer. It is "beautiful"! We no longer have to fear losing food because of an old freezer that wasn't working properly.

Thank you again for supporting the Moundridge Senior Center.

Sincerely,

Pat Krehbiel, Director



Attention Campers!!

If you are going to Camp Mennoscah this summer, the deacons are happy to help out by giving you a \$100 camp scholarship. Just notify the

church office the dates you will attend camp and we will give you a check during worship on your camp's opening day.



Bible Quiz

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

- A. Romans; Paul
- B. 1 Peter; Simon Peter
- C. The Acts of the Apostles; Luke
- D. Matthew; Jesus

Answer: D (See Matthew 28:19.)



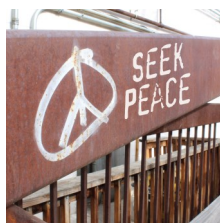
Invitation to Share

The Invitation to Share project for the month of May is sewing kits:

- 1 metric tape measure
- 2 spools white thread/2 spools black thread (300 yards each)
- 1 thimble, (medium size)
- 1 pr. dressmaker scissors (good quality)
- 1 pkg. needles, (approx. 25)
- 1 pkg. straight pins, (approx. 100)
- 1 pkg. hooks and eyes, (approx. 12)
- 1 pkg. sew on snaps, (approx. 20-25)
- 10 assorted safety pins

Place contents in 11" x 16" double drawstring bag.

If you would like to support this project you may write a check to Eden with "invitation to share" in the memo line and mail it to Eden at P.O. Box 406, Moundridge, KS 67107.



Hutchinson Community Church's Peace Camp

The 6th annual Peace Camp will be held at the Hutchinson Community Church of the Brethren on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m. Children ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend.

Our theme this year will be Celebrating Our Differences – Standing with Neighbors, Near and Far. Our activities will include: Music, Recreation, Bible Class time and a special play based on "The Butter Battle Book" by Dr. Seuss. In thinking about our neighbors near and far, we will be providing school kits for children both in the U.S. who have experienced natural disasters and throughout the world.

How can you help? Spread the word! We would love to have your child or children in your neighborhood. Make an announcement in your congregation and encourage children to attend.

Registration is due by **June 10**. Many of the churches in our area have received information through your church office, so ask them for a registration form. Otherwise contact Lynn Hedger in Hutchinson (620-474-1398) or lhedger1@cox.net.

Our address is: 1600 N. Severance St. Hutchinson, Kansas



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

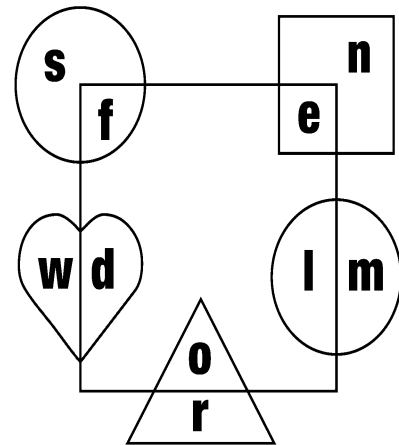


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild



grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even



in all his splendor was



like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

June Birthdays

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| 1- Barbara Stucky (Mrs. Ken) | 27- Jeff Masonhall |
| 3- Rod Gehring | 28- Kathy Krehbiel Perkins |
| 4- Krystle Dalke | Fred Schrag |
| Merlin Goering | James Schrag |
| Perry Kaufman | Jonathan Schrag |
| Morris Stucky | Miranda Snyder |
| Kimberley Kaschke | 29- Laura Law |
| 5- Mabel Goering | Suzanne Miller |
| Kate Juhnke (Berneil) | Rex Harrison (Cory & Amanda) |
| 9- Suzette DeBoard | 30- Marlene Waltner |
| 10- Michael Graber | July Birthdays |
| Vaughn Juhnke | 1- Sheryl Krehbiel |
| Mervin Krehbiel | 2- Nile Burge (Rondell & Rachel) |
| 11- Brice Starks (Chris & Tori) | Lane Graber (Darren & DeeDee) |
| Shelese Stucky | Aspyn Stos (DaWayne & Britney) |
| 12- Damon Krehbiel | Carol Temple |
| 13- Joyce Anderson | 3- Myron Flickner |
| Ampton Stos (DaWayne & Britney) | Randall Wedel |
| Kason Stos (DaWayne & Britney) | 4- Katrina Zerger |
| 17- Devin Clark (Becky Setser) | 5- Clair Stucky |
| Dennis Gehring | Charmaine Clayton |
| 18- Julaine Goering | 6- Kaia Stucky (David & Shelley) |
| Jean Regier | 7- Camden Dalke (Jerrod) |
| 19- Christopher Gehring | Neva Kaufman |
| 20- Mary Graber (Mrs. Ralph) | 9- Shelly Arnold (Todd & Sandy) |
| Christy Shirack | Brent Knight |
| Marie Wedel | Denise (Huber) Krehbiel |
| 21- Nicole Modellmog | Lesli Earlston |
| Wyatt Schrag (Brian & Amy Schrag) | 10- Debra Whitaker |
| 22- Joan Goering | 11- Gary Janzen |
| Leah Graber (Tim & Tammy) | 12- Glen Goering |
| Ann Kaufman | Randall Goering |
| Jakob Schrag (Steve & Margaret) | Greg A. Krehbiel (Glenda) |
| 23- Gary Howard | Meghan Schrag |
| 24- Janet Neufeld | 13- Jonathan Cutting (Brad & Kim) |
| Hannah Schrag (Darrell & Bobbi) | Sharon Harris |
| 25- Brenda Dalke | Rachel Parsons (Rob & Lori) |
| Raymond Flickner | 14- Paul Crabb |
| Mark Rupp | Layla Neufeld (Kyle & Sarah) |
| Mary Ann Waltner | Geordan Schrag (Jeremy & Jaci) |
| 26- Blair Stucky | 15- Terri Gehring |
| Murray Stucky | Dayton Goering (Patrick & Jennifer) |
| | Jim Kaufman |

June Anniversaries

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| 1- Wayne & Kathy Ens | 11- Douglas & Margaret Waltner |
| Bill, Jr. & Carita Juhnke | 12- Eugene & Waneta Goering |
| Brent & Carina Knight | 13- Marvin & Marjorie Stucky |
| Vance & Candy Unrau | 15- Brian & Colleen Krehbiel |
| 2- Jan & Anne Groves | Jason Miller & Melanie Krehbiel |
| Walt & Frieda Neufeld | 17- Galen & Kathy Waltner |
| Richard & Betty Stucky | 18- Dennis & Dianne Schmidt |
| 3- Robert & Cheryl Stucky | 24- Peter & Debra Schrag |
| 4- Curtis & Janine Addis | 27- Jerry & Patsy Lankford |
| Marvin & Mary Beth Goering | Gale & Lisa Schrag |
| Perry & June Krehbiel | July Anniversaries |
| 5- Neal & Cindy Anderson | 8- Joshua & Sarah Erb |
| Trent & Angela Preheim | Joe & Janice Yoder |
| Jacob & Esther Schrag | 10- John & Marcia Stucky |
| Blaine & Teresa Stucky | 11- Jim Gaeddert & Leda Kaufman |
| 8- Vaughn & Dee Juhnke | 14- Brian & Tenae Alfaro |
| 9- Travis & Penny Graber | 15- Brad & Kim Cutting |
| Irvin & Evelyn Harms | 18- Joe & Heather Krehbiel |
| 10- Herb & Denise Stucky | 19- Derek & Becky King |
| John & Brenda White | |

July Birthdays

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| 16- Patricia Goering |
| 17- Stewart Gehring |
| Paul McGinness |
| 18- Alan Waltner |
| 21- Haley Neufeld (James & Terri) |
| Glen Toews |
| 22- Eugene C. Goering |
| Dennis Graber |
| Cody Krehbiel (Brian & Colleen) |
| Ken Krehbiel |
| Tyler Stucky |
| 23- Nicholas Krehbiel |
| 24- Jerry Schrag |
| Kim Snyder |
| Lynnette Suderman |
| 25- Aaron Goering (Larry & Sarah) |
| Homer Goering |
| Peter Graber (Nathan & Krista) |
| Marvin Stucky |
| Bill Zerger |
| 26- Larry Krehbiel |
| Derrick Law |
| 27- Ross Gehring (Dick & Kaylene) |
| Robert Joe Schrag |
| Mary Ellen Stucky |
| Aayden Wedel (Tenise Wedel) |
| 28- Austin Goering |
| Dawn Johnson |
| Linda Stucky |
| Nadine Wedel |
| 29- Brenda Childs |
| Abby Flickner Banda |
| Emma Krehbiel (Clint & Shelly) |
| 30- Frank Schrag |
| 31- Cindy Anderson |
| Connor Childs (Jeff & Brenda) |
| Vernell Kaufman |
| Kristen Stucky |
| Evan Stucky |
| Greg Stucky |

If there has been an omission or mistaken date please notify the church office.

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| 21- Nathan & Krista Graber |
| Robert & Jenny Schrag |
| 22- Raymond & Susan Flickner |
| 23- Lynn & Karen Kaufman |
| 24- Mark & Gail Stucky |
| Mike & Suzette Deboard |
| 25- Dustin & Amy Krehbiel |
| 26- Mike & Terri Gehring |
| Vernon & Marna Goering |
| Ernest & Judy Krehbiel |
| T.J. & Annie Wyssmann |
| 27- Don & Robin Gehring |
| Kenneth & Paula Goering |
| 28- Larry & Carol Temple |
| 29- David & Shelly Stucky |
| John & Betty Heritage |
| 30- Kenneth & Marilyn Preheim |
| 31- Matt & Rashelle Schrag |

Up-Coming Events

June 4:	Children's Day/Sunday school picnic
June 13:	6:00 p.m. Deacons/Pastors mtg. at church 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship mtg.
June 26:	7:00 p.m. ELT meets at church
June 28:	6:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission
June 18:	Father's Day
June 20:	First day of summer
July 4:	Eden Church Office closed
July 4-8:	MC USA Convention in Orlando, Florida
July 7-9	Associated Ministries of Moundridge Bible School at West Zion
July 12:	7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. at church office
July 22 & 23:	Eden Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
July 30:	<i>Hopeful Blues</i> from Hope Mennonite Church provides the worship service
Aug 4-6:	WDC Annual Assembly in Texas
Aug 20:	Worship at Pine Village
Sep 5:	Mary Martha Circle all day meeting
Sep 8-10:	Women's and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

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